A bill for an act
relating to higher education; requiring certain research dogs and cats at higher
education research and related facilities to be offered for placement with an
animal research organization; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
Statutes, chapter 136A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [136A.221] RESEARCH DOGS AND CATS.

(a) A higher education research facility that receives public money, including
tax-exempt status, or a facility that provides research in collaboration with a higher
education facility that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes and plans on
destroying a dog or cat used for science or research purposes, must first offer the dog or
cat to an animal rescue organization. A facility that is required to offer dogs or cats to an
animal rescue organization under this section may enter into an agreement with the animal
rescue organization to protect the facility.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "animal rescue organization" means any
nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of rescuing animals in need and
finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.