

**SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE
OPERATING POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

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Committee
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TITLE: Animal Procurement And Transportation

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures that ensure lawful procurement and transportation of animals that minimizes stress and compromise of pathogen status.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

- 021-1 All animals will be acquired lawfully.
- 021-2 Potential vendors and institutions shall be evaluated for the quality and health status of animals supplied by them. This information shall be reviewed by the Office of Animal Care (OAC), with Attending Veterinary (AV) oversight, to determine whether an animal shipment can be accepted or should be rejected. In questionable situations, the decision of the AV shall be final.
- 021-3 All animal transportation, including inter-institutional, will be planned to:
- 021-3.1 minimize transit time and risk of zoonoses;
 - 021-3.2 protect against environmental extremes;
 - 021-3.3 avoid overcrowding;
 - 021-3.4 provide adequate food and water, and;
 - 021-3.5 protect against physical trauma.

- 021-4 Each shipment of animals will be inspected for signs of clinical disease. Quarantine of animals with questionable health status will be under the direction of the AV.
- 021-5 Ordering and receiving of animal shipments shall be coordinated through the OAC to ensure adequate facilities are available for housing, and animals are received properly.

REFERENCES:

National Research Council, "The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals". National Academy Press; Washington DC. 1996.

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