

Adoption Policy

Animals that have been used in teaching and research at Purdue may, under some circumstances, be adopted after their use in Purdue programs has been completed. The faculty member who holds the protocol the animal is on is responsible for that animal (e.g., housing and care costs) until such time that the adoption is finalized.

In this regard, the following principles exist:

1. Individuals 18 years of age or older are eligible to adopt animals. If a minor desires to adopt an animal, an adult parent or guardian must also be an adopting co-owner.
2. Animals that will not, or may not, be eligible for adoption:
 - Animals that could potentially have a negative impact on human health. (This includes those that have been infected with a biohazard, have a zoonotic disease, or have been given radioisotopes, unless reviewed by Radiological and Environmental Management and determined that it is safe to allow the animal to be adopted.
 - Any animal that is not clinically and behaviorally normal will not be eligible for adoption. Exceptions to this may be made for animals with manageable conditions (such as seizures or hypothyroidism). All veterinarians who have had contact with the animal should record in its medical record any concerns on the animal's clinical or behavioral condition. These same veterinarians should make a congruent decision as to whether or not an animal is considered adoptable.
 - Transgenic animals and animals that have had non-FDA approved compounds administered to them are not eligible for adoption.
3. At the time of adoption, the new owner must assume responsibility for housing, care and medication of the animal being adopted. The principal investigator (or his/her delegate) must determine that the new owner is capable of adequately providing for the care and needs of the animal, as well as the suitability of the pet for the prospective new owner. This will be done in consultation with the laboratory animal veterinarians.

4. Adoptive owners must be given a synopsis (not a copy of the Health Record), by the Principal Investigator, of the medical history and use at Purdue. Information such as number of sedations/anesthesia's, radiographs, and invasive procedures are relevant to the future clinical care of the animal.
5. All cats and dogs must be neutered or spayed at the time of adoption and prior to leaving the premises of Purdue University unless an exception has been granted by the IACUC/LAP office. At the time of spay or neuter, the animal should be tested for heartworm, and preventative started upon negative results. Vaccinations of Rabies and DAPP at a minimum, should also be updated if necessary. The cost for this will be incurred by the PI. If a microchip was implanted into an animal while at Purdue, this microchip must be transferred to the new owners before the dog/cat leaves the premises. The paperwork for the transfer of the chip will be completed by VLAC personnel and the cost associated with the transfer of the microchip will be incurred by the adopter.
6. To adopt out an animal, the principal investigator must complete the attached "Animal Adoption Form." This record should be maintained by the animal housing facility for a period of 5 years from the date of signature by the new owner.
7. To adopt an animal, the new owner must complete the attached "Release of Liability" form. This record should be maintained by the animal housing facility for a period of 5 years from the date of signature by the new owner.
8. Agricultural food and fiber production animals (e.g., cattle, poultry, swine, sheep) that are changing ownership for continued use in an agricultural setting or for agricultural purposes are not considered to be adopted. As such, they are exempt from this policy.

ANIMAL ADOPTION FORM

New Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of transfer to new owner: _____

Method of transportation (if a privately-owned vehicle is used, the name of the person who owns the vehicle): _____

DESCRIPTION/IDENTIFICATION:

Name of animal: _____

Species: _____ Breed: _____ PACUC #: _____ USDA#: _____

Tattoo #/Microchip: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M M(C) F F(S)

Color/Markings: _____

VACCINATION HISTORY: _____

MEDICAL/BEHAVIORAL INFORMATION: _____

If applicable, this release form has been reviewed for
Principal Investigator/Professor of Record approval
and regulatory compliance.

Principal Investigator/Prof. of Record

Date

Regulatory compliance: I, the undersigned, have reviewed
the process and documents surrounding this adoption and,
to the best of my knowledge, believe that it meets the
requirements for regulatory compliance.

Laboratory Animal Veterinarian

Date

WAIVER OF OWNERSHIP:

I certify that the above described animal is of no further value to Purdue University. As an authorized representative of Purdue University, I hereby release the described animal to the new owner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Head

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW OWNERSHIP:

I, (we), the undersigned, do hereby certify that I (we) accept full ownership and responsibility for the animal(s) described above and do hereby release Purdue University, its Trustees, officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the adoption, ownership or behavior of the animal(s), including but not limited to personal injury to or death of the owners, members of the owner's family or others, injury or death to other animals or damage to the owner's property or property of others. I (we) accept complete responsibility for maintaining accurate records of the animal and complete authority in deciding, recommending, or carrying out disposal of the above animal. I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have read and understood this document before signing.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian required if new owner is a minor.

(Parent or Guardian) Co-Owner Date: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that by adopting this animal from Purdue University, I am making a long-term commitment to this pet.

_____ I understand that following the completion of the adoption, the animal cannot be returned to Purdue University for any reason.*

*An exception to this will be made for blood donor dogs and cats and animals donated from clients of the veterinary teaching hospital. These animals are allowed to be returned if they do not work out in the home. All other adopted animals become the adopter's responsibility and if they do not work out in the home, the new owner is responsible for finding the animal another home.

_____ I understand that following the completion of the adoption, if for any reason I am unable to keep or provide for this animal that it will be my responsibility to find it a new home.

_____ I agree that the above described animal, upon my receipt, will be my responsibility. I will accept all responsibility for the animal that I am adopting which includes providing adequate veterinary care for the animal.

_____ I understand that any animal can carry potentially infectious agents with or without exhibiting signs of disease. Any animal can then potentially transmit these agents to people and potentially result in disease. These diseases are called zoonoses. Sources of information regarding such diseases can be found at the Center for Disease Control Healthy Pets Healthy People website (<http://www.cdc.gov/HEALTHYPETS>) or the American Veterinary Medical Association website (http://www.avma.org/animal_health/pets_ZD_faq.asp). Certain people may be more likely than others to acquire diseases from animals. If you or other adoptee(s) have young children, are pregnant, have HIV/AIDS, have received an organ transplant, are being treated for cancer, or have concerns regarding zoonotic disease, you should discuss these concerns with your personal physician prior to adopting any animal. A Purdue Laboratory Animal Program veterinarian is available to review the known health history of the animal that you are adopting as listed on the Purdue Animal Adoption Form.

_____ I acknowledge that I am adopting this animal as is and that Purdue makes no claims or representations as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of any animal put up for adoption.

_____ In consideration for receiving the adopted animal described above, I hereby release, waive and discharge Purdue University, its officers, employees, and agents forever from liability for any and all injuries or damages to any person or property caused in the future by

the animal described above, and from any causes of action, claims, suites, or demands whatsoever that may arise as a result of such injuries or damages.

Signature of adopter: _____ Date: _____