

**PROCUREMENT
OF ANIMALS**

Dogs, cats and other animals must be procured legally and according to the AWA regulations.

Non-Random Source Dogs & Cats

If a research facility acquires dogs or cats from a person not USDA licensed or registered and which is not a pound or a shelter, then the research facility must obtain a certification that:

[2.35(b)(8)]

- the dogs/cats were born and raised on that person's premises, and
- the person has sold fewer than 25 dogs and/or cats that year for regulated purposes

NOTE: Only one certificate is required for each separate transaction, even if more than one dog/cat is obtained at the time. The animals do not have to be individually listed on the certification statement. However, each animal must be individually listed in the research facility's acquisition records so the animal is traceable back to its source.

Donated Dogs & Cats

An individual may donate his/her dog(s) or cat(s) that was not born and raised on his/her premises to a research facility, for example, if the dog/cat has an unusual medical condition. Donation of an animal is not considered a covered activity.

The research facility must have the required acquisition information for the animal.

A certification statement is not required. However, it is recommended that the research facility obtain one from the owner which may include, but not be limited to:

- name of the donor
- a statement that the dog was voluntarily donated to the research facility
- reason for the donation, e.g., dog/cat has a rare disease
- a statement that the dog/cat was not born and raised on the person's property, if applicable
- date the person obtained the animal, OR

- the length of time the person owned the dog/cat if he/she cannot remember the exact acquisition date

Random Source Dogs & Cats

A research facility obtaining live random source dogs or cats from a dealer must obtain certification that contains the following information: [2.133(b) & (f)] (See Section 4.7)

- name, address, USDA license number and signature of the dealer
- name, address, USDA license number/registration number if applicable, and signature of the recipient
- description of each dog or cat
- the species and breed or type
- the sex
- the date of birth or approximate age
- color and any distinctive markings
- official USDA identification number of the animal
- name and address of the person, pound or shelter from whom the dog/cat was obtained
- an assurance that the person, pound or shelter was notified that the dog/cat might be used for research or educational purposes
- a signed statement by the pound or shelter that all the AWA regulations were met, if applicable

A research facility must **not** obtain live dogs or cats by: [2.38(k)]

- false pretenses
- misrepresentation
- deception
- illegal means, i.e., stolen dogs/cats (see Section 4.8)