



Instructions for obtaining a Decision by the Veterinary Faculty on the Ethical Acceptability of Conducting Proposed Research (Radna uputa za podnošenje prijava Etičkom povjerenstvu)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DECISION BY THE VETERINARY FACULTY ON THE ETHICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF CONDUCTING PROPOSED RESEARCH

(RADNA UPUTA ZA PODNOŠENJE PRIJAVA ETIČKOM POVJERENSTVU)

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1. OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to the Animal Protection Act (OG 135/2006), the Act on Amendments to the Animal Protection Act (OG 037/2013), the Regulations on Protection of Animals Use for Scientific Purposes (OG, 055/2013) and the Code of Ethics of the University of Zagreb, the Veterinary Ethics Committee (hereinafter: the Committee) of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Zagreb, amongst other things:

1. Accepts, requests supplementation, or rejects Applications for a Decision on the Ethical Acceptability of Conducting Proposed Research, when experimental animals ARE NOT USED in the research for scientific or educational purposes. Accepted applications are proposed to the Faculty Council of the Veterinary Faculty, on the basis of which the Veterinary Faculty issues a Decision on the ethical acceptability of conducting the proposed research when experimental animals ARE NOT USED in research* - ODL 1.

or

2. Accepts, requests supplementation, or rejects Applications for a Decision on Ethical Acceptability when experimental animals ARE USED for scientific or educational purposes (protection of animals used for scientific purposes). Accepted applications are proposed for adoption to the Faculty Council of the Veterinary Faculty, on the basis of which the Veterinary Faculty issues a Decision on the ethical acceptability of conducting the proposed research, when experimental animals ARE USED in research for scientific or educational purposes (protection of animals used for scientific purposes)

** ODL 2.

2. AREA OF APPLICATION

* Before submitting an application, please acquaint yourself with the following regulations:



1. The Animal Protection Act (OG 135/2006), the Act on Amendments to the Animal Protection Act (OG 37/2013),
2. The Regulations on Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes (OG, 055/2013).
3. The Code of Ethics of the University of Zagreb

3. ACTIVITY

3.1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

For easier understanding, we give the following definitions of terminology from these regulations ***:

Experimental animals are animals (live vertebrates) that are used or are intended for use in experiments, together with larva forms that feed independently and foetal forms of mammals from the last third of their normal development, and animals which are in an earlier stage of development, if the animal is left alive after that stage of development and will probably as a result of the experiment

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conducted feel pain, suffering, stress or permanent injury after it has reached that stage of development. Experimental animals also include cephalopods that are used or intended for use in experiments;

Laboratory animals are experimental animals that are bred for use in experiments or scientific or educational purposes, and animals killed for the purpose of work on isolated organs, tissue and carcasses;

An experiment is a procedure involving use of animals for experimental or other scientific or educational purposes which may cause the animal pain, suffering, difficulties or permanent injury in an equal or greater measure than the prick of a needle, conducted in line with good veterinary practice; this also includes any activities which deliberately cause or may cause the birth or hatching of animals or the creation and maintenance of life of genetically modified animal lines in any such state, but excludes the killing of animals solely for the use of their organs and tissue;

A project is a programme of work that has a defined scientific goal and includes one or more experiments;

A user is any physical or legal person who uses animals in experiments, whether for commercial or non-commercial purposes;



* Meetings of the Committee take place once a month, 7 days before a session of the Faculty Council.

***The terminology in the instructions and forms shall have the meanings defined above.

3.2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DECISION BY THE VETERINARY FACULTY ON THE ETHICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF CONDUCTING THE PROPOSED RESEARCH, WHEN EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS ARE NOT USED IN THE RESEARCH FOR SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES - ODL 1.

Along with Applications for a Decision on the Ethical Acceptability of Conducting Proposed Research, when experimental animals ARE NOT USED in the research for scientific or educational purposes, it is necessary to enclose one of the following Forms:

FORM NPZ-1: Application for a Decision on the ethical acceptability of research not deemed to be experiments pursuant to the Animal Protection Act (non-experimental clinical veterinary practice; practices which probably do not cause pain, suffering, difficulties or permanent injury, which is equal to or greater than that caused by the prick of a needle, in line with good veterinary practice; practices conducted for the purpose of recognized animal breeding, and practices which are conducted primarily for the purpose of identification of animals),

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FORM NPZ-2: Application for a Decision on the ethical acceptability of research on animals that are not experimental according to the Animal Protection Act (research on living invertebrates excluding live cephalopods),

FORM NPZ-3: Applications for a Decision on the ethical acceptability of research on samples to which the Animal Protection Act does not apply (archived samples of biological material and data; products of animal origin; carcasses; by-products of animal origin; excrement).

Applications for Decision ODL 1. are to be submitted through the Reception Office of the Veterinary Faculty no later than 2 days before the meeting of the Committee.

3.3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DECISION BY THE VETERINARY FACULTY ON THE ETHICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF CONDUCTING PROPOSED RESEARCH, WHEN EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS ARE USED IN THE RESEARCH FOR SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES (PROTECTION OF ANIMALS USED FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES) - ODL 2.

Along with the Application for a Decision on the Ethical Acceptability of Conducting Proposed Research when experimental animals ARE USED in the research for scientific or educational purposes (protection of animals used for scientific purposes) – ODL 2.

FORM PZ-1: Application for a Decision on ethical acceptability of research deemed to be experiments pursuant to the Animal Protection Act

Applications for a Decision ODL 2. to be submitted through the Reception Office of the Veterinary Faculty no later than 8 days **** before the meeting of the Committee.

**** exceptionally later in situations where an urgent Committee decision is requested. It is necessary to submit a written statement of reasons with the application.

4. RELATED DOCUMENTS

FORM NPZ-1
 FORM NPZ-2
 FORM NPZ-3
 FORM PZ-1