

The Eve Appeal Animal Research Position Statement

The Eve Appeal is a medical research charity funding ground-breaking and innovative research in the five gynaecological cancers: **womb, ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal**.

We focus on developing effective methods of risk prediction, earlier detection, screening and understanding inherited risk for these cancers.

Prediction, prevention, better diagnosis and early detection are underfunded, with the majority of cancer research funding supporting new treatment discovery. Evidence shows that improving diagnosis and prevention will save more lives.

Research involving animals has played a role in some of the most significant medical advances of our time. The Eve Appeal believe that an open and reasonable dialogue on the use of animals in research should be supported. When there are no feasible alternatives, and robust justification has been provided, we will support research using animals as an essential part of achieving breakthroughs in gynaecological cancer research.

We are a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities, who are committed to openness and transparency around the use of animals in research. The Eve Appeal publicly support the AMRC's position statement on the use of animals in research. AMRC members recognise that not everybody is comfortable with the use of animals in research. Members work together to continually review their funding practices and engage with the wider scientific community to encourage better practice and development of animal alternatives.

Any research we fund which includes the use of animals fully complies with strict Home Office guidelines. Alternatives to animals must have been considered, and detailed evidence of the potential benefits of the research must be provided to ensure that any tests conducted are necessary. Ethics committee approvals must be sought, and due consideration must be given to the refinement, reduction or replacement of the animals in the experiment.

You can support the aims of The Eve Appeal without supporting research by donating to Ask Eve, our gynae nurse led health information service, or by supporting our outreach and health awareness and information projects.