Animal Adoption Policy

When feasible, the IACUC permits the adoption of healthy animals as an alternative to euthanasia. All adoptions must be approved by the University of Cincinnati Animal Adoption Committee.

1. University of Cincinnati Animal Adoption Committee
   a. The charge of this committee is to ensure all UC animal adoptions are done in compliance with federal, state and UC Policies. In addition, the committee shall consider animal well-being and personal safety.
   b. Membership limited to three persons appointed by the Attending Veterinarian
      i. One Laboratory Animal Medical Services (LAMS) veterinarian (Chair)
      ii. One LAMS staff member
      iii. One non-LAMS UC staff member

2. Adoption Requirements
   a. Animals must be clinically and behaviorally normal.
   b. All animals will receive appropriate vaccinations before adoption. Felines, canines, and ferrets must be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.
   c. Any tattoo must be obliterated prior to adoption.
   d. All regulatory and medical paperwork including the UC Animal Adoption form(s) must be satisfactorily completed prior to release from UC.
   e. Final signature of approval and release for adoption for each animal must be done by the Chair of the adoption committee.
   f. This release will include an examination of the adoption candidate(s) by a LAMS veterinarian prior to release.

3. Prohibited Adoptions*
   a. Animals will not be adopted for
      i. Petting zoos or similar venues,
      ii. Food sources for other animals or humans,
      iii. Re-sale, or
      iv. Breeding stock (and resultant sales of offspring).
   b. Transgenic animals may not be adopted.

4. This policy applies to only warm-blooded animals.

* Prohibitions exclude farm animals which have not undergone experimental manipulations.