



BARTH SYNDROME FOUNDATION POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF ANIMALS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

All biomedical research projects wholly or partially funded by BSF must conform to regulations for the safe and humane treatment of animals. Specifically, BSF stipulates that animals can be used in BSF-funded research only when no other means of obtaining scientifically sound, valid and useful results are available. Furthermore, only the minimum number of appropriate animals required to obtain and validate results should be used; and in cases requiring the death of an animal, only the most appropriate and humane form of animal sacrifice consistent with the purpose of the research shall be employed. If applicable, a copy of proof of current project approval by the institution's Animal Use and Protection Committee (or a similar oversight group) must be provided to the BSF before any funding for the project will be released by BSF.

This policy was adopted by the Barth Syndrome Foundation Board of Directors on January 21, 2010, and will be distributed to all researchers working with animals on behalf of the Barth Syndrome Foundation.

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