



Policy on the Use of Live Animals or Cadavers

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1. The use of live animals or cadavers for clinical instruction will not be permitted unless the WSAVA Executive Board, WSAVA CE Chairperson and WSAVA Scientific Advisory Committee have approved the specific procedure.
2. The proposal to use *live animals* must include the following:
 - 🐾 Use of live animals is only permitted for non-invasive teaching that causes no pain or distress and does not require anaesthesia. Examples would include ultrasound, ophthalmology and physiotherapy practical classes.
 - 🐾 Animals may only be used with the permission of their owners and must be of suitable temperament to allow examination without stress to the animal or danger to the participant
 - 🐾 Owners of animals used in clinical instruction must sign a waiver releasing WSAVA and its agents from any liability related to the animal's participation and involvement.
 - 🐾 All animals must have a regionally appropriate and verifiable vaccination status
 - 🐾 Demonstrators should be recognised authorities in their field
 - 🐾 The procedure should take place in a local Veterinary School or under its supervision
 - 🐾 Appropriate ethics approval should be obtained where relevant
 - 🐾 The audience number must be limited to an agreed number
 - 🐾 Detailed description of demonstration including type, number and source of animals and procedure.
 - 🐾 Use of individual animals should be limited to the minimum length of procedure
 - 🐾 Any animal which appears distressed should be removed from the demonstration immediately and its needs attended to
 - 🐾 The welfare of the animal/s is paramount at all times
3. The proposal to use *animal cadavers* must address the following:
 - 🐾 Only animal cadavers that have been donated with the owner's consent and knowledge of their use in continuing education of veterinarians or stray animals that would have been humanely euthanased in the normal course of events, will be used in any demonstrations or wet labs by the WSAVA

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- 🐾 The procedure should take place in a local Veterinary School or under its supervision
- 🐾 The audience number must be limited to an agreed number
- 🐾 Detailed description of demonstration including number of animal cadavers to be used
- 🐾 How and where the animal cadaver is to be disposed

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