



AnNex Environmental Ethics Statement

Many universities have recently declared a climate emergency and are exploring what they can do to reduce the impact of their research activities on the environment.

We have been discussing this environmental issue in the Animal Research Nexus team. We have reviewed the list of actions proposed across our different universities. We have identified the following actions that we would like to endorse and enact to reduce our climate change emissions. We may have some way to go before we achieve all of these, and may add more in the future, but we are publishing them now as a contribution to discussions of how to reduce the impact of university research on climate change.

As a research team, we commit to exploring the following actions in our work:

- Using locally sourced **vegetarian** and **vegan** catering at meetings wherever possible
- Scheduling a regular **data deleting day**, giving people time to delete or archive unnecessary stored cloud data that has a large carbon footprint
- Choosing **train over air travel** wherever possible. The project team have committed to supporting train travel even if more expensive
- Reviewing the profile of **attendance at international meetings**, with the option of more senior staff stepping back in favour of PhD students and postdocs who have more to gain
- Exploring live streaming and **video-conferencing** to participate in workshops, meetings and teaching (e.g. using Zoom) when this can meet objectives
- Looking into options for '**offsetting**' the additional CO₂ emissions from this project, from this point, through discussions with the funder and including this as standard with all future travel bookings

This document was finalised in December 2019. The AnNex team would actively welcome more discussion on this topic, including views from colleagues, and wider stakeholders. Please contact: Gail Davies on g.f.davies@exeter.ac.uk or AnimalResearchNexus@exeter.ac.uk

