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Date: 05/03/21  
Subject: Animal Research

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I request to know the information for the year 2020 (01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020).

- **Did your university conduct experiments on animals in the year 2020?**

Yes

- **If yes to the above question, how many animals were held on the premises for research purposes.**

Rodents: The capacity available is 1250 and the number of animals held on the premises held throughout the year was 60-75% of capacity.

Xenopus frogs: 75 animals were held on the premises.

- **What species of animal were used?**

This information is available on the University's website. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This message acts as our refusal notice.

The information can be found here:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/research/research-services/research-integrity-ethics--governance/awerb/>

- **How many of each species of animal were used in experiments?**

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- **What are the Home Office licence classification for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified?**

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- **Were the animals used for medical or non-medical research?**

All animals held on the premises were for medical research. Those not held were for ecological population research.

- **Which departments of your university were or are engaged in such research?**

Species held on the premises: Biomedical & Life Sciences and Medicine

Wild species: Lancaster Environment Centre

- **How many animals, held on the premises, were killed without being used for experiments?**

1 Xenopus frog and 506 mice, where 'experiment' is defined as a procedure other than being bred as genetically altered

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

Your request i.d. is: FOI 4545. Please quote this in all enquiries.

The University aims to comply fully with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to ensure that the service it provides for those wishing to gain access to information is helpful and effective.

The personal information you have supplied will be used only to process your request; some details will be retained for our records after the request has been answered. This information will not be passed on to other parties unrelated to the University unless we are required to do so by law, or where it would be necessary to answer the request in full (in which case we would seek your consent for any transfer).

#### Process for Making a Complaint

If you feel the service you have received does not meet our aims or your expectations, please write to:

Head of Governance Services  
University House  
Lancaster University  
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Lancaster  
LA1 4YW

Email: [information-governance@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:information-governance@lancaster.ac.uk)

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