Saved Search for Animal Testing Alternatives in MEDLINE

Miner’s librarians have gathered together many of the subject headings and keywords that may be useful in searching the MEDLINE database for animal testing alternatives. These are stored for your use as a saved search on Ovid MEDLINE.

Using Ovid to search the MEDLINE database:

1. Enter the part of the search pertaining to your research topic. This should contain the subject headings (and keywords, if necessary) you want to combine with terms for animal testing alternatives.

2. Run the saved search as follows:
   a. Click on the “View Saved” button at the top right of the Search page.
   b. You will need to create a Personal Account to access the saved searches.
   c. Under “Expert Searches” click on the checkbox for “MEDLINE – animal testing”.
   d. Click on the “Run Search(es)” icon.
   e. After the “Saved Search Execution Complete” message appears, click on the Search tab to see the results.

The following sets of subject headings/keywords with their results will appear:

1. (alternative$ adj2 animal$).ti,ab.
2. animal testing alternatives/
or
   animal use alternatives
3. exp models theoretical/
4. exp models structural/
5. disease models animal/
6. models, animal/ (2001 - )
7. in vitro/
8. exp cells cultured/
9. exp tissue culture/
10. housing animal/
11. animal welfare/
12. animal husbandry/
13. computer simulation/
14. computer assisted instruction/
15. software/
16. exp artificial intelligence/
17. exp pain/
18. exp anesthetics/
19. exp analgesics/
20. exp “hypnotics and sedatives”/
21. stress/
22. stress psychological
23. distress$.ti,ab.
24. exp invertebrates/
25. (refine$ or refining).ti,ab.
26. (replace$ or replacing).ti,ab.
27. manikins/

The subject headings preceded by “exp” have been exploded to include all of their narrower, more specific headings. Terms followed by .ti,ab. were searched as keywords (words or phrases appearing in titles or abstracts). The $ symbol indicates the keyword was truncated to include variant word endings (singular, plural, etc.).

3. Most likely, you will only want to use some of the subject headings/keywords from the saved search. “Combine” all of the sets for animal testing alternatives that could be relevant to your research topic with an OR.

4. “Combine” your animal testing alternatives result obtained in step #3, with the result(s) for your research topic with an AND.
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