



Society of Toxicology

Position Statement Regarding the Use of Animals in Toxicology

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The Society of Toxicology is dedicated to the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge that improves the health and safety of humans and animals, and the protection of their environment.

To fulfill this objective, the Society is committed to:

- the design and conduct of the best possible scientific research;
- the continued use of laboratory animals in toxicological research and testing as necessary and vital to ensure and enhance the quality of human and animal health and the environment;
- the development and use of alternatives to the use of animals;
- the use of research designs that employ less painful or stressful procedures and improve animal care;
- a reduction in the number of animals used for research and testing when this is scientifically appropriate and valid.

The Code of Ethics of the Society of Toxicology states that each member shall observe the spirit as well as the letter of the laws, regulations, and ethical standards with regard to the welfare of humans and animals involved in any experimental procedures.