

**TO:** ALL CONCERNED  
**FROM:** Rutgers Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS)  
**DATE:** November 15, 1993  
**SUBJEC:** Position Statement on Animal Experimentation

**MEMORANDUM**

Stated below is the general policy statement that is presently used by a number of the medical schools and voluntary health agencies pertaining to the use of animals in experimental procedures.

The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium has adopted the following statement on animal experimentation in accord with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals as approved by the Council of the American Physiological Society."

"Only animals that are lawfully acquired shall be used in this laboratory and their retention and use shall be in every case in strict compliance with state and local laws and regulations."

"Animals in the laboratory must receive every consideration for their bodily comfort; they must be kindly treated, properly fed and their surroundings kept in a sanitary condition."

"Appropriate anesthetics must be used to eliminate sensibility to pain during operative procedures. Where recovery from anesthesia is necessary during the study, acceptable techniques to minimize pain must be followed. Curarizing agents are not anesthetics. Where the study does not require recovery from anesthesia, the animal must be killed in a humane manner at the conclusion of the observations."

"The postoperative care of animals shall be such as to minimize discomfort and pain, and in any case shall be equivalent to accepted practices in schools of Veterinary Medicine."

"When animals are used by students for their education or the advancement of science, such work shall be under the direct supervision of an experienced teacher or investigator."