



BARTH SYNDROME FOUNDATION NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

USE OF ANIMALS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Because the use of animals in biomedical research continues to be necessary to achieve scientifically sound and valid results, the National Health Council requires all its voluntary health agency members that conduct and/or fund biomedical research which involves the use of animals to have a Board-approved written policy which adheres to the following principles:

It is a BSF policy that all projects must conform to regulations for the safe and humane treatment of animals. Specifically, BSF stipulates that animals can be used in BSF-funded research only when no other means of obtaining scientifically sound, valid and useful results are available. Furthermore, only the minimum number of appropriate animals required to obtain and validate results should be used; and in cases requiring the death of an animal, only the most appropriate and humane form of animal sacrifice consistent with the purpose of the research shall be employed. If applicable, a copy of proof of current project approval by the institution's Animal Use and Protection Committee (or a similar oversight group) must be provided to the BSF before any funding for the project will be released by BSF.

This policy was adopted by the Barth Syndrome Foundation Board of Directors on January 21, 2010, and will be distributed to all researchers working with animals on behalf of the Barth Syndrome Foundation.