

Quarantine Contract

DLAM receives shipments of animals on a weekly basis from three large vendors. These vendors include the Jackson Lab, Harlan or Charles River Laboratories. These are our standard, approved animal vendors. In addition, DLAM occasionally receives requests for unapproved vendor source animals or animals requested from various institutions or universities around the country. Animals from non-approved vendor sources will be required to go through quarantine before being placed in the existing colony. Animals will be accepted into the quarantine facility on a first come first served basis. Quarantine often has a waiting list that can extend for several months; keep this in mind when preparing to receive animals from a non-vendor source. Animals will be added to the waiting list and accepted into quarantine with the following stipulations:

1. A complete animal order form including a valid IACUC approved protocol number submitted to: DLAMAnimalOrders@uams.edu
2. Regardless of origin, all rodents will have an approved health history, reviewed and approved by a DLAM veterinarian. All quarantine rodents will be treated as pathogen-suspect.
3. DLAM is not involved in the MTA process. Make sure that you have an approved MTA prior to requesting importation of your animals.

While in quarantine rodents will be treated with medicated (fenbendazole and ivermectin) feed for pinworm and fur mite prevention. If your strain has a documented ivermectin sensitivity, please contact vet staff ASAP to make alternate arrangements for the treatment of your animals. For a detailed explanation of Quarantine procedures, please refer to the Quarantine SOP located on our website at <http://intranet.uams.edu/dlam/index.htm>

The DLAM Quarantine Process lasts 5 weeks. A flat rate of \$500.00 per 20 mice will be charged. This fee will cover the cost of PCR laboratory testing to exit the import colony from quarantine. A quarantine per diem rate of \$1.61 per cage per day will be charged for all cages.

The Quarantine Facility is a restricted access area. Only DLAM staff will have access to animals housed in the Quarantine Facility. Due to these security measures additional services can be provided for investigators as needed. These may include tail snipping imported mice or their offspring, animal identification, etc. A small fee will be charged for each additional service.

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