

# AUBURN UNIVERSITY

## Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

### Policy on Animal Stabilization Pertaining to Newly Acquired Animals on IACUC Protocols

Newly received animals must be provided a period of acclimatization before their use, consistent with the recommendations in the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (2011)* and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching (2010)*.

Animals new to a protocol, but received as an internal transfer, may not require a stabilization period. All animals utilized on IACUC-approved protocols must be provided an appropriate stabilization period after arrival before they may be used on one's protocol. The unit attending veterinarian will provide input regarding what an appropriate stabilization period may be, taking into consideration the animal species, the proposed use of the animal, and the facts concerning the origin and transportation of the animal(s). This policy does not preclude the conduct of non-invasive procedures during the stabilization period (e.g., routine blood collections) but does preclude the conduct of invasive procedures and procedures requiring sedation or anesthesia.

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