



Statement on the Transportation of Animals for Research

States United for Biomedical Research is a consortium of state- and regionally based research advocacy and member services organizations. We represent hundreds of colleges and universities, academic medical centers, research institutes, biotechnology and pharmaceutical firms, professional societies and voluntary health organizations throughout the United States.

SUBR knows 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. There have been remarkable advances from working with animal models of human disease. Such advances have led, and continue to lead, to critical discoveries and new prevention and treatment strategies for conditions that have plagued human and animal populations throughout history.

In part, this progress has been due to the controlled and regulated professional transportation of research animals which facilitates the use of genetically modified strains and unique disease models. Research animal transportation also has reduced the need for redundant and wasteful breeding facilities and has enhanced the consistency of animal models. The safe and reliable transportation of live research animals is of absolute importance to the biomedical research arena. States United for Biomedical Research fully supports the professional organizations working to provide this vital service as partners in the future of biomedical advancement.

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