

Rehoming of laboratory animals

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Introduction


Edinburgh University have actively looked at re-homing any animals which have not undergone any invasive procedures.


Bioresearch and Veterinary Services (BVS) are now looking at rehoming rats and mice. To date we have found that rats are more easily rehomed.




A rehome group/committee was established during February 2023.


Why?

3Rs – replacement, reduction, refinement 


From a Culture of Care point of view there has been an incredibly positive response from the technicians, vets and scientists to the rehoming of rats. 



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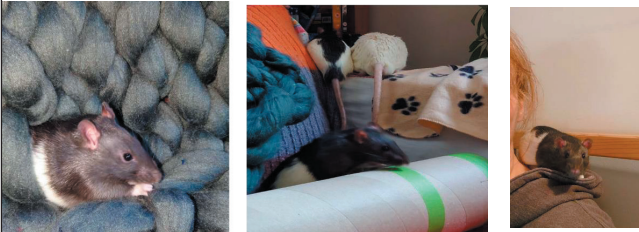


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Follow up



Video 1.mp4



Video 2.mp4

Conclusion

Initially the idea was to keep the search for new owners to the immediate research community but we soon discovered that we would need to look further afield. We are now happy, after the appropriate checks, that people throughout the University and friends take on these animals if all our criteria is met.

We are also considering linking with the veterinary schools to enable us to approach veterinary students that may be keen to rehome.

This re-homing opportunity has so far proven relatively popular, having housed 20 animals already.