**Verbal consent Example 1**

***Background information:***

There is little known about disease X in animals in this region. This project, which involves Murdoch University and XYZ aims to collect information to help us identify where the disease is and how to help you prevent or manage it.

In this particular study we would like to collect a blood sample today and again in 3 months time. Only a small amount of blood, 5 mls, is required. It will be taken from either the neck or leg area. This will not be harmful to your animal.

The information we collect from you and your animals will be kept confidential. However, we will advise you the results for your animal and for the study through meetings held in the village in twelve months time.

***Questions:***

Are you the owner of these animals?

Do you understand the study and the involvement of your animals?

Do you have any questions?

Would you like to participate in the study?

Would you please make a mark or sign in my book, so we can record your agreement?

*(Alternately) –* I will make a record that we have discussed your animals involvement and that you are willing to be involved in the study.

**Verbal consent Example 2**

***Background information:***

In this country we are finding some problems with the nutrition in common feed. In this project we wish to confirm if there are problems in this area and identify the animals commonly affected. What we would like to do is take some samples from your animals and also of their usual feed stuff.

To do this we will need small samples from all the food you feed the animals. We would also like to take blood from the neck region of the animals, just a small amount. If the animal is milking, we would also like to take a small sample of their milk. The time taken to collect the samples won’t take more than 15 minutes per animal. The technique poses little risk and will not cause your animals to become ill. They may have a small amount of soreness where the blood is taken.

Once we have looked at all the data, we will run talks with farmers to discuss how to overcome any nutritional problems, so that the animals grow well, breed well and return more money to farmers.

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary, it is your choice to either take part or not, and you can withdraw at any stage. Should you wish, any samples collected from your animals will be destroyed and the results removed from the study. *(Alternately)* Samples already collected up until you withdraw consent will remain part of the study.

If you have any concerns about this project you can contact the researchers listed above. To talk to an independent person about your concerns please contact Murdoch University’s Animal Ethics Committee (Australia) on (61 8) 9360 7366 or email [animal.ethics@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@murdoch.edu.au)

***Questions:***

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Do you understand the study and the involvement of your animals?

Do you have any questions?

Would you like to participate in the study?

Record of verbal consent kept separately.