

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE
LABORATORY ANIMAL FACILITIES

ADOPTION OF ANIMALS
RELEASE AGREEMENT

Animals used for teaching or research projects at SUNY- Buffalo may in certain cases, be deemed suitable for adoption. This is done in consultation with the principal investigator and orchestrated through the Division of Comparative Medicine Laboratory Animal Facilities (CMLAF). Adoption is at the discretion of the CMLAF veterinarians and the IACUC. Animals under consideration for adoption must meet the following criteria:

- Only animals which were part of a research or teaching project, which **had not** been used in any protocol and/or had not been subjected to invasive procedures, are eligible for adoption.
- Geriatric, transgenic, or immune-suppressed animals cannot be adopted.
- Animals are to be adopted out to SUNY- Buffalo employees, members of their extended families, or well known responsible individuals who can provide a caring home for the animal.
- Animals must be adopted as personal or family pets only, excluding farm animals.
- Animals must not be used for food (human or animal consumption).
- Sheep returning to the farm cannot be used in other research projects (or sold to research institutions)
- The animal must be in good health (documented on adoption form) and of acceptable behavior.
- In the case of dogs (or cats), the adopter agrees the animal will be spayed or neutered within six (6) months.
- CMLAF will provide initial vaccinations and de-worming until the time of adoption, but will not assume liability toward medical care beyond adoption.
- The adopter is responsible for any future medical care/support as may be required.
- Adopted animals are not to be advertised or described as “Research Animals” or “Rescue Animals” by the Adopter.
- Adopters will be screened by the LAF Veterinarians for their suitability, knowledge of the care of the type of animal, and qualifications.

Disclaimer: *With my signature I certify that I have read the above and I agree not to hold the Division of Comparative Medicine and Laboratory Animal Facilities at the State University of New York at Buffalo responsible for any illness, medical care or any behavioral problem that may occur after I adopt this animal. I agree to spay or neuter at my own expense. I will not advertise to friends and neighbors that this animal is a “rescue” from research.*

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Copies to 1) Adopter 2) CMLAF Manager

Animal Health History Form

Species: _____

Strain: _____

Age _____

Sex: _____

Neutered/Intact: _____

Vaccine History:

De-worming:

Health History:

Current Health/Condition:

Signature of Veterinarian: _____

Date: _____

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Animal Adoption Form**

Animal Description:

Species: _____ Color: _____

Strain: _____ Sex: _____

Age: _____ Weight: _____

Cage card #/Tattoo/Tag#: _____

PI: _____ Protocol # _____

Current Health/Condition/PE: _____

Previous invasive surgery? Yes/No (circle) If Yes
describe: _____

Use in research: _____

Adopter Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Status: LAF staff, UB researcher, Close friend or Relative of LAF staff, (circle one)

Approval:

The adopter has read and agreed to the Adoption Agreement and has been deemed as a suitable owner, knowledgeable about the care of the species to be adopted.

Principal Investigator: _____ Date: _____

Veterinary Approval: _____ Date: _____

CMLAF Director Approval: _____ Date: _____

Copies to: 1) IACUC, 2) Facility Manager