

University of Copenhagen Animal Ethics Policy



The University recognizes the need for society to use experimental animals in medical research. Individual scientists are obliged by Danish law to use animal studies only when no alternatives exist and when the benefits of the experiments outweigh the possible discomfort of the animals. In addition, they are obliged to use the principle of refinement of experimental methods. The Department of Experimental Medicine is the centralized AAALAC accredited animal facility of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Animal Welfare Committee has oversight of the use of animals and is responsible for optimization of animal welfare. The care and use of animals are in full compliance with the revised Council of Europe Convention ETS 123, the revised EU Directive 2010/63, and the ILAR Guide for the care and use of laboratory animals 8th edition, National Research Council 2011.

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