**KINGS COLLEGE LONDON**

**Animals**

We house many different species of animals at King's College London, including **mice, rats, fish, rabbits, guinea-pigs, amphibians, marmosets and snakes**.

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And crucially, the test has been shown to be a poor predictor of whether a drug will work to treat depression in humans.

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In the league table of universities that perform scientific procedures on animals, King’s ranked fifth, with over 170,000 experiments of that kind carried out in 2015.

Mice and zebrafish are the most common species researchers at KCL work with, making up respectively 73 per cent and 23 per cent of all the animals housed at the university. Experiments are also performed on amphibians, guinea pigs, monkeys, rabbits, rats and snakes.

The animals can be used in one of three ways: to be experimented on for scientific procedures, for breeding purposes or tissue only purposes. In any case, all three involve either some sort of suffering or – in the College’s euphemistic terms – ‘humane’ death. Oxford came on top of the list with 226,214 animals tested on, followed closely by Edinburgh (212,695) and UCL (202,554). The fourth position was claimed by Cambridge (181,080).