

# Searching for the Animal of Animal Ethics

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## **The role of “educational use” of animals: a way to keep ethical concerns out of science?**

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### **Abstract (Poster presentation)**

The presentation explores the role of animal experiments in education and the attitudes that may develop in the science student - and future veterinarian, biologist and ethologist – because of this educational approach. Questions are asked whether some of the teaching methods traditionally used in basic science teaching make it difficult to be open to and gain extended knowledge about animal abilities. Are students attitudes being formed to make them accept animal use rather than to enable them to gain more knowledge about animals? How do universities react to students that object to animal use on ethical grounds and why? Are there no room for ethical concerns in science education – or are there just no room for *new* ethical concerns?