



Openness/Transparency Initiatives

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Global Openness Efforts

Set of principles by which institutions collectively agree to provide more information to the public on animal studies

- UK - Concordat on Openness on Animal Research established in 2014
- Spain - Transparency Agreement established in 2016
- Portugal - Transparency Agreement established in 2018
- Belgium - Transparency Agreement launching soon
- Switzerland – Transparency Agreement will be introduced soon
- New Zealand/Australia- progress towards a transparency agreement
- France/Italy – Having discussions

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5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE BASEL DECLARATION SOCIETY

Openness and Transparency: Building Trust in Animal Research

14th – 15th February 2018 | at swissnex, Pier 17, San Francisco



<https://www.basel-declaration.org>

Policy Papers of the Conference

- Workshop 1 | Openness and Transparency in Animal Research
- Agreed to the concept of a U.S. Animal Research Openness Agreement
- Outlined broad principles which included:
 - We will enhance our communications about our research that uses animals
 - We will be clear about how, why and under what circumstances we use animals in research.
 - We will proactively provide opportunities for the public to learn about research with animals.
- Identified potential signatories





We concluded by identifying next steps which are:

- Form a working group of stakeholders
- Draft the Agreement
- Formulate a process to obtain feedback from potential signatories as the draft evolves

A U.S. Openness Agreement will affirm that its signatories will work towards meaningful public dialogue concerning animal research through practical steps and measurable objectives. We believe a shared agreement can be formed across U.S. institutions to engage in enhanced proactive and reactive communications about all aspects of research.

Speaking of research

YOUR SAY

We need to continue testing on animals



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Animal research plays a fundamental role in medical, veterinary and scientific progress. From the development of insulin and transplant surgery, to modern day advances — including gene therapies and cancer treatments — animals continue to play a crucial role in both basic and applied research. And it's not just humans who benefit — every veterinary treatment in existence is possible thanks to studies in animals.

However, such research can only continue with public support. Strict regulations and oversight reflect Americans' desire for animals to be treated

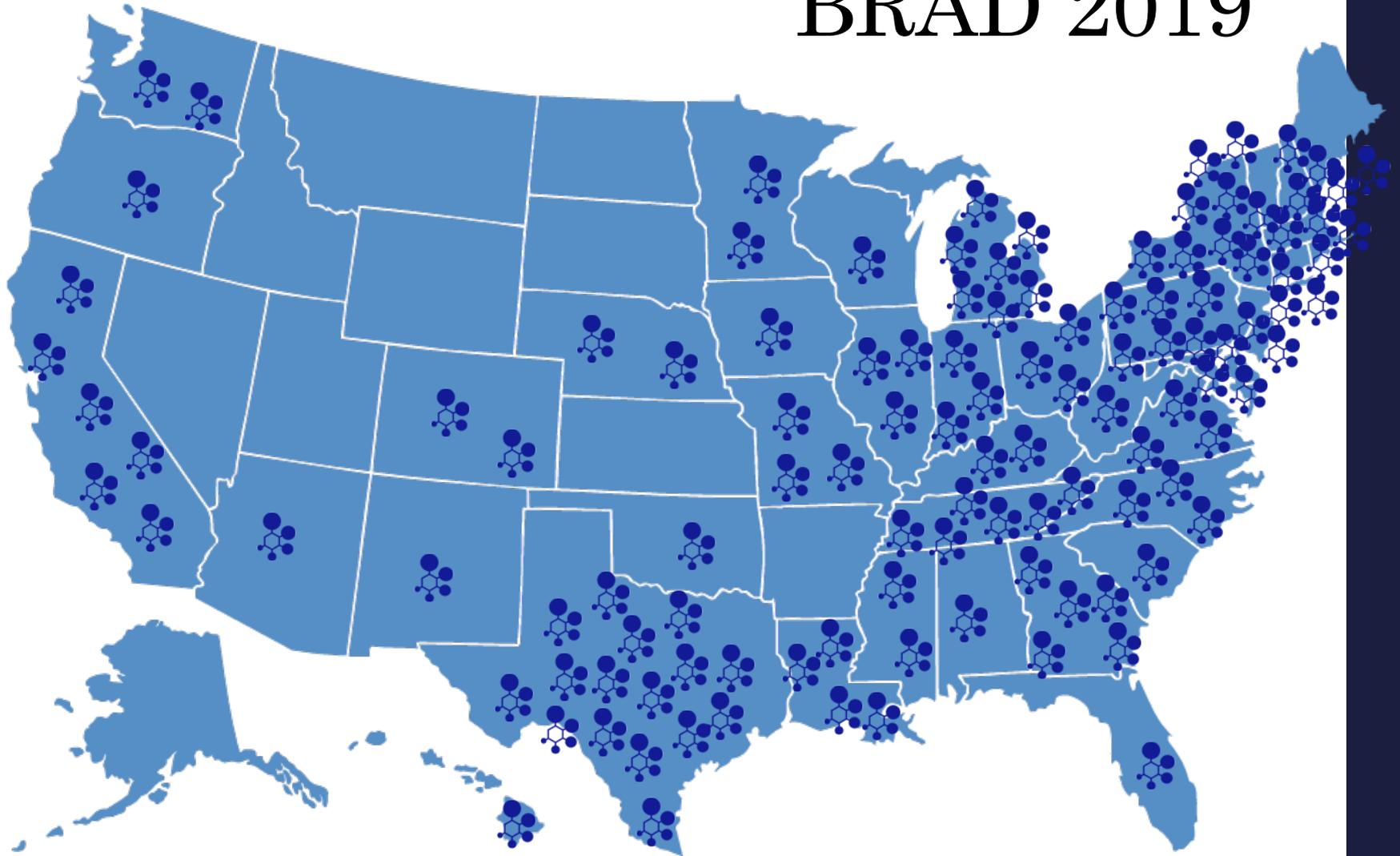
with care and respect. Furthermore, many studies rely on public funding.

