

Animal information

Information regarding an animal available for rehoming under section 54C(2) of the *Animal Research Act 1985*

Section 54C of the *Animal Research Act 1985* requires authorised persons (accredited research establishments and the holders of animal research authorities) to take all reasonable steps to rehome a dog or cat kept for use in research with a suitable individual or an animal rescue organisation. Section 54C(2) of the *Animal Research Act 1985* outlines information that must be given to a suitable individual or an animal rehoming organisation who may be able to rehome an animal:

54C(2) For the purpose of subsection (1), reasonable steps include giving the following information about the relevant animal to a suitable individual or an animal rescue organisation who may be able to rehome the animal —

- (a) the animal's species, breed, age, weight and gender,*
- (b) a description of the animal's general health, physical condition and temperament,*
- (c) whether or not the animal is desexed,*
- (d) whether or not the animal is microchipped and, if so, the microchip number,*
- (e) the date the animal was last vaccinated and wormed,*
- (f) the medications the animal is currently taking,*
- (g) other information prescribed by the regulations.*

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's and Animal Research Review Panel's *Guideline for compliance with the Animal Research Amendment (Right to Release) Act 2022* outlines additional information about the relevant animal that should also be provided by authorised persons.

This form is a template for provision of information about a dog or cat available for rehoming that authorised persons can complete and provide to suitable individuals and animal rescue organisations. The form contains both the required information under section 54C(2) of the *Animal Research Act 1985*, and additional recommended information. A separate form should be completed for each animal.

A copy of this form must be kept by the authorised person for their records in accordance with section 54F(a) of the *Animal Research Act 1985*. It is recommended that all records are kept for 7 years.

1. Authorised person details

1.1 Full name of authorised person (*company or business name if the authorised person is an accredited research establishment*)

1.2 Contact details for authorised person (*phone, email, & address*)

1.3 Full name of authorised person's representative (*the person completing this form*)

2. Animal details

2.1 Species ☐ Dog ☐ Cat

2.2 Name/identifier

2.3 Is the animal microchipped? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2.3.1 Microchip number

2.4 Sex ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Desexed

2.5 Date of birth or estimated age

2.6 Breed

2.7 Weight

2.8 Description (*colour, markings, tattoos, etc*)

2.9 Date the animal began to be kept by the authorised person for research

2.10 Summary of any use of the animal in research that may impact its ongoing care *(if applicable)*

2.11 Summary of any history of the animal prior to it being kept by the authorised person that may impact its ongoing care *(if known)*

3. Health

3.1 Description of the animal's general health and physical condition

3.2 Summary of any medical history *(e.g., surgical procedures, diagnoses, medications, etc)*

3.3 Date of most recent veterinary examination

3.4 Summary of the findings of the most recent veterinary examination

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3.5 Date and type of most recent vaccinations (*attach vaccination certificate if available*)

Name of vaccination	Batch number	Date given	Date next vaccine is due

3.6 Date and type of most recent internal and external parasite treatments (*attach additional information if needed*)

Name of product	Active ingredient/s	Date given	Date next dose is due

3.7 Medications the animal is currently taking (*attach additional information if needed*)

Name of medication	Active ingredient/s	Dose, intervals & length of treatment (e.g., 1 tablet by mouth twice daily for 2 weeks)	Reason / comments

3.8 Summary of any ongoing veterinary treatment that the animal requires

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4. Behaviour, training, and housing

4.1 Date of most recent temperament and behavioural assessment

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4.2 Description of the animal's temperament based on the assessment in question 4.1 (*including e.g. demeanour, activity levels, compatibility with other animals & children, etc*)

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4.3 Summary of training the animal has undergone

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4.4 Summary of the current housing, exercise and socialisation provided to the animal

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4.5 Summary of the animal's current diet

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5. Attachments

Copies of the following are attached to this record (*tick those that apply*):

- ☐ Photograph of the animal
- ☐ Vaccination certificate
- ☐ Desexing certificate
- ☐ Veterinary examination report
- ☐ Temperament/behavioural assessment report
- ☐ Diagnostic testing or imaging results
- ☐ Other -----