

Animal Care and Ethics Committee approval form

Application to keep a dog or cat for longer than 3 years

Under section 54C(4) of the *Animal Research Act 1985*, an authorised person can apply to the Animal Research Review Panel to keep a dog or cat for research for longer than 3 years.

Applications made under section 54C(4) must not be made without the approval of the Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC) supervising the research project, and proof of this approval must be provided with the application. Additionally, the ACEC must not give its approval unless it is satisfied that the project is justified to run for longer than 3 years, and at least 1 Category A member of the ACEC is satisfied that animal welfare will not be compromised. “Category A member”, in accordance with clause 2.2.4(1) of the *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes*, means a member of the ACEC who is: “...a person with qualifications in veterinary science that are recognised for registration as a veterinary surgeon in Australia, and with experience relevant to the institution’s activities or the ability to acquire relevant knowledge.”

This form can be used as proof of the ACEC’s approval in accordance with section 54C(7)(a) of the *Animal Research Act 1985*.

Section 54C Rehoming animals after research

(4) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to an authorised person who keeps an animal for animal research if—

- (a) on application from the authorised person, the Panel approves the keeping of the animal for research for longer than 3 years, and*
- (b) the authorised person complies with any conditions of the approval.*

(5) An application for approval under subsection (4)(a) must not be made without the approval of the animal care and ethics committee supervising the research project.

(6) The animal care and ethics committee must not give approval unless—

- (a) the committee is satisfied the animal research project is justified to run for longer than 3 years, and*
- (b) at least 1 Category A member of the committee is satisfied animal welfare will not be compromised.*

(7) An application under subsection (4)(a) must include—

- (a) proof of the animal care and ethics committee’s approval, and*
- (b) the reasons the committee is satisfied the project is justified to run for more than 3 years.*

1. Research project

1.1 Name of authorised person (*provide company/business name if this is an accredited research establishment*)

1.2 Title of research project

1.3 Internal reference number for research project (*if applicable*)

2. Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC)

2.1 Name of ACEC supervising the research project in part 1 of this form.

2.2 Date(s) of meeting(s) when the ACEC approved the keeping of the animals listed at part 3 of this form for longer than 3 years.

2.3 Was at least one Category A member of the ACEC satisfied that animal welfare will not be compromised if the animals listed at part 3 of this form are kept for longer than 3 years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.4 Summary of the reasons the ACEC is satisfied that the research project identified in part 1 of this form is justified to run for more than 3 years.

3. Individual animal details (*attach further list to this form if required*)

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4. Declaration by the Chair of the ACEC

4.1 Full name

4.2 Contact details (*phone & email*)

4.3 Declaration

As Chair of the _____
[*print name of committee*] Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC), I declare that this ACEC has
APPROVED the submission of an application to the Animal Research Review Panel under section
54C(4) of the *Animal Research Act 1985* to keep the animals identified at part 3 of this form for
longer than 3 years.

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Signature

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Date