

**UAEC POLICY No: UP 1**

**SUBJECT: The keeping and/or use of animals kept for scientific purposes at a private dwelling/residence.**

**POLICY: The UAEC strongly discourages the keeping and use of animals for scientific purposes at a private residence however; a peripheral AEC may approve such justified use subject to a number of strict conditions.**

**N.B. The UAEC will not consider or approve applications for such locations if the application involves the use of surgical procedures, transgenic animals or declared pest species.**

**CONDITIONS: -**

**PART A (Institutional Requirements)**

Part A: These requirements must be in place and acceptance of these conditions acknowledged before an AEC committee can consider Part B requirements.

**An agreement must be in place between The University of Queensland and the researcher/animal user, which outlines but is not limited to the following:**

- **OH&S approval requirements must be met and documentation must be provided to the AEC and/or included in the above agreement**
- **Personnel approval requirements must be met and documentation must be provided to the AEC and/or included in the above agreement**
- **Insurance and Liability requirements must be met and documentation must be provided to the AEC and/or included in the above agreement**
- **All other permits requirements must be met and documentation to undertake the research must be provided and/or included in the above agreement**
- **Inspection of Premises.**
  - a) **A fee, including provision for travel expenses, will be levied by the AEC to compensate for the cost of the inspection of the holding facility by suitably qualified personnel.**
  - b) **Multiple inspections (including fees) may be required as directed by the AEC.**

**PART B (Animal Welfare Requirements)**

**\*Researches must at all times comply with the provisions of the Animal Care and Protection Act and follow the NHMRC Guidelines on the use of animals.**

- **Transportation.** The conditions and duration of transport must be specified including the mode of transport, the period without food or water, temperature considerations and type of container.
- **Accommodation.** Researchers must ensure that facilities are appropriately staffed, designed, constructed, equipped and maintained to achieve a high standard of animal care and must be compatible with the species (Section 4.4 of Code). The handling facility must be comparable to purpose built facilities within other establishments. This includes the provision of adequate shelter and water including contingency plans in the event of an emergency and protection against predators and vermin. Particularly important is the care of the animals in the absence of the researcher as well as procedures to attend to sick and injured animals including veterinary support.
- **Environmental Factors.** These should suit the behavioural and biological needs of each species. Air exchange, temperature, humidity, light and noise should be compatible with the health and well being of the animals (Section 4.4.15 of Code). Consideration must be given to adequate environmental enrichment.
- **Drug Use.** Within a facility, all veterinary drugs should be stored in a locked cabinet or fridge and their use restricted to authorized personnel. Drug use must be monitored and recorded in a central register. This must meet the requirements and approval of Queensland Health and documentation to that effect provided

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CHAIR OF UAEC