University of Kansas-Lawrence
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Adoption of Research and Teaching Animals

Purpose: Animals used in teaching and research are owned by the University and are considered property of the State of Kansas. Upon completion of a research project, companion animals may be considered for adoption. This policy is to establish IACUC guidelines on adoption of laboratory animals from the KU-Lawrence Animal Care and Use Program

Policy:
A. The eventual disposition, including but not limited to adoption, of all animals used for teaching or research must be clearly stated within the Animal Use Statement.

B. When adoption has been requested as a possible method of disposition, the final disposition of the animal(s) will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the PI, in consultation with the University Attending Veterinarian (UAV) or his/her designee

C. Domestic animals that meet the following criteria may be eligible for adoption:
   a. Naïve, used as a control, or in relatively benign research as determined by the UAV
   b. Examined and determined by the UAV or his/her designee to be disease free and suitable in both temperament and health for adoption
   c. No longer involved in research or teaching and not transferable to current or future research or teaching

D. Individuals who meet the following criteria may be eligible to adopt animals with consent of the UAV
   a. Agree to care for animal in a manner generally accepted as appropriate for a pet of the species
   b. Agree with the UAV’s assessment of the animal’s health at the time of transfer
   c. Complete the KU-Lawrence Adoption Agreement
   d. Agree to maintain the animal as a pet

E. The original copy of the KU-Lawrence Adoption Agreement will be maintained in the KU-Lawrence Animal Care Unit for one year following animal disposition. A copy will also be provided to the individual adopting the animal.
University of Kansas – Lawrence
Research and Teaching Animal Adoption Agreement

I am adopting an animal from the KU-Lawrence Animal Care & Use Program and agree to be fully responsible for the care, treatment, and well-being of this animal. I am adopting this animal solely as my personal pet and not for any illegal or harmful activity.

I accept responsibility for the care of the animal described below and will make all reasonable attempts to care for this animal in a manner that is generally considered appropriate for a companion animal of this species, including veterinary care and vaccinations if applicable.

I understand that this animal has been examined by the attending veterinarian or his or her designee and has been determined to be in good health. I do understand, and agree, that there are no expressed or implied guarantees relative to the health or temperament of the animal.

I understand that a pet is a long-term commitment, and it will be totally dependent on me for its care. I agree to accept full responsibility for this animal, including any and all future costs related to its care and well-being. If the animal described below must be released from my care, I will make every attempt to secure a satisfactory home environment for it. I understand that I may not return the animal to KU-Lawrence.

I have read and understand the foregoing and voluntarily sign this Animal Adoption Agreement with full knowledge of its significance.

Name of new owner (print):__________________________________________________________

Signature of new owner:__________________________________________ Date:______________

Address where animal will be living:_______________________________________________

Method of transportation:__________________________________________________________

Signature of Principal Investigator:__________________________ Date:______________

Signature of ACU Veterinarian:______________________________ Date:______________

Approved by IACUC Dec. 2013, Rev. 2017