

Pain Categories

Category A- No live animals are contacted. This could include purely observational field studies or the use of tissues/cadavers not euthanized specifically for the study.

Category B- Animals being bred, conditioned, or held for use in teaching, testing, experiments, research, or surgery, but not yet used for such purposes.

Category C- Animals upon which teaching, research, experiments, or tests are conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain-relieving drugs.

Category D- Animals upon which experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests are conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs are used.

Category E- Animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery or tests are conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs will adversely affect the procedures, results, or interpretation of the teaching, research, experiments, surgery, or tests, and so are withheld. This must be scientifically justified, and will need to go before the full committee for approval.