**Central Michigan University**  
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

**Policy on the Acquisition of Animals**

Animals may not be purchased or acquired until final approval of a Protocol Form has been obtained.

Once a Protocol Form has been approved:

a. Animals for a specific project must only be ordered or acquired under the protocol number for that specific project.

b. Animals must be ordered or acquired under the specific humane use categories indicated in the protocol.

c. If the Project Director finds it necessary to change the humane use category or increase the number of animals within an animal use category, an amendment must be filed and approved before ordering or acquiring the additional animals.

d. Exemptions to this policy must be approved through CMU Policy CMU-P-004-01 Policy on Submission and Exemptions of an Animal Protocol Form.

e. IACUC approval is required for any animal obtained by means other than purchase from an approved vendor prior to the animal entering a CMU animal facility.

Once a Protocol Form has expired, the final disposition of the animals, as described in the Protocol Form, must occur within seven days, unless justified and approved by the IACUC.