



Zagazig Ethical Committee for Animal Handling (ZECAH)

Introduction

The Zagazig Ethical Committee for Animal Handling (ZECAH) at the faculty of Pharmacy, Zagazig University was established to provide the guidelines and information about the basic requirements for the proper handling of experimental animals for research purposes during all steps of research activity including (transport, housing, breeding, handling, observation, sample collection and euthanasia). Applying such standard procedures during all the aforementioned steps will ensure the reproducibility and accuracy of scientific observations and conclusions and welfare of animals.

The ZECAH will apply the suitable measures described in the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate animals used for Experimental and Other Scientific Purposes.

(<http://conventions.coe.int/treaty/Commun/QueVoulezVous.asp?NT=123&CM=0&CL=ENG>)

which describes the basic requirements for transport, housing, breeding, handling, observation, sample collection and euthanasia of experimental animals.

General guidelines:

- 1- All experimental protocols employing experimental animals must be approved by the ZECAH before the beginning of any research activity.
- 2- All experimental protocols employing experimental animals must be performed by authorized personnel only.
- 3- ZECAH arranges a training course (workshop) twice every year. Attendance of the training courses (workshops) is essential for authorization to perform experiments on animals.
- 4- The following is the full details of the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and Other Scientific Purposes from which the general guidelines for ZECAH were adopted.

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