



## ELLEGAARD GÖTTINGEN MINIPIGS ACHIEVES AAALAC INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



During a three-day visit in August by two site visitors of AAALAC International, the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International, the two independent full-barrier units and the farm facility of Ellegaard Göttingen Minipigs were thoroughly reviewed. On October 1 we learned that the Council on Accreditation had awarded full accreditation.

AAALAC International accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality, particularly regarding the standard of animal care. Certification, such as ISO 9000, exists to help companies meet and exhibit their quality goals, and AAALAC International does so specifically within the field of laboratory animal science.

AAALAC International accreditation counts, because:

- it symbolizes quality
- it promotes scientific validity
- it demonstrates accountability
- it shows commitment to humane animal care
- it provides confidential peer-review

The accreditation program is a voluntary process, based on the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the National Research Council (Washington: National Academy Press, 1996). Even though there are no requirements for an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in Danish regulations, we have recognized the benefits of having an IACUC as described in the Guide, and are working on the establishment of such a committee within our company.

There is much more to say about AAALAC International accreditation. If you are interested in this, and our standard of quality, we would like to invite you to come and see for yourself. We would be pleased to show you the two separate full-barrier breeding units, the administration, the transport vans, our SOP's and quality description, and, of course, the newly obtained AAALAC International accreditation plaque.



*Lars Ellegaard.*





### COURSES ON THE HANDLING AND BIOTECHNICAL PROCEDURES OF GÖTTINGEN MINIPIGS

Since 1996 we have organised workshops in anaesthesia and experimental surgery of the minipig for our customers, in cooperation with the Biomedical Laboratory of Odense University. A workshop consists of a demonstration of anaesthesia, including endotracheal intubation, and hands-on experience of experimental surgery. Elements of experimental surgery are cannulation of V. jugularis, A. carotis, and A. and V. femoralis. After laparotomy, cannulation of the pancreatic and bile ducts, and of Vv. porta and hepatica are performed.

We are now also offering a course on the handling and biotechnical procedures of Göttingen minipigs. This course focuses on the handling and restraint of the conscious minipig, and on how to take blood samples. Gastric intubation is also practised. This course is organized in connection with the anaesthesia and surgery workshop, but could also be organized on its own, e.g. in connection with a visit to the breeding facilities.

It would also be possible for us to visit your institute, and demonstrate the handling and biotechnical procedures of the minipig there. This could be combined with a presentation of the care and use of the Göttingen minipig. Either our chief technician, Charlotte Nicolaisen, or Peter Bollen, the scientific manager would be pleased to render you our services in connection with your minipig studies.

If you are interested in one of these possibilities, please fill in the form and fax it to us on fax +45 5818 5880, or e-mail your request to: [ellegaard@minipigs.dk](mailto:ellegaard@minipigs.dk).

*Peter Bollen.*

#### **I am interested in the following:**

- workshop on anaesthesia and experimental surgery
- course on handling and biotechnical procedures
- visit and demonstration at our institute

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