**Animal Owner PRE-SCREENING Consent Form Template and Guidelines**

In order to assist researchers in preparing their Consent Forms, and to assist the AREB in evaluating them, we ask that researchers use the following template for pre-screening sample collection prior to purchasing animals from a commercial farm/barn. This template outlines the minimum information that must be included. **This template includes guidelines identified by** *[blue text]***.** **Please remove the guidelines as you complete each section.** Some sections may not apply to your research and should be modified or deleted to suit your project.

*[REMOVE THIS INFORMATION IN BLUE FROM THE TEMPLATE WHEN YOU FINALIZE THE FORM]*



**Animal Research Ethics Board (AREB)**

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***Consent Form for Animal Owners***

A total of *[identify animal; include details of age/body weight/breed if relevant, e.g. 27 cows]* will be pre-screened to determine eligibility for inclusion as part of a research study, *[insert title of research project here]*. Due to the nature of this study, animals must *[add a brief description of the exclusion and inclusion criteria]*. Please read this form carefully and ask questions you might have*.*

**Description of the Procedures:** Collection of *[add sample type e.g. blood]* will be carried out at your *[barn/farm/facility]* by *[name, affiliation and brief description of qualifications of individual(s) collecting samples]*. This involves *[describe the procedures and give an estimate of the length of time these procedures will take]*.

**Potential Risks and Discomforts:** *[Describe any risks that are associated with the procedures identified above and any steps that will be taken to minimize those risks. Where possible, quantify the risks/discomforts in percentages so that animal owners can make an informed decision about the risk to their animal(s). If there are no known risks, say so.]*

**Voluntary Participation/Withdrawal:** Your animals’ participation in this research is voluntary; you decide if you want them to take part. You may withdraw your animal(s) from this study at any time. You do not have to provide a reason and there will be no penalty of any sort.

You will not be charged for sample collection or laboratory testing of the samples. You will not receive payment for animals that are screened but not purchased. Results of laboratory tests *[will or will not]* be provided to you *[mention if results for each individual animal will be provided]*. All unrelated costs for diagnosis, management and treatment of your animals are your responsibility.

**Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions About the Study?** If you have any questions or desire further information about this study before or during participation, you can contact *[Principal Investigator]* at *[email and telephone number]*.

This study has been reviewed and approved on ethical grounds by the University of Saskatchewan Animal Care Committee (UACC). If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of this study, please contact the UACC by phone at 306-966-7928 or toll-free from outside Saskatoon, 1-888-966-2975 or by email at [uacc.office@usask.ca](mailto:uacc.office@usask.ca).



**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

**Study Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* I have read (or someone has read to me) the information in this consent form.
* I understand the purpose and procedures and the possible risks and benefits of the study.
* I was given sufficient time to think about it.
* I had the opportunity to ask questions and have received satisfactory answers.
* I understand that I am free to withdraw my animal(s) from this study at any time for any reason without penalty.
* I understand that by signing this document I do not waive any of my legal rights.
* I have been told I will be given a signed and dated copy of this consent form.
* I am at least 18 years of age and am the legal owner of the animal(s) or authorized to make decisions regardingthe animal(s) on behalf of the owner.

I agree to let my animal(s) participate in this study:

Printed name of owner or owner’s agent: Signature Date

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Printed name of person obtaining consent: Signature Date

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