Future Topical Updates to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals"- A Workshop Meeting Book April 23-24, 2024

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# Agenda Day 1: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 9am-5pm ET

8:30am-9am ET	Workshop sign in
9:00am-9:15am ET	<ul> <li>Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>Susana Rodriguez, Program Officer, National Academies</li> <li>Jeffrey Everitt, DVM, Committee Co-Chair</li> <li>Jennie Lofgren, DVM, Committee Co-Chair</li> </ul>
9:15am-9:25am ET	BAHSCR Overview  ◆Robert C. Dysko, DVM, DACLAM
9:25am–9:55am ET	Perspectives on the 8th edition Guide process  • Janet Garber, DVM, PhD
9:55am-10:15am ET	Standing Committee for the Care and Use of Animals-Overview  • James G. Fox, DVM, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
10:15am-10:25am ET	Break
10:25am–11:25am ET	Listening Sessions-Overview  Susan Harper, DVM, National Institutes of Health Robert Sikes, PhD, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
11:25am-11:55am ET	Overview of VCRACW Survey

Kate Storves, DVM/DACLAM, Intuitive Surgical

11:55am–12:05pm ET Summary of Morning Overview Sessions

Jennie. Lofgren, Committee Co-Chair

12:05am-12:35am ET Lunch

12:35pm-1:45pm ET Session 1: Challenges of Using the *Guide* for Regulatory Purpose

• 12:35-12:40pm:

Introduction: Kelly Decker, FDA

•12:40-12:55pm:

Michael Huerkamp, DVM/DACLAM, Emory University

•12:55-01:10pm:

Axel Wolff, DVM, NIH OLAW

•01:10-1:25pm:

Louis DiVincenti, DVM/MS/DACLAM/DACAW, USDA APHIS

•1:25-1:40pm:

Taylor Bennett, DVM/PhD/DACLAM/DACAW, NABR

•1:40-1:45pm:

Moderator: Sherrie Jean, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2:00pm-3:25pm ET Session 2: Use of the Guide

•2:00-2:05pm:

Introduction: Katherine Thibault, Battelle, National Ecological Observatory Network

•2:05-2:20pm:

Stacy Pritt, DVM/ CPIA/CHRC/DACAW, Texas A&M University System

•2:20-2:35pm:

Joe Kornegay, DVM/PhD/ DACVIM, Chair, Board of Directors, AAALAC International

•2:35-2:50pm:

Philippe Baneux, DVM, Diplomate ECLAM, Consultant

•2:50-3:05pm:

Monika Burns, DVM, DACLAM, Novartis

•3:05-3:20pm:

Debra L. Hickman, DVM/DACLAM/DACAW, AAALAC International

•3:20-3:25pm:

Moderator: Laurie Brignolo, University of California Davis

03:25pm-03:35pm ET Break

3:35pm-4:45pm ET Session 3: Performance and Engineering Standards

•3:35-3:40pm:

Introduction: Jeffrey Everitt, Duke University School of Medicine

•3:40-3:55pm:

Paul Meechan, PhD. Biorisk Consultant

•3:55-4:10pm:

Mark Churchland, PhD, Columbia University

•4:10-4:25pm:

Kate Pritchett-Corning, DVM, Harvard University

•4:25-4:40pm:

Steve Niemi, DVM, Boston University

•4:40-4:45pm:

Moderator: Elaine Kim, KBR Wyle Services, LLC

# 4:45am-5:00pm ET

# Day 1 Workshop Wrap Up

Jeffrey Everitt, DVM, Committee Co-ChairJennie Lofgren, DVM, Committee Co-Chair

#### 5pm ET

**END of DAY 1** 

# Agenda Day 2: Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 9am-5pm ET

# 8:30am-9am ET

# Workshop sign in

#### 9:00am-10:30am ET

# **Session 4: Key Topics in Housing and Husbandry**

•9:00-9:05am:

Introduction: Susan Harper, National Institutes of Health

•9:05-9:25am

Brianna Gaskill, PhD, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research

•9:25-9:45am:

Mollie Bloomsmith, PhD, Emory University

•9:45-10:05am:

Mary Ann Vasbinder, DVM, DACLAM, GSK

• 10:05-10:25am:

Raphael Malbrue, DVM, University of Virginia

• 10:25-10:30am:

