



Animal Care Committee Guideline

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Statement on Animal Welfare

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The University of Guelph is thoroughly committed to the care and well-being of all animals in its research and teaching programs. The University strongly endorses and adheres to the principles espoused by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) pertaining to the well-being of animals, including the “Three Rs”. The “Three Rs”: (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement) are a set of guiding ethical principles to help replace, reduce, and refine animal use whenever possible. The university encourages the refinement of research procedures to reduce animal stress, and the improvement of animal housing whenever it is possible to do so.

The Animal Care Committee establishes procedures for dealing with concerns about the care and treatment of animals at the University of Guelph. CCAC Guidelines give the standards that must be adhered to.

To further excel in animal welfare, the university encourages animal users to persistently seek resources from around the world for references and guidelines that may reflect advanced ways of enhancing animal welfare. The following links cover good online resources and listings for further reading:

1. Canada (English version): The CCAC Three Rs micro-site:
http://www.ccac.ca/en/alternatives/refinement_raffinement/theme05.html
2. Canada (French version): The CCAC Three Rs micro-site:
http://www.ccac.ca/fr/alternatives/refinement_raffinement/theme05.html
3. Britain: The NC3Rs (National Centre for the 3Rs) ‘Information Portal’:
<http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/landing.asp?id=38>
4. The USDA Animal Welfare Information Centre:
http://awic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=3&tax_level=1&tax_subject=186
5. **EU** legislation on the protection of animals used for experiments:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/home_en.htm

6. The Norwegian Reference Centre for Laboratory Animal Science and Alternatives:
<http://oslovet.veths.no/dokument.aspx?dokument=62>
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