

**21—67.18(162) Research facilities.**

**67.18(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions are used:

*“Animal rescue organization”* means a person other than an animal shelter operating on a nonprofit basis to place unwanted, abandoned, abused, or stray dogs or cats in permanent adopted homes.

*“Qualified research facility”* means the following:

1. A research facility, including but not limited to a regents institution, that conducts experiments on dogs or cats for research, education, testing, or another scientific purpose, and that receives moneys from the state or federal government.

2. A research facility that conducts experiments on dogs or cats for research, education, testing, or another scientific purpose, in collaboration with a research facility described in paragraph “1.”

*“Retired animal”* means a dog or cat confined at a qualified research facility if the dog or cat has been previously used for research, education, testing, or another scientific purpose, and the dog or cat is no longer required to be confined by the qualified research facility for any of those purposes.

**67.18(2) Adoption program required.**

a. A qualified research facility shall enter into a written agreement with an animal shelter or animal rescue organization to facilitate the placement of retired animals. The qualified research facility shall include signed copies of each agreement annually upon renewal of authorization.

b. A retired animal must have no substantial medical condition, and pose no safety risk to the public, that would prevent the dog’s or cat’s successful integration into a permanent adoptive home.

c. A qualified research facility may offer to transfer ownership and custody of the retired animal to a person for private placement in the person’s permanent adoptive home according to an arrangement agreed to by the qualified research facility and the person. The qualified research facility shall keep a record of the transfer, including contact information of the individual taking possession of the retired animal, and shall retain the record for a period of at least 12 months.

**67.18(3) Records required.** Records must be made available to the department upon request. A qualified research facility must maintain records and statement of the sale, exchange, transfer, trade or adoption as provided for in rule 21—67.6(162). Records shall be made and retained for a period of 12 months.

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