

Guidance for the Use of Personal Vehicles for the Movement of Animals

The use of personal vehicles is strongly discouraged. If necessary, the use of a personal vehicle must be justified and described in the animal protocol and approved by the IACUC prior to movement. **The use of a personal vehicle is strictly prohibited for movement of animals classified as ABSL-2 or higher and for movement of deceased or live radioactive animals.**

What information do I need to include in my protocol amendment?

Which section in e-Protocol?	What?	Why?
1. Protocol Activities	Within the applicable section, the PI must provide a statement justifying the use of a personal vehicle and confirming that the IACUC Policy on Movement of Animals will be followed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imaging • other - transportation 	To assure the committee that the research team knows of the policy and will adhere to the expectations within the policy
2. Animal Use Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For building select “other” • For Room select “personal vehicle” 	This triggers IACUC staff to arrange for the vehicle and research staff to be available for inspection (annually)

What might IACUC members ask me during a vehicle inspection?

- What type of primary and secondary enclosures are used to transport animals? e.g. mice are placed within a microisolator cage in an opaque bag tied shut, raccoons are placed in a transport crate placed on/wrapped in a sheet or disposable pad
- Where do you place the animals, cages, carrier, etc.?
- What is the duration of time an individual animal may be outside of an approved housing area?
- Will food/water be provided and how?
- How is the vehicle and the enclosure sanitized following transportation?
- What happens if there is a spill, the cage is knocked over or the animal urinates?
- Who else drives this vehicle? Are they aware of and/or protected from allergen exposure?

[IACUC Policy Movement of Animals Outside the Animal Housing Location](#)