THE USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TESTING

Around the world it is estimated +100 million animals are used in experiments every year.

- AUSTRALIA c.6.7m
- JAPAN c.11m
- CHINA c.16m
- CANADA 4.3m
- EUROPEAN UNION 9.4m
- AMERICA c.20m
- NEW ZEALAND 0.24m
- UNITED STATES 0.24m
- UNITED KINGDOM 3.3m

Each project proposal must undergo a harm-benefit analysis.

The majority of GA animals are mice and zebrafish.

- RAT
- CAT
- FERRET
- COW
- CHICKEN
- FROG
- BEAGLE
- RABBIT
- GUINEA PIG
- MACAQUE
- MARMOSET
- MOUSE
- PIG
- SHEEP
- ZEBRAFISH

The RSPCA is opposed to experiments which cause pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm. Replacement with humane alternatives is our principal goal, and we also work to minimise animal numbers and suffering and improve welfare. See: www.rspca.org.uk/laboratoryanimals

The 3Rs and ethics:
- REPLACEMENT - using humane methods which avoid or replace the use of animals
- REDUCTION - minimising the numbers of animals used
- REFINEMENT - improving experiments, housing and care to reduce suffering throughout animals’ lives

Expected harm to lab animals

Potential benefits to people or other animals

*Experimental procedures only
Source for UK data: Home Office 2020