

FOCUS ON SEVERE SUFFERING

WHAT IS 'SEVERE' SUFFERING?

'Severe' suffering is the highest level of pain or distress it may be permitted to cause animals when used in scientific research and testing

EU around **1 million animals/year** (approx 10%)

World estimated **10 million animals/year** (approx 10%)

UK **86,000 procedures/year** (approx 3%)

WHY MIGHT SEVERE SUFFERING OCCUR?

1. Animals are used to study diseases or conditions which cause severe suffering in humans.

2. A series or combination of less severe events combine to lead to an increase in overall suffering.

3. An animal dies unexpectedly, or where the death of an animal is used as an 'endpoint' of a study.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?



HELPING LAB ANIMALS

LIAISING with Scientists, vets and animal carers

GUIDANCE AND OUTREACH

1 website

3 international conferences
Over 370 delegates from 24 countries

+20 presentations in 14 countries including at research institutions and scientific conferences

TARGETING SPECIFIC 'MODELS' AND PROCEDURES

13 publications

6 expert working groups

6 targeted reports on specific areas of animal use

61% DECREASE



EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES CAUSING SEVERE SUFFERING IN THE UK

CHALLENGING NECESSITY AND JUSTIFICATION

- Engaging with scientists
- Meeting with regulators
- Promoting effective ethical review