

Animal Testing Policy

As a leading Data Protection Officer resource centre, we aim to deliver expert data protection and privacy advice to our clients. We have one of the largest teams of Data Protection Officers available, who work with many hundreds of clients across a range of sectors, including life sciences and clinical trials.

You can find more information on our organisation and the services we provide via our [website](#).

Our stance on testing on animals

The DPO Centre does not endorse or support animal abuse or cruelty in any form. However, we do recognise that important research may have to be conducted that involves animals before it can be approved for safe use with humans. This means that some of our life science and clinical trial clients *may* wish, or be required, to use and test on animals before they can safely test on human subjects.

What stage do we join clinical trials?

The clinical trials and life science organisations we work with will, most likely, have concluded the initial tests they are required to perform on animals. Generally, we join the clinical trials team later in the process once the trial has been approved for human studies.

We offer a consultancy service to life sciences and clinical trials organisations on how to collect, store, process, use, and transfer (human) participants' personal data. **We, at no point in our services, offer support and advice on using animals during the initial testing and support no such organisations in doing so.**

Policy towards our clients

We understand that there may be sector or jurisdictional requirements that mean that our clients are required to perform tests on animals before a drug or therapeutic treatment can progress to human trials. We offer support and guidance on good data privacy management only. You can find more information relating to the services we provide to the life sciences sector [here](#).

Our clients may separately enter into external agreements, commitments or principles relating to animal testing based upon their organisation's own policies, the type of study being conducted, and any jurisdictional requirements that may be required. It will remain within our discretion to avoid and reject organisations who conduct unethical and unnecessary tests on animals. However, this we will assess on a case-by-case basis.

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