

Reporting animal use in field research



Can we do the job in a better way?

What do we find in literature today?

- A lot about what animals do
- Very little about the health status of these animals
- Are all wild experimental animals by definition always healthy?



We tell the animal behaviour story.

Could the story be more complete if the reader could learn about:

- ❖ Size of the animal – normal? age?
- ❖ Condition – fat? lean?
- ❖ Fur or feathers – normal? shabby?
- ❖ Eyes – clear or 1? cataracts?
- ❖ Skin, including ears – parasites? lesions?
- ❖ Normal limbs?
- ❖ Overall judgement – general impression



Annual reports to the Norwegian Animal Research Authority:

- ❖ should have a separate column for short description of health status, combined with description of eventual accidents
- ❖ description of eventual catch not included in the study (and the reason why)