Moderator: James G. Fox, MIT

# 10:30am-10:40pm ET

#### **Break**

# 10:40am-11:40am T

# Session 5: Global Implications of the Guide

•10:40-10:45am:

Introduction: James G. Fox, MIT

•10:45-11:10am:

Patricia V. Turner MS/DVM/DVSc/DACLAM/DABT/ DECAWBM (AWSEL), University of Guelph

•11:10-11:35am:

Gary Borkowski, DVM/DACLAM, AAALAC International

•11:35-11:40am:

Moderator: Jennie Lofgren, Novartis

# 11:40am-12:10pm ET

Lunch

#### 12:10pm-01:20pm EST

#### Session 6: Emerging Issues for the Guide

•12:10-12:15pm:

Introduction: Douglas L. Brining, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

•12:15-12:30pm:

Laura Conour, DVM/ACLAM, Princeton University

•12:30-12:45pm:

Sally Thompson-Iritani, DVM/PhD/CPIA/CCFP, University of Washington

•12:45-1:00pm:

Patrick Lester, DVM/MS/DACLAM, University of Michigan and

Tara Martin, DVM/DACLAM, University of Michigan

• 1:00-1:15pm:

Kristen Weishaar, DVM/MS/Diplomate ACVIM (Oncology), Colorado State University

• 1:15-1:20pm:

Moderator: Elaine Kim, KBR Wyle Services, LLC

#### 01:20pm-03:30pm ET

#### Session 7: Format of the Guide

• 1:20-1:25pm:

Introduction: Robert S. Sikes, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

• 1:25-1:45pm:

Cia Johnson, DVM, AVMA

• 1:45-2:05pm:

Cassandra Tucker, PhD, University of California - Davis

•2:05-2:25pm:

Zoltan Varga, PhD, Zebrafish International Resource Center (ZIRC) at University of Oregon

•2:25-2:45pm:

Jori Leszcynski, DVM/DACLAM, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

•2:45-3:05pm:

Paul Stapp, PhD, California State University Fullerton

•3:05-3:25pm:

Aubrey Schoenleben, PhD, University of Washington and

Sally Thompson-Iritani, DVM/PhD/CPIA/CCFP, University of Washington

•3:25-3:30pm:

Moderator: Laurie Brignolo, University of California Davis

#### 03:30pm-03:35pm ET

#### **Break**

# 03:35pm-04:45pm ET

# **Session 8: Managing Programs of the Future**

•3:35-3:40pm:

Introduction: James G. Fox, MIT

•3:40-3:55pm:

Neil Lipman, VMD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

•3:55-4:10pm:

Thomas C. Smith, 3Flow

•4:10-4:25pm:

Kishor Khankari, PhD, AnSight LLC

•4:25-4:40pm

Szczepan Baran, VMD/MS, VeriSIM Life

•4:40-4:45pm:

Moderator: Jeffrey Everitt, Duke University School of Medicine

#### 04:45pm-05:00pm ET

#### **Day 2 Workshop Wrap Up**

- Jeffrey Everitt, DVM, Committee Co-Chair
- Jennie Lofgren, DVM, Committee Co-Chair

5pm ET

**END** of DAY 2

#### **DEI Statement**

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#### STATEMENT OF TASK

A workshop planning committee will be convened by the National Academies to explore topics of interest related to potential, future updates to the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide, 8th edition, NRC 2011). The workshop will build upon listening sessions that the Standing Committee for the Care and Use of Animals in Research (Standing Committee) held during the past year as it has explored various themes to inform future updates or revisions to the Guide. The workshop will serve as an event to share information and gather knowledge on topics including, but not limited to:

- Role of regulatory agency policies and their impact on the Guide.
- Possible new dissemination formats and content management of the Guide that would have the potential to provide increased usability and accessibility of information to the animal research and welfare communities.
- The use of terminology in the Guide.
- Topics related to institutional animal care and use committees (IACUCs), such as challenges of using the Guide by IACUCS with perspectives from large and small institutions.
- The role and responsibilities of IACUCs in ethical decisions, scientific merit review, harm-benefit analysis, rigor and reproducibility.
- Topics related to housing, international housing regulations, and their impacts on animal behavior and welfare.
- Relevant guidelines (e.g., AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia, Taxon-specific Guides, Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL), Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Training (the Ag Guide), ARRIVE Guidelines) that could be included in the Guide to support recommendations.
- Other topics of potential relevance to future Guide updates raised by the planning committee or workshop participants.

