

FOI Request dated 26/03/2024

Request Reference: 3118

I'm writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the disclosure of the information indicated below relating to the use of animals under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

- Please outline any instances of non-compliance with the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 at your institution between 1 January 2019 and 19 March 2024. Please include the date, reason for non-compliance, a description of the incident, number of animals affected, and how the Animals in Science Regulation Unit remedied the non-compliance.*
- Please state the number of Animals in Science Regulation Unit laboratory inspections (both in person and online) conducted at your institution in the last five years and if applicable, the year they took place, and specify whether they were in person or online.*
- Please state whether your institution conducts experiments on primates, dogs, or cats.*

I also wish to request the following information in relation to project licences that authorise use of the forced swim test or forced swimming procedures at your establishment:

- Since August 2022, have personnel at your institution been granted a licence or are they awaiting approval of a licence that includes the forced swim test as an authorised procedure?*
- If applicable, please provide copies of any active licences which the institution has held since August 2022 and any draft licence applications from August 2022.*
- If applicable, please confirm how many forced swim tests have been carried out at your institution between 1 July 2022 and the present day, specifying both the number of procedures conducted and the total number of animals used per species.*
- If available, please provide five video clips of the forced swim test being conducted at your institution. The footage may be chosen at random, but please ensure it shows the duration of the test from the animal being placed into water until they are removed.*

Response

- Please outline any instances of non-compliance with the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 at your institution between 1 January 2019 and 19 March 2024. Please include the date, reason for non-compliance, a description of the incident, number of animals affected, and how the Animals in Science Regulation Unit remedied the non-compliance. **We have had zero non compliances during this period.**
- Please state the number of Animals in Science Regulation Unit laboratory inspections (both in person and online) conducted at your institution in the last five years and if applicable, the year they took place, and specify whether they were in person or online. **X1 in section in person in 2019**

- Please state whether your institution conducts experiments on primates, dogs, or cats. **We do not carry out experiments on primates, cats or dogs.**

I also wish to request the following information in relation to project licences that authorise use of the forced swim test or forced swimming procedures at your establishment:

Since August 2022, have personnel at your institution been granted a licence or are they awaiting approval of a licence that includes the forced swim test as an authorised procedure? **No**

- If applicable, please provide copies of any active licences which the institution has held since August 2022 and any draft licence applications from August 2022. **N/A**
- If applicable, please confirm how many forced swim tests have been carried out at your institution between 1 July 2022 and the present day, specifying both the number of procedures conducted and the total number of animals used per species. **N/A**
- If available, please provide five video clips of the forced swim test being conducted at your institution. The footage may be chosen at random, but please ensure it shows the duration of the test from the animal being placed into water until they are removed. **N/A**