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## Action Plan – Adoption of former laboratory animals

Action plan in response to the request for advice from the State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, concerning the adoption of former laboratory animals.

<b>Working title:</b>	<b>Adoption of former laboratory animals</b>
<b>Question posed:</b>	Identify and widely disseminate best practices concerning the adoption of former laboratory animals. Given the public interest in adopting mainly dogs, cats and monkeys, the NCad has been asked to focus primarily on these species. At the very least, drafting a best practice document requires a clear delineation of the adoption process. This must include details of the pre-selection procedure involved (conditions), of the socialization of the animals released for adoption, and of the responsibilities (including the financial responsibilities) that accompany adoption (and the adoption process). A best practice document must include a “roadmap” showing clearly which decisions need to be taken, and at what time, before a laboratory animal can be adopted. In preparing this best practice document, use was also made of existing expertise regarding animals confiscated by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl), the National Animal Protection Inspectorate (LID), and the NVWA, as well as the experience of other European Member States.
<b>Date on which request for advice was received:</b>	31 March 2015
<b>Advisory report requested by:</b>	Request made by: State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs
<b>Date on which request for advice was processed:</b>	17 April 2015
<b>Nature of advice:</b>	Brief advisory report → A best practices framework for adopting animals from a laboratory, including detailed best practices for cats, dogs, and non-human primates.
<b>Target date for completion of advisory report:</b>	End of 2015



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**Expected milestones:**

Advisory report complete: end of 2015