

**Subject: Class A vs. Class B Suppliers (Dogs & Cats)**

Source: UC Denver Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)  
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Applies to: Personnel involved in research or teaching studies involving animals  
Reference: Animal Welfare Act; PHS Policy on Humane Care & Use of Laboratory Animals; Guide for the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals



**Introduction**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) maintains oversight review for federally mandated rules and regulations with regard to animal research, ethics, misconduct and biomedical research for the University of Colorado Denver (UC Denver).

**Policy Statement**

This policy is intended to provide information on the purchase of cats or dogs for animal use protocols.

- Cats or dogs for use in experimental protocols conducted at UC Denver must be purchased from Class A licensees
- Purchase of cats or dogs from Class B licensees is not permitted

**As extracted from 9CFR A § 1.1:**

**Class ``A" licensee** (breeder) means a person subject to the licensing requirements under part 2 and meeting the definition of a ``dealer" (§ 1.1), and whose business involving animals consists only of animals that are bred and raised on the premises in a closed or stable colony and those animals acquired for the sole purpose of maintaining or enhancing the breeding colony.

**Class ``B" licensee** means a person subject to the licensing requirements under part 2 and meeting the definition of a ``dealer" (§ 1.1), and whose business includes the purchase and/or resale of any animal. This term includes brokers, and operators of an auction sale, as such individuals negotiate or arrange for the purchase, sale, or transport of animals in commerce. Such individuals do not usually take actual physical possession or control of the animals, and do not usually hold animals in any facilities. A class ``B" licensee may also exhibit animals as a minor part of the business.

Per regulatory requirements, failure to comply with this policy may result in notification of your funding agency (e.g. NIH) and regulatory agencies (e.g. USDA) that your research has violated federal and/or local policies regarding the humane use of animals. This notification may affect continuous funding of your animal-related research. Further, depending on the violation, you may be required to take additional training and/or your privilege to conduct animal research at UC Denver might be temporarily suspended or even completely revoked.