

**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: _____