Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

I write this to draw your personal attention to the important issue of discontinuation of dissection and experiments on live animals in Zoology/Life Sciences. As you may be aware that the UGC has always accorded utmost significance to this cause. In the past we had written to all the Universities to ensure strict adherence to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and to the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

In this connection, the UGC's Guidelines for discontinuation of dissection of live animals in the laboratories in a phased manner and suggestions for alternate modes of experimentation were conveyed to you as back as in November, 2011. You may kindly recall that you were requested to ensure the compliance of these guidelines by both the departments and the colleges affiliated to your University.

I am writing this letter again to seek your personal indulgence for ensuring the implementation of UGC's guidelines which can be accessed from the website http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6686154_guideline.pdf. You are requested to come up with alternate modes of dissections using digital/plastinated dissected specimen, etc. The expenditure for this purpose may be met out of the UGC Block Grants provided to University during the XII Plan period.

It is hoped that this request of ours would receive the highest consideration by your good offices. It would be very much appreciated if you could kindly keep us informed about the progress made in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ved Prakash)