Calgary Humane Society

Animals Used for Research

Position

Calgary Humane Society opposes the use of live animals for research, testing, or experimentation when such procedures cause distress, pain, suffering, or lasting harm. The Society advocates for the development and adoption of humane, non-animal alternatives whenever possible.

In alignment with this position, Calgary Humane Society does not sell, transfer, or otherwise provide companion animals in its care for research purposes as this would conflict with its commitment to animal welfare.

Rationale

Calgary Humane Society's foremost responsibility is the welfare and humane treatment of animals. Using animals for research or experimental purposes—whether in our care or elsewhere—can compromise their wellbeing and erode public trust in the organization's mission.

As a refuge for surrendered, stray, abandoned, victimized, and unwanted companion animals, Calgary Humane Society is dedicated to treating all animals with respect and dignity. This dedication necessitates a clear and principled stance against harmful research practices and a strong endorsement of ethical, non-animal methodologies.