

The University of Reading Animal Research Policy

explains what we do, how
the University of Reading
activities.

Overview

The University is committed to high quality research with global impact. Our research contributes to the furthering of knowledge of the biological and chemical mechanisms of life. It has made, and continues to make, important advances in the understanding and treatment of a range of human health problems including cardiovascular and neurological disorders, epilepsy and psychological conditions. Our research embraces animal health, welfare and nutrition as well as the impact of humans on the environment.

Much of this research is conducted without the use of live animals. However, the University supports the use of animals in research when this is necessary to replicate the complex interactions of a whole living body and there are no practical alternatives.

The University is a signatory to the Concordat on Openness on Animal Research in the UK, joining over 100 other UK universities, charities, commercial companies, research councils, learned societies and umbrella bodies in a commitment to help the public understand more about animal research.

All our animal research is closely monitored and, where necessary, is regulated and carried out according to standards, conditions and authorities set down by the UK licensing authority, the Home Office.

Our animal research

Regulated live animal research is conducted in the Schools of Agriculture Policy and Development; Biological Sciences; Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy and Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences.

The governance of all activities covered by ASPA at the University is laid out in the 'Notes of Guidance' available [here](#).

Dr Richard Messer
University Secretary

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LINKS

The Home Office: Research and Testing Using Animals

This is the official Home Office site providing information on the legislation surrounding research involving animals.

National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research

An independent scientific organisation that works in partnership with bioscience