

Animals in Safety Science

The BTS is a signatory on the Understanding Animal Research Concordat on Openness on Animal Research in the UK, which aims to promote greater transparency about how animals are used in research. Signatories agree to abide by the following four commitments:

Commitment 1: We will be clear about when, how and why we use animals in research

Commitment 2: We will enhance our communications with the media and the public about our research using animals

Commitment 3: We will be proactive in providing opportunities for the public to find out about research using animals

Commitment 4: We will report on progress annually and share our experiences.

In support of the continued commitment to openness, the BTS have prepared a [position statement](#) describing when, how and why animals are used in toxicological research, and encourage and support their members that do use animals in research to be proactive in communicating with the media and public about their work. This includes short descriptions of specific projects involving animal research, career profiles of professionals (researchers, animal technicians, veterinarian, regulator) that work with animals for research purposes, and links to video tours of animal facilities that our members work in and with.

Wherever possible, the BTS promotes the reduction, replacement and refinement of animal research, and works with the [NC3Rs](#) to help drive scientific and technological developments that replace, reduce or refine the use of animals in research, ensure animal experiments are as robust and reproducible as possible, and provide the best welfare for laboratory animals.

Every year the BTS reports to UAR events and science fairs they have supported and been involved in over the previous year to promote openness on animal research.