

Colorado State University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy on the Adoption of Research Animals

It is the responsibility of the Colorado State University (CSU) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure judicious and humane use of animals used in its teaching and research programs that is consistent with federal requirements and CSU's highest ethical standards.

The adoption of research animals at the conclusion of their research project is a means to provide these animals with homes after their service. As such CSU dogs and cats used in research shall be adopted at the conclusion of their research lives unless there is justification provided and approved by the IACUC to euthanize them, or they are deemed not adoptable by the Attending Veterinarian. Other animals may also be adopted as deemed appropriate by the Attending Veterinarian.

Institutional Endorsement

The "Policy on the Adoption of Research Animals" approved by the IACUC on January 23, 2024 for recommendation to the Institutional Official supports the research, teaching and service mission of Colorado State University, and ensures that the welfare of animal subjects used therein will be protected. Therefore, as the Institutional Official, I declare the IACUC-recommended policy to be the institutional policy of the Colorado State University Animal Care and Use Program.



Institutional Official

02/01/2024

Date