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INFORMATION LETTER

For Research Study entitled

“Small animal teaching hospital's clients' preferences in communication and decision-making during cardiopulmonary resuscitation”

You are invited to participate in a research study to evaluate pet owners' preferences in the timing of communication and decision-making during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) of their pets. The study is being conducted by Dr. Leonie Bertram, under the direction of Dr. Kendon Kuo, Dr. Katherine Gerken, and Dr. Erik Hofmeister in the Auburn University Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine. You are invited to participate because you are a client of the Wilford and Kate Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital and are age 19 years or older.

What will be involved if you participate? Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to complete an online survey on your preferences of timing of communication during cardiopulmonary resuscitation of your pet. Your total time commitment will be approximately 5 minutes.

Are there any risks or discomforts? There are no risks anticipated for participants in this study.

Are there any benefits to yourself or others? Participants will not directly benefit by participating in this study. Participants and other pet owners may indirectly benefit from this research as it could help improve communication and decision-making during CPR of cats and dogs. Collecting evidence of pet owners' preferences may facilitate easier communication for veterinarians and therefore benefit this population as well.

Are there any costs? There are no costs involved with taking part in this study.

If you change your mind about participating, you can withdraw at any time by closing your browser window. Once you've submitted anonymous data, it cannot be withdrawn since it will be unidentifiable. Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, the Department of Clinical Sciences, or the Small Animal Teaching Hospital.

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Any data obtained in connection with this study will remain anonymous. We will protect your privacy and the data you provide by not collecting any identifiable data about you. Information collected through your participation may be published in a professional journal.

If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Leonie Bertram, at lmb0133@auburn.edu or the supervising faculty Dr. Katherine Gerken at gerkekk@auburn.edu.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Auburn University Office of Research Compliance or the Institutional Review Board by phone (334) 844-5966 or e-mail at IRBadmin@auburn.edu or IRBChair@auburn.edu.

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

YOU MAY PRINT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO KEEP.



Leonie Bertram 12/9/22

Investigator

Date



Katherine Gerken 12/9/22

Co-Investigator

Date

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