

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS ONTO AND OFF THE UQ GATTON CAMPUS AND BETWEEN AND WITHIN UNITS ON THE CAMPUS

Objectives: To minimise the biosecurity risks associated with the movement of animals onto the campus and between units at the campus, specifically

- Prevent introduction of disease.
- Protect specific areas of the campus, including (but not limited to) the piggery, dairy, equine unit, QASP, laboratory animal holding areas.
- Prevent transmission of zoonotic diseases.
- Comply with state and federal legislative requirements.

Application/Scope

- Cattle, sheep, goats, camelids, pigs, horses and poultry are moved onto and off the Gatton Campus for multiple purposes including, but not limited to, additions to existing unit herds, teaching, clinical referral, reproductive services and research.
- Cats, dogs, pet birds, and wildlife (except bats) are moved onto and off the Gatton Campus for clinical and teaching purposes.
- Laboratory animals (e.g., Guinea pigs, mice, rats, rabbits) and wildlife are moved on to the Gatton Campus for research purposes.

The following guidelines describe the steps that should be followed when transporting live animals onto the campus and between units on the campus.

Areas of Responsibility

All faculties, schools, sections and units that manage or control animals within the Gatton Campus, including:

- Office of the Director, Gatton Campus (ODGC)
 - Equine Unit
 - Research Dairy Unit
 - Teaching and Research Pig Unit (T&RPU)
 - Grazing Unit
 - Queensland Animal Science Precinct (QASP; <http://qasp.uq.edu.au/>)
- School of Agriculture and Food Sciences (SAFS)
 - Poultry Unit
 - Wildlife Unit
 - Goat Unit
- School of Veterinary Science (SVS)
 - Equine Hospital
 - Small Animal Clinic & Hospital

- Clinical Studies Centre (CSC)
- Large Animal Teaching Unit (including sheep)
- Other Units/Sections
 - University of Queensland Biological Resources (UQBR), Gatton facilities only
 - QAAFI
 - Properties and Facilities Division
- External Groups/Units
 - Q-DAF [<http://www.daf.qld.gov.au/>]
 - CSIRO
 - Queensland Agricultural Training College (QATC)
 - Any other external group/unit undertaking work on Gatton Campus

Procedures - Communication and Records

Notification of area/unit manager before or immediately upon arrival of animals coming onto Gatton Campus as follows:

Arrival Type	Area	Notify	Evidence required (see below for details)	Recording
Livestock/Large animals	● QASP	Manager; 5460 1888	NVD weigh bill	NLIS Weigh bill
	● Equine Unit	Manager; 0417 999 399	NVD weigh bill HEV vaccination certificate	NLIS
	● Dairy	Manager; 0437 645 943	NVD weigh bill	NLIS
	● Piggery	Manager; 5460 1413	NVD weigh bill	NLIS
	● Grazing Unit	Manager; 0428 246 651	NVD weigh bill	NLIS
	● SAFS	Principal technical officer; 5460 1160	NVD weigh bill	NLIS
	● SVS	Principal technical officer; 5460 1406	NVD weigh bill	NLIS
Small animals	● Poultry unit	Dr. Arun Kumar, 0419 739 699 or 50266	Certificates of vaccinations	Poultry Unit
	● UQBR facilities	UQ Biological Resources; 3346 4217	Interstate weigh bill	UQBR, DAF
	● CSC	Director or Manager; 5460 1868	Council ID, vaccination records	CSC, AEC, DAF
Veterinary Clinics	● Equine Hospital	Clinic Manager; 5460 1799	Weigh bill, HEV vaccination certificate	Hospital Clinical Records

	• Small Animal Clinic	Clinic Manager/reception; 5460 1788	Council ID; wildlife rescue record (RSPCA a.o.)	Hospital Clinical Records
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A. Records to be provided prior to or immediately upon arrival at Gatton Campus:

