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Maintain animal welfare, ethics and personal responsibilities in animal technology



Overview

This standard covers your personal responsibilities for maintaining your duty of care for animal health, welfare and ethics in your own work. It also includes the role of professional organisations and legislative requirements.

This standard is for all those working in animal technology in Home Office designated establishments.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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| P1 | comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment |
| P2 | be aware of project licence information/instructions in relation to day to day animal care and welfare |
| P3 | recognise indicators of pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm in animals |
| P4 | recognise and act on humane end points |
| P5 | report to the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS) and/or named person where there are animal welfare concerns |
| P6 | recognise the limitations of your authority and competence |
| P7 | maintain working relationships with colleagues, clients and customers |
| P8 | ensure that records are maintained in accordance with current legislation and organisational requirements |
| P9 | contribute to the ethical decision making process where appropriate |
| P10 | reflect on and evaluate the decision making process |
| P11 | support colleagues who wish to raise concerns about an ethical issue |

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K2 the following terms:
 - K2.1 Regulated procedure
 - K2.2 Designated establishment
- K3 the main objectives of the 3Rs:
 - K3.1 Replacement
 - K3.2 Reduction
 - K3.3 Refinement
- K4 the ethics of using animals for research in terms of pain and suffering, animal rights, benefits of project and experimental design
- K5 the role of the Home Office and codes of practice relevant to day to day welfare and husbandry including stocking densities and environmental conditions
- K6 the responsibilities of :
 - K6.1 the personal licence holder
 - K6.2 the project licence holder
- K7 the conditions attached to a personal licence under current legislation
- K8 the purpose of severity bands
- K9 the term 'humane end point'
- K10 the indicators of pain, suffering distress or lasting harm
- K11 the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS) or other named person in your place of work
- K12 categories of animals protected under current legislation
- K13 the importance of continuing professional development
- K14 the role of professional bodies for compliance, professional guidance and information
- K15 the importance of reflecting on your performance and decisions made
- K16 records which need to be kept and their significance

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