

John Carroll University
Betta Splendens Adoption

Consistent with federal regulations, John Carroll University's ("JCU") Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee ("IACUC") supervises the use and care of animals for the purpose of scientific research at JCU. Under certain circumstances, JCU's IACUC may authorize the transfer of ownership of certain of these animals to private persons ("the new owner").

The Siamese fighting fish, aka betta splendens, ("the fish") utilized in Principles of Biology Laboratory II, are available for adoption under the following conditions:

1. The new owner agrees that the fish will not be released into the wild.
2. The new owner agrees that the fish will be treated humanely and in accordance with good animal care practice, including adequate food and shelter.
3. The new owner understands that no guarantees have been made that the fish is disease free and agrees that JCU, and any individual or group representative of JCU, cannot make any representations as to the health of the fish. (It is recommended that the fish be quarantined for several days before placing it in an aquarium with other animals.)
4. The new owner agrees that JCU, and/or any individual or group representatives of JCU, are not liable for any costs associated with the transfer of ownership, the maintenance or care of the fish, including any medical treatments, and any subsequent transfer of or disposal of the fish.

New Owner Certification

I have read the above and I understand and agree to my obligations as a new owner. I have been informed of and I am aware of the possible risk of exposure to zoonotic diseases that can be transferred from an animal to a human being. In exchange for my adoption of the fish, I accept any and all risks associated with my adoption, use, and care of the fish and I release JCU, any individual or group representative of JCU from any liability associated with my adoption of the fish. In accepting ownership of the fish, I certify that I intend to keep it exclusively as a pet and not for commercial or any other purposes.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____