Disposition of Surplus Laboratory Animals

Policy No.  IACUC-003
Effective Date:  4/19/04

1. Reference(s):

Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A – Animal Welfare, Parts 1 & 2

2. Policy:

2.1. Laboratory animals assigned to and/or used on research, teaching, or testing protocols will be disposed of in accordance with the approved IACUC protocol and/or turned-in to LAR for final disposition when the PI is finished with them and/or at the termination of the study.

2.2. Animals turned-in to LAR that cannot be reassigned/transferred to another IACUC approved protocol may be declared surplus by the LAR Director. Disposition options for surplus OSU-owned laboratory animals include, but are not limited to:

2.2.1. Sale/transfer of animals to another institution;
2.2.2. Sale at local auction;
2.2.3. Sale/transfer of the animals to the original supplier for credit/cash;
2.2.4. Release to the wild (typically only applies to wild caught animals);
2.2.5. Euthanasia; and/or
2.2.6. Adoption

2.3. Surplus OSU-owned laboratory animals may be adopted out provided that all of the following conditions apply:

2.4.1. The animals cannot be transferred/assigned to another approved animal protocol;
2.4.2. The animals cannot be returned for credit to the supplier;
2.4.3. The animal’s temperament doesn’t pose a risk to people or other animals;
2.4.4. The animal is in good health and is physiologically and anatomically normal;
2.4.5. The person wishing to adopt the animal is adopting the animal to be their personnel pet (i.e., is not “adopting” the animal for the purpose of finding the animal another permanent home, resale, or as a broker/agent for some other person); and
2.4.6. All required adoption paperwork is processed and approved by the LAR Director prior to the animal being released to the new owner.

3. Approval/Authentication:

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