

HOLDING PERIOD	Live dogs & cats acquired by a research facility from unlicensed or nonexempt sources must be held for the required holding period before being used. [2.38(j)]	
Criteria	Live dogs and cats must be held by a research facility for the time periods listed below:	
	IF the source is	THEN the holding period is
	USDA licensed dealer or exhibitor	none
	a city, county or State operated pound or shelter	none
	a private individual who bred and raised the dog/cat on his/her premise and sells 24 or fewer dogs/cats per year to research facilities	none
	a private individual who bred and raised the dog/cat on his/her premise and sells more than 24 dogs/cats per year to research facilities*	5 full days, not including the day of acquisition and the time in transit
	a private individual who did not breed and raise the dog/cat on his/her premises*	5 full days, not including the day of acquisition and the time in transit
	a private pound, contract pound, or shelter**	5 full days, not including the day of acquisition and the time in transit
	* This person needs a USDA license. You (the inspector) should conduct a search. ** If the pound or shelter is selling or receiving any compensation for the dogs/cats, it needs a USDA license. You (the inspector) should conduct a search.	
	NOTE: A dog or cat suffering from disease, emaciation, or injury may be euthanized prior to completion of the holding period. During the holding period, the dog/cat must be identified with a tag, tattoo, collar or microchip. [2.38(g) & (j)]	

