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JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Asia Laboratory Animal Day 2025
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.


どうぶつ じっけん
**動物実験は
なんのため？**

04

こく ふく
がんの克服


The development of cancer treatments and overcoming cancer

**がんの
性質を知る**




体内でがんの性質を研究
発生メカニズムや
予防法を研究する

**がんを
発見する**




検査時に投与する薬の開発
がんが体内で光るなど、
早期発見をする方法を開発する

**安全性と
効果を調べる**



ヒトに使用する前の検査
副作用・適正な用法用量を
調べる

**治療法を
開発する**



薬や治療法の開発
体の免疫システムを使って
がんを治す方法を見つける

じっけん どうぶつ ち り ょ う こ く ふ く や く だ
実験動物はがんの治療・克服に役立っています。


Animals contribute to Develop Cancer Treatments

3 すべての人に
健康を届ける

法と技術と心で、動物たちの命に学ぶ。


実験動物の適正な利用にあたっては、
法令に求められている「3Rsの原則」を遵守します。

3Rsの原則とは？
 Replacement(代替)：できる限り動物を供する方法に代わり得るものを利用すること
 Reduction(削減)：できる限りその利用に供される動物の数を少なくすること
 Refinement(洗練)：できる限り動物に苦痛を与えないこと



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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.