

## Vertebrate Animal Care Form

*This form is REQUIRED for all projects involving non-human vertebrate animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish). For team projects, each student must complete a form.*

**Form must be shown at Check-In.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Problem \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by student researcher:**

Common name of animals to be used in project \_\_\_\_\_

Number of animals to be used in project \_\_\_\_\_

Describe completely the housing and care of the animals. Include cage/pen size, number of animals per cage, environment, bedding, type of food, frequency of food and water, how often animal is observed, etc. Add an additional page as necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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What will happen to the animals after experimentation? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Special Considerations:**

- If any vertebrate test subject dies during the investigation, ***the project cannot be entered in the Science and Engineering Fair.***
- Any illness or unexpected weight loss MUST be investigated by the Qualified Scientist or a veterinarian and documented with a letter stating cause of illness/weight loss.
- ***For all projects using non-human vertebrates, the bibliography MUST include at least one animal care reference.***
- Animals obtained from commercial sources or any captured invasive species may NOT be released into the environment.
- The use of chemicals (flea collar, bug spray, shampoo, etc.) MUST be approved by a Qualified Scientist.

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*Qualified Scientist Signature*

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*Student Signature*

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*Designated Supervisor Signature*