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'Laboratory animals: perspectives from an animal welfare organization'

The vision of the Danish Animal Welfare Society (DAWS) is to help animals in need, to stop violence against animals and to fight for a respectful and sustainable relationship between animals, humans and nature.

In relation to laboratory animals our mission is to work actively to replace experiments on live animals with alternative methods and to ensure the highest possible welfare for the animals used in the interim, i.e. declaring that the use of lab animals should be minimized, while existing animals must be ensured the best possible conditions in relation to accommodation and care, etc.

DAWS has for many years been committed to actively promoting implementation of the 3R principles and ensuring the welfare of animals used in research.

As a contributing partner DAWS supported the creation of The Danish 3R-Center on 4 June 2013, thereby bringing together the pharmaceutical industry, animal welfare NGO and the public sector, all of which have a common interest in Replacing, Reducing and Refining the use of animals in research.

Furthermore, DAWS strive to inform and educate the public on the use of animals in research by campaigns and seminars, collaborate with key stakeholders and authorities, and contributed to the 'The Danish Strategy on Lab Animals'.