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A Message from JALAS

Asia Laboratory Animal Day was established in 2023 by the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations (AFLAS) to commemorate its founding. The year 2025 marks the second observance of this important day.

Progress in medicine and life sciences provides the essential foundation for understanding diseases, developing new diagnostic technologies, and creating innovative treatments and therapeutic drugs. Behind these scientific advances lies the valuable contribution of laboratory animals. We hold deep gratitude and respect for their role and recognize our responsibility as researchers to continuously improve laboratory animal welfare.

JALAS places great importance on establishing research environments that ensure appropriate animal welfare, in accordance with domestic laws and regulations as well as the internationally accepted 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) principles. Adherence to these principles not only protects animal welfare but also supports scientific rigor and public trust.

The use of laboratory animals remains an essential approach in research, education, and testing in medicine and life sciences. When conducting animal experiments, researchers must comply with legal and institutional requirements and plan and perform studies carefully in accordance with the spirit of the 3Rs.

To help people in Japan, including researchers, educators, students, and the general public, gain a clear and accurate understanding of the role of laboratory animals in biomedical and life science research, the JALAS Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee has been producing a domestic educational poster series titled “Why Do We Use Laboratory Animals?” since 2022. These materials are developed with attention to diverse ethical perspectives and aim to communicate both the scientific value of research and the importance of improving animal welfare.

In 2025, JALAS is releasing the latest poster in this Japan-focused public awareness series, titled “Overcoming Cancer.” Presented mainly in Japanese, the poster concisely illustrates how laboratory animals support cancer research—including studies on disease mechanisms, diagnostic technologies, and the development of new therapies (Figure 1).

As we celebrate the second Asia Laboratory Animal Day, we once again express our gratitude to laboratory animals and reaffirm our commitment to promoting both scientific progress and the continuous improvement of animal welfare.

JALAS will continue to work with researchers, technicians, and educators in Japan and around the world to foster a culture that harmonizes respect for life with scientific advancement.

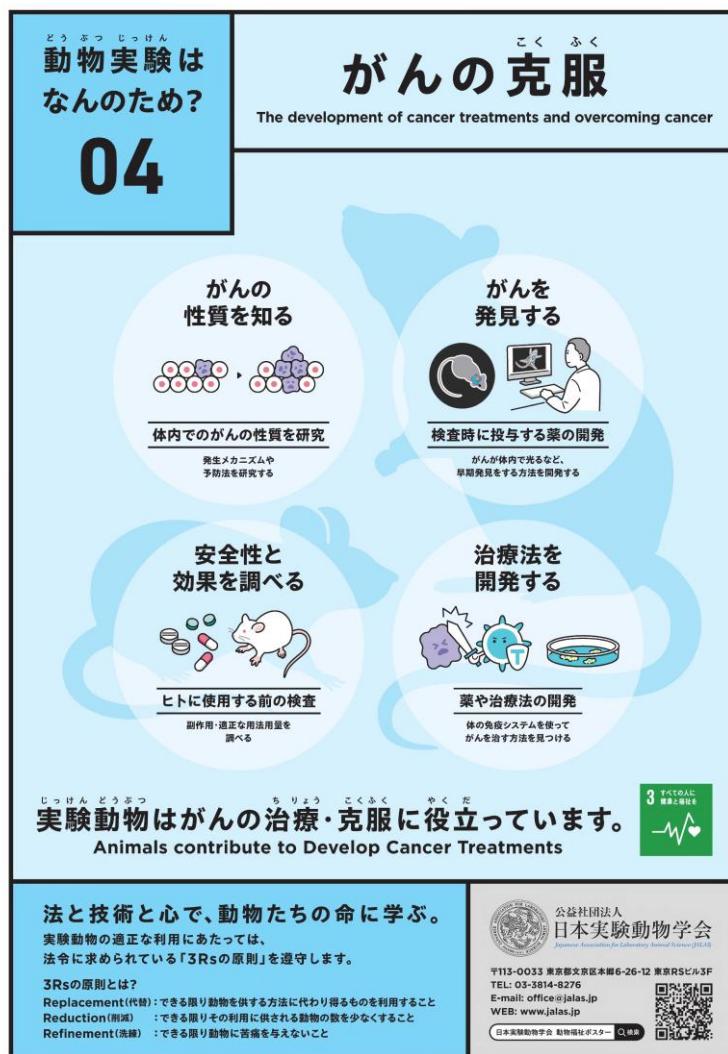


Figure 1. Laboratory animals contribute to research on the causes of cancer, the development of diagnostic technologies, and the advancement of new treatments and therapeutic drugs.