



Moredun Group Statement on the Use of Animals in Scientific Research

The Moredun Group is internationally recognised for its research on the prevention and control of infectious diseases of livestock and the improvement of animal health and welfare.

The Moredun Group follows and complies with stringent guidelines and regulations and has been operating and continually developing an ethical review procedure for over 30 years to ensure that if animals are used in research, it is to advance science and knowledge to benefit animal health and, in the case of zoonotic diseases, human health and welfare in the future. The Moredun Group is committed to applying the principles of reduction, refinement and replacement of animals in research. To this end, every experiment using licensed procedures on animals has the experimental design reviewed by an Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB) to ensure the use is justified. The AWERB includes staff working with the animals and a statistician to advise on minimal numbers. A report is given to the AWERB at the end of each experiment where promotion of the 3Rs is paramount.

We have an Institute 3Rs committee to promote the principles of 3Rs through communication with our scientists. We have a communications centre to promote communications with the media and the public about our research using animals. We encourage openness and are proactive in providing opportunities -for the public to find out about our research.

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