



Policy on Transfer of Animals Used for Research or Instruction at UGA to a Non-UGA Institution

At times, there is a need to transfer animals that are being used for research or instruction at UGA to a Non-UGA institution. Such transfers must be approved by UGA's IACUC, either on the IACUC protocol, or via an amendment to the protocol.

The IACUC requires specific information in order to review and approve such transfers:

- There must be an explanation for why the animals are to be transferred.
- There must be a general description of the planned use of the animals after they are transferred.
- There must be clarification about ownership of the animals. If ownership will change, the time at which the other institution takes ownership must be clear.
- If the animals will be used for research or instruction at the Non-UGA institution, there must be verification that the planned use has been approved by the Non-UGA institution's IACUC or similar ethical review body. There must be a description of any biohazards and/or chemical hazards to which the animals have been exposed, and verification that the Office of Biosafety and/or Office of Research Safety have approved the physical transfer of the animals.