The planning committee will plan and organize the workshop, select, and invite speakers and moderate the discussions. The presentations and discussions from the workshop will be summarized by a rapporteur-prepared Proceedings-in-Brief in accordance with institutional guidelines.

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Jennifer Lofgren (Co-Chair) is the Global Head of Animal Welfare Compliance at Novartis Pharmaceuticals, where she leads a global team in providing ethical and compliance oversight to all Novartis sponsored animal studies, as well as advancing the 3Rs. Prior to this she was an Associate Attending Veterinarian at the University of Michigan Medical School where she co-founded the Refinement and Enrichment Advancements Laboratory. Jennifer completed a research fellowship with the Pain and Animal Welfare Sciences group at Newcastle University. Jennifer became an ACLAM Diplomate following completion of a post-doctoral training program at the MIT and earning her DVM and MS degrees from Tufts University. Jennifer is the chair of the Institutional Official's Consortium, the co-chair for the IACUC Conference Planning Committee with Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, and board member for Americans for Medical Progress. Jennifer is a past Board of Directors member of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine and recently coedited the 3rd edition of Anesthesia and Analgesia in Laboratory Rodents. Jennifer has authored 27 peer reviewed articles and book chapters and was honored with the 2021 Outstanding Alumni Award from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Laurie Brignolo is the Associate Vice Chancellor of the UC Davis Research and Teaching animal care program. In this role, she leads a well-constructed, coordinated effort to harmonize the decentralized animal care program. She serves as the Attending Veterinarian for the extremely diverse animal care program. This program which averages 1400 active animal care and use protocols covers the use of nearly 5 million animals and is one of the largest in the United States. The UC Davis animal care program includes over 300 separate buildings and nearly 1 million square feet of vivarium, outdoor caging and pasture space. She serves on the Board of Directors of both the California Biomedical Research Association and the National Biomedical Research Association. She has been a part of AAALAC since 2014 and has been on council since 2021. She is an ACLAM diplomate and received the ACLAM mentor award in 2021. Dr. Brignolo completed her veterinary degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1993 and her Laboratory Animal Medicine Residency program at UC Davis in 1996. She is active in several laboratory animal organizations including the Association of Primate Veterinarians, American Association of Laboratory Animal Practitioners and both local and national AALAS.

James G. Fox is a professor post tenure in the Department of Biological Engineering and the founding director of the Division of Comparative Medicine at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Fox is considered an international authority on the epidemiology and pathogenesis of gastric and enterohepatic Helicobacters in humans and animals. His laboratory developed the ferret as a model for both Campylobacter and Helicobacter associated disease as well as the first rodent model to study Helicobacter associated gastric disease including gastric cancer. Dr. Foxhas received numerous scientific awards and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2004. He has been the principal investigator of an NIH postdoctoral training grant for veterinarians for 30 years and has trained 80 veterinarians, physicians, and PhDs for careers in biomedical research. Dr. Fox received his MS from Stanford University and his DVM from the Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Fox served on ILAR Council from 2005-2011 and currently co-chairs the Standing Committee for the Care and Use of Animals in Research.

**Dr. Michael E. Goldberg** is the David Mahoney Professor of Brain and Behavior in the Departments of Neuroscience, Neurology, Psychiatry, and Ophthalmology at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He moved to Columbia University in 2001. In his research, he uses vision and eye movements to explore the physiology of cognitive processes such as visual attention and spatial perception. More recently he has begun to study the physiology of cognitive, non-motor processes in the cerebellum and the role of oculomotor proprioception in the generation of long-term visuospatial attention. He still practices clinical neurology as a neurohospitalist at the Columbia University Medical Center. He is a past president of the Society for Neuroscience, an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, and an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He graduated from Harvard College in Biochemical Sciences (1963), and Harvard Medical School (1968), and did a residency in neurology at the Harvard Longwood Program (1972-1975). He was Dr. Robert Wurtz's first postdoctoral fellow (1969-1972), and a founding member of the Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research.

