

Request Ref: 2665

FOI Request dated **01/07/2022** as follows –

I would like to make a freedom of information request regarding your institution's potential use of the 'forced swim test' wherein an animal, normally a mouse, is placed in a container of water from which they cannot escape.

I would like to request the following information please:

Are forced swim tests permitted by your institution?

How many forced swim tests have been conducted by your institution each year over the past ten years?

Assuming there have been forced swim tests conducted in the past three years:

What happens to the tested animal once their use for the test concludes.

Are the animals eventually killed/destroyed? If so, what method of euthanasia is used?

Is there is a policy for rehoming the tested animals.

If there is a rehoming policy, what is the number number of animals from forced swim tests which have been rehomed under it each year since its inception.

Response

Are forced swim tests permitted by your institution? - **No**

How many forced swim tests have been conducted by your institution each year over the past ten years? - **None**

Assuming there have been forced swim tests conducted in the past three years:

What happens to the tested animal once their use for the test concludes. - **N/A as per Q1/2**

Are the animals eventually killed/destroyed? If so, what method of euthanasia is used? - **N/A as per Q1/2**

Is there is a policy for rehoming the tested animals. - **N/A as per Q1/2**

If there is a rehoming policy, what is the number of animals from forced swim tests which have been rehomed under it each year since its inception. - **N/A as per Q1/2**