

**UAEC POLICY No: UP4**

**SUBJECT: Time limitations relating to the holding of rabbits, rats and mice.**

**POLICY: Laboratory animals (rabbits, rats and mice) must not be held indefinitely within animal facilities. The following conditions are to apply:**

**CONDITIONS:**

- **Rabbits must be used within 3 months of entering a facility**
- **Rabbits must be retained within an animal facility for no longer than 12 months from the commencement of any trial.**
- **Rats and mice not utilized for a specific trial should not be housed for longer than 3 months from the date of arrival at the facility.**
- **Rats and mice which form part of a breeding program must not be held any longer than 12 months from the date of arrival at the facility.**
- **Transgenic mice should breed and in turn be allowed to produce a further 2 litters. Once this third litter has matured and, in turn, has produced 3-5 litters, it is then necessary to cull the original breeders.**

**All animals must be immediately euthanased at the completion of an experimental trial or teaching activity, unless otherwise approved by a UQ AEC.**

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CHAIR OF UAEC