

1.19 Use of WIRES Animal Data

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Introduction

1.19.1 This policy recognises the data and other information collected by WIRES as a valuable resource. It establishes the principles regarding the access to such data both within WIRES and for other agencies/organisations and provides safeguards to protect the identities of individual foster carers and vets.

Policy

1.19.2 Request for access to WIRES data should be considered on a case-by-case basis. In considering such request, the basic principle of allowing access to data for legitimate conservation or animal welfare purposes should be applied. WIRES data, however, should only be applied for clearly identified purposes and for use in specific defined projects which are in accord with WIRES own objectives and policies.

1.19.3 All data collected in WIRES name and by an agent of WIRES, including authorised WIRES Branches, remain at all times the property of WIRES Inc. and shall not be supplied for the exclusive use of any other agency/organisation.

1.19.4 All requests for use of WIRES data shall be referred to WIRES Administration Office and the WIRES State Council/Board for evaluation and approval.

1.19.5 When providing data for use in an approved project, no information shall be given that identifies individual foster carers, rescuers or vets without the specific permission of all individuals so involved.

1.19.6 A condition of providing data to any party – voluntary or public interest agency or organisation or individual – shall be that all cost incurred by WIRES in providing this information shall be reimbursed by the recipient.

1.19.7 When WIRES data is to be used by a third party for a commercial purpose, for example in compiling a book, or it is deemed that the party being supplied the data has the capacity to pay, then an additional fee shall be negotiated that reflects the commercial value of the data.

1.19.8 A further condition of providing data to any agency/organization shall be that WIRES receives appropriate acknowledgement for the supply of such data and shall receive at least one copy of any final report or other output arising from the use of its data. Where a branch individually contributes to WIRES animal data provided to an outside organisation for a published report, a copy of the report, received in accordance with the above provision, should also be provided to the branch involved.

1.19.9 It is to the benefit of WIRES that it publish regularly the results of its own research and collection of data and notwithstanding any other use of the data, WIRES should aim to publish regular reports based on its own research.

1.19.10 Appendix – Application for Use of WIRES Animal Data and agreement to abide by WIRES policies regarding provision of animal data attached.

Application for Use of WIRES Animal Data

Please return signed agreement to:
The Secretary
WIRES State Council/Board
PO Box 260
Forestville NSW 2087

AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY WIRES POLICIES REGARDING PROVISION OF ANIMAL DATA

I

(Name of individual)

We

(Name of organisation)

agree to abide by WIRES requirements, as set out in WIRES policy 1.19 *Use of
WIRES Animal Data*

Signed _____ date ____/____/____

Print Name

Position

Address

Postcode _____