

Altasciences understands that animal research is crucial to advancing human and animal medical practices. Our role comes with the significant responsibility of ensuring the welfare of research animals, and we take it extremely seriously.

Adherence to the 3Rs is the cornerstone of our **Animal Welfare Program**. We are a gold sponsor of the North American 3Rs initiative. We maintain an unwavering focus on the welfare of the laboratory animals in our care. Our entire preclinical team is trained in laboratory animal care and focused on animal welfare and environmental enrichment — embracing compassion, sensitivity, and compliance with regulatory guidelines.



**Gold Sponsor**

Our methodologies, procedures, and equipment are refined to decrease stress on the animals, improve workflows, and ensure the success of your study.

- Animal Welfare Council consists of members from several departments
- Chief Animal Welfare Officer oversees the animal welfare program
- C.A.R.E. Contract/Pledge — Compassion, Alternatives, Reduction, Enrichment — signed by every employee, prioritizing the humane care of animals used in research
- Trained animal behaviorist leads a comprehensive environmental and animal enrichment program/team
- Social housing configurations for all species:
  - Dog kennels with interconnecting doors for additional socialization
  - Swine/minipig habitat caging configured to allow for snout-to-snout interactions
  - Tunnels and patios provide increased surface area, structural variability, and enhanced socialization options for NHP
- Humane endpoints utilized to minimize pain and discomfort
- Veterinary committee for decision-making in difficult euthanasia situations

## UNIQUE HANDLING, ANIMAL CARE, AND HOUSING

- Passive restraint NHP procedure cages
- EU-compliant group housing for NHPs
- Consistent healthcare, welfare, and enrichment from point of origin to final destination

**C.A.R.E.**

## EVERY STUDY, EVERY TIME

- A scientific expert ensures appropriate species selection and maximum information gained from each animal.
  - We conduct a review to ensure we use the minimum number of animals required to meet regulatory requirements.
  - We analyze the considerations for socialization, enrichment, and caging type.
  - Our on-site behaviorist evaluates the temperament and behavioral profile of each research animal and guides in animal selection.
  - The selected research animals are acclimated to handling procedures before study start
  - Positive reinforcement is used after all potentially stressful events, for all species
- After study completion, whenever possible and/or scientifically feasible, research animals are:
- Placed onto other appropriate studies
  - Transferred to our onsite training colony
  - Transferred to external breeding colonies
  - Included in our animal adoption program

At Altasciences, the humane and appropriate care of all animals is top priority. A solid team of professionals cares for and supports the animals at our facilities, at all times, and ensures the full commitment of staff at every level.