



College of Veterinary Medicine Policies and Procedures

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Animals

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Adoption of SAMS Laboratory Animals

We are fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with the shelters that provide these animals for educational use. This mutual collaboration provides an extremely valuable educational opportunity for our students while also providing a beneficial service to the shelters and their patients. Numerous studies have shown a dramatic increase in adoptability of spayed or neutered animals. To protect the parties involved in this joint effort there are specific directives you must explicitly follow.

The following policy governs adoption of SAMS laboratory animals by MSU-CVM students:

- Students are required to wear a lab coat when entering the animal rooms. For biosecurity reasons, students are not allowed to handle the animals without the group that is assigned to the animal being present.
- The assigned surgery group will receive first right of adoption from the providing shelter if so desired. The necessary paperwork and fees require submission by noon the day before discharge (typically Wednesday) to the MDL Coordinator.
- If no adoption papers are submitted by noon the day before discharge, then from noon until 4 PM other students from the class or MSU-CVM faculty/students have the opportunity to adopt by preparing and submitting the necessary paperwork and fees to the MDL Coordinator
- An animal is not considered adopted until:
 - The adoption papers have been submitted to the MDL Coordinator and
 - The adoption fee has been paid and
 - The animal has been removed from the Mississippi State Campus
- Any animal not adopted by MSU-CVM students by 5 PM will be returned to the shelter the following day for adoption from there.
- No animals will be fostered or adopted to any outside organization or individual.
- NO PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TO BE TAKEN OF ANY ANIMAL OR PROCEDURE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF MSU-CVM FOR ANY PURPOSE.
- All communications with external parties regarding any animal or procedure performed in SAMS Laboratory must receive written approval from the course coordinator or MDL Coordinator.

Any persons outside of the sophomore class with interest in adopting one of these animals should contact the MDL Coordinator for further instructions.

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