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We are committed to the  
humane care of the research  
animals produced and used in  
all Charles River activities.  
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The 10 key ethical considerations for humane care and use at Charles River:

1. Replacement of animals with non-animal alternatives where they are appropriate and are compatible with the goals of the study.
2. Animal use is planned to assure the use of the right species, right numbers of animals and right techniques.
3. Pain and distress are minimized by the use of humane endpoints and supportive treatments consistent with study objectives.
4. A thorough ethical review of all studies that use animals is performed to balance the needs of the science/customer with the welfare of animals.
5. Observation of animals by trained personnel for clinical signs of illness, pain or distress to ensure that they are promptly recognized and reported to assure the best possible veterinary care.
6. Environmental conditions and husbandry practices are continually monitored and improved to provide for the best physical and behavioral health of our animals.
7. A work environment is maintained where employees feel empowered to provide input to enhance animal welfare.
8. Training programs are in place to ensure that animal care procedures and techniques are performed to minimize stress and/or prevent injury to animals.
9. Animal welfare is fostered through open communication between all individuals with animal related responsibilities.
10. Our commitment to our animals continues throughout all phases of an animal's life at Charles River.