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Location: Queen s University

Responsibility: Research personnel, Veterinary staff

Purpose: This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines the steps that must be taken to establish humane interventions and possible treatment for rodent research models. These interventions are to be determined and described on each Animal Use Protocol.

1. Introduction and Definitions: Humane interventions are clear criteria set a priori to define the point at which an experimental animal's pain and/or distress is terminated, minimized or reduced, by taking appropriate actions such as terminating a painful procedure, giving treatment to relieve pain and/or distress, or euthanizing the animal. Any actual or potential pain, distress, or discomfort should be minimized or alleviated by choosing the earliest intervention that is compatible with the scientific objectives of the research.

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- Body condition score (BCS) less than 2.
- Uncontrolled seizures.
- Impaired mobility which interferes with normal eating, drinking, ambulating or grooming.
- No or wead

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