APPENDIX E

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE HUMANE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS

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1. All animals used for experimental purposes must be lawfully acquired and their retention shall be in strict compliance with Federal and local laws and regulations.

2. Care and feeding of all experimental animals shall be in accordance with accepted laboratory practices, with due consideration for bodily comfort, kind treatment, and sanitary environment.

3. Every effort must be made to avoid unnecessary discomfort to experimental animals. Research subjecting animals to discomfort should be conducted only when an experienced scientist is convinced that such discomfort is required and is justified by the significance of the research.

4. Surgical procedures should be done under suitable anesthesia, major ones under general anesthesia, and only minor ones under local anesthesia. If the nature of a study is such as to require the animal to survive, acceptable techniques to avoid infection must be followed throughout. If the study does not require survival, the animal must be disposed of in a humane manner at the conclusion of the operation.

5. The postoperative care of animals must minimize discomfort during convalescence in accordance with accepted practices.

6. When animals are used by students for their education or the advancement of science, such work should be under the direct supervision of an experienced teacher or investigator. The rules for conduct of such work shall be the same as those for the conduct of research.

A copy of these rules shall be posted in all rooms where animals are housed and where animal experimentation is conducted.

Violators of the above rules shall be promptly reported to the director of the laboratory and by him to other administrative authorities if he deems it necessary.

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