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Objective
The project’s goal is to create and maintain a comprehensive database containing subject-specific information. The information is used to serve as a key resource for grant support and enhance the ethical treatment of animals.

A library Intranet allows librarian liaisons to conduct database searches and prepare customized reports for campus researchers. EndNote software is utilized, due to a campus site license.

Implementation Process
A librarian member of the campus Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) gave a presentation explaining the project’s goals and the advantages for researchers. Participating liaison librarians also promoted the project via email and meetings.

Interested researchers met with librarians to discuss research needs, search strategies, and preferred delivery options. Results are sent and searched as revised as needed. EndNote attachments can be directly imported into users libraries.

A SharePoint folder is housed on the library Intranet to hold the EndNote master library and supporting documents.

Examples of Databases Used
• PubMed (Medline)
• Web of Science
• BIOSIS (Biological Abstracts)
• SciFinder Scholar (Chemical Abstracts)
• PsycINFO
• Agricola
• CABI Abstracts
• Additional databases based on topic & researcher needs

Stored Search Strategies
Filters have been created for several database platforms. Login instructions are given to interested campus researchers.

PubMed Information
My NCBI Account and Saved Search

EndNote Library Set-up & Customization

Conclusions
Project Strengths
• The project increased researcher awareness of librarian expertise and support services.
• Creation of accessible save search hedges benefits researchers who prefer self-sufficiency.
• Increased awareness of EndNote capability to help grant writers.

Project Weaknesses
• Librarians need an increased understanding of the institutional research culture, in order to find the most effective approaches for promoting services to researchers.
• SharePoint Intranet is cumbersome for updating the EndNote library.

Next Steps
• Increase IACUC promotion of service to researchers via Primary Investigators (PI) discussion list.
• Give brief presentations to relevant campus departments and groups.
• Recruit and train relevant campus librarians to increase awareness and encourage referrals.
• Monitor search filters and yield. Change as needed to obtain best results.