

NIDCD/DIR/Animal Health & Care Section

Building: 5 Research Court (5RC)

**Title: 5RC Animal Import & Export
Procedures**

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To minimize the risk of transferring pathogens between 5 Research Court and other animal facilities, it is imperative that the import and export of live or dead animals to the 5RC facility be monitored and controlled. The health status of animals imported into the 5RC main colony must be the same as or better than the animals already in the colony and according to facility policy. The 5RC Facility Veterinarian must approve all plans and transfers for the importation or export of live or dead animals involving the 5RC animal colony. He/she must know their source or destination and their eventual disposition before live or dead animals enter or leave the facility. In the case of live animal transfers between NIH Institutions, an NIDCD Rodent Transfer form must be completed. For scheduling purposes, it is requested that a minimum of 48 hours notice be given when requesting a live animal transfer. In the case of live animal exports to non-NIH institutions, a signed NIDCD Gift Letter and Animal Transfer Assurance Agreement must be completed.

NIH guidelines/policies concerning animal transport must always be followed. Only vehicles with climatic control can be used to transport live animals. Privately owned vehicles cannot be used to transport any live or dead animal.

To initiate any import or export of animals concerning the 5RC animal colony, please contact the Facility Veterinarian at (301) 402-0223.