

Care of laboratory animals in transit

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Guidelines for the care of laboratory animals in transit LABA and LASA in association with ABPI, BLAVA, IAT, MAFF, UFAW, and Animals (Scientific Procedures) Inspectorate (1993). Laboratory Animals: London. 15pp. Paperback. Obtainable free of charge from The Honorary Secretary LABA, c/o Froxfield Farms (UK) Ltd, Broadway Farm, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 1DR, UK.

Life science directory

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The universities section lists the relevant departments with personnel details, their specialities and telephone numbers. There are gaps in the information where the departments concerned have not returned their details but hopefully they will have done so ready for the 1994-95 directory. A comprehensive index covering the whole of the directory or even a list of names at the beginning of each section would add further value to this document.