**Dr. Susan Harper** currently serves as the Deputy Director for the NIH Office of Animal Care and Use. She has consulted, lectured, and published on various topics related to agricultural animal health and welfare; aquaculture; emergency response and contingency planning; biocontainment and biosecurity relevant to animal program operations; research safety; and occupational health. Dr. Harper is an active member of numerous professional veterinary and safety organizations, maintains status as a diplomate in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) and the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine (ACVPM); is a Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP) through the American Biological Safety Association (ABSA); and serves on AAALAC International Council. She earned a BS in Agriculture from West Virginia University and DVM from Louisiana State University, prior to starting her professional career in large animal practice. After several years in clinical medicine, she enrolled in a post-doctoral residency and masters program in comparative medicine at the Penn State University College of Medicine. She served as Penn State faculty for 2 years before transitioning to a federal career that includes service at several different Departments and Agencies.

**Dr. Sherrie Jean** is Deputy Branch Chief for the Comparative Medicine Branch in the Division of Core Laboratory Services and Response at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. She also serves as a contract/relief veterinarian with Petlq and the Dekalb County Animal Shelter. Prior to joining the CDC, Dr. Jean worked as a Clinical Veterinarian at University of Southern California and Emory National Primate Research Center. Dr. Jean is a boarded diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DACLAM) and has 17 years of experience supporting infectious disease models including experience working in high containment. Dr. Jean is the 2023-2024 President for the Association of Primate Veterinarians (APV). Dr. Jean's other professional activities include being an AAALAC Ad Hoc Specialist and an AVMA Council on Education Site Visitor. Dr. Jean received her bachelor of science (2003) and doctorate of veterinary medicine (2007) from Louisiana State University. She completed a residency in laboratory animal

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Elaine Kim is a Senior Technical Professional for KBR Wyle Services LLC, providing IACUC administrative support to the Chief Veterinary Officer at NASA. She organizes and collaborates on animal care and use policy and education. Her previous work experience in IACUC administration was at a land grant university with a veterinary school where the breadth of research spanned from traditional rodent biomedical research, emerging infectious diseases in atypical species (with biocontainment), food/fiber research and teaching, to veterinary teaching, translational research of veterinary clinical studies, FDA-regulated studies, and wildlife research, teaching, and management activities. She served on NASEM planning committee for the workshop on Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species and Biodiversity. Currently, she is a steering committee member on the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) Compliance Unit Standard Procedures (CUSP). Elaine earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Bioresource Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley, and is also a Certified Professional in IACUC Administration (CPIA).

Richard Nakamura, Ph.D. was the Director of the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 2011 to his retirement from Federal service in April 2018. He led CSR's 500 scientists and administrative staff, overseeing their efforts to manage 80,000 incoming NIH grant applications a year. Before 2011, Dr. Nakamura had a 32-year tenure at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), where he served as both Scientific Director and Deputy Director of the institute. His scientific research area was cognitive neuroscience of non-human primates. He was Acting Director of NIMH from 2001 to 2002. His awards included the Presidential Rank Award for outstanding leadership. Dr. Nakamura currently serves as a volunteer in the following: AAALAC International Board of Directors; Society for Neuroscience Committee on Animals in Research, NAS Institute for Laboratory Animal Research Standing Committee, American Institute for Biological Sciences Board of Directors and NIMH. Dr. Nakamura earned his B.A. in psychology from Earlham College and received his Ph.D. in psychology from SUNY Stony Brook. Dr. Nakamura has expertise in several areas, including the grant award and policy process at NIH, cognitive and comparative neuroscience, and ethics in science.

Robert S. Sikes, Ph.D. is professor emeritus in the Department of Biology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His research has been conducted exclusively on wild vertebrates and has focused primarily on topics in behavioral and evolutionary ecology. Dr. Sikes served as chair of his institution's animal care and use committee and as director of the animal care facility. Dr. Sikes is Past President of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) and currently serves as the ASM co-chair of the Animal Care and Use Committee. He has been lead author of the last two revisions of the ASM's Guidelines for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research and Education. Dr. Sikes is a regular author and speaker on topics concerning the use and oversight of wild animals in research. Dr. Sikes served in 2023 as a Fulbright Specialist on oversight of research activities involving wildlife in Colombia and currently serves as a member of AAALAC International Council on Accreditation. He received his doctorate in Zoology from the University of Minnesota in 1994. He served as a member of the ILAR Council and currently serves on the NASEM Standing Committee for the Care and Use of Animals in Research.

