

UBC ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Guidelines on Transfer of Naïve Animals Between Protocols

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PURPOSE:

To establish procedures for obtaining permission to transfer naïve animals between different animal care and use protocols.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all Principal Investigators (PIs) involved in collaborative research to properly track the transfer of naïve (surplus) animals between protocols.

TRANSFERRING NAÏVE ANIMALS:

To track the transfer of naïve animals between protocols:

1. The PI breeding the animals should provide appropriate information in the “Fate of Surplus Animals” section of the breeding protocol;
2. It is acceptable to transfer these animals without an amendment, assuming that animals are experimentally naïve, that the strain is equivalent to the strains listed on the recipient protocol, procedures for transfer are followed appropriately, and the strain is listed in the Animal Information section on their Animal Care Application Form.
3. If the animals are transferred between protocols, for counting animal numbers, the animals should only be counted on the receiving protocol under which they are used.