

**Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine
Animal Adoption Questionnaire**

The following questionnaire is designed to inform you of the responsibilities of pet ownership and of adopting a laboratory animal which may have previously been used for research. It is also intended to assess whether your household and the pet you have selected for adoption are compatible.

It is not in the best interest of either you or the animal to adopt a laboratory animal if it leads to added stress rather than happiness. Pet ownership is a long-term commitment. A pet will be totally dependent on you for its daily care for its entire life. In addition, the animal you are adopting may have been raised in a setting that may not have allowed for normal social behaviors to develop (eg. housebreaking). **Do not adopt a laboratory animal if you are not prepared for this extra commitment.**

Auburn University will make a reasonable attempt to make sure the animal is up-to-date on vaccines (if relevant), free of internal and external parasites and be healthy when it leaves Auburn. Once it leaves Auburn, the animal will need to have a regular veterinarian in private practice to oversee its health care. You are strongly encouraged to make arrangements to have the animal examined by its new veterinarian as soon as possible after adoption.

Please check the following boxes once they have been completed and sign below:

- ☐ I have read and understand the statement at the top of the form.
- ☐ I will arrange for a veterinarian/veterinary hospital to become the care giver for this animal.
- ☐ Any procedure(s) that have been performed on the animal have been described to me.
- ☐ I have asked all questions I may have had up to this point in time.

Signature

Please complete the following questionnaire:

As an adult, have you ever owned a pet prior to the one you wish to adopt?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, what type of animal was it? _____

Do you live with other adults?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, have they consented to you adopting this pet?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, have they been informed of Auburn's adoption policy Agreement?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you live with children?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what are his/her/their ages? _____

If yes, have your children ever had other pets?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes what kind of pets? _____

Are your children familiar with the type of animal you are adopting?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you rent your home, does your lease agreement allow this animal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does your home owner's or rental insurance allow this animal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any other pets in your home?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what type(s), what ages(s), how many? _____

If yes, are their vaccinations current?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, do you have a regular veterinarian?

Name _____

Does anyone in your home have known animal allergies?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you ever submitted an animal into an animal shelter?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have a fenced yard?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, how do you plan to confine this animal to your property? _____

Have you ever lost a pet from your home, yard, etc?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What purpose will this pet serve?

- ☐ Personal companionship
- ☐ Child's companion
- ☐ Playmate for another pet
- ☐ Guard dog for home or business
- ☐ Classroom use/pet
- ☐ Other _____

Is this animal a gift?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Will this animal be:

- ☐ Indoor
- ☐ Outdoor only
- ☐ Indoor & Outdoor

Where will the animal be kept when no one is home? _____

Where will the animal be kept at night? _____

How many hours a day will the pet be left alone?

- ☐ 8-9 hours
- ☐ More than 9 hours
- ☐ Less than 8 hours
- ☐ Rarely

Are you familiar with "crate training"?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that to reduce stress to my new pet in the first few weeks of adoption it is important to limit the space the pet has in my house and then gradually increase the space to allow for him/her to become acquainted with new environment.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that it will be best to introduce other pets and people slowly and over an extended period of time.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

I understand that it will be necessary to house train this animal

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What is your plan for house training? _____

Under what circumstances would you **not** keep this animal? _____

How did you learn that this animal was for adoption? _____