

**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**