**APV Transportation Statement**

The Association of Primate Veterinarians (APV) supports the Reduction, Refinement and Replacement (3Rs) of animal usage and use of alternatives in research. For projects requiring use of animals where the suitable alternatives are not available, the APV encourages and supports all necessary safe and reliable modes of transportation for research animals, including air transport. Domestic and international transportation of research animals is critical to biomedical research and is essential to maintaining progress towards advances in human and animal health. Timely research conduct, utilizing the most relevant animal models, through appropriate transportation maintains the continued advances in human and animal health.

Research animal transportation is conducted under highly supervised conditions, in accordance with strictly enforced and accepted standards, and in compliance with a variety of international agreements and government regulations. Safe and appropriate transportation of laboratory animals is ensured by use of experienced and licensed animal couriers. International transportation via commercially available aircraft is often the most expedient and humane method of transportation for research animals.

APV strongly supports the continued transportation of live animals for research purposes with strict observance of the standards and regulations.