Use of Animals in Research, Teaching, and Testing

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Icebreaker:

Turn to your neighbor and exchange ideas on the greatest advances involving animals in contemporary society

Medical advancements attributed to animal research

- •Organization of the CNS
- •Surgical advances/suturing/grafting
- •Insulin & mechanisms of diabetes
- •Penicillins
- Poliovirus vaccine
- •Organ transplant techniques
- Organization of the olfactory systemStem cells
- Chromosome protection by telomeres
- •In vitro fertilization
- Activation of innate immunity
- Positioning system of the brain



How does one begin to address the use of animals at academic institutions, like MSU?



Surely if we have learned anything from the history of morals it is that the thing to do with a moral quandary is not to hide it.

— H. L. A. Hart —

AZQUOTES

50+ years of "3 R's" of research

 Scientists William M. S. Russell and Rex L. Burch wrote "<u>scientific excellence and humane use</u> <u>of laboratory animals are inextricably</u> <u>linked</u>" (1959)

<u>Reduction</u>

Only as many animals as reasonably necessary be utilized

<u>Replacement</u>

 Alternatives to the use of live animals be employed or developed wherever feasible

<u>Refinement</u>

- Any pain or distress animals experience should be minimized
- Additional R's: <u>Responsibility</u> & <u>Respect</u>



THE PRINCIPLES OF
Humane Experimental Technique
W. M. S. RUSSELL
AND
R. L. BURCH
Special Edition
UNIVERSITIES FEDERATION
FOR ANIMAL WELFARE



Regulatory References for Animal Care Programs



Regulatory Roadmap







Institute for Laboratory Animal Resources (2011)

Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching

Agriculture & Wild Life Guidance

Journal of Mammalogy, 92(1):235-253, 2011

Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the use of wild mammals in research

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System of Oversight

Multi-tier accountability system

- Federal USDA, PHS, FDA, EPA, DOD, NSF
- Accreditation AAALAC
- Institutional Animal Care Program
- Public: IACUC representation
- Semi-annual Inspections
- Annual reports to oversight groups

Primary Responsibility and Privilege of Working with Animals is Local to MSU



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Role of the IACUC

- Facilitate centralized, uniform, and high quality oversight of the institution's animal care program.
- Protect the institution and the research by
 - Using scientifically sound, performance-based standards
 - Respecting professional judgment, and
 - Confirming that all personnel are trained and qualified to perform their duties
- Assure the public of quality animal care

Role of the Veterinary Staff

- Ensure proper animal care and use by providing veterinary oversight of animal use activities
- Working in concert with IACUC and scientists, exercise professional judgment to facilitate the science in the context of animal welfare

Role of the Scientists

- Engage in the process
- Know the regulations
- Apply 3Rs and plan animal use activities in the context of quality animal care
- Accept personal responsibility in your assurances to the University

Role of the Facility/Care Staff

- Ensure daily checks of animals
- Provide food, water, clean bedding
- Report animal concerns to the veterinary staff
- Serve as a front-line team for facility operations

Summary:

Components of an Animal Care Program



Role of the Central Administration

- Promote the advancement of scientific knowledge
- Provide resources for a high quality animal care program
- Provide mechanisms of oversight
- Provide security for personnel as well as animals under the institution's care

Some Real-World Scenarios (with Real-World Answers)

If you want to use animals in research or teaching at Michigan State University, what office do you contact to receive guidance?

IACUC office: IACUC@msu.edu

Some Real-World Scenarios (with Real-World Answers)

If you have trouble with an animal during your research study, who do you contact for help?

Veterinary Staff: carvets@msu.edu

Some Real-World Scenarios (with Real-World Answers)

If you have an animal welfare concern, what do you do?



It is the policy of Michigan State University

that all research and teaching animals receive the best possible care.

If you have concerns about our animals, please call any of the following:

Campus Animal Resources 517-884-8527 University Farms Veterinarian 517-512-3856 Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee 517-353-9705 Misconduct Hotline 800-763-0764 <u>http://misconduct.msu.edu/</u>

> After Hours, Weekends and Holidays University Police 517-355-2222

No one shall be discriminated against or be subject to any reprisal for reporting violations or deficiencies in animal care and use. Anonymous reports are acceptable.

HELP US TO ASSURE THE HUMANE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Good Animal Care and Good Science Go Hand-in-Hand

FASEB Statement of Principles for the Use of Animals in Research, Teaching and Testing

Now ... it's YOUR turn to provide us with feedback!

Is it acceptable to talk about animals on social media?



22%

20

Is it acceptable to talk about the educational use of animals on social media?

78%

105

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

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Is it acceptable to talk about your research with animals on social media?



Is it appropriate to use animals to study the effects of distress?



9%

20

yes

Is it acceptable to use animals to test products that may protect animals and humans?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

If animals are used to improve animal and human health, is it acceptable to perform studies that will knowingly cause pain?

Yes
No



20

105

27%

20

If animals are used to improve animal and human health, is it acceptable to use death as an end-point of a study?

105

Yes
No

9%

20

If it is acceptable to use animals to improve animal and human health, is it acceptable to use non-human primates?

91%

105

Yes
No

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Is it justified to prolong the life of a companion animal in chronic pain?



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