

Prioritizing the HUMANE CARE OF ANIMALS Used in Research



Altasciences considers the humane and appropriate care of all animals a high priority. As such, we have been vigilant in building a solid team of professionals to care for and support all of the animals under our responsibility, at all times. We honor the ethical and moral obligations we are given as a result of this responsibility.

Our Guiding Principles are applied to all research conducted within our organization:

- ♥ Use non-animal alternatives whenever possible — always in compliance with government regulatory requirements.
- ♥ Minimize the number of animals used by carefully preparing for each study.
- ♥ Conduct a thorough ethical review of all studies that use animals to balance the requirements of science/regulations with the welfare of animals.
- ♥ Regularly observe animals to promptly address any signs of distress and ensure the highest level of veterinary care.
- ♥ Ensure the best physical and mental health of our animals by continuously monitoring environmental conditions and assessing husbandry procedures.
- ♥ Maintain a work culture that emphasizes the importance of animal welfare whereby employees are encouraged to actively participate in ways to continuously enrich animal welfare practices.
- ♥ Implement and apply robust policies and training programs to ensure that the highest standard of animal care procedures and techniques are employed.
- ♥ Ensure access to dedicated animal enrichment staff and specialty behaviorists.
- ♥ Openly communicate the importance of adopting a humane and compassionate approach, actively fostering a culture of care towards all our animals.
- ♥ Commit to maintaining a moral responsibility to ensure the welfare and humane treatment of every single animal we use in research throughout all phases of the animal's life.

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**Compassion. Alternatives.
Reduction. Enrichment.**

At Altasciences Preclinical Services, our team is dedicated to animal welfare and environmental enrichment, and understands the importance of compassion, sensitivity, and adherence to regulatory guidelines.

