# YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER IN BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH



For more than 25 years, SoBran has supported many complex and demanding laboratory animal care programs with research support, data analysis, animal inventory, regulatory compliance, and program management. We have worked to set the industry standard in preclinical services, leading programs with top-level technical and husbandry teams who specialize in this unique area of bioscience.

We ensure all research efforts are conducted in the most professional, effective, and humane manner while maintaining the highest level of quality assurance backed by our ISO 9001:2015 certification and accommodation of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) studies.

#### **Setting SoBran Apart**

- Our out-of-the box thinking and flexible strategies to problem-solving allow us to identify key areas for program improvements and efficiencies.
- Our standard operating procedures (SOPs) provide you with consistently excellent performance.
- Our compliance expertise ensures your operations run efficiently and worry-free.
- Our skilled management keeps us continually meeting and exceeding your goals.

Our commitment to excellence has created a unique approach that helps us lead the industry in quality care methods. Through on-site support services, SoBran's scientific and technical professionals become a seamless extension of your institutional research team, drawing from our extensive training and sophisticated techniques.

Clients know they can count on us to see their projects through to completion while adhering to project, schedule, and budget requirements.

## **Dynamic Consulting Services**

Our consultants have spent years refining their management strategies and operational procedures, combining best practices with industry compliance. With a focus on driving programmatic improvement for our clients, on-site and virtual consulting services are available for a host of critical program components.

**Facility design** – SoBran has been an integral part of supporting the design of purpose-built facilities in conventional, barrier, and biocontainment environments (ABSL-1 through 4). We also have experience testing the functionality of newly built and renovated facilities for optimized performance from the start. **Standard operating procedures (SOP)** – Committed to quality control, we develop and update SOPs for all our animal care contracts. Our wide array of services include site visits, personnel interviews for program specific operations, and establishing electronic SOP content (MS Office), forms, checklists, and index references.

**Biosecurity/disease surveillance** – From a basic disease surveillance program to a more comprehensive biosecurity plan, we help minimize the risk of your research falling victim to a disease in your facility.

**Regulatory support** – SoBran helps you navigate current federal regulations to keep your animal care and use programs compliant, and we design programs that lead to obtaining PHS Assurance and AAALAC International accreditation. We have successfully assisted multiple academic and government sites with obtaining and maintaining AAALAC International accreditation. **Biosafety/biocontainment** – We help you meet biosafety and biosecurity requirements through recruiting plans that identify the ideal recruit for ABSL environments and requirements, training programs that provide initial and ongoing assessments of performance, and guidance on implementing a robust quality assurance plan.

Animal research protocol development – We recommend the appropriate animal research protocol model, ensuring that all protocols meet current regulatory requirements and can withstand IACUC review. **Personnel training** – We offer quality personnel training programs for all levels of facility and program support and operations, including cage wash, animal husbandry, technical staffing, and management.

## **Quality Laboratory Animal Care**

SoBran supports biomedical research programs involving disease, development, and physiological conditions for humans and animals that are of importance in both the medical and veterinary fields. We understand that in vivo research results fundamentally depend on the quality of laboratory animal care.

Our team of specialized professionals manage and operate several laboratory animal facilities at client sites including Animal Biosafety Levels (ABSL) 1 through 4, conventional, quarantine, and barrier facilities. Our proven capabilities in a wide range of settings ensure we have a solution to meet your needs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Creating a bond with the animals under our care is the most rewarding part of the job. If the animals trust me, I'm doing my job as a vet tech."

#### Government and Private Institutions Work with SoBran to Turn Their Vision into Reality

SoBran's past and present clients include:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- The Vaccine Research Center (VRC), NIAID, NIH
- National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

- National Heart, Lung and Blood Institutes (NHLBI)
- NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources (DVR)
- Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Christopher Newport University
- Southern Methodist University
- Old Dominion University

At SoBran, we're committed to putting our mission first; we know what our customers need and we know how to make it happen. Reach out to explore more about how our services can help you realize all your research goals.

#### SERVING THE NATION WITH QUALITY SERVICES YOU CAN TRUST

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