



Vice Chancellor Dame Janet Beer
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Dear Dame Janet.

Animal Testing at Liverpool University

Merseyside Animal Rights has learnt through a freedom of information request that figures for animal testing at Liverpool University have reached their highest level since 2014; that the University conducted 25,346 experiments on animals in 2019, with a further 4,337 bred who were either killed, or died, without being experimented on.

A petition was raised and has received 4,455 signatures calling on the University of Liverpool to completely replace the use of animals in its research.

If the University was genuinely interested in reduction and replacement, its figures for animals used would be reducing, not increasing. Unfortunately, the University of Liverpool seems determined, despite its claims to the contrary, to remain bound to the outdated animal model for research.

The use of non-human animals as models for both toxicity testing and human disease research is increasingly being called into question. Differences between species means that the results delivered are often inaccurate and frequently dangerous. Nine out of every ten new drugs developed and passed as safe and effective in animals never lead to any human benefit due to ineffectiveness or unexpected toxicity when trialled in people. The use of non-human animals is actually delaying medical progress as well as posing a safety threat to those who volunteer for drugs trials.

We have attached the 4,455 signatories with their comments and would like you to respond with the timeframe and methodology of how the University of Liverpool will be ceasing animal experimentation.

Your sincerely

Sarah Austin