



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Position Statement

USE OF DOGS IN & TEACHING

The BCA recognizes that animals play a central and essential role in education for continued improvement in the health and welfare of human beings and animals and to familiarize an increasingly urban population with the principles of animal husbandry. The BCA also recognizes that humane care of animals used in education is an integral part of those activities.

The use of animals in education is a privilege carrying with it unique professional, scientific, and moral obligations, and ethical responsibilities. The BCA encourages proper stewardship of all animals, but defends and promotes the use of animals in meaningful education programs.

The BCA condemns all acts of violence, vandalism, or intimidation directed toward individuals, facilities, or tertiary organizations affiliated with the use of animals in education.

The use of animals in precollege education presents special concerns. The BCA endorses following the Principles and Guidelines for the Use of Animals in Precollege Education, as prepared by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR), Commission on Life Sciences, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, and National Academy of Engineering.