

**University of Cincinnati  
Animal Care and Use Program**

**Animal Adoption**

When appropriate the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) permits the adoption of its healthy animals (hereinafter "IACUC animal") as an alternative to euthanasia. All adoptions must be approved by the University of Cincinnati Animal Adoption Committee.

**University of Cincinnati Animal Adoption Committee (UCAAC)**

- a. The charge of the UCAAC is to ensure all University of Cincinnati (UC) animal adoptions are done in compliance with federal, state, and applicable UC policies, including but not limited to this policy.
- b. UCAAC membership consists of the following:
  1. One (1) Laboratory Animal Medical Services (LAMS) veterinarian;
  2. One (1) LAMS staff member; and
  3. One (1) non-LAMS UC staff member.

**IACUC Animal Adoption Requirements**

For an IACUC animal to be adopted, the following requirements must be met:

- a. The IACUC animal must undergo an examination by a LAMS veterinarian or designee and be found to be clinically healthy.
- b. The IACUC animal should receive all appropriate vaccinations and be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Waivers to withhold vaccinations or sterilization must be requested and approved by the AV or designee on a case-by-case basis.
- c. Any temporary or permanent animal ID (tattoo, ear tag, etc.) on the IACUC animal should be entirely removed or obscured 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 IACUC animal must be done by a LAMS veterinarian or designee.
- f. Personnel releasing the animal(s) for transport should verify vehicle, and/or crate are appropriate and safe. The well-being of the animal must be ensured for transport.

**IACUC Animal Adoption Prohibitions**

- a. IACUC animals may not be adopted for or by:
  1. Petting zoos or similar venues
  2. Food sources for other animals or humans
  3. Re-sale or re-gifting
  4. Use as breeding stock (and resultant sales of offspring)
- b. Transgenic animals may not be adopted.