**Transfer of Ownership Form**

*Animals are not to be used for research or teaching purposes*

**Research Project:** **project title and animal ethics approval number**

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| Species (and strain if applicable) |  |
| Number of animals to be rehomed |  |
| National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) tag(s) | *(delete if it is not cattle, sheep or pigs being rehomed)* |
| Sex and age of animal/s |  |

Suitability criteria of animals to be rehomed

The wellbeing of the new owner must be protected by ensuring:

* The animal is in good health and condition
* The animal is not dangerous, and is of appropriate temperament
* Disclosing any of the animal’s known behavioural or medical conditions fully

**Animal Temperament/condition matrix (See appendix A for additional information)**

(to be completed by the Animal Welfare Officer or their delegate. Perform tests in a neutral area, tick in the relevant column below, add additional species-specific requirements where necessary)

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| **Animal Temperament**  |  |  | **Notes** |
|  | **NO** | **YES** |  |
| Does the animal/s show signs of aggressive behaviour? (biting, kicking or pecking conspecifics/humans)? |  |  |  |
| Does the animal show signs of unusually nervous disposition? |  |  |  |
| Does the animal show signs of abnormal behaviour/behavioural issues? |  |  |  |
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| **Animal health condition** | **YES** | **NO** | **Notes** |
| Is the animal/s in the expected weight range? |  |  |  |
| Is the animal/s in a healthy condition? |  |  |  |
| Has the animal received any veterinary treatments such as vaccinations or worming treatments? |  |  |  |
|  | **NO** | **YES** |  |
| Does the animal/s have injuries? |  |  |  |
| Does the animal have known medical conditions? |  |  |  |
| Is the animal genetically modified? (if yes, animal cannot be rehomed) |  |  |  |
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* Animals with the majority of ticks in the green column may be suitable for rehoming.
* Animals with the majority of ticks in the yellow column may not be suitable for rehoming.
* Additional questions are to be added dependent on species.

**Transfer agreement**

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|[ ]  I agree that once rehomed with me, the care and welfare of the animal/s becomes my responsibility for the duration of the animals’ lives. |
|[ ]  I am over the age of 18. |
|[ ]  I understand the basic needs of the animals (including species-specific nutrition, fresh and clean water, shelter, enrichment, parasite treatment and veterinary care) |
|[ ]  I have the facilities to house the animals adequately that will meet their needs, as per the attached leaflet. |
|[ ]  I have been informed of, and accept the condition of, the animal/s health and temperament assessment at the time of rehoming (see suitability criteria of animals to be rehomed) and the research/teaching procedures in which the animals were utilised: (select all that apply)

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| [ ] Nutritional Study | [ ] Teaching Study |
| [ ] Behavioural Study | [ ] Medical/Veterinary Study |
| [ ] Basic Husbandry & Handling Study | [ ] Other: [specify details] |

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|[ ]  I acknowledge and agree that the animals have a withholding period of XXX *(delete if not relevant)* |
|[ ]  I agree that I may not transfer the animals to a third party or release animals into the wild |
|[ ]  I am able to recognise a sick/unwell animal and am capable of monitoring the health and wellbeing of my animals. I acknowledge and agree that if the animals become sick and/or injured and I am unsure what to do I should contact my local veterinarian for assistance. |
|[ ]  I acknowledge and agree that the animal/s are accepted by myself on condition that the University shall have no liability for any injury, loss or damage suffered as a result of the animal’s medical condition, temperament and/or behaviour.  |

**NEW OWNER**

I have read and understand the conditions of receipt/adoption of the above animal/s. I accept full responsibility for the care, management and veterinary care of the described animal/s from today and hereby take legal possession and ownership of that animal from today.

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| Name: |
| Address where animals will be held: |
| Property Identification Code (PIC) | *(delete if it is not cattle, sheep or pigs being rehomed)* |
| Signature: | Date: |

**PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER/CART REPRESENTATIVE**

In my opinion the animal owner understands the above conditions of rehoming and the animals are suitable to be rehomed.

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| Name: | Telephone No: |
| Signature: | Date:  |

* To the extent permitted by law the University disclaims all liability arising out of the animal/s and you accept this disclaimer in return for receipt of the animal.
* The University of New England retains the right to decline to rehome any animals.

Appendix A –Suitability criteria of animals to be rehomed

**Animal Temperament/condition matrix descriptors**

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| **Animal Behaviour Descriptions** |
| **Behaviour** | **Description** |
| Aggression | The animal turns to bite, kick or aggressively peck the handler. This includes near-miss bites. |
| Unusually nervous disposition | The animal shows signs of severe panic when approached, smother in corners, flighty behaviour that causes injury (running into walls etc.)  |
| Abnormal behaviours/behavioural issues | The animal shows signs of behaviours, such as pacing, pecking, biting, kicking, fears, repetitive behaviours, anxiety etc. |

Appendix B – Species specific requirements

Owner Information Sheets available

* Poultry
* Sheep
* Cattle

Researchers to contact animalethics@une.edu for the relevant information sheet