



3. PROCEDURES

The Principal Investigator (PI). Once the PI determines that an animal is no longer needed for research and is approved for adoption under the protocol for which the animal is covered, he or she can determine whether it is appropriate for adoption. The Attending Veterinarian can be consulted to evaluate or confirm

Availability for Other Research. Prior to initiating the adoption process, reasonable attempts should be made to make the animals available for other research efforts.

Prospective Adopter Assessment. If a prospective adopter indicates an interest in adopting an animal, the qualified designee will interview the adopter to assess the reasons and intentions behind the adoption and

(attached as Appendix I) must be completed by the designee and adopter during the adopter screening interview.

Completion of Animal Adoption Agreement. The designee will provide the adopter with an Animal Adoption Agreement that must be signed, completed, and forwarded to the RCO (see Appendix II). The Research Compliance Office will retain an electronic copy of this agreement and provide a copy to the new owner as proof of ownership transfer.

Transfer of Animal. The animal must be removed from the Radford University animal facility within seven (7) calendar days after the Animal Adoption Agreement is signed. Once the animal leaves the facility, all involved parties recognize that it belongs to the new owner, and the University is no longer responsible for its care or damages.

References

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- 4. United States., United States. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. 2005. *Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations*. Washington, D.C.: U.S Dept. of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.
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Radford University Questionnaire Request to Adopt Vertebrate Animals

Name:
E-mail:
Radford University ID #:
Contact Number:
Animal Information Species: Gender: Age: Description: Principal Investigator & Protocol Number: ID:
Home Information
I own my own home
I rent my apartment/home
If applicable, I have obtained approval from my landlord/rental agency.
Please indicate whether other pets will regularly be around your adopted pet (e.g., your home, or your parents' home). If your answer is yes, provide information about the other pets that will be around your adopted animal, including breed, sex, age, health, how many other pets, whether their vaccinations are current, and any pertinent details:
Veterinary Care
Provide the name and phone number of the veterinarian who will provide healthcare for this animal once you have adopted it:



Adoption Contract
I,, am adopting the animal described below from Radford University and agree to be fully responsible for its care, treatment, actions, and well-being.
A Radford University designee has examined the animal described below and determined it to be dinically healthy and suitable as a companion animal. I acknowledge and agree that (just as with any physical examination) this does not guarantee the animal has no health issues but that none are known based upon this examination.
t, I attest and understand the terms under which I take ownership of this animal and agree to fully comply with the conditions of adoption. Additionally, I have had an opportunity to ask health and husbandry-related questions, with each question being answered to my satisfaction.
By signing this document, I agree to take full possession of this animal within seven (7) business days.
In accepting this animal, I agree to care for it following all applicable laws and regulations of my and/or the
vaccinated against rabies and registering the animal with local animal control officials as required. I also agree not to use this animal as a food source or religious object or for any commercial purpose, including but not limited to breeding and exhibiting. I will not sell this animal. If I am subsequently unable or unwilling to care for this animal, I will make other arrangements for its care.
By signing this agreement, I release and indemnify Radford University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents from any liability and expenses resulting from this adoption. I understand that Radford University accepts
of the animal once it has been removed from the Radford University facility.
*If you are adopting a rat: Your rat is a pet, like a gerbil, hamster, or cat. You can find appropriate food, housing, and bedding at your local pet store. Do NOT use cedar bedding for rats (it causes respiratory problems). Provide the proper nutrition (purchase a balanced rodent chow), but remember that treats may include peanut butter, lettuce, breakfast cereals, etc. Chew toys are also essential to keep their teeth in good shape.
A rat adopted from the rat colony cannot be returned to the lab due to biosecurity concerns. Freeing a laboratory
most straightforward skills in avoiding predators (e.g., dogs) or foraging for food.
Radford University Adopter