We call upon our country's research institutions to embrace openness. We should proudly explain how animals are used for the advancement of science and medicine, in the interest of the well-being of humans and animals.

The letter was signed by 592 members of America's scientific community, including four Nobel Prize winners.

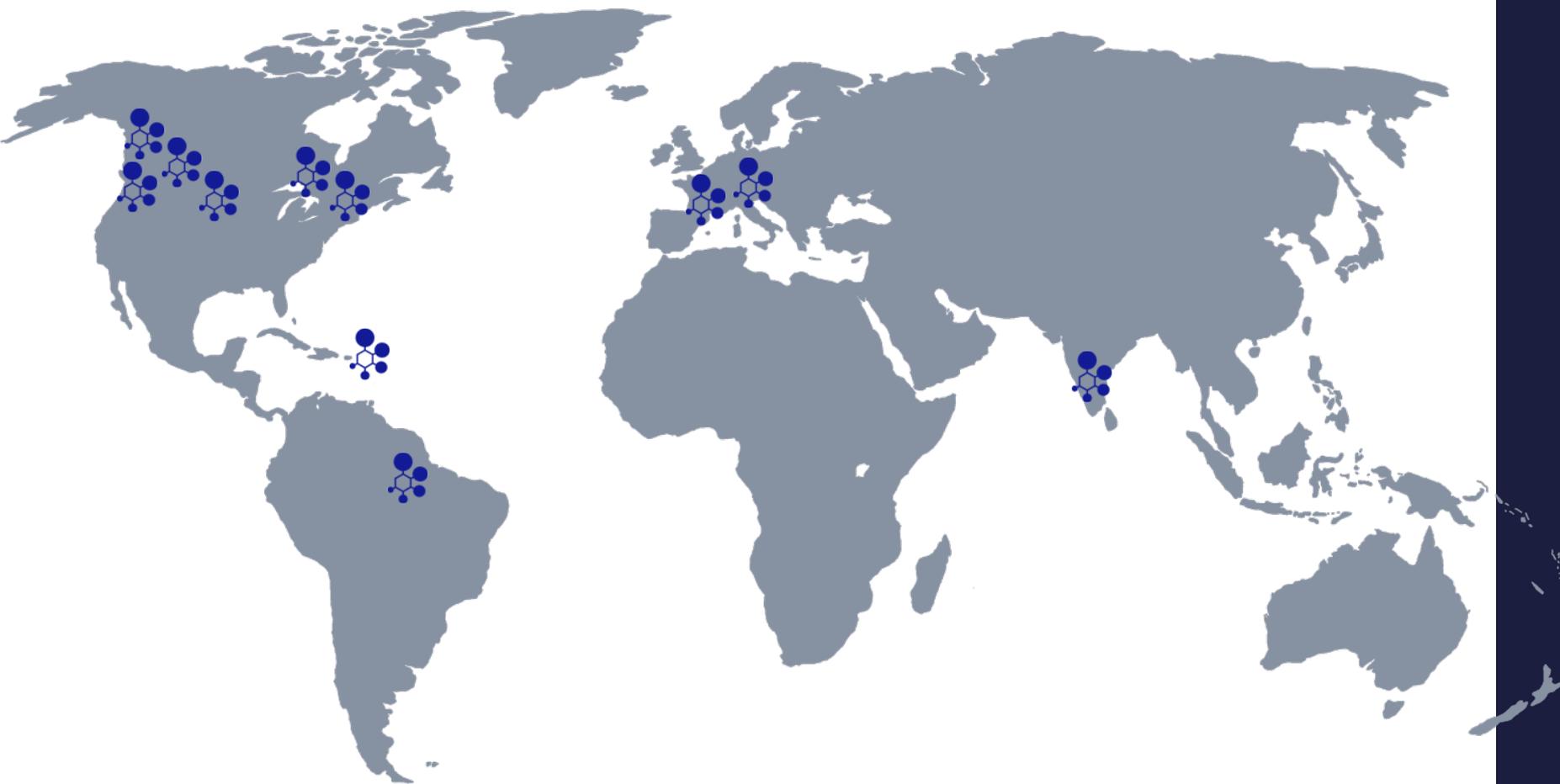
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Momentum picking up

