

# Obtaining Rodents from Outside Institutions and other Non-Approved Vendor Sources

Investigators should first contact their School's assigned RARC Veterinarian and review [RARC Transfers website](#)



To initiate your Import, submit online at <https://ahw.wisc.edu/> select **Create Import Request**

After review by Research Animal Resources & Compliance (RARC) Veterinarian, imports may be approved into **quarantine** and/or **rederivation**

Campus facilities designated as **SPF Level 2 or 3** facilities may require quarantine of imported rodents prior to housing

## RARC RODENT QUARANTINE @ BRMS (Biomedical Research Model Services)

- RARC Veterinary staff will submit samples for testing
- Time in quarantine ~ 2-3 weeks
- BRMS husbandry in aseptic Innovive caging and fed irradiated diet

**LAB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL HOUSING PER DIEMS AND TESTING FEES**  
Testing fee = Approx. \$130 to \$175/panel (up to 12 rodents pooled/panel)

*Quarantine location, policies and costs are college/facility dependent, if housing outside SMPH please contact your facility veterinarian for details.*

If free of excluded pathogens, with Veterinary approval, rodents will be released to designated SPF Level 2 or 3 Facility

## EXCLUDED PATHOGENS, if detected:

- Any costs related to required treatment, testing/re-testing and/or associated with rederivation are incurred by Primary Investigator (PI)
- Euthanasia may be required
- Depending on pathogen detected, final housing location may be changed to accommodate pathogen status (SPF Level 2 vs SPF Level 3)

All campus **SPF Level 1** facilities, including the **BRMS SPF Mouse Breeding Core**, require rederivation of imported rodents prior to housing

Contact GEAM for rederivation consult at [animalmodels@biotech.wisc.edu](mailto:animalmodels@biotech.wisc.edu) **PRIOR** to submitting your import request

## GEAM-REDERIVATION CORE

Lab is responsible for cost of rederivation.

Quarantine testing of imported rodents may be required prior to obtaining rederivation services.

## For additional information:

RARC Transfers, Import/Export Specialist  
[transfers@ahw.wisc.edu](mailto:transfers@ahw.wisc.edu)

BRMS SPF Mouse Breeding Core & Research Services  
<https://brms.wisc.edu/breeding-core/>

RARC Rodent Quarantine Coordinator  
[quarantine@ahw.wisc.edu](mailto:quarantine@ahw.wisc.edu)

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