

* Ethics are the responsibilities
of the researchers

Ethical issues in Psychological Research

The ethical problem in behavioural researches is a vital one because the researchers here conduct experiments mostly on human beings who may be embarrassed, frightened or hurt by the nature of the experiment.

To solve such ~~this~~ problem some learned agencies like APA, The British Psychological Society, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the United States ~~of~~ ~~the~~ office of Education have developed a code of ~~the~~ ethics for research with human being as well as animals.

Some important rules to be observed in animal researches are as follows:-

- All animals used in experimentation must be ~~of~~ lawfully possessed
- Every effort should be made to avoid bodily discomfort to animals subjected to experimentation. Research, where discomfort to animals is essential, must be done

under the proper care of veterinary experts

- All animals must be fed properly during experimentation ~~etc~~ with due consideration for kind treatment and sanitary environment
- Where surgical operations are to be done for fulfilling the purpose of the research, it must be done under suitable general anaesthesia or local anaesthesia. Attempts should also be made to avoid infection throughout experimentation.
- The animals must be provided with post-operative care in a humane manner.

Berg (1954) has ~~an~~ enunciated three important elements of ethical research with human being.

The elements are

- Consent
- Confidence
- Standard procedure.
- establish Rapport

- ① The first ethical consideration is that the person must give his consent to act as a subject. He must give this consent after knowing the risk, pain and discomfort involved in the proposed research. If the patient is ill but is required to act as a subject, consent for physician or the guardian is required.
- ② The second ethical consideration is confidence. The human being who are to act as the subjects, must have confidence in the experiments in that the latter will not make his attitudes, reactions and opinions public.
- ③ The 3rd imp consideration is that of the standard of acceptable practice. In other words, the procedure that is to be followed by the experimenter must be a standard procedure. By standard procedure, we mean that the procedures, must be "tried many times before by many ~~investigators~~ investigators".