It is the policy of the University to ensure that all research involving the use of animals is undertaken in compliance with the standards set down in the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, revised 2012 (ASPA), or with equivalent national or international legislation for projects involving University staff, students and researchers working with collaborators elsewhere. The University is committed to ensuring that all animals will be maintained under the highest standards for care and welfare and that they are always treated with respect and consideration. All staff, students and researchers involved are required by the University to comply with this policy, and to uphold the principles of the 3Rs, (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement), using animals only when no alternative is available, minimising their numbers and utilising the simplest procedures consistent with obtaining valid results.