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FOURTH MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION OF PARTIES TO THE  
EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF VERTEBRATE ANIMALS  
USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES  
(ETS 123)**

**Statistical data on the use of laboratory animals  
in SWITZERLAND in 2003**

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**TABLE 1: THE NUMBER AND KINDS OF ANIMALS USED IN PROCEDURES DURING 2003 IN SWITZERLAND**

	Biological and medical studies of a fundamental nature	Research into, development and quality control in medicine	Protection of man, animals or the environment by toxicological evaluations	Diagnosis of disease	Education and training	Others	Total 2003	Variation 2003-2002	Experiments not requiring authorisation in 2003
Mice	113 118	180 139	9 666	845	1 636	133	305 537	+6.6%	61 508
Rats	19 944	77 932	24 258	319	1 976	42	124 471	-15.9%	30 019
Guinea pigs	293	2 788	3 666		114		6 861	-14.9%	248
Hamsters	287	867		56	48		1 258	-51.0%	61
Other rodents	529	4 549		127			5 205	-28.1%	12
Rabbits	631	2 462	1 814	38	104	8	5 057	-9.9%	377
Dogs	82	508	1 295	37	31		1 953	-22.2%	967
Cats	46	245		23	12		326	+26.8%	20
Primates	73	378			4		455	-4.4%	39
Cattle	199	417		49	954	115	1 734	-68.3%	2 826
Goats and sheep	599	514		251	30	91	1 485	+44.3%	248
Pigs (incl. minipigs)	365	559	100		92	514	1 630	+18.2%	1 973
Horses, donkeys	29	52			9		90	-20.4%	104
Other mammals	818	6			8	28	860	+128.7%	274
Birds (incl. poultry)	3 496	637	66		32	14	4 245	-5.9%	49 196
Amphibians, reptiles	3 548	86					3 634	+88.4%	1 233
Fish	3 365		7 259		20		10 644	+8.4%	2 983
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147 422</b>	<b>272 139</b>	<b>48 124</b>	<b>1 745</b>	<b>5 070</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>475 445</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>152 088</b>
2002	136 952	279 033	60 919	1 623	6 249	1 193	485 969		149 914
Difference in %	+7.6%	-2.5%	-21.0%	+7.5%	-18.9%	-20.8%	-2.2%		+1.5%