

**RESOLUTION #4—2024
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by
Board of Directors

REVISED POLICY ON SAFETY TESTING

RESOLVED that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Safety Testing as noted in the [attachment](#) (additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~).

Statement about the Resolution

The policy on [Safety Testing](#) was considered by the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) at their September in-person meeting. The AWC believes this policy continues to be of value in delineating the purpose and mandatory nature of safety testing and specifying that the AVMA expects oversight by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or equivalent scientific and ethical review body. The AWC recommends the following changes to further strengthen, clarify, and better align the policy with current safety testing and oversight practices.

- 1) Placing emphasis on the 3Rs and support of continued efforts toward new technologies to reduce the number of live animals and use of non-animal models (as deemed appropriate) by moving that section to the top of the policy,
- 2) Further specifying what is needed in studies where animals are utilized, and
- 3) More clearly stating who is involved in the ethical review of such animal use.

The revision clarifies the scope of the policy, and ensures consistency in approach among different AVMA policies relating to animal-based scientific activities including the [Use of Animals in Research, Testing, and Education](#) and the [Use of Animals in Precollege Education](#).

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X	X	X
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				
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