The Meadville Tribune
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Meadville, PA

"While the college is not able to provide any additional information on this matter, I can offer assurance that we take animal care very seriously," Cole said. "In this case we took swift action, reported the incident openly to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, and will continue to follow and enforce relevant protocol and policies."



A Groundbreaking Study Is Good News for Cats—And People

"It's a major finding," [Rima McLeod](#) of the University of Chicago Medical Center told me. "It's the first time that the cat cycle has been recapitulated outside of cats." That breakthrough could spare a lot of felines, and compensate for the closure of the Maryland facility. "Now we won't have to use companion animals, which will make a lot of people happy, including us," Knoll says. "No one wants to use cats in their research."



Additional dogs set to arrive at Cleveland VA for controversial experiments

"The active canine research study will continue until it is complete, which includes two additional shipments. This study is necessary to better treat life-threatening health conditions in our Veterans.

Recently, a study involving researchers from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that depended on canine-research methods reported on devices that restored effective breathing and coughing to Veterans living with spinal cord injuries (SCI). The patients now can breathe without a positive pressure ventilation device, and cough effectively.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

Animal rights group files complaint against Hopkins in 2017 death of monkey

Audrey Huang, a Hopkins spokeswoman, called the 2017 marmoset death a "tragic accident" and said the university complies with U.S. Department of Agriculture laws and other relevant regulations.

"In this case, all reporting was done swiftly, corrective actions were put into place immediately and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare found no cause for further action, and Johns Hopkins is ready to cooperate with the USDA," Huang said in an emailed statement.



Scientists concerned over US environment agency's plan to limit animal research

"I don't think anyone would be saddened by reducing animal research," says Laura Vandenberg, an environmental health scientist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. But she fears that the EPA is effectively tying its own hands.





ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING

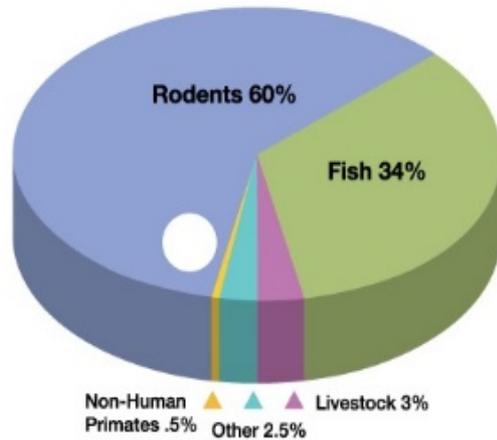
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WHY ANIMAL RESEARCH MATTERS

Animal research is an indispensable tool for understanding complex living organisms, and many University of Wisconsin-Madison research programs study animals as models of human disease and to explore basic biological processes. The university's commitment to responsible and ethical research conducted under the attention of skilled veterinarians continues a long history of improving human and animal health and well-being.



