

Monash University Policy

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| Policy Title | Use of Animals in Coursework Programs Policy |
| Date Effective | 29-April-2009 |
| Review Date | 20-November-2009 |
| Policy Owner | Chair, Education Policy and Programs Committee |
| Category | Academic Quality and Standards |
| Version Number | 1.0 |
| Content Enquiries | Education Policy Unit |
| Scope | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coursework units • All campuses • All staff and students |
| Purpose | To replace, reduce and refine the use of animals in coursework programs. |
| POLICY STATEMENT | |

- Monash University adheres to all relevant national and Victorian legislation and codes of practice governing the use of animals in coursework programs.
- Monash is committed to replacing, reducing and refining the use of animals in coursework programs.
 - Animals used in coursework programs will be replaced by non-animal alternatives, unless this cannot be done without diminishing a program's educational value. Animals will not be used for teaching activities unless there are no alternatives that achieve all of the stated educational objectives.
 - Where replacement would diminish the program's educational value, the numbers of animals used in coursework programs will be reduced to the minimum necessary for achieving all of the program's stated educational objectives.
 - Where replacement would diminish the program's educational value, the techniques employed in using animals in coursework programs will be refined to reduce the adverse impact on animals. All use of animals will be guided by a genuine commitment to the welfare of the animals.

In coursework units using animals, students will be given the opportunity to discuss the ethical, social and scientific issues involved in the use of animals for scientific and educational purposes.

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| Supporting Procedures | Use of Animals in Coursework Programs Procedures |
| Responsibility for implementation | Deans Associate Deans (Education) Faculty Managers Animal Ethics Committees |
| Status | New |
| Approval Body | Name: Academic Board |

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| | <p>Meeting: 2-2009</p> <p>Date: 22-April-2009</p> <p>Agenda item: 13.2</p> |
| Endorsement Body | <p>Name: Education Committee</p> <p>Meeting: 1-2009</p> <p>Date: 18-February-2009</p> <p>Agenda item: 10.2.3</p> |
| Definitions | <p>Animal: Any live non-human vertebrate or higher-order invertebrate, including lobsters, crabs, crayfish, octopus, squid, cuttlefish or nautilus.</p> |
| Legislation Mandating Compliance | <p>Victorian Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Regulations</p> <p>Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes</p> |
| Related Policies | <p><i>Monash University Animal Welfare Committee Guidelines and Policies</i></p> <p>Guidelines on Euthanasia</p> <p>Policy on use of genetically modified animals</p> <p>Daily Monitoring of All Animals</p> <p>Monitoring of Animals Held Outside of Designated Animal Holding Areas</p> <p>Transportation of Mice and Rats between buildings & laboratories within a campus</p> <p>Acquiring Organs or Tissues from Animals</p> <p>Conduct of Field Work (including off-campus, overseas and collaborative research projects involving Monash University personnel)</p> <p>POCTA Act & Code of Practice Non-compliance Procedures</p> <p>Annual and Final Reports Policy</p> <p>Policy on the use of Pound Sourced Dogs</p> <p>Public Statements Concerning Animal Use and Welfare at Monash University</p> <p>Animal Breeding Guidelines</p> <p>Transporting Animals from Overseas, Interstate and Local Sources</p> |
| Related Documents | <p><i>Information on Alternatives to Animal Use</i></p> <p>Humane Research Australia</p> <p>Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Training</p> <p>European Centre for the Validation of Alternatives Methods</p> <p>Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments</p> <p>Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing</p> <p>Norwegian Reference Centre for Laboratory Animal Science and Alternatives</p> <p>UC Davis Center for Animal Alternatives Information</p> <p>Universities Federation for Animal Welfare</p> <p><i>Monash Guidelines and Forms</i></p> <p>Animal Ethics Application Form</p> |

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| | Monitoring and Role of the Animal House Staff Mouse Identification Methods High Topped Lids for Rat Caging Guidelines for Tumour Induction in Mice and Rats ANZCCART Euthanasia Guidelines Guidelines on Carbon Dioxide Euthanasia Routine Use of Analgesia after Every Painful Procedure Tail Tissue Collection Procedures for Genotyping Mice Blood Collection Guidelines Monoclonal Antibody Production Guidelines for Polyclonal Antibody Production Guidelines for Rabbit Housing at Monash University |
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