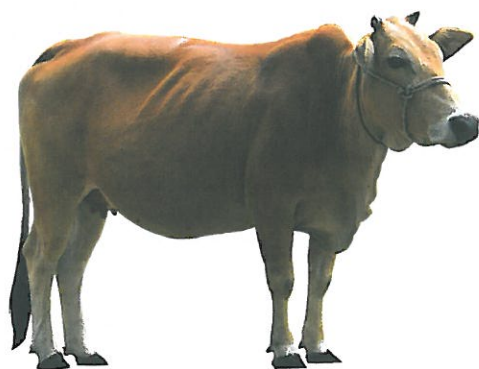


ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

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Aarhus University (AU) performs high quality research that provides new knowledge within various disciplines of the life sciences. Until better alternatives are found, animal experiments remain an essential part of this endeavor, and although difficult choices must be made when using animals in research, it is also clear that animal experiments have contributed to saving millions of both human and animal lives, helped to improve the welfare of animals in agriculture and contributed to the conservation of wild animals. In recognition of the ethical questions associated with animal experiments, AU has formulated an animal welfare policy that applies to the entire university. AU believes that quality of life is important for all creatures and that good animal welfare is pivotal to achieve the scientific excellence that AU is renowned for.

As part of our commitment to high standards of animal welfare, AU will:

- Only use animals in accordance with the applicable legislation, ethical standards and guidelines set by national and EU authorities.
- Only perform animal experiments on a rational and scientifically well-documented foundation.
- Take action to reduce the number of animals involved by:
 - Using validated alternative methods when possible.
 - Using methods where stress and discomfort are alleviated as much possible, for example through the use of adequate pain relief.
 - Continuously reviewing our animal models and adhering to the principles of replacement, refinement, and reduction of animal use.
 - Continuously improving our high animal welfare standards in relation to housing, environmental enrichment, care, and transport.
 - Only using genetically modified animals when they provide novel insight, more precise results or reduce the total number of animals used.
 - Ensuring that the health of animals in our care is consistently monitored.
 - Ensuring that employees who work with animals are appropriately educated and trained



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