

General Election 2019: What the parties are saying about animals in laboratories





Background

On 12th December, UK electors will decide which party or parties will make up their new government.

Whatever the outcome of that vote, Cruelty Free International will continue to campaign for action for animals in laboratories.

The findings of the Ipsos MORI survey Public Attitudes to Animal Research in 2018 show that this is an issue about which people in the UK care deeply.

What are the parties saying?

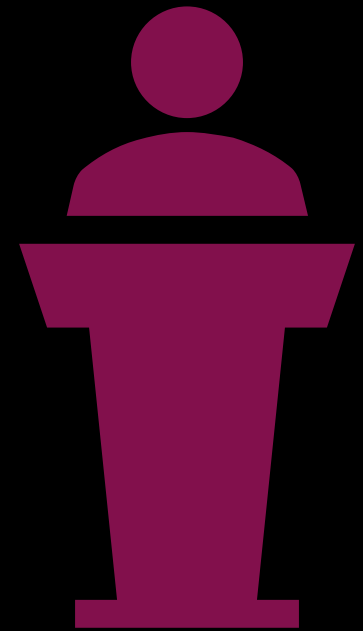
Cruelty Free International is **neutral** in party politics.

However, we do want to let our supporters know what each party is promising for animals in laboratories.

We have looked at the manifestos published so far and will update this document when others are published. Where a manifesto does not include any commitments on this issue, we have not included that party.

The Labour Party has produced an animal welfare manifesto which it has linked to its General Election 2019 manifesto and we have therefore included this in our analysis.

We have not included any statements made by parties that are not included in their 2019 manifestos. We will include manifestos published by parties registered prior to May 2017, in receipt of at least 0.5% of the vote in one or more constituencies in the last election, and are standing in at least six constituencies seats.



Alliance Party



The Alliance manifesto says that the party will:

Work to reduce and better regulate necessary animal testing and invest in developing alternative scientific methods and practices.

[Full manifesto here](#)

Alliance

Green Party



The Green Party manifesto says that Greens in government will:

- **Stop the use of primates, cats and dogs in experiments**
- **Stop the import of monkeys for use in laboratories**
- **Work towards an outright ban on all animal testing**
- **End the use of live animals in military training**

[Full manifesto here](#)



Green Party

Note that this is the manifesto for the Green Party of England and Wales, but the policies in this manifesto cover the whole of the UK unless otherwise stated.

Labour Party

Labour has committed to its Animal Welfare Manifesto published in August 2019 as part of its General Election programme. It says that a Labour government will:



- Undertake a comprehensive review of animal testing with a long-term objective of phasing it out entirely
- Review regulatory testing, with the aim of immediately identifying and eliminating avoidable tests
- Review the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 to phase out 'severe' suffering
- Make animal testing project licences open and transparent.
- Commit to a ban on the export and import of animals for use in research unless with specific Home Office consent where there would otherwise be greater welfare detriment
- Contribute to the development and validation of sound, scientific alternatives to animal testing

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Liberal Democrats

The Liberal Democrats manifesto says in government the party will:

- Minimise the use of animals in scientific experimentation
- Fund research into alternatives to animal testing

[Full manifesto here](#)



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