



SOP #: 111.02

Title: SOP - Animal Adoption & Release Agreement  
Approvals: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Veterinarian [Signature]

Date: 03/18/16

IACUC Chair [Signature]

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1. Purpose

1.1 To set guidelines for the adoption and placement of eligible animals that are the property of the FIU.

2. Responsibility

2.1 The procedure outlined in this policy is limited to use by authorized employees at FIU

3. Definitions

3.1 FIU – Florida International University

3.2 ELIGIBLE ANIMALS – are animals that meet the following criteria:

3.2.1 They have not been permanently altered physically other than procedures that would be common in companion animal husbandry (e.g. vaccinations, blood collection, spay and neuters, etc.)

3.2.2 Animals that have no signs of compromised health either naturally or experimentally derived as deemed by the Attending Veterinarian.

3.2.3 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS – are those persons that:

3.2.3.1 Agree not to sell or give the animal to anyone whose intent is to utilize said animal for anything other than a companion animal.

3.2.3.2 Agree to care for the animal in a manner generally accepted as appropriate for a pet of that species.

3.2.3.3 Agree not to hold FIU liable for action or circumstances arising from the adoption (e.g. veterinary expenses).

#### 4. Guidelines

4.1 Animals are used for in vivo studies at FIU. Occasionally, there is an animal that is not used for the various studies for which it was acquired. Adoption and placement is a valid option for those animals not used in research.

4.2 All individuals interested in adopting an animal from FIU will be interviewed by the animal facility staff in order to determine:

4.2.1 The qualification and intent of the interested individual.

4.2.2 To ensure placement of animals in appropriate home environments.

4.2.3 All qualified individuals adopting an animal will be required to review and sign an FIU Adoption & Release Agreement form.

4.3 All adoptions must be approved by the FIU - IACUC.

#### 5. Revision

5.1 Revision 02: 2016 IACUC Review