Dialogue 2

Transgenic Animals

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Lunch will be provided

The number of animal species used in biomedical research has been dwindling, but the number of animals used is rapidly increasing. To the traditional rat and murine strains that represent the majority of today’s laboratory animals, a growing number of transgenic mice is added daily along with a torrent of patent applications – thereby opening a whole new chapter of unanswered ethical questions about animal suffering, duties to humans and the limits of science.

Dr. Anestidou is a veterinarian and a doctoral candidate in the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Prompted by the use of animals in her research, she has a deep interest in the ethics of animal experimentation, as well as in science policy regarding the regulation of research with animal and human subjects.

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