

# Non-Human Vertebrate Endorsement

## The Illinois Junior Academy of Science

These rules will be strictly enforced for the State Science Exposition.  
No region should send a project to the State Exposition that does not meet these regulations.

Students and sponsors doing a non-human vertebrate project must complete this form. The signature of the student or students and the sponsor indicates that the project was done within these rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these will mean the disqualification of the project at the state level. This form must follow the Safety Sheet in the project paper.

1. The student and the sponsor have the responsibility to see that all animals have proper care in well-ventilated, properly lighted locations with proper nutrition, proper temperature, adequate water, and sanitary surroundings. Care must be taken to see that the organisms are properly cared for during weekends and vacation periods.
2. **No** primary or secondary cultures involving warm-blooded animals taken directly ( mouth, throat, skin, etc.) or indirectly (cage debris, droppings, etc.) will be allowed. However, cultures purchased from reputable biological supply houses or research facilities are suitable for student use.
3. No intrusive or pain- producing techniques may be used. Included in these techniques would be things such as surgery, injections, taking of blood, burning, electrical stimulation or giving of over-the-counter, prescription, illegal drugs, or alcohol to measure their effect.
4. No changes may be made in an organism's environment that could result in undue stress, an injury, or death to the animal.
5. No vertebrates can be used as the independent or dependent variables in an experiment that could result in undue stress, an injury, or death to the animal.
6. For maze running and other learning or conditioning activities, food or water cannot be withheld for more than 24 hours. If the animal has a high metabolic rate, then food or water cannot be withheld for a length of time that would produce undue stress on the animal.
7. Chicken or other bird embryo projects are allowed, but the treatment must be discontinued at or before ninety-six hours from fertilization.
8. Projects that involve behavioral studies of newly hatched chickens or other birds will be allowed if no changes have been made in the normal incubation and hatching of the organism, and that all vertebrate rules are followed.

Fill out the following charts

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| Scientific and common name of animal(s) being used. |  |
| Brief description of use of the organism(s).        |  |

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| Describe the possible risks to the non-human vertebrates | Describe how each risk was handled or avoided |
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The **signatures** of the student or students and sponsor below indicate that the project conforms to the above rules of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Sponsor)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student)

\*As a sponsor, I assume all responsibilities related to this project.

**This Sheet Must Be Typed**

This form **MUST** be displayed on the front of the exhibitor's display board. It may be reduced to half a sheet of paper 8.5 inches (vertical) X 5.5 inches (horizontal).



Check box if exception/approval letter from an institution where research was done, or the IJAS SRC is required and attached.