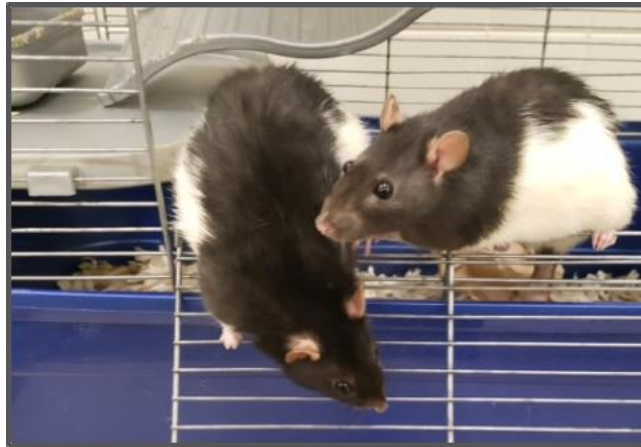


# Rats for Adoption!



The Psychology Department Rat Lab currently has 16 rats for adoption. These rats were subjects in a behavioral study that began in September 2019.

They are...

- Approximately 6 months old (est. birthday 5/28/19)
- Intact (i.e., not spayed) females
- Strain: Long-Evans
- Friendly, good temperament

While we will adopt single animals out to good homes, rats are VERY social animals. Therefore, preference will be given to potential adopters who either have other rats at home or who would like to adopt two or more of our rats.

To learn more about owning rats as pets, please [visit this webpage](#) created by Ms. Marie Firestone.

If you are interested in adopting, please complete an online [application by clicking on this link.](#)

**Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Psychology Department Animal Laboratory Research  
Animal Adoption Policy**

Millersville University (MU) is concerned about appropriate use of animal resources in the advancement of behavioral and biomedical knowledge. As part of our allegiance to the three “R’s” of research (Refinement, Reduction, Replacement), we will authorize the adoption of animals procured for research or training purposed under specific circumstances.

1. The purpose for which the animal was purchased originally (MU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee [IACUC] approved study) no longer exists.
2. The animal cannot be transferred for use on another MU IACUC approved study.
3. The animal has not experienced any manipulation that has altered permanently its anatomical, physiological, metabolic, or locomotor functions. The animal appears free of any infectious disease or physical abnormality which would endanger the animal(s) or other animal(s) or endanger public health. In essence, the animal is considered normal.
4. Application for adoption shall be made by the interested party (Enclosure Number 1). Applications will be reviewed by the Director of the Psychology Department Animal Laboratory (PDAL).
5. Only the Director of the PDAL can authorize the adoption of the animal.
6. Animals considered available for adoption will have been screened by the Director of the PDAL for dispositional issues that would preclude their adoption. **However, no warranties, guarantees, or promises of any kind have been made or can be made to anyone with regard to said animal’s physical condition or temperament.**
7. Animals will be adopted only to persons determined by the Director of the PDAL to be capable of providing humane care for the animal (suitable housing, companionship, veterinary care, etc.). This includes having demonstrated an understanding of the necessary care that will be needed along with the cost of such care. There is no appeal of the Director’s decision.

This policy may be rescinded at any time without prior notice by the Dean of the College of Science and Technology or the Director of the PDAL.

[The online application can be accessed by clicking here.](#) Adopters will be required to complete the waiver on the following page at the time of adoption and to provide their own way of transporting the animals home.

**Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Psychology Department Animal Laboratory  
Adoption Waiver Form**

Applicant Name:		
Address:	Home Phone:	Office Phone:
	Applicant's Veterinarian:	
	Veterinarian's Phone Number:	
<b>Animal Description</b>		
Species:	Strain:	
Age:	Sex:	Color:
Identification Number:	Identifying marks:	
<b>Acknowledgements and Agreements</b>		
I acknowledge receipt of said animal and understand and agree to the following stipulations and disclosures (initial each point):		
_____ 1.	This animal has undergone no manipulations at the MU facility that has permanently affected its anatomical, physiological, metabolic, or locomotor function. <b>See disclosures ___ Yes ___ No</b>	
_____ 2.	This animal has been screened by either the Director of the PDAL or a veterinarian, and is considered healthy and of good temperament.	
_____ 3.	No warranties, guarantees, or promises of any kind have been made or can be made with regard to this animal's physical condition or temperament.	
_____ 4.	I am capable of providing good and humane care for the animal, and will do so. This includes providing suitable housing, companionship, veterinary care, etc. This includes end-of-life disposal that aligns with state law. I further agree not to use this animal as a food source, religious object, or for any commercial purpose, including but not limited to breeding and exhibiting. I will not sell this animal.	
_____ 5.	This animal has NOT been spayed/neutered.	
_____ 6.	No veterinary care will be provided by MU or the PDAL once ownership has been accepted/assigned, as confirmed by signatures of owner applicant and the Director of the PDAL, and the animal exits MU facilities.	
In signing this statement, I _____, do hereby forever release and indemnify Millersville University of Pennsylvania, its trustees, officers, employees, students, and agents for any and all costs, expenses, or damages of any kind arising out of adoption and ownership of said animal. I understand that the Millersville University of Pennsylvania accepts no liability for the animal's continuing care or veterinary treatment, or for any damages arising from my ownership of the animal once it has been removed from MU facilities.		
Applicant's Signature:	Dated:	Witness:
Director's Approval:	Dated:	Witness: