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The animals were not treated for pain or distress because the effects of anesthetic agents on the study outcome were not known. In ocular irritation tests, recovery is a key endpoint of the study. Anesthetic agents may affect this recovery process. In guinea pig sensitization tests, the animals must be observed for a designated period of time and in some instances be rechallenged to generate meaningful data. Also, in the ocular irritation studies where the animals received only a single exposure, any pain or distress that may have occurred did not persist or progress, *i.e.*, the responses observed in the studies were transient. The Study Directors for each of these study types were aware of the effects seen in the animals and monitored the animals' health.

Summary of 1998 - 1999 USDA Animal Usage

Species	# Animals used	# Animals with pain
Rabbits	86	7
Guinea Pigs	374	8

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Appendix A

Signs of Pain and Distress Clinical Signs

The following are considered clear signs of animals in pain or distress.

Convulsions

Coarse Tremors

Dyspnea

Respiratory Arrhythmia

Hyperpnea

Hypopnea

Wet rales

Emaciation

Hypothermia

Abdominal Griping

Prolapsed uterus

Prolapsed rectum

Teeth Grinding

Dystocia

Ranting (other than momentary)

Foot stomping (other than momentary)

Additionally, any animal that can not access its food or water will be considered an animal in pain or distress.

Dermal Irritation

Erythema score of "4" (Draize scale)

Dermal irritation score of "3" (Buehler scale)

Dermal sore/ulceration

Fissuring .

Edema score greater than "2" (Draize scale)

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Necrosis

Blanching (full depth)

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Ocular Irritation

Conjunctival redness score of "3"

Conjunctival necrosis

Iris score of "2"

Blistering conjunctiva

Protruding cornea

Corneal dye retention indicative of ulceration

Conjunctival chemosis score greater than "2"

Conjunctival ulceration

Corneal opacity score greater than "2"

Ruptured eye

Pannus

The following are considered subjective signs of animals in pain or distress. The observation of any one of these signs would not be considered sufficient to consider an animal in pain or distress. However, the occurrence of these signs with other related clinical signs may be considered a sign of pain or distress. The Study Director will make the determination of whether an animal with these signs was in pain or distress.

Ataxia

Fine Tremors

Piloerection

Aggressive

Ranting

Foot stomping

Teeth chattering

Vocalizing

Abdominal Staining

Cyanosis

Unthrifty coat

Small amount of stool

No stool

Distended abdomen

Food consumption Decrease

Red ocular discharge