#### **STAFF BIOGRAPHIES**

Kavita Berger, Ph.D. is the Board Director of the Board on Life Science and Co-Director of the Board on Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. She is a life scientist with extensive experience in biological science and security policy. Throughout her career, she has worked on problems at the intersection of health, science, national security, and policy. Dr. Berger was previously a Principal Scientist at Gryphon Scientific, and led several projects involving the analysis of biosecurity and biodefense policy and risk and benefits of life science research and technologies. Recently, Dr. Berger led system-based analyses of the entire U.S. biosecurity and biodefense policy landscape and of dual use capabilities of scientists. She also has led a comparative analysis of genome editing technologies, examination of biosecurity considerations associated with high-consequence pathogens and enabling biotechnologies, and development of scenario-based training exercises on laboratory biosecurity and biosafety concepts in the Middle East and North Africa. Dr. Berger was responsible for several biosecurity and biodefense initiatives at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). At AAAS, she developed activities that engaged Washington-DC-based science policy and security experts on topics ranging from health security to biological weapons. These efforts provided opportunities for scientists to bring their knowledge and experience to current security policy dialogues and for the security policy community to better understand the broader implications of science and technology. Dr. Berger's interest in looking between the lines of policy and practice led her to initiate two significant activities at AAAS, both of which have influenced her work at Gryphon Scientific. One activity was to promote dialogue between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and university officials to enhance their familiarity with each other, find common ground, and promote trust-building. For the FBI, she led a project involving evaluation of national and transnational security implications of big data in the life sciences. The second activity was to engage scientists across the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia to work together to prevent biosecurity threats. Dr. Berger has served on a National Research Council committee on U.S. - Russia bilateral engagement in the biological sciences and biotechnology. Dr. Berger has a Ph.D. in genetics and molecular biology from Emory University and conducted pre-clinical research on HIV and smallpox vaccines.

Robin Schoen is the Director of the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR) of the congressionally chartered, not-for-profit National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. BANR is the program unit of the Academies responsible for bringing scientific experts together around issues related to food and agricultural production, forestry, wildlife, and the use of land, water, and other natural resources, in response to requests from Congress and the federal agencies, states, and the private sector. BANR's recent work is diverse and includes a study to identify science breakthroughs to advance food and agricultural research by 2030; a review of the citrus greening research portfolio of the Florida citrus growers; and a technical document of the nutrient requirements of poultry, among other activities. Robin joined BANR in 2005 from the Academies' Board on Life Sciences and Office of International Affairs, and before that, the National Institutes of Health. A native Washingtonian, Robin received a B.S. in biology and chemistry from Frostburg State College, Maryland, and an M.A. in Science and Technology Policy from George Washington University.

**Nia Johnson** recently joined the Division of Earth and Life Studies as a Program Officer in the Board on Life Sciences. She currently oversees the Roundtable on Science and Welfare in Laboratory Animal Use and is supporting the Engaging a Trusted Scientific Network in Southeast Asia to Counter Misleading Information about Biological Threats study. As the Roundtable responsible staff officer, she will also be overseeing the two upcoming Roundtable workshops, Effective Communication with the General Public about Scientific Research that Requires the Care and Use of Animals - A Workshop and the Contingency Planning and Training of Personnel Rule (APHIS-2020-0101), One Year of Implementation - A Workshop. Nia is a nineteen-year veteran of the National Academies and has spent much of her career at NAS in the Division on Engineering

