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Transportation of Animals for Research

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The Society of Toxicology (SOT) is committed to reduction in the number of animals used for research and testing when scientifically appropriate and valid.

Currently, research involving laboratory animals is necessary to ensure and enhance human and animal health and disease prevention. Although significant efforts are being made to replace them, at present, it is not possible to completely eliminate the use of laboratory animals.

Research using laboratory animals has led to elucidation of mechanisms by which drugs and other chemicals cause toxic responses as well as approaches for prevention and amelioration of their toxicity. Animal research also provides the basis upon which risk from exposure to drugs and other chemicals is estimated. Such research has contributed to a safer and healthier world.

The humane transport of research animals, conducted in compliance with government regulations and in accordance with strict, accepted standards, is essential for biomedical research to continue to progress. Reliance on expert, licensed animal couriers assures the safe and appropriate handling of these animals. The continued transport of research animals, when undertaken in an expert and responsible manner, is essential.

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