City University London Policy on Animal Research

Senate Meeting No 202

27 February 2002

At Senate meeting no. 202 held on 27 February 2002 the following policy was approved. This followed a recommendation from the Senior Management Executive and Ethics Committee for a formal recorded policy on animal research by staff and students at City University

1. City University does not proscribe animal research.
2. As a matter of current practice, invasive animal research and research requiring a Home Office Licence is not conducted on University premises.
3. The University acknowledges that City University members of staff observe animals on the premises of the University, but that this research is non-invasive and does not require a Home Office Licence.
4. Where members of staff conduct animal testing which is deemed invasive or requires a Home Office Licence, it will be in collaboration with another institution/organisation.
5. When members of City University do undertake invasive animal research in collaboration with another institution/organisation such experiments will be subject to that institution’s/organisation’s ethical procedures. In the case of research done by staff in collaboration with another institution, a judgement must be taken as to the appropriateness of that institution’s ethical procedures, and approval managed accordingly by Senate Research Ethics Committee. Documents relating to the ethical approval of the research must be submitted to City University Senate Research Ethics Committee.
6. Non-invasive research involving animals and carried out on City University premises should be subject to the University’s usual ethical approval procedures.
7. Staff and students are given the opportunity to opt out of research conducted on animals.

Senate Research Ethics Committee noted and reconfirmed the above policy on 12 February 2013.