

## Animal use in Research

- Myeloma UK acknowledges that under some circumstances, the use of animals is essential for some types of medical research and believes that the ethical use of animals is appropriate and necessary to further treatment, prevention and cure of myeloma and its complications
- Myeloma UK is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) and follows the AMRC position on the use of animals in medical research. This can be downloaded from [here](#)
- All research projects involving the use of animals are licensed by the Home Office and all the researchers and the procedures on which the experiments are performed must be licensed. All these processes are rigorously policed by the Home Office Inspectorate
- From time to time Myeloma UK approves projects involving the use of animals when there is no suitable or practical alternative. Such grants are only awarded when researchers provide convincing arguments that:
  1. The research question is of sufficient importance and justifies the use of animals
  2. The research question cannot be answered using alternative methods
  3. The number of animals is the minimum required to answer that question
  4. The appropriate species is chosen
  5. The proposed experiment should answer the research question
  6. There is absolute adherence at all times to Home Office regulations relating to the husbandry, pain and distress of the animals
  7. Experiments will only be performed on premises of the highest standards licensed by the Home Office

We at Myeloma UK appreciate that some people have strong and personal views about animal research. Any of our supporters who prefer not to support research that involves the use of animals can restrict their donations either to research in our programme that does not involve animals, or to our other objectives: education, awareness, information and support.

You can read the AMRC publication 'Why do medical research charities fund animal research?' [here](#).

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