



The Safety Pharmacology Society recognizes that scientific and medical knowledge developed through animal research has saved countless lives, has improved human and animal health, and has alleviated pain and suffering. We support the judicious use of animals in research, education, and testing in the interests of human and animal welfare.

The research community should insist on humane and ethical treatment of any animals used in research, education, and testing. This community deeply recognizes its legal and ethical responsibilities to ensure that animals are not used needlessly and are spared all unnecessary pain and distress. This community is guided by the 3Rs philosophy of reducing the number of animals used for research, replacing animals with other methodologies when possible and refining their use where possible.

Recently, we have seen remarkable advances in the science of utilizing animals as models of human disease. These advances have led to critical discoveries and new prevention and treatment strategies for diseases that have plagued human and animal populations throughout history. These advances, in part, have been due to the controlled and regulated professional transportation of research animals which has facilitated the use of genetically modified strains and unique disease models. Research animal transportation has also reduced the need for redundant and wasteful breeding facilities and has enhanced the consistency of animal models. As such, the safe and reliable transportation of live research animals is of absolute importance to the biomedical research arena.

The Safety Pharmacology Society therefore supports the professional organizations working to provide this vital service as partners in the future of biomedical advancement.