*School / Department Address and Date*

Dear

We invite you to participate in a research study looking at the effects of This study is part of a Degree in (specify), supervised by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Murdoch University

**Nature and Purpose of the Study**

It is commonly believed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, many researchers have questioned whether or not this is true.

Therefore the aim of this study is to investigate the effects of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to find out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What the Study will Involve**

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete the following tasks (adjust the following for your study and given an accurate estimation of impact on the animal and the client):

* Xxx
* Xxx

**Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study**

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw your pet at any time without discrimination or prejudice. All information is treated as confidential and no names or other details that might identify you or your pet will be used in any publication arising from the research. If you withdraw, all information you have provided will be destroyed (sometimes data cannot be withdrawn or destroyed after a certain point, if so, indicate this to participants).

If you consent to take part in this research study, it is important that you understand the purpose of the study and the procedures your pet will undergo. Please make sure that you ask any questions you may have, and that all your questions have been answered to your satisfaction before you agree to participate.

**Benefits of the Study**

It is possible that there may be no direct benefit to your pet from participation in this study (or list any benefits there may be).

While there is no guarantee that your pet will personally benefit, the knowledge gained from your participation may help others in the future. (Perhaps add some ideas about how it might help others)

If you are willing to consent to participation in this study, please **complete the Consent Form.** If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact either myself, xxxx xxxx on xxxx xxx xxx or my supervisor, Dr xxxx xxxx, on ph. xxxx xxxx (do not given your home contact details).

My supervisor and I are happy to discuss with you any concerns you may have about this study.

You can expect to receive feedback in (timeframe).

Thank you for your assistance with this research project.

Sincerely

Signature

This study has been approved by the Murdoch University Animal Ethics Committee (Approval R/Txxxx/xx). If you have any reservation or complaint about the ethical conduct of this research, and wish to talk with an independent person, you may contact Murdoch University’s Research Ethics Office (Tel. 08 9360 7366 (for overseas studies, +61 8 9360 7366) or e-mail animal.ethics@murdoch.edu.au). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.