

Clemson University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy Number: 3.12

Policy Title: Animal Procurement

Section 1: Purpose

The following policy provides guidance for the procurement of vertebrate animals utilized in research, teaching, testing, and demonstration.

Section 2: Scope

This policy applies to all vertebrate animal activities that are covered by an Animal Use Protocol (AUP).

Section 3: Policy

Guidelines Applicable to All Animals Procurement

1. An IACUC approved Animal Use Protocol must be in place prior to the procurement of any vertebrate animal used for research, teaching, testing, or demonstration.
2. Biosecurity and quarantine measures to be taken upon animal arrival must be discussed with the University Veterinarian prior to purchase and shipping.

Procedures for Purchase or Procurement of Animals Housed at GSRC

Animals to be housed at the Godley Snell Research Center (GSRC) must be procured by Animal Resources staff from a vendor approved by the University Veterinarian. A form to request animal procurement can be found on the Center's webpage:

<https://www.clemson.edu/research/animal-services/forms.html>. Contact the University Veterinarian for information on adding a prospective vendor to the approval list.

Procedures for Purchase or Procurement of Animal Housed at Clemson Farms

Agricultural animals may only be procured or leased by the given farm's manager. The University Veterinarian may choose to visit a vendor to evaluate animals slated for purchase. Health requirements for incoming animals will be determined by the University Veterinarian on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures for Purchase, Procurement, or Capture of Wildlife

An IACUC approved AUP must be in place prior to the initiation of any activities to purchase, procure, manipulate, or capture any wildlife. The AUP must describe any techniques of capture. If wild-caught animals will be housed on campus, the Attending Veterinarian and the relevant facility or laboratory manager must be consulted during protocol development.