



IITRI Policy on Adoption of Dogs and Cats

Overview and Purpose

This policy describes procedures that have been developed by the IIT Research Institute (IITRI) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for the adoption of dogs and cats that are owned by IITRI but have been identified by scientific staff as no longer necessary for scientific or research purposes. This policy was developed by IITRI to comply with the requirements of State of Illinois Public Act 100-0323. The effective date of the IITRI policy is October 1, 2017.

It should be noted that IITRI management is unaware of any cats being purchased or otherwise owned by IITRI for at least 40 years. Furthermore, IITRI has no plans to purchase or otherwise own cats at any time in the foreseeable future. However, in the spirit of meeting both the intent and the requirements of State of Illinois Public Act 100-0323, procedures described below can be applied equally to both dogs and cats.

Animal Eligibility Requirements for Adoption

This policy covers animals that:

- have not undergone major surgical procedures;
- do not have an implanted prosthetic or other medical device;
- have not been exposed to biohazardous materials;
- have no measurable body burden of administered radioisotopes; and
- have not been exposed to any drug, chemical, or other agent that is known to have the potential to induce long-term adverse health effects.

The requirements of IITRI scientific and research programs and the possible use of potentially adoptable animals in those programs will always be determined prior to consideration of any animal for adoption. Animals will not be selected for adoption if they can be used on another protocol that has been approved by the IITRI IACUC. At the time of proposed adoption, animals must be in good health (as determined by veterinary examination) and must have acceptable behavior to be considered for adoption into a private home or transfer to an animal adoption organization.

If an animal is considered to be a suitable candidate for adoption, relinquishment of that animal by IITRI must be approved by the cognizant Study Director or Principal Investigator, Attending Veterinarian, and the President of IITRI.

Procedure

Following selection of an animal for adoption, the animal will be spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian prior to being released to the new owner. In addition, tattoos, chips, or any identifiers that could be used to associate the animal to IITRI will be removed or obscured prior to release of the animal to the new owner. Prior to release to a new owner, animals designated for adoption will have all current vaccinations, will be tested for internal and external parasites, and will be treated for any identified parasites under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

The new owner will be responsible for pick-up and transportation of adopted animals from IITRI. IITRI employees who chose to adopt animals will not be paid or reimbursed for any time or costs associated with animal transport or care once the adopted animal has left the IITRI premises.

Record Keeping

IITRI will maintain records of any adoption. These records may include, but will not necessarily be limited to, the name, address and telephone number of person(s) adopting animals from IITRI. The transfer of adopted animals from IITRI to the new owner will be documented in IITRI veterinary medical records.

Transfer of Ownership

IITRI will not be held liable for the animal or its actions once it has left IITRI facilities. Transfer of the adopted animal to the new owner will absolve IITRI of any and all responsibility for the costs of the adopted animal's current and future care, transport, maintenance and/or veterinary costs. Transfer of the adopted animal to the new owner will absolve IITRI of any and all responsibility for the actions of the adopted animal once it has left IITRI facilities.