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Susana Rodriguez, Ph.D., is a program officer with the Board on Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research. She supports the Standing Committee for Care and Use of Animals in Research. She is project staff for the Committee on the Review and Transmission and Geographic Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in U.S. Cervid Populations and is collaborating on a cross-divisional project addressing the synthetic opioid addiction and overdose crisis in the United States. Other National Academies studies she supported include a consensus study on nonhuman primate models in biomedical research. Prior to joining the National Academies in 2022. Dr. Rodriguez worked as a Senior Research Specialist at the Center for Metabolism and Obesity Research at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (JHSOM) investigating the molecular mechanisms that cells and animals utilize in response to nutritional and metabolic cues. For her postdoctoral work at JHSOM in the Department of Physiology, she characterized the metabolic functions of a novel and highly conserved family of secreted proteins that are altered by nutritional, metabolic, and disease states in the liver, aging kidney, and heart. Before starting her postdoctoral research, Dr. Rodriguez worked as an Evaluation Research Assistant for BioEYES, a science education program at the Carnegie Institution for Science, Department of Embryology. Dr. Rodriguez received her Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry from the JHUSOM. Her doctoral research focused on developing chemical-genetic tools to control the spatial and temporal expression of metabolic enzymes involved in regulating skeletal muscle metabolism in mammalian cells. For her postbaccalaureate research, she conducted fetal glycogen metabolism research in the Department of Endocrinology at Boston Children's Hospital. She earned her B.A. in Chemistry with a minor in Biology at California State University Dominguez Hills.

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manager and veterinarian in the laboratory animal science division at GlaxoSmithKline. She has also served as an instructor at multiple institutions including Mount Ida College, Thomas Jefferson University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Pennsylvania. Laura earned her Bachelor of Science in veterinary medicine and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in comparative medicine at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and a second post-doctoral fellowship in an NIH-funded Biomedical Training Program with the Washington University Department of Psychiatry, where she develop and refined models of alcoholism. Laura became a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine in 1999.

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**Dysko, Robert C.**, DVM. is Active Emeritus Professor at the University of Michigan, having retired from full-time service in January 2024. Prior to his retirement, he was a faculty member of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM) at the University of Michigan since 1990. During his tenure he has had many responsibilities within the Unit including oversight of all campus animal facility design and construction projects, direction of the rodent health surveillance program, membership on the University's and Ann Arbor Veterans Affair's animal care and use committees, and director of the program for training graduate veterinarians in laboratory animal medicine and comparative medical research. From July 2012 - June 2017 he was the fourth Director in ULAM's 50-year history. He has been active in the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, serving on its Executive Board from 2008-2012, and in the role of President in 2011; the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, serving on its Board of Directors from 2000-2003; and the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges, serving on its Board of Directors from 2013-2017 as the at-large representative for Departments of Comparative Medicine. Dysko received a B.S. in zoology and DVM from lowa State University and completed a residency in laboratory animal medicine at the University of Michigan. He has been involved with the National Academies since 2014, when he joined the Roundtable on Science

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Care (D2C) program which provides support and Compassion Resiliency resources for personnel that care and work with research animals and serves as a mentor for the UW One Health Program OHHAI (Occupational Health at the Human-Animal Interface) that trains physicians on the role of One Health in our society. Other areas of emphasis are development of novel ways to support animal welfare and decrease regulatory burden by standardization of procedures (Compliance Unit Standard Procedure (CUSP) partnered with Federal Demonstration Partnership), and utilization of Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) to minimize stress when working with research animals. She is involved nationally with the North American 3Rs Collaborative, US Openness Initiative, American Society for Laboratory Animal Practitioners and locally with the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research and the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association.

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## **ADVANCED READING**

- The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th Edition
- AAALAC's Three Primary Standards
- AVMA guidelines for the euthanasia of animals

- PHS Policy on Human Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
- NIH ACD Working Group on Enhancing Rigor, Transparency, and Translatability in Animal Research
- NIH Enhance Rigor and Reproducibility in Animal Research by Managing Extrinsic Factors Workshop:
  - Session 1. Aquatic Animals, September 23, 2022
  - o Session 2. Rodents, September 28, 2022
  - o Session 3. Large Animals (Nonhuman Primates/Swine), September 30, 2022
  - All Sessions
- Reporting animal research: Explanation and elaboration for the ARRIVE guidelines 2.0
- Marseille Declaration on the worldwide implementation of high standards for animals housed and used internally and externally by the industry for scientific purposes
- <u>European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals Used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (ETS 123)</u>
  - Appendix A
  - o Background information for species-specific sections of Appendix A
  - Appendix B
- Directive 2010/63/EU
- <u>Discussing and Understanding Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Species and Biodiversity A Workshop</u>
- Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species and Biodiversity-Proceedings of a Workshop
- Nonhuman Primate Models in Biomedical Research: State of the Science and Future Needs-A Consensus Study Report
- USDA Animal Welfare Act
- Cephalopods in Research-NIH OLAW
- Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) 6th Edition