

## **CSLAS: Advancing Laboratory Animal Science and Welfare in Taiwan**

The Chinese-Taipei Society of Laboratory Animal Sciences (CSLAS), a founding member of AFLAS, was established in 1989. Our core mission is to promote the overall quality of animal care and use in scientific applications, thereby supporting both scientific progress and animal welfare.

### **Setting Standards and Education**

CSLAS is a major contributor to key guidance documents and textbooks. With support from the Ministry of Agriculture, we edited the domestic version of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals for Taiwan, aligning local practice with international standards.

We coordinate the preparation of essential textbooks and teaching materials covering animal physiology, housing, environmental control, and animal model applications. These resources target veterinarians, care staff, researchers, and students, ensuring a strong professional foundation. We've also invested in digital and scenario-based learning, including online modules on animal welfare and the 3Rs, often partnering with societies like TCLAM to provide flexible learning.

### **Training and Quality Oversight**

To ensure knowledge translates into practice, CSLAS organizes diverse training activities eligible for IACUC credits, including basic/advanced courses, workshops on handling/anesthesia, and seminars on refinement techniques. Co-organizing these events with institutions helps standardize expectations and strengthen the culture of ethical animal use.

Crucially, CSLAS provides an advisory platform with government support, where experts coach IACUCs and facilities on improving protocol review and post-approval monitoring. Our annual conference features a dedicated AAALAC-focused session, providing updates on international accreditation standards. By sharing good practices, CSLAS promotes a consistent, high standard of animal

welfare and regulatory compliance across Taiwan.

### **Commitment to Responsible Care**

Asia Laboratory Animal Day reminds CSLAS that every improvement we make is about respecting the animals that enable biomedical progress. We affirm that knowledge sharing must be collaborative, education continuous and practical, and that animal welfare and scientific quality are inseparable. CSLAS remains committed to its role as a key knowledge disseminator in Taiwan and an active partner within the AFLAS community, contributing to the advancement of ethical and responsible animal care in Asia.



