

FOCUS ON SEVERE SUFFERING



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

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

WORLD
approx.
10 million
animals
per year

EU
approx.
700,000
animals
per year

UK
17,593
procedures
in 2025

WHY MIGHT SEVERE SUFFERING OCCUR?

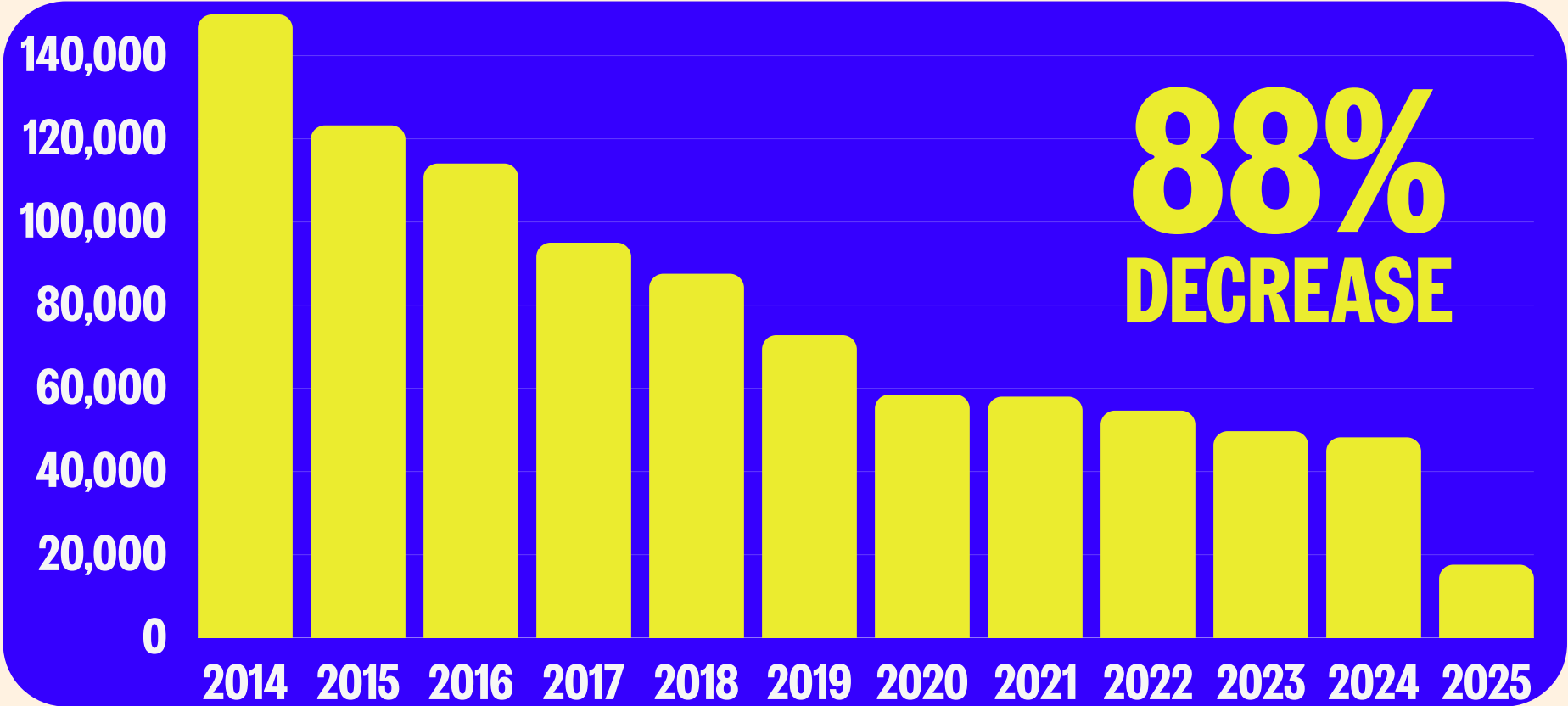


Animals are used to study diseases or conditions which cause severe suffering in humans.

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 ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?



EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES CAUSING SEVERE SUFFERING IN THE UK

LIAISING with scientists, vets and animal carers

TARGETING SPECIFIC 'MODELS' AND PROCEDURES

GUIDANCE AND OUTREACH

+50
PRESENTATIONS IN
20
COUNTRIES

1
WEBSITE

7
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

21
PUBLICATIONS

8
EXPERT WORKING
GROUPS

7
TARGETED REPORTS ON
SPECIFIC AREAS OF
ANIMAL USE

CHALLENGING NECESSITY AND JUSTIFICATION

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

