Purpose of Policy: This policy makes the best possible use of the lives of animals purchased or bred by the University for use in teaching or research by making healthy surplus animals available for adoption as pets by WesternU employees who express such an interest.

Policy Information: Animals purchased or bred by WesternU employees for use in research or teaching are considered the property of the University. Surplus healthy animals that are no longer needed for research or teaching may potentially be adopted by WesternU employees as pets under the following conditions:

- The animal is no longer needed as a research or teaching animal.
- The animals must be healthy and not genetically modified.
- The animal must never have been exposed to potentially zoonotic or recombinant organism.
- Adoption must be listed in the approved Institutional Animal Care and Use (IACUC) protocol as a possible means of animal disposal.
- Each candidate for adoption must have a suitable temperament to be a pet.
- Animals may not be bred or put to commercial use after adoption.
- Animals may not be used as a food source for another animal species.
- Adoptions must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian.
- The Animal Adoption Agreement must be signed before the adoption will be considered.
- WesternU will observe any restrictions on adoption imposed by the original vendor.
- Vaccinations performed as part of standard veterinary care will be current at the time of adoption.