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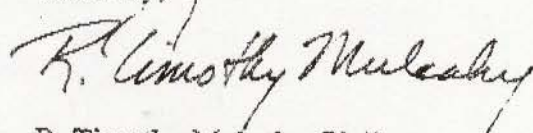
Andrew N. Rowan, Ph.D.  
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The Humane Society of the United States  
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Dear Dr. Rowan:

I am writing in response to your queries about the pain and distress (Column E studies) reporting for animals included in research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a strong focus on meeting, and in many cases exceeding, the requirements established under the Animal Welfare Act, Public Health Service Policy, and both the laboratory and agricultural *Guide* for the care and use of animals. Routine visits by the USDA Veterinary Medical Officer and the peer review process that is part of our AAALAC accreditation verify our high standards of care. As is true for all UW research and teaching activities involving the use of animals, each of the protocols for the projects cited in your letter of November 18, 2000, were reviewed by a duly constituted IACUC in full compliance with all federal regulations. Based on these reviews we are satisfied that each protocol was classified appropriately with respect to the level of pain and distress.

The University of Wisconsin shares the Humane Society's interest in minimizing pain and distress for animals included in research and thanks you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,



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