



Protection of Laboratory Animals

Directive 86/609/EEC

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Objective

- The protection of animals used for experimental or other scientific purposes, setting rules mainly on:
 - Accommodation and care
 - The way experiments have to be performed
 - The end of the experiment – reuse and freedom



Scope

- Vertebrate animals
- Used in:
 - Development, manufacture, quality, effectiveness and safety testing of drugs, foodstuffs and other substances or products
 - Protection of the environment, health and welfare of man and animal
- Outside scope:
 - Invertebrates
 - Foetal and embryonic form
 - Fundamental research, education and training

Experimental Animals



- Purpose bred: species listed in Annex I
- Animals to be obtained from breeding/supplying establishment
- No CITES Annex I animals to be used
- Individual identification mark for dogs, cats and non-human primates

Accommodation and Care



- Housing: guidelines in Annex II
- Daily checks of environmental conditions
- Competent person to observe well-being and state of health
- Defects of suffering to be eliminated as quickly as possible

Experiments



The Three Rs – reduce, replace, refinement

- Performed only if no alternative is available
- Choice of species, choice of experiments
- Designed to avoid distress, unnecessary pain and suffering
- Performed by competent authorised persons
- End of experiment:
 - Animals to be kept alive
 - Animals to be reused
 - Animals to be set free



Control Mechanisms

- Notification of experiments or of those conducting them
- Authorisation/justification of experiments involving severe pain
- Registration/approval of establishments (breeding, supply, user)
- Qualification of personnel
- Keep records/Periodic inspections

Reporting and Statistics



- MS to collect statistical information
 - Agreement on a set of 8 harmonised statistical tables
 - Key: deadlines, format, quality of data
- EU to report in intervals (not exceeding 3 years)
- The fifth EU report is under preparation (covering the year 2005)

Council of Europe Convention

ETS 123 1986

- European Community is Party since 1.11.1998
- Wider scope – fundamental research, education and training
- Implementing tool - Directive 86/609/EEC
- Housing and Care guidelines currently under revision at the Council of Europe

Areas of competences

Directive 86/609

ETS
123

Member States
who are Parties to 123
on their own right

Member States
who are
not parties to 123



Watch out!

- Requirements for statistical reporting
- Revision of Guidelines on housing and care of the Council of Europe Convention
- Revision of Directive 86/609



Thanks!

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Relationship between tables

