

NZ pledges more openness on use of animals in research

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The University of Auckland has signed up to a New Zealand (NZ) agreement pledging openness on the use of animals in research and teaching.

The agreement, signed by 21 organisations, was launched recently at a conference in Queenstown held by the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART).

The commitments include-

- Clarity about why and how animals are used in research and teaching
- Enhance communications with the media and the public about use of animals in research and teaching
- Be proactive in providing opportunities for the public to find out about research and teaching using animals
- Report on progress annually and share experiences

"The judicious use of animals in research remains vital to scientific, medical, and veterinary progress," said Dr Jodi Salinsky, animal welfare officer and veterinarian at the University of Auckland. "We look forward to the day when animals are no longer needed and honour the animals for the advances made that allow treatments, vaccinations, and cures for diseases to be found."