



AnNex
Animal Research Nexus

Welcome to the Final Issue of the AnNex Newsletter

Welcome to the final issue of the AnNex newsletter. As 2023 draws to a close we wanted to convey our deep sense of gratitude for all the interest and support that you have provided our programme since we began our collaboration in 2017. It's been a genuine joy to work with you all and we will deeply miss the conversations and collaborations we have developed together. Thank you.

Though AnNex has formally come to the end of its funded cycle, the team continues to work on and around the topic of laboratory animal science and welfare in various ways. Pru discussed the Animal Research Nexus programme with Science and Technology colleagues at the University of York in September 2023. In November 23, Gail shared AnNex reflections and resources with participants at the *in vivo* Culture of Care week at AstraZeneca and Beth ran a Care-full Stories workshop at the Pirbright Institute. Emma used the Mouse Exchange to start conversations about institutional approaches to the Culture of Care at the University of Southampton and showcased it with engagement specialists at an international geography conference.

Gail is contributing as co-author and steering committee member to the National Programme on Advancing the 3Rs in Switzerland. Their recent position paper in [Frontiers in Veterinary Science](#) underlines the importance of the social sciences and humanities to the future of the 3Rs. Many of us remain involved in initiatives to promote the Culture of Care, for instance Beth has recently contributed to the [International Culture of Care Network](#) and the [3Rs Collaborative](#). We continue to publish academic papers, with recent work from Pru and colleagues exploring how the [public is imagined](#) in animal research, [what counts as animal advocacy](#) for Named Veterinary Surgeons, and how and why they distinguish between ethical aspects of veterinary work in the [spaces of the laboratory versus general clinical practice](#). You can see [our full list of publications to date](#), [engagement activities](#), and [research blogs](#) on soon to be archived Animal Research Nexus website.

In October 2023, Gail, Rich and Rob began to look to the future by exploring how insights from AnNex could inform the development of [non-animal methods in preclinical research](#) (alongside Renelle in her new role at the RSPCA). In early January 24, Rob and Dmitriy will welcome in the new year by presenting the latest iterations of their historical work to a meeting at the Maastricht University themed about '[Laboratory Animal \(Im\)mobilities: relocating pasts and presents of biomedical experimentation](#)' (and continue in their efforts to complete their respective books). We look forward to our collective book '[Researching Animal Research](#)' coming out in January 2024 and anticipate our work will continue to evolve in ways yet to reveal themselves! We would like to wish you all the best for your work and other activities in 2024.

Research News in this Issue

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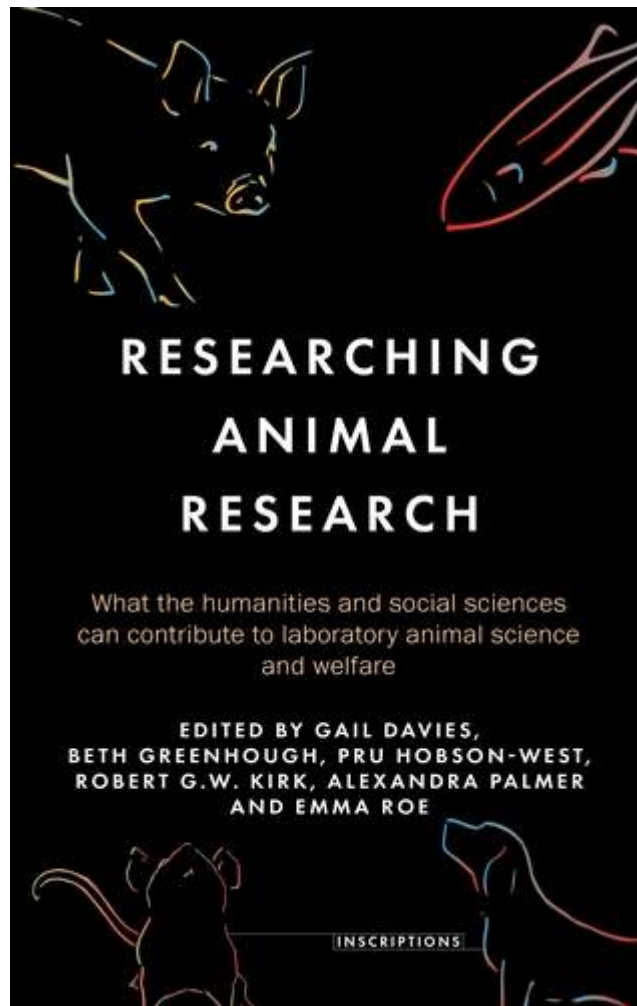
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[Announcing the publication of *Researching Animal Research*](#)

