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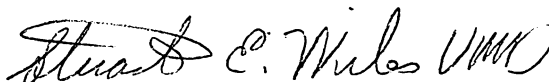
April 11, 1989

Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City Councilors:

Enclosed please find a document which bears on the care and use of laboratory animals in Cambridge. It contains several recommendations jointly agreed upon by me, John Moses, and Steven Wise.

Sincerely,



Stuart E. Wiles, VMD

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Enclosure, as stated.

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**JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR'S  
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON THE CARE AND USE OF LABORATORY  
ANIMALS IN CAMBRIDGE**

1. The care and use of all animals within the City of Cambridge shall be in conformity with all Federal Statutes and Regulations concerning the welfare of animals including the Guide for the Care and Use of Animals of the National Institutes of Health, the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 2131, et seq), the Health Research Extension Act of 1985, the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, G.L. c. 140 sec. 174D, and 105 CMR 910.000, et seq, all as amended or revised from time to time.

2. Each institution that performs research, experiments, or biotechnical procedures using animals shall maintain or establish an autonomous animal care and use committee with the power to disapprove or restrict research, experiments, or biotechnical procedures regarding the care and use of laboratory animals in accordance with the standards set forth in section 1. Each animal care and use committee shall have a member who is not and has not been affiliated with the institution.

3. A Commissioner of Laboratory Animals (CLA) shall be appointed by the City Manager. The CLA should be neither aligned with an antivivisection nor a biomedical research organization or movement. The CLA's qualifications should include an understanding of animal welfare, health, physiology, psychology, and pathology as well as the goals and philosophies of the animal welfare movement and scientific endeavor.

4. The CLA shall make at least one annual visit to each research institution to inspect animal and research facilities and hold at least one annual meeting with the chairperson and with the non-affiliated member of the animal care and use committee to discuss its work. The CLA may inspect any animal care and use committee reports and documents on his annual visit. The CLA shall make unannounced visits to inspect animal and research facilities as needed. Meetings and inspections should be made to ensure that the standards set forth in section 1 are being followed. The CLA shall report to the City Manager from time to time and may make recommendations to him regarding the care and use of laboratory animals within the City of Cambridge.

5. Each research institution shall register with the City of Cambridge.

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6. Each animal care and use committee of each research institution shall provide the following information for review by the CLA at the time of his annual visit:

- a. The number of species of animals used in the previous year.
- b. The results of all Federal and state inspections concerning animal care and use in the previous year.
- c. The name and occupation of the non-affiliated members of the animal care and use committee.
- d. The dates of meetings of the animal care and use committee held in the previous year.
- e. The number of experiments or protocols for procedures reviewed by the animal care and use committee in the previous year.

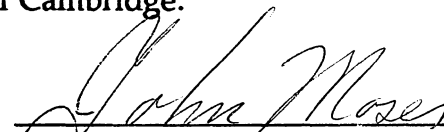
7. The CLA shall report any violations of the standards prescribed in section 1 to the CEO of the research institution.


8. Appropriate penalties should be provided for violation of the ordinance.


9. The CLA shall use the February 24, 1989 Joint Report of the Report of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Cambridge as a guide to his oversight of the care and use of laboratory animals in the City of Cambridge.

Signed:

April 12, 1989

  
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John Moses, M.D.

  
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Stuart Wiles, V.M.D.

  
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Steven M. Wise, J.D.

Comm. from Stuart E. Wiles, VMD, transmitting a copy of the joint recommendations of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Cambridge, as agreed upon by the Committee members.

In City Council,

April 24, 1989

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Referred to the  
hearing scheduled  
for June 5, 1989 @ 6:00 PM.