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## Appendix 2: STAAR Standards 2023-2024<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Figures

Signatories performing research work towards making publicly available

- number of animals and species used;
- number of animals used in each severity degree.

### 2. Communication

When publishing information on a research project that used animals, signatories work towards providing comprehensive explanations of the importance of using animals in this specific case and how experiments on animals contribute to achieving the project. All signatories encourage the use of channels targeting the general public.

### 3. Public engagement

Signatories work towards supporting the organization of public events such as debates, open days, etc.

### 4. Explaining animal research

Signatories work towards providing information on the main fields of research at their institution and examples of research projects using animals. In the description of these projects, they pay attention to explaining procedures (including euthanasia) and their severity degree.

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<sup>1</sup> The standards are reviewed annually and adapted if necessary.