To: Member Secretary, Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CCSEA)



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We, the undersigned, respectfully urge the CCSEA to withdraw the draft *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Control and Supervision of Experiment, Breeding and Trading of Laboratory Animals) Rules, 2026*.

As proposed, these Rules could weaken existing animal protections by opening the door to the capture of more wild animals for experiments, permit the use of community dogs and cats in laboratories under certain circumstances, reduce crucial oversight, and allow procedures that cause animals severe pain and distress.

India has made strides in reducing animal experiments. Rather than rolling back protections, we support strengthening safeguards for animals and accelerating the adoption of non-animal, human-relevant research methods for better science.

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