

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

The use of personal vehicles must be justified and described in the animal protocol and approved by the IACUC prior to movement. This requirement only applies to covered activities/animals. Please refer to the IACUC Policy Movement of Animals Outside the Animal Housing Location to understand when this may be an appropriate option

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

Which section in e-Protocol?	What?	Why?
1. Protocol Activities	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imaging <p>If there is no applicable section use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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 are areas in the vehicle that come into contact with the animals 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 expos

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