

UAEC POLICY No: UP5

SUBJECT: Time limitations relating to the holding of surrendered dogs and cats.

POLICY: Experimental/teaching animals (cats and dogs) should be held for the shortest possible time and must not be held indefinitely within an animal holding facility. The following conditions are to apply:

CONDITIONS:

- All animals must be held strictly in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Animal Care and Protection Act (2001)
- Cats and dogs must be used within (28) days of entering a facility (Surrendered dogs from Local Authorities must be housed for 7 days before use)
- Time limitations on the holding of animals during a trial shall be determined by AEC approval.
- Animals must not be kept for longer than 30 days following the completion of a trial unless they are to be rehomed.
- Cats and dogs not utilized for a specific trial or teaching protocol should be euthanased immediately.
- Cats and dogs to be rehomed following the completion of a trial must be rehomed as soon as possible and:
 1. animals to be rehomed must be carefully selected for temperament and socialisation prior to their inclusion in a trial.
 2. any animal remaining in the facility due to temperament or antisocial behaviour must enter into a recognised retraining programme. Should any animal not respond or the behaviour begin to deteriorate then it must be euthanased.
 3. Any dog or cat to be rehomed may not be kept for any period exceeding 6 months from the end of a trial or teaching period.

All animals must be euthanased within 30 days of the completion of an experimental trial or teaching activity unless otherwise approved by a UQ AEC.

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CHAIR OF UAEC