

**Colorado State University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
(IACUC)**

Policy on the Use of Non-CSU-Owned Animals

Use of Client-, Faculty-, Staff-, and Student-Owned Animals

In accordance with the *Policy on the Use of Live Vertebrate Animals*, the use of any live vertebrate animal for research, testing, or teaching requires IACUC review and/or approval. This includes the use of client-, faculty-, staff-, and student-owned animals. Individuals responsible for the use of such animals must seek IACUC review and/or approval. In the cases of veterinary clinical trials, additional review and approval by the relevant Clinical Review Board (CRB) is required. The owners of these animals provide informed consent for such use, and that no client-, faculty, staff, or students are unduly coerced into allowing the use of their animal for such purposes.

Use of Shelter-Derived Animals

Additionally, CSU's IACUC policy prohibits the acquisition of live animals from shelters for use in research, testing, or teaching¹. This includes acquisition directly from the shelter, or indirectly from a licensed dealer.

In some instances, with IACUC review and/or approval, shelter animals may be enrolled in research involving a veterinary clinical trial. The project must have an established Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)² and the shelter must provide consent. The animals either remain at the shelter or are returned to it at the conclusion of the activities.

CSU also accepts carcasses of animals for educational and research use from shelters if the animals have been euthanized in the course of that organization's normal operations, policies and practices.

Institutional Endorsement

The "Policy on the Use of Non-CSU-Owned Animals" approved by the IACUC on July 23, 2019 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 policy of the Colorado State University Animal Care and Use Program.



Institutional Official

11/1/2019

Date

¹ [Fort Collins Municipal Code and Charter Sec. 4-141](#). Adoption or disposal of unclaimed animals. "In disposing of unclaimed animals, it shall be unlawful for the City or Humane Society to surrender live animals to any hospital or institution of learning for use in research."

² [American Veterinary Medical Association VCPR: The Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship](#)