## Legal regulation of experimental animals handling

This thesis deals with the legal regulation of experimental animals handling and their protection in international law, European union law and national law. Its goal is to complexly capture current legislation in this field, point out unsystematic or otherwise unsuitable institutes and propose means of their change. The core of the thesis is a description and an analysis of relevant parts of the Act on Animal Protection Against Cruelty, directives and regulations of the European Union and international treaties. Furthermore the thesis includes a treatise on the legal status of an animal, a brief introduction into ethical issues of animal experiments, historical evolution of relevant legal regulation and questions of administrative and criminal liability in the field of experimental animals handling.