Animals are used to study diseases or conditions which cause severe suffering in humans.

A series or combination of less severe events combine to lead to an increase in overall suffering.

An animal dies unexpectedly, or where the death of an animal is used as an ‘endpoint’ of a study.

WHAT IS ‘SEVERE’ SUFFERING?

‘Severe’ suffering is the highest level of pain or distress it may be permitted to cause animals when used in scientific research and testing.

WHY MIGHT SEVERE SUFFERING OCCUR?

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

LIAISING with Scientists, vets and animal carers

GUIDANCE AND OUTREACH

1 website

+20 presentations in 14 countries including at research institutions and scientific conferences

3 international conferences Over 370 delegates from 24 countries

TARGETING SPECIFIC ‘MODELS’ AND PROCEDURES

13 publications

6 targeted reports on specific areas of animal use

6 expert working groups

CHALLENGING NECESSITY AND JUSTIFICATION

- Engaging with scientists
- Meeting with regulators
- Promoting effective ethical review

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES CAUSING SEVERE SUFFERING IN THE UK

THE RSPCA’S PRINCIPAL GOAL IS THE REPLACEMENT OF ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS WITH HUMANE ALTERNATIVES.