

Special Issue

Care and Well-Being of Laboratory Animals

Message from the Guest Editor

Ethological studies allow us to better understand the complexity of animals' sensory perceptions and suffering capacities. Thus, enormous responsibilities arise in the use and husbandry of experimental animals as sentient beings. Care work describes the unpaid and paid (re-)productive activities of mindfulness and solicitude, reflecting both caring and self-care. The concept of care, thus, refers to the everyday, recurring nursing and supervision of animals by animal caretakers. In addition, however, all stakeholders are involved in a far more comprehensive way. Thus, the concept of care also extends to the knowledge, organization and responsibility required in this process. It seems about time to change the perspective in terms of the animals' perception in order to meet their needs and demands. This special issue highlights the multifaceted aspects of care and wellbeing of laboratory animals from different professional perspectives, addressing ethical views as well as most recent insights from practice for practice.

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