

Animal Research

The Lakota Science and Engineering Fair does not have a veterinarian or other animal care expert available to ensure the safety of the animals and the researcher (student) in animal research projects. Therefore, we ONLY allow studies involving behavioral observations of animals if ALL of the following apply:

1. There is no interaction with the animals being observed,
2. There is no manipulation of the animal environment in any way, and
3. The study does not violate any federal and state agriculture, fish, game and wildlife laws or regulations.

If you plan to do a project that involves animal behavioral observation, even if you are sure that all of the above apply, please email us at LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com before you begin. Please provide the student's name, grade, and a detailed description of what you plan to do involving animal research. We will respond with our approval for you to proceed if we agree that your project involves only behavioral observations as described above.