

Around 50% of animal experiments in Britain are carried out at universities.



Universities are often thought of as being at the forefront of scientific enquiry, with world-class research conducted in pursuit of life-saving knowledge. Sadly, some universities, far from embracing the future of science are still conducting archaic and scientifically unreliable animal experiments.

Animal experiments are extremely cruel to animals – both in how the animals are kept and in what is done to them during experiments. Animals in laboratories have little to no control over their food, their cage-mates, or anything else that is important to them.

The information gathered from harming them is dangerous to humans. Because of species differences between humans and other animals, information from animal experiments cannot be reliably translated to humans.

Harming and killing animals in the name of ‘science’ is not acceptable. It’s time for better science.

Experiments conducted at universities are often categorised as basic research – usually ‘curiosity-led’ – meaning there is **no legal obligation for the tests to be carried out.** These experiments are conducted solely to satisfy the curiosity of a particular researcher.

Animal Aid's examination of experiments conducted **at universities** has found rabbits, rats, mice (who are frequently genetically modified), horses, llamas, monkeys, birds, pigs **and other animals being harmed and killed.**

We have read about:

- Baby mice having chemicals injected directly into their knee joints to cause painful arthritis.
- Rats enduring spinal crush injuries and stab wounds to their brains.
- Pigs forced to inhale toxic insecticides, resulting in severely infected and bleeding lungs.



Find out more about animal experiments happening at British universities by visiting our website. Here you can discover which universities conduct cruel experiments, which don't, and the scale of animal use across the UK.

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