

SOP: **LARC-03**

Title: **Animal Transportation**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the method for transporting animals. This SOP applies to animals housed at the Laboratory Animal Research Core's animal facilities on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

POLICY

It is LARC policy to meet or exceed all federal, state, local regulations and institutional policies/procedures as they apply to the use of animals in research. Personnel must attend any applicable training in animal care and use, occupational health and safety, equipment operation, and Standard Operating Procedures prior to performing activities outlined in this SOP or work under the direct supervision of a trained LARC staff member.

REFERNCES

- A. Laboratory Animal Research Core Personnel
- B. *The Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals "The Guide"*
- C. Office Of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
- D. Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations (AWA & AWR's)

PROCEDURES

A. Transportation Between UMKC Related Facilities

- a. Primary Enclosures
 - i. The primary enclosure (containing the cage) is to be a LARC approved container.
 - ii. Will be escape proof (by means securing the lid), provide adequate ventilation, able to be sanitized or discarded, be of a design to prevent injury to animals and prevent the spread of pathogenic microorganisms and animal allergens.
 - iii. Will allow animals to move freely within container.
 - iv. Should be opaque or covered with a drape to reduce the stress of the animal and to screen the animals from public view.
- b. Using a Vehicle
 - i. Whenever possible, using the LARC approved UMKC vehicle should be used. If personal vehicle is to be used, please see LARC management for instructions.
 - ii. Animal cages must be placed on an impervious surface.
 - iii. Animals are transported in climate/noise controlled vehicles.
 - iv. Never left unattended.
 - v. Transportation vehicle/area must be sanitized after transportation.
- c. Using Non-Motorized Equipment (e.g. cart, trolley, self carry)
 - i. Transport container should be opaque or covered with drape.
- d. Dead animals are to be transported in the same manner as live animals with the exception of a container (a carcass bag may suffice).

B. Transportation Between Non-UMKC Facilities

- a. Dead Animals
 - i. If a dead animal is being transported out of UMKC, they are transported in the same manner as mentioned in section "B" of

this SOP. Dead animals may not be transported to UMKC unless prior approval is granted by LARC management.

b. Live Animals

- i. In addition to this SOP, See SOP *LARC-14 Animal Shipment Procedures*.