Policy # AW-04-2011

Policy Title: Animal Adoption

Policy: The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has determined that the disposition of all animals derived from or used in research or teaching protocols must be as described in the approved protocol. No animal adoptions will be permitted without review and approval by the IACUC, and requests for adoptions must be in writing. When drafting an adoption request, the requestor should be sure to include information on the following: (1) species and number of animals to be adopted, (2) animal history, (3) circumstances surrounding the request, (4) proposed disposition for the animal, and (5) the requestor’s experience with the species to be adopted.

If an adoption request is approved, the IACUC will require signed documentation that the following conditions will be met:

1. Animals will not be used for research or teaching purposes
2. Animals will be housed and treated in accordance with their species needs
3. Animals will receive appropriate veterinary care
4. If necessary, animals will be euthanized in accordance with the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia