**ANIMAL OWNER INFORMED CONSENT – USE OF ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

As the owner or duly authorised agent for the owner you have been asked to have your animal participate in a research study. Your informed consent is required prior to this use.

Please read this document and accompanying Consent Form carefully and feel free to ask any questions you might have.

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| **Animal Project Title:** |  |
| **AEC Approval No:** | (M/S-YYYY-NNN) | **Approval Period Dates:** dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy  |
| **Chief Investigator Name:** |  |
| **Faculty/School:** |  |
| **Contact Details:** |  |
| **Person Responsible for the animal(s) during the Research Study:** |  |
| **Contact Details:** |  |
| **Location where animal(s) participation/research study occurs** |  |
| **Aims and benefits of the Research Study:** |  |
| **Duration of animal(s) participation:** |  |
| **Description of animal(s) procedures to be carried out:** |  |
| **Possible discomfort, risks and complications and steps taken to minimise risks:** |  |
| **Possible benefits to the animal(s):** |  |
| **Animal(s) to be returned:** | **Yes** ⬜**No** ⬜ | **If Yes, instructions to owner:** |

**Voluntary Participation:**

The participation of your animal is voluntary, and you may withdraw your animal(s) for any reason at any time. If you do not wish to participate you do not have to provide any reason for your decision. Refusal to participate or withdrawal will in no way affect the care to which animal participants are otherwise entitled. If you withdraw, any data collected about your animal will be retained for analysis.

**Unforeseen Risks:**

Unforeseen risks might arise at any time during the research study. The research investigators will promptly inform owners of all animals participating in the study of any new information that may affect their willingness to participate.

**Termination of Participation by Chief Investigator:**

The research investigators have the right to terminate the research study for any and all participants at any time and for any reason.

**Financial Implications:**

There will be no cost to you for the participation of your animal in the research study. You will not be charged for any of the procedures performed solely for the study’s purposes. You will receive no reimbursement for the participation of your animal in the research study. All unrelated costs for diagnosis, management and treatment of your animal are your responsibility (relates to veterinary studies). The University of Adelaide does not provide compensation or therapy for any injuries or losses that may occur as a result of participation. If the animal is insured you are advised to notify the insurer of involvement in a research project.

**Knowledge Transfer/Publication of Research Findings:**

*(Indicate how and to whom the research findings will be reported. Indicate how consenting owners may find out about the results of the research study. May not apply to all research, such as commercial-in-confidence research)*

**Privacy:**

Personal information collected by the research investigators will be used in accordance with the South Australian Information Privacy Principles. If you wish to enquire about the handling of your personal information, please contact the University Privacy Compliance Officer on (08) 8313 4539.

**Confidentiality:**

Owner and animal confidentiality will be maintained. No identification of individuals will be made when reporting or publishing the data arising from this study. (relates to sensitive veterinary research studies)

*(Additional Clauses Tailored to the details of the Research Study as required)*

**Questions:**

1. If you have any questions or concerns relating to the practical aspects of the research study please feel free to ask at any point. You are free to contact the research personnel – Chief Investigator and the Responsible Person - using the contact details provided above.

2. This research study has been approved by the University of Adelaide Animal Ethics Committee. If you wish to discuss other matters or concerns relating to this project with the Animal Ethics Committee, you may contact either of the following AEC contact personnel:

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| **University Veterinarians:**  | **Animal Ethics Committee Secretariat**  |
| Dr Sahra McFetridgeTel: (08) 8313 3441Mob: 0421 615 147Email: sahra.mcfetridge@adelaide.edu.au | Email: aec@adelaide.edu.auOffice of Research Ethics, Compliance and IntegrityResearch BranchLevel 3, Rundle Mall Plaza, 50 Rundle MallTHE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE SA 5000 |

**CONSENT FORM - FOR ANIMAL PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH**

**NAME & IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)**

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| **Name:**  |  |
| **Species:** |  |
| **Breed:** |  |
| **Sex:** |  |
| **Age:** |  |
| **Other identifying features (e.g. coat colour, tag number):** |  |

1. I, ................................................................................................................. *(please print name)* certify that I am at least 18 years of age and am the owner (or duly authorised representative of the owner) of the above animal(s) and that the animal(s) are free of any lien or claim by any other person or persons.
2. I acknowledge that I have read the attached Information sheet for the research project entitled: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. and have had the participation of my animal(s) in the research study fully explained to me by the research investigator: ………………………………………………………………………………………… *(please print name)*
3. I understand that this research participation will involve leaving my animal(s) in the care of suitably trained and authorised staff of the University of Adelaide (insert suitable substitute wording as appropriate to the specific research study). I have had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any aspects of the participation with the research investigator.
4. I understand that the participation of my animal(s) is voluntary, and I may withdraw my animal(s) for any reason at any time. My consent is freely given.
5. I understand that some risk always exists when animal handling and animal procedures are performed. I understand that the research investigator(s) will inform me of any new risks that may be identified or any material changes in the way the study will be conducted.
6. I am aware that this project has current approval by the University of Adelaide Animal Ethics Committee.
7. I understand that all private data pertaining to me and my animal(s) will be treated in strict confidence.
8. I am aware that I should retain a copy of this Consent Form and attached Information sheet.
9. *(Additional Clauses Tailored to the details of the Research Study as required)*

**CONSENTING OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT**

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| Name: | *Proof of ownership shown:* |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Contact Address: | ContactTelephone: |

**WITNESS DECLARATION**

I have described to the animal owner/authorised agent the nature of the animal(s) participation in the research study. In my opinion he/she understood the explanation.

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| Witness’s name: |  |
| Role in Research Study: |
| Signature: | Date:  |

*NOTE*Original of consent form to be retained by the Chief Investigator

Copy to be given to the consenting owner/agent

Copy to be kept in the animal’s record (if applicable)