





Key points in animal experiments


- 1** **Before you start**, go through the work protocol and appendices with all people involved. Agree on actions to take in case of unexpected discomfort or humane endpoints.



- 2** Keep work protocol and appendices **near the animals**.



- 3** Observe and care for the animals according to work protocol and appendices as a minimum. Record welfare/discomfort and action taken in **welfare log**.

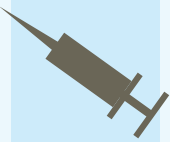

- 4** Always perform procedures as described in work protocol and **procedures checklist**, and initial when completed.



- 5** Within 2 weeks, have a colleague fill out the **Checklist Monitoring Animal Experiments**. Note findings and action. Keep in dossier. Plan a re-check every 3 months.



- 6** In case of **unexpected discomfort**: consult with team, veterinarian and/or AWB and take action. Mark animal and housing. Describe situation and progress in welfare log.


- 7** In case of **unexpected death**: consult with team, veterinarian and/or AWB and take action. Note details in welfare log.


- 8** In case of **humane endpoint**: proceed according to work protocol. If in doubt, consult veterinarian or AWB. Describe everything in welfare log. If applicable, send animal for autopsy.


- 9** If **changes** are desirable or necessary, use the Modification Form. When in doubt, or if urgent, consult AWB.


- 10** Work protocol finished? Fill out **welfare evaluation** and send to AWB and laboratory animal coordinator.



Dossier in order? Checklist

- a Have all **procedures** (group and individual) been initialled?
- b **Welfare log** initialled? At least 1x/7 days, more often if necessary.
- c Can the animals be **traced** to where they are in the experiment?
- d Have animals with unexpected discomfort been **noted**, is housing **marked**?
- e Are there **reports** of unexpected discomfort?
- f Has action on unexpected discomfort been **described**?
- g In case of mice/rats **over 1 year old**: is the reason included?
- h In case of **individual housing**: is there a description and reason?
- i In case of drop-out requiring **autopsy report**, is report included?
- j **Checklist for monitoring animal experiments** for each quarter included?

Want to be extra sure?

Ask questions, or request an audit from

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