

## **POLICY ON ANIMALS OBTAINED IN THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROVED PROTOCOL**

No live vertebrate animals, or the viable embryos thereof, may be purchased from any source; collected or otherwise obtained from wild populations; transferred from other animal use activities or protocols; or allocated from an existing captive animal colony, for any proposed or anticipated animal use activity until a protocol for their use has been approved by the SCSU IACUC. Any animals obtained in violation of this policy will be transferred immediately to an IACUC-approved animal holding protocol and maintained for a period of time not to exceed that set forth in the holding protocol for the species in question. No animal use activities other than breeding for the maintenance of strain viability are permitted under a holding protocol.

Principal investigators who obtain animals in violation of this policy will be expected to prepare and submit for IACUC review an animal use protocol(s) covering all animals held on their behalf. If the individual who obtains animals in violation of this policy is a student of the university, an SCSU faculty member must prepare and submit an animal use protocol in collaboration with, or on behalf of, the student.

If an IACUC-approved holding protocol does not exist for a species, subspecies, or strain of vertebrate animal at the time that it is obtained in violation of this policy, the animals in question will be euthanized upon receipt at SCSU per the guidance of an IACUC veterinarian and in accordance with acceptable methods described in the most current edition of the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia. See <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Euthanasia-Guidelines.aspx> for the most up-to-date revisions of this text.

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