

On Demand Course: Fifty Shades of Laboratory Animal Science? Ethical Aspects of Working with Laboratory Animals

DESCRIPTION

Using animals in research and within the world of medicine has been a controversial subject for many years. Is it justifiable to sacrifice other living creatures to gain a better understanding of the world and alleviate and cure human diseases? Existing and emerging techniques like cloning, GMO and CRISPR-Cas9 adds new aspects to the debate both which purposes that can justify animal research and what methods are acceptable.

The course begins with a talk that situates the debate on laboratory animals in the broader context of animal ethics and illuminates the ethical conflicts and dilemmas integral to the use of animals in research with a special emphasis on the challenges related to the use of modern biotechnologies. Afterwards the participants will be challenged to reflect on some examples of how animals are used for scientific purposes. Finally, a very important part of this course is the opportunity for the participants to consider ethical dilemmas in their own work with laboratory animals and to discuss these with colleagues.

EDUCATOR

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LANGUAGE

English or Danish (optional)

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