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such issues as the latest information on alternatives to animal research, new thinking and trends in animal experimentation, animal research perception in the community at large, new directions at the University regarding animal experimentation, and other research animal-related issues.

At Western University of Health Sciences, we are committed to following a reverence for life principle for research animals as articulated by Dr. Schweitzer: "Life should only be negated when it is for a higher value and purpose -- not merely in selfish or thoughtless actions."¹ We are determined that before animal experiments are allowed to go forward, the value of a research animal's life is always considered and weighed against the potential good derived from a proposed animal experiment.

- 1) Albert Schweitzer, invited lecture, Sweden, 1920.
- 2) Albert Schweitzer, "The Ethics of Reverence for Life." *Christendom* (1: 225-39)1936
- 3) William Russell and Rex Burch in *The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique* London, Methuen, 1959
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