We are excited to announce the forthcoming publication of our new edited volume *Researching Animal Research* (January 2024) with Manchester University Press. You can read further details and order your copy on the [blog](#)



[The Animal Research Nexus Programme closing workshop 2023](#)

The Animal Research Nexus Programme ran its closing workshop in 2023 at the Wellcome Trust in London. Follow the [link](#) to read the highlights and access the presentations



[Creative Methods in Our Work](#)

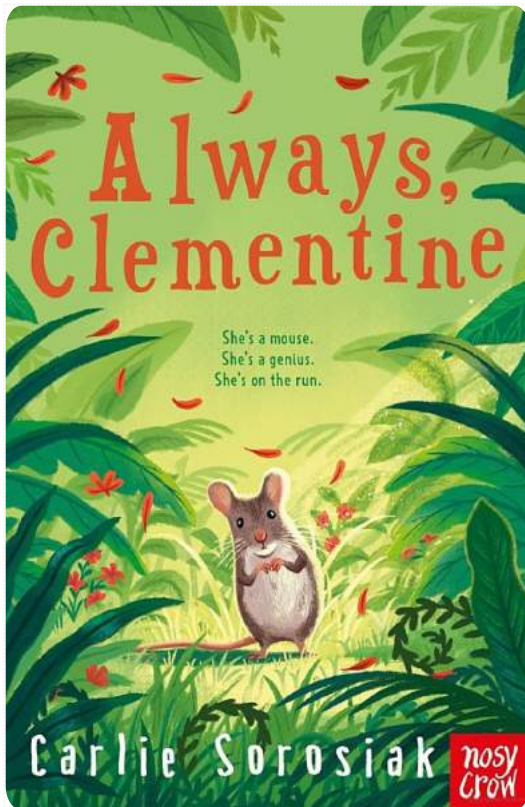
At the Closing Conference, we were delighted to bring together a set of diverse speakers to discuss perspectives on using creative methods for thinking about animal research.

[Read the Blog](#)



[A Review of Reflexive Practice in Qualitative Research Teams](#)

Renelle McGlacken recently reflected on what it actually means to practice reflexivity in team research. Follow the link to see a



[Using Fiction to Think About Animal Research](#)

Pru Hobson-West reports on her discussions with Carlie Sorosiak, author of a children's book about animal research called *Always Clementine*. Can thinking with fiction help us reflect on the key themes of the Animal Research Nexus programme?

[Read the Blog](#)

report which summarises the current literature – this may be useful if you are part of a team using qualitative methods to explore sensitive topics.

[Read More](#)



[Completed and near-completed doctoral theses.](#)

The University of Southampton had the privilege of hosting a PhD candidate within the AnNex team as well as supporting two others. We're delighted to be able to update on their progress.

[Read the Blog](#)

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Mouse Exchange Tool Kit



[AnNex Engagement Activities](#)

The Animal Research Nexus Programme developed resources for public engagement, patient involvement, and activities to engage those involved in animal research in new conversations. We invite you to explore these in your work.

Access the Activities

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Although the project has now come to an end, the website is being retained and can still be accessed at animalresearchnexus.org/. If you have any specific AnNex-related questions, please contact [Gail Davies](#) for further information.



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