

### **SUND policy regarding the use of animals in teaching**

The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences' policy is that animals and experiments with animals can be used for educational activities if they are necessary to achieve the professional goals for the educations.

The use of animals is necessary in combination with teaching and training of students and researchers who use animals in their research.

Practical training in correct handling of laboratory animals, injections and administration methods, as well as sampling of blood and tissues, is necessary to ensure best practice and that animals used for research are treated in the most lenient manner possible.

The use of animals is also necessary for training of manual surgical skills, including microsurgery and laparoscopy, and for development of new surgical methodologies.

AEM has an extensive course activity, including mandatory license courses, and we consider competence among the laboratory animal technicians, scientists, and clinical veterinarians as a necessary foundation to ensure laboratory animal well-being.

Replacement of live animals in practicals with the aim to demonstrate biological mechanisms and principles in pharmacology, physiology and immunology with alternative audiovisual and computer-based technology is a development that the Faculty supports actively. Alternatives are being implemented as and when they become available.