

## **Policy on the use of animals in research**

This charity does not itself carry out scientific research but it supports research by:

- providing volunteers (people with ataxia) to take part in trials
- making grants to selected research institutions

Some of the research that we support with grants involves tests on people with ataxia. Some of it includes using animals.

Any researcher planning to use animals has to comply with strict Home Office guidelines and we believe that this is right. In an ideal world it would not be necessary to use animals, but we do not live in an ideal world. If we did, ataxia would not exist. The decision to support research involving animals is not taken lightly but only because it seems to offer the quickest path to a safe, effective treatment.

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*I have read and accept the above statement*

*Signature of applicant*

*Date*