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## Prevention of Cruelty to animals Act, 1960

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# Objective

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**1** To prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals

**2** To amend the law relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals

**3** To provide the guidelines regarding the experimentation on animals for scientific purposes.

**4** To make the provisions for establishing the Animal Welfares Board Of India.



## Define

### ➤ **Animal**

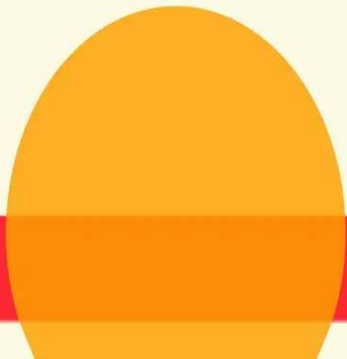
Any living creature other than human being.

### ➤ **Captive animal**

Any animal which is in captivity whether permanent or temporary.

### ➤ **Domestic animal**

Any animal which has been or being sufficiently tamed to serve some purpose useful to man.





**CPCSEA**

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION  
OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS

### **Objective**

1. To ensure welfare, kind, care and ethical treatment to the animals used in scientific research .
2. To ensure that animals are not subjected to unnecessary pain before, during and after performance of experiments on them.

## Constitutions:

1. **Chairman:** Joint Secretary, Animal Welfare
2. **Member Secretary:** Joint Commissioner, Animal Welfare



## Function

1. Registration of establishments conducting animal experimentation or breeding of animals for this purpose.
2. Selection and assignment of nominees for the Institutional Animal Ethics Committees of the registered establishments.
3. Workshop on animal ethics.
4. Conduct of training programmes for CPCSEA.
5. Action against establishments in case of violation of any legal norms.
6. Recommendations for import of animals for use in experiments.
7. Permission for conducting experiments involving use of animals.
8. Approval of animal house facilities on the basis of report of inspections conducted by CPCSEA.



## INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEES (IAEC)

1. To review and approve research projects.
2. Experimentation by adequately qualified and skilled persons.
3. To prevent unnecessary pain and sufferings to animals during experiments.
4. Humane disposal of animals after experiments.
5. To avoid experiments on animals, wherever possible.
6. To avoid experiments on large animals.
7. To prevent experimentation, merely to acquire manual skill.
8. To look after animals properly before, during and after experiments.
9. To maintain suitable records of experiments, performed on animals.

**OBJECTIVE**

# Constitutions:

## A. IAEC member from the establishment

1. One biological scientist
2. Two scientists from different biological disciplines
3. One veterinarian involved in the case of animal
4. One scientist in charge of animal facility of the establishment concerned.

## B. Nominees from the CPCSEA

1. Main Nominee
2. Link Nominee
3. Scientist from outside the Institute
4. Socially Aware Nominee





## Function

1. To work for achievement of the objectives.
2. To focus mainly on ensuring ethical and methodical handling of animals during and after experiments, so that they have less suffering.
3. To review and approve all types of protocols for research involving small animal experimentation before the start of the study.
4. To recommend and forward the proposals of experimentation on large animals to CPCSEA for approval in prescribed manner.
5. To monitor the research throughout the study and after completion of study.
6. To visit the animal house facility and laboratory where the experiments are conducted and to obtain the periodic reports on research.
7. To ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements, applicable rules, guidelines and laws.

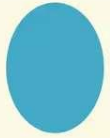
## Breeding of animals

1. No establishment shall carry on the business of breeding of animals or trade of animals for the purpose of experiments **unless it is registered.**
2. Every breeder/establishment carrying on the business of breeding animals or trade of animals for the purpose of experiments, **should be registered** and stop breeding of animals if registration is subsequently refused to it by the Committee.



## Stocking of animals

- The animals shall be stocked by the breeder and the establishment in the following manner:
- Animal houses should be located in a silent atmosphere undisturbed by traffic, in tidy and hygienic premises so as to protect the animals from drought and extremes of weather.
- Animal cages for small animals and stables for large animals shall be such that animals can live in comfort and overcrowding is avoided.
- The cages, and the stables, should conform to the standards of Indian Standards Institution where ever applicable.
- Attendants of Animal House must be suitably trained and experienced to handle the animals before and after the experiments.
- There shall be satisfactory arrangement for looking after the animals during off hours and on holidays.
- The registered establishment shall comply with all the specifications for housing, feeding and maintenance of various species used in animal experimentation.
- The breeders and establishments shall comply with the Indian National Science Academy Guidelines.



