

Reflection on critical incidents leads to a good error culture and strengthens the culture of care for animal and human wellbeing

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A culture of care includes focusing on the well-being of employees in animal husbandry and animal research as well as mutual respect and appreciation. For a motivated team structure, it is equally important to give every employee the opportunity and space to deal openly with unexpected incidents when working with animals. In a facility with an established error culture, mutual learning is possible in this way. The benefit is to ensure the welfare of the laboratory animals and to make scientific progress throughout the process of a study. The authors present the web-based database CIRS-LAS, in which incidents from the entire field of laboratory animal science can be reported. We provide an insight into some of the more than 80 incident reports that have been published in the database and evaluate the cases in relation to potential risk areas in laboratory animal science. Searching the online database, which is also possible via a mobile application, offers effective learning opportunities. This avoids potential risks in animal research and prevents the repetition of failed experiments, resulting in fewer laboratory animals being used. The database is an important resource for keeping up to date with the latest 3R perspectives and learning from others who are committed to a culture of care in their institutions. Join us and become part of the online resource used by more than 350 people worldwide to learn about the opportunities to implement 3R measures in the sense of a lived culture of care.