Policy #32: INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC) ANIMAL PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES FOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

1. **Rationale:** Federal animal welfare requirements and accrediting agency guidelines require appropriate record keeping and veterinary oversight of all animals used in research, teaching, and experimentation. Compliance with these requirements includes appropriate oversight of all research animal procurement. This involves verification of IACUC approval for the species, strain, and number of animals requested; and approval from the Attending Veterinarian for housing location, source, and health status. Furthermore, research animals must be purchased or procured from approved vendors. The Office of Animal Resources maintains a list of approved vendors.

To achieve this required oversight, the following policy is immediately effective:

2. **Procedures for Purchase or Procurement of Animals Housed at GSRC:** All animals procured for housing at Godley-Snell Research Center (GSRC) must be listed on an IACUC approved animal use protocol. Research animals used at GSRC must be purchased or procured by GSRC staff from approved vendors/sources. If not on the list of approved vendors, arrangements for procurement must be coordinated with the Attending Veterinarian. All animal procurement must be arranged through the Office of Animal Resources by filling out a form located at [http://www.clemson.edu/research/services/forms.html](http://www.clemson.edu/research/services/forms.html).

3. **Procedures for Purchase of Procurement of Animal Housed at Clemson Farms:** All animals procured for housing at the Clemson farms must be listed on an IACUC approved animal use protocol. Agricultural animals may only be procured by the various farm managers after consultation with the Attending Veterinarian and the responsible principal investigator.

4. **Procedures for Purchase, Procurement, or Capture of Wildlife:** The investigator shall have an IACUC approved animal use protocol prior to any wild animal purchase, capture or manipulation associated with Clemson University. For wild-caught animals that will be housed on campus, consult with the Attending Veterinarian and the relevant facility or laboratory manager during protocol development.

5. **Procedures for Purchase or Procurement of Animals Housed at Other Locations:** The investigator shall have an IACUC approved animal use protocol prior to procurement of any animals used for teaching, research, or demonstration.

For all animals that will be housed at ENTOX or Cherry Farms, consult with the Attending Veterinarian and the relevant facility or laboratory manager during protocol development regarding animal origin.

All others must consult with the Attending Veterinarian during protocol development. Please refer to VPR Policy [http://media.clemson.edu/research/compliance/arc/vpr-memo.pdf](http://media.clemson.edu/research/compliance/arc/vpr-memo.pdf) regarding the establishment of satellite facilities.