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Source: UW-Madison Research Animal Resources Center (RARC)

Animals in Research at UW-Madison



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Documents

USDA inspection reports

On rare occasions and despite our best efforts, UW-Madison is cited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for events or conditions related to the care and welfare of animals used in research. This page links to specific citations received by the university as well as detailed explanations. For more information about these or other perceived animal care and use issues, contact [Allyson J. Bennett](#), faculty director of the UW-Madison Animal Program.

May 9, 2017: [Inspection report: Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care, housing facilities, environment enhancement and feeding](#)

May 23, 2016: [Inspection report: Facilities and attending veterinarian and veterinary care](#)

May 5, 2016: [Inspection report: Watering and miscellaneous](#)

April 2, 2015: [Inspection report: Animal welfare \(no non-compliant items\)](#)

Sept. 22, 2014: [Inspection report: Personnel, housing and miscellaneous](#)

Aug. 25, 2014: [Inspection report: Research review process \(no non-compliant items\)](#)

Aug. 27, 2013: [Inspection report: Animal welfare \(no non-compliant items\)](#)

Dec. 13, 2012: [Inspection report: Thermal injury](#)

<https://animalresearch.wisc.edu/>



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Statements about animal research



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC

Statement on Animal Use in Education and Research

American University adheres to the principle that scientific knowledge developed through animal research helps to improve the understanding of human behavior and pathology. The use of animal models provides a way to gain insight into the etiology and possible treatment of the human condition, alleviating pain and suffering, improving human and animal health and saving countless lives. Although the scope of education and research projects involving animal use is small compared with other research universities, AU places a high priority on reducing the number of animals used for instruction and research to situations only when necessary for scientific advancement and only when educational and research objectives cannot be achieved by alternative means. Further, the university insists on humane and ethical treatment of animals used to further these purposes.



VA Animal Research Program



Animal research has saved the lives of millions of Veterans, and will continue to do so.

[Overview](#) of Animal Research in VA

To conduct the research needed to improve medical care, we sometimes have to work with animal models. Studying animals is still the only scientifically viable way to get some of the knowledge we need to improve human health, and indeed the health of other animals that benefit from veterinary care. VA allows research with animals only if it is scientifically necessary and if animal-welfare safeguards are adhered to.



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Explanations, Images, Videos

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Researchers Look to Mice to Better Understand the Formation of Dangerous Blood Clots

Recent research from Michigan Medicine scientists may help solve the mystery of how to detect and deal with higher-than-usual blood clot risk in patients who have experienced unprovoked venous thromboembolism. The

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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

USDA Inspection Reports

The University of Washington is inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at least annually, as are all institutions registered to conduct animal research in compliance with the regulations and standards of the [Animal Welfare Act \(AWA\)](#). These inspections — of records, the research facilities, and the animals in them — are unannounced. Additionally, we promptly report non-compliant incidents to the USDA and other regulatory and oversight bodies, and these may be reviewed during an inspection.

We are voluntarily posting to this open web site the USDA inspection reports because we believe in openness and transparency about the important work that we do. Below are summaries, click the date to see the full report.

June 4th, 2019 – Seattle

Items Identified for Correction	Corrective Action Plan
Self-reported: An incident of diversion of a controlled substance led to one nonhuman primate possibly receiving less than the optimum dosing of an opioid analgesic during clinical treatment. The animal did receive other pain relievers and did not appear clinically painful and recovered uneventfully. Also, during the inspection a controlled drug cabinet was found open and unattended with the key in the lock.	The employee involved in the incident has been terminated from employment. This drug has been transferred to a central safe with limited access and is not in the lock box at the individual facilities. If an animal needs the medication, aliquots are taken out to do the treatment. The principal investigator of the lab with the open drug cabinet has placed a reminder sign on the procedure room door where the drug cabinet is located and reassigned the individual responsible for controlled substances in the lab. In addition, the research facility has reiterated the expectation that all researchers must keep their controlled substances secure at all times.



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Animal Care & Use FAQs



Why does U-M conduct animal research?



What kinds of animals are used in research?



Who cares for the animals?



Who is responsible?



What is U-M's position on the transport of laboratory animals for research?



Does the University use animals from shelters or "Class B" dealers as part of its research program?



Does the University use primates in animal research?



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Communicating About Animal Research with the Public FREE

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