



TITLE: Laboratory and Teaching Animal Adoption

Purpose: Any animal purchased or bred for use in research or teaching by, or donated to, FIT is considered the property of FIT. Occasionally, surplus healthy animals are no longer needed for the research or teaching program. This procedure is to provide guidance to University administration, researchers, animal care staff, and other interested parties for the potential adoption of surplus animals outside the University.

PROCEDURE: As a humane and ethical user of animals, FIT encourages adoption of healthy surplus research and teaching animals, with the following stipulations:

- The animal must no longer be needed by the University as a research or teaching animal.
- The animal must be healthy and not genetically modified.
- The animal must never have been exposed to an infectious disease that is potentially zoonotic, or have been exposed to recombinant organisms.
- Adoption must be listed as a potential method of disposal in the approved animal use protocol that covers the animal.
- Animals must have a suitable temperament to be a pet, as determined by animal personnel.
- Prospective adoptions must be approved in advance by the IACUC Chair or designee.
- The Animal Adoption Memorandum of Understanding must be completed before the adoption will be considered.
- Some research animal vendors will not permit animals that originated with them to be adopted; FIT will respect their policies.

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