**Ethics review form for low risk studies involving animals which**

**do not require an ASPA licence[[1]](#footnote-1)**

The LSE does not have an Animal Welfare Ethics Review Board, and cannot review or approve any research involving animals which would require a licence under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (ASPA)[[2]](#footnote-2)

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| Researcher details | |
| **Researcher name:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Are you a student/ academic/ other?** (If student, please specify whether UG, Masters or MPhil/ PhD; if other, please give details) |  |
| **Project supervisor/advisor**  If student, please enter the name and email address of the project supervisor/advisor |  |
| **Are you the lead LSE researcher on this project?** (if no, please state who is the lead researcher and their email address) |  |
| **If you are working with any co-researchers please list them and their affiliations here** |  |
| About the study | |
| **1. Title of research project /study** |  |
| **2. Is this study funded?**  If yes, who is/are the funder(s)? |  |
| **3. Abstract** *(approx. 150-200 words)*  *Your abstract should outline in non-technical language the purpose of the research* | |
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| **4. What protected animals will be involved in the study?[[3]](#footnote-3)**  You will be asked to give details of their involvement in the next section |  |
| **5. Can you confirm that the research will not involve a ‘regulated procedure’?[[4]](#footnote-4)** (Please complete the sentence) | I confirm that.... |
| **6. Where will the research take place?** Is appropriate insurance in place for the activity to take place there?[[5]](#footnote-5) |  |
| **7. Is the research undergoing ethics review by any other organisations?** |  |
| **8. When do you expect to begin data collection?** |  |
| **9. What is the approximate duration of the data collection?** |  |
| Involvement of animals in the research | |
| **10. Involvement of animals**  Please give details below of exactly how animals will be involved in the study.  *Please specify if it includes any of the following:*  *a) Observing animals within their natural or an artificial environment;*  *b) Capturing animals (permanently or temporarily);*  *c) Manipulating animals (including experimentation, handling, care husbandry or any other interaction);*  *d) Using data obtained by the observation, capture or manipulation of animals, either collected specifically for the purposes of the project, or in circumstances not subject to ethical review.* | |
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| **11. Might there be any potential negative impact on the animals as a direct or indirect result of the activity? If yes, what will you do to mitigate these?**  Where relevant, identify the measures you will use to judge the reaction of the animals (e.g. whether they are experiencing pain or discomfort). | |
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| **12. How have the 3Rs principles of Replacement, Reduction, Refinement been addressed?**  Could the study be conducted without animals? With fewer animals? Has potential harm been minimised? | |
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| **13. What are the expected benefits of the study?** | |
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| **14. Who will carry out and/or supervise the activities involving the animals?** | |
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| **15. Will consent be obtained from the owners of the animals?** | |
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| **16. Is there any relevant information that might raise any ethical issues not addressed elsewhere in this form?** | |
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**Declaration**

I confirm that:

* The information contained within this application is accurate and complete.
* The number of animals involved is the absolute minimum necessary to undertake the work.
* The experimental design has been refined to minimise any adverse effects on animals.
* The work cannot be undertaken without the use of live animals.
* Any risks that may arise in conducting this project have been identified to the best of my ability.
* I undertake to abide by the LSE Research Ethics Policy as well as the ethical principles underlying good practice appropriate to my field.
* The project will be undertaken in line with all applicable LSE, funder, legislative and local standards and regulations.
* If the project is approved, I undertake to inform the Research Ethics Committee of any significant amendments to the research design that may have ethical implications. I understand that any such amendments must be reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Committee before commencement (or recommencement) of the project.
* No work will begin until all appropriate permissions are in place.

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Next steps**

Once completed please send this form to the Research Ethics Committee via Lyn Grove, [research.ethics@lse.ac.uk](mailto:research.ethics@lse.ac.uk)

Where relevant please attach/send:

* A copy of the full project proposal detailing the study aims/rationale, design and methods;
* The study information sheet/consent form (e.g. to be given to the animals’ owners)
* Any other relevant supporting documentation

1. This review form only considers research with animals; if your study will also involve data collection from human participants you will most likely need to complete a separate ethics review form. If you are not sure please contact Lyn Grove via [research.ethics@lse.ac.uk](mailto:research.ethics@lse.ac.uk) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/research-and-testing-using-animals> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The Act defines protected animals as: 'all living vertebrates, other than man, and any living cephalopod. Fish and amphibia are protected once they can feed independently and cephalopods at the point when they hatch. Embryonic and foetal forms of mammals, birds and reptiles are protected during the last third of their gestation or incubation period.’ [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. A procedure is regulated if it is carried out on a protected animal and may cause that animal a level of pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm equivalent to, or higher than, that caused by inserting a hypodermic needle according to good veterinary practice. Procedures may be regulated if they involve doing something, such as dosing or sampling, or not doing something, such as withholding food or water. For the full definition of a ‘regulated procedure’ see §2 of the [Act (consolidated version 2013)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/619140/ConsolidatedASPA1Jan2013.pdf)’. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. We may ask to see a copy of the relevant insurance, e.g. Public Liability insurance. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)