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“Guidelines

1. Respect animal dignity
2. Responsibility for considering options (replace).
3. The principle of proportionality: responsibility for considering and balancing suffering and benefit.
4. Responsibility for considering reducing the used number of animals (Reduce).
5. Responsible for minimizing the risk of suffering and improving animal welfare
6. Responsibility for maintaining biological diversity
7. Responsibility when intervening in a habitat
8. Responsibility for openness and sharing of data and material
9. Requirement of expertise on animals
10. Requirement of due care”

<https://www.forskningsetikk.no/en/guidelines/science-and-technology/ethical-guidelines-for-the-use-of-animals-in-research/>

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