

NSU Animal Care Program

LABORATORY ANIMAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

This policy is designed to provide uniform procedures for the procurement and purchasing of laboratory animals at Nova Southeastern University.

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The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals—8 th Edition states: “All animals must be acquired lawfully, and the receiving institution should ensure that all procedures involving animal procurement are conducted in a lawful manner. Before procuring animals, the principal investigator should confirm that there are sufficient facilities and expertise to house and manage the species being acquired. Procurement of animals should only be done upon receipt of IACUC approval.” “The use of purpose-bred and preconditioned animals is therefore preferable when consistent with the research, teaching, and testing objectives. In general, animals used for scientific purposes should not be obtained from pet stores or pet distributors due to the unknown or uncontrolled background of animals from these sources and the potential for introducing health risks to personnel and other facility animals. Breeding colonies should be established based on need and managed according to principles of animal reduction such as cryopreservation for rodent stocks or strains.”

Whenever possible, acquire animals from one of the following approved vendors:

1. **Charles River** <https://www.criver.com>
Cintia Campos ResearcModels@crl.com
P:1-800-522-7287
2. **Taconic** <https://www.taconic.com>
Amanda Denu Amanda.denu@taconic.com
P:1-888-822-6642 ext 18927 or option 3 for Sales and Quotes
3. **The Jackson Laboratory** <https://www.jax.org>
orderquest@jax.org
P: 1-800-422-6423
4. **Envigo** <https://www.envigo.com>
Allison Wray csorders@envigo.com
P: 1-800-793-7287

5. **Mutant Mouse Resource & Research Centers (MMRRC)**

service@mmrc.org

P: 1-800-910-2291

<https://www.mmrc.org>

6. **Elm hill Labs** <http://elmhilllabs.com>

elmhill@elmhilllabs.com

P: 1-800-941-4349

ANIMALS PROCURED FROM OTHER VENDORS:

A consultation with the Attending Veterinarian (AV) should be done prior to purchasing animals if any of the approved vendors are not available. The AV will review the health status of the animals and the facility. The alternative source must have been approved on the animal protocol by the IACUC either in the original submission or by creating an amendment. All animals from unapproved vendors will be put in quarantine for a determined period that the veterinarian finds appropriate depending on the origin of the animals. A minimum of one year of health reports must also be provided and additional animals should be ordered for pathogen testing.

Orders should be placed using the request form on the Vivarium Core website. For information on ordering, these should be submitted a minimum of 2 weeks prior to desired arrival date. Visit the animal ordering page on the Vivarium Core website:

<https://www.nova.edu/vivarium-core/forms-sops.html>

<https://www.nova.edu/vivarium-core/forms/Animal%20Procurement%20Form1.pdf>