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Purposes

1. This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the procedure for animal adoption by Principal Investigators (PIs) at the termination of IACUC protocol study.

Procedure

At the termination of each study, animals are normally euthanised and properly disposed. However, at the request of the PI, certain species of post-research animals may be put up for adoption if appropriate, and when the following conditions are met:-

- 1) No hazardous agents (eg. radioisotopes, biological hazards/pathogens, hazardous chemicals or drugs, recombinant DNA) have been used that would render animals unsuitable for adoption;
- 2) The animals have not undergone any invasive survival procedure in the study, unless approved by IACUC;
- 3) The animals are examined by the attending veterinarian or his designee and found to be free of physical abnormalities or obvious infectious diseases;
- 4) The animals are assessed to be able to socially adjust in terms of temperament and ease of handling;
- 5) Approval for adoption has been granted by the IACUC.