- Records of horses and cattle having been treated for ticks less than two weeks prior to shipment must be provided upon arrival and before the animals are allowed off the truck/float.
- Evidence of horses having been vaccinated against Hendra virus (HEV) must be provided before or upon arrival at Gatton Campus. The exceptions are horses coming for emergency-treatment at the Equine Hospital with no intent to remain long-term on the Campus. Refer to the UQ-guidelines on the following website: <https://gatton.uq.edu.au/biosecurity-uq-gatton-campus>
- Cattle must have received preventative treatment for ‘tick fever’ before entering paddocks on Gatton Campus and certification/records to that effect must be presented on arrival. The exception would be (i) animals destined directly for necropsy and (ii) animals coming for surgery and returned same day to owner.
- Sheep must as a minimum be treated for lice less than two weeks prior to arrival at Gatton Campus (Ivermectin can be applied by hand jetting to long wool, but must be followed up by additional treatment after shearing); preferably also shorn, vaccinated (Glanvac 6-in-1) and drenched (Seponevor + Ramentin). Alternatively, vaccination and drenching must take place immediately upon arrival.
- Goats must be drenched prior to arrival at Gatton Campus or drenching must take place immediately upon arrival and before the animals are moved into paddocks.
- All animals and transport vehicles must be checked upon arrival at Gatton Campus for the presence of seeds of Giant rat’s tail grass, a Class 2 declared pest plant under Queensland legislation (<http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/weeds/a-z-listing-of-weeds/photo-guide-to-weeds/giant-rats-tail-grass>)

B. Entry Records at the Gatton Campus

- All animals arriving at (and departing from) the Small Animal and Equine Hospitals are logged in the hospital records.
- For cattle the NVD weigh bill must be entered into the NLIS database within 48 hours of arrival at Gatton Campus by the person/unit having purchased the animal or receiving the animal for temporary hospital treatment.
- Horses arriving at the Equine Unit, regardless of purpose, are recorded at the Equine Unit with weigh bill registration, including ‘travelling stock’ weigh bill. This also includes horses arriving via the Equine Hospital for post-surgery care.
- Laboratory animals to be housed in the UQBR facilities at Gatton Campus are recorded in a facility diary kept on site (contact person: Ms. Nicole Broad). Rabbits are subsequently also micro-chipped and recorded in the DAF log as per Queensland legislation regarding pest-animals.

- Records for the wild mouse colony and other wild life are kept by SAFS (contacts: Mr. Bob Englebright [5460 1160]).
- All animals coming to the Clinical Studies Centre are entered in the “Teaching Database” with the following additional records: (i) animals coming from the Pound for the ‘Rotational Teaching Colony’ will have their council ID attached to their incoming paperwork. Paper copies, including their history, are kept in a central file until the animal is adopted and then archived. (ii) For Greyhounds in-house paperwork is completed and copies kept until their final destination is decided. The documents are kept in a central file until end of the year then archived. (iii) Surgery animals have their consent forms and other necessary paperwork with them at all times. These documents are subsequently centrally filed at CSC with easy access for 7 years, as required by law.
- Birds (laying hens, meat chickens, turkeys) arriving at the Poultry Unit are recorded in the units records and certificates of vaccination are on file.
- Sheep received for clinical teaching purposes at the SVS will have a mob-based NLIS record, which is entered into the NLIS database by SVS (contact person: Mr. Rod Verrell)
- Goats and camelids received for teaching and research purposes at SAFS or QASP are recorded by SAFS and QASP, respectively (contact person at SAFS: Mr. Bob Englebright; contact person at QASP: manager).

C. Movement of Animals within the Gatton Campus

- Paddock rotations of livestock are controlled by the Farm Management and must be communicated to Area Managers.
- For all other movements of animals between areas/facilities at Gatton Campus the Area Manager(s) must be notified ahead of movement.

D. Compliance & Monitoring

NLIS entries will be checked centrally by an administrative officer at the ODGC (phone: 50223).

Issues/complaints to be directed to the ODGC.

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