## Performance of experiments

While performing the experiments on animals, following conditions are to be considered.

1. Experiments shall be performed under the supervision of a duly qualified person.
2. Experiments shall be performed with due care and humanity.
3. Animals for the experiments are properly looked both before and after experiments by investigators.
4. Experiments involving operative procedure shall be under appropriate anaesthesia, administered by a Veterinary Surgeon or a trained Scientist/Technician to prevent the pain and discomfort to animals throughout the experiment.
5. Animals whose recovery after operative procedure would involve pain or suffering shall be destroyed humanely.
6. The experiments shall not be performed only for obtaining or retaining manual skills.







## Performance of experiments

7. Experiments shall not be performed by way of an illustration.
8. Experiments shall not be performed as a public demonstration.
9. Paralyzing agent shall not be used or administered for the purpose of any experiment except in conjunction with anaesthesia.
10. Experiment shall not be repeated if its result is already known.
11. Any chemical substance should not be applied to the eye of an animal for the purpose of absorption through the conjunctival membrane.
12. Dogs held for experimental purposes shall not be debarked.
13. A person in charge of the institution shall be responsible for taking care of animals inside or outside the institution where the animal experiments are conducted.



## TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION OF ANIMALS FOR EXPERIMENT

1. A breeder shall not transfer any animal by sale or otherwise to an unregistered establishment.
2. An establishment shall acquire animal(s) for experiments from registered breeders only.
3. Every establishment after acquisition of animals shall not transfer animals by sale or person other than a registered breeder/establishment.





## TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION OF ANIMALS FOR EXPERIMENT

4. The animals used for experimentation in a production/ breed improvement programme may be given out by the breeder institution for domestic use.
5. In case an animal is not available from a registered breeder or from alternate legal sources within the country, genetically defined animals may be imported with permission of Directorate General of Foreign Trade.
6. A breeder or establishment shall comply, with the directions given by the CPCSEA.



## RECORDS

1. Every establishment/IAEC should maintain in the specified format, a record of animals under its control and custody.
2. Every establishment/IAEC should furnish in the specified format, information time to time required by the Committee (CPCSEA).
3. All laboratories should inform in the specified format, exact number/species animals to the member secretary or officer authorised by the Committee(CPCSEA).



## POWER TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE REGISTRATION

1. The CPCSEA can suspend or revoke registration of any establishment or breeder on the grounds of noncompliance of the rules, and violation of the directions of the Committee.
2. The Committee may revoke the suspension of registration of an establishment or breeder, if it deems fit for the care and protection of the animals.
3. During the suspension or revocation of a license, such establishment or breeder shall discontinue performing any experiment on any animal or acquiring or transferring any animal.

## OFFENCES AND PENALTIES:

### 1. Treating animals cruelly:

- Any person who treats any animal cruelly, as stated under Section 11 of the Act, shall be punishable with **fine up to 50/- on first conviction**.
- Fine up to 100/- or imprisonment up to three months or with both on subsequent conviction within three years of first conviction.

### 2. Any person who:

- (i) performs upon any cow or other milch animal, the operation called phooka or doomdev, or any other operation including injection of any substance, to improve lactation, which is injurious to the health of the animal, or
- (ii) permits to perform such operation upon any such animal in his possession or under his control, shall be punishable with **fine up to 1000/-** or with **imprisonment up to two years** or with both. And the animal on which operation is performed, shall be forfeited to the Government.

### 3. Experiments on Animals:

Any person who:

- (a) contravenes any order made by the Committee under Section 19, or
- (b) commits a breach of any condition imposed by the Committee under that section, shall be punishable with **fine up to 200/-**

When contravention or breach of condition has taken place in any institution, the person in-charge of institution, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

**4. Performing Animals:** As regard to any performing animal, if any person commits any offence stated in the Section 26 of the Act, shall be punishable on conviction with **fine up to 500/-** or with **imprisonment up to three months** or with both.

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