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Powering the policy that ends animal suffering

In a time of great challenges, it's been incredibly heartening to see so many of you respond to our urgent appeal back in March. We're not out of the woods yet, but thanks to your support, we're making real progress. One area where we're especially building momentum is Parliament, with more MPs and Peers than ever talking to us, tabling questions, and championing a future free from animal testing!

This issue is a celebration of that growing movement. I'm especially proud to introduce you to our Herbie's Heroes on page 6 - everyday champions, dedicated scientists, passionate politicians, and high-profile advocates who are helping turn our vision of Herbie's Law into a reality. And the best part? You can be a Hero too. There are exciting ways to get involved this summer - flip to page 22 to find out how.

We're also thrilled to have the support of seven incredible celebrities who are raising awareness for Herbie's Law over the coming weeks and months. You'll see them featured across our social media and hear from them on our podcast, the Animal Free Labcast. Plus, don't miss the chance to win a limited-edition T-shirt signed by all seven, featuring a stunning design by illustrator Emily Sutton, whose work you might recognise from children's books - or even your local supermarket shelves!

From pages 10 to 15, we hand the reins to our brilliant Public Affairs team, led by Isobel, who shares everything they've been working on to influence policymakers - from meetings and lab tours to the rise of our All-Party Parliamentary Group.

Of course, it wouldn't be Replacement News without a healthy dose of science! Head to page 16 to meet the innovative PhD students at the forefront of animal-free research through the lifETIME CDT programme, made possible by generous supporters like you.

And finally, we shine a light on the inspiring efforts of our fundraising community, from the Bude group celebrating a decade of action, to young Daisy, who swam 22.5 miles for Animal Free Research UK. You are all heroes in our eyes!

Whether you're writing to your MP, sharing our message online, fundraising in your community, or simply reading this magazine - you are truly part of something special. Every action, every conversation, every step you take brings us closer to a world where no animal suffers in the name of science. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for standing with us.

With grateful thanks,

Carla Owen, ***Chief Executive***

Latest News

Members of Parliament debate banning dogs in medical research

In a powerful debate in Westminster last month, MPs debated a petition calling for an end to the use of dogs in research. The message was clear: the UK must do better.

Chaired by Irene Campbell MP, Chair of the APPG on Phasing Out Animal Experiments (which we established and proudly continue to support), the debate saw passionate contributions, real momentum, and a strong case for change. MPs from across the political divide unanimously joined forces to call for the end of the use of dogs in medical research. This is a vital step in the implementation of Herbie's Law.

We were honoured to hear our funded scientist, Professor Lorna Harries, praised in Parliament for her groundbreaking work in animal-free, age-related research.

In response to the debate, The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Feryal Clark MP, stated that the Government will not ban the use of dogs in medical research.

Our CEO, **Carla Owen** said:

"It is bitterly disappointing that the Government is currently demonstrating a lack of ambition when it comes to phasing out animal testing in medical research over the next decade. The debate has shown that there is strong support across all parties to end dog experiments, and many UK citizens expect action.

It is welcome that the Government announced that they will be publishing an alternatives strategy later this year, however, we need concrete action now to support UK scientists with the transition to human-specific techniques.

The introduction of Herbie's Law would assist UK scientists to make the transition to animal-free methods and help create a world where animals and humans lead healthy, happy lives, free from suffering."

Lord Courtdown, Irene Campbell MP & Isobel Martin

BREAKING NEWS:

FDA announces plan to phase out animal testing

In a win for animals, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently made an unexpected announcement - it plans to develop a road map to phase out animal testing in drug development by replacing outdated methods with cutting-edge, human-specific technologies like organ-on-chip and artificial intelligence.

Drug discovery and development has become an increasingly costly and inefficient process, so this move from the FDA marks a huge shift in the future of medicine.

If Britain does not act and adopt a plan to phase out animal testing, we risk being overtaken by much bolder action on the global stage. The implementation of Herbie's Law would consign animal testing to the history books and produce quicker and better medicines for us all.

Report from the Home Office sheds light on the reality of animal welfare in British laboratories

The report from the **Animals in Science Regulation Unit (ASRU)** details the breaches of animal use licences in laboratories in 2023 across Britain. In many cases, non-compliance with the law, animal use licence terms, or in some cases both, led to the increased suffering, and even deaths, of hundreds of animals.

The report makes for distressing and frustrating reading, highlighting the poor welfare conditions that can be suffered by animals used in laboratories, whose entire life purpose is sadly, to be used in experimentation. In many cases, the cause of death or suffering endured was a lack of sufficient care and attention, miscommunication, disregard for the terms of the licence or sheer incompetence. Read more about the report on page 18.

Funding the future of animal-free innovation

We're delighted to announce the awarding of **four bold new research grants** to visionary scientists accross the UK. These exciting projects will tackle some of the world's most pressing health challenges, including **dementia, breast cancer, and heart disease**, using innovative, animal-free methods.

Each grant represents a step closer to a future where human-specific science replaces outdated animal experiments, helping to deliver better treatments to patients.

We can't wait to share more with you soon — including a behind-the-scenes look at the projects and the inspiring scientists driving them — in the next edition of Replacement News, landing this August.

INTRODUCING HERBIE'S HEROES

We're proud to announce the launch of our Herbie's Heroes campaign, supporting Herbie's Law!

We started Herbie's Law last year, calling for the complete replacement of animals in medical research with ethical, human-specific alternatives. Since then, the campaign has been building momentum both in and out of Parliament.

Our dedicated Public Affairs team have been working tirelessly to meet with MPs and Government Ministers, drafting impactful policy briefings, hosting laboratory tours, and organising events to spotlight the human-specific alternatives already making waves in the scientific community. You can read more about what the team have been up to from page 10 to 15.

But the movement doesn't stop in Westminster. Behind the scenes, we've been building connections with high-profile individuals who want to see an end to animal experiments. We're incredibly grateful to the growing number of celebrities using their voices to amplify ours, and to shine a light on the cause. Read more about them on page 8.

Herbie's Law is clear: **bring an end to outdated animal experiments and usher in a new era of innovative, humane science.**

Meet Herbie...

Herbie is a beagle who was bred for laboratory use. Thankfully he was surplus to requirements and was adopted by our CEO, Carla. He's now living out his senior years in a loving home - but sadly, this isn't the case for millions of animals who live and die in laboratories every year. This is why Herbie's Law was created.

Like you, we believe every animal should live a full, happy and healthly life, surrounded by love - just like Herbie.

HERBIE'S HEROES

Who are Herbie's Heroes?

It's not just our political and celebrity advocates leading the charge. Everyone can have a part to play in making Herbie's Law a reality.

In this issue and over the coming months, we'll be shining a spotlight on the incredible individuals driving change, both inside and outside of Parliament. From the passionate MPs and Peers championing our cause, to our pioneering grant holders advancing cutting-edge, animal-free science, to our amazing fundraisers whose dedication powers everything we do. **These are Herbie's Heroes.**

Each one is helping to build a future where medical research is ethical, human-specific, and entirely animal-free.

Irene Campbell MP, chair of the APPG we provide support for

Daisy from Bude, who swam 22.5 miles and raised over £2,000

Grantholder and Supporter's Choice Award winner, Prof. Chris Denning

How can you become a Hero?

Turn to page 22 to discover all the details of our exciting **Herbie's Heroes Challenge** and find out how you can get involved.

Can't take part in our official challenge? Why not create your own? Whether it's a sponsored silence, a bake-a-thon, or something totally out of the box, the only limit is your imagination!

Whatever you dream up, we're here to support you every step of the way. Just get in touch at **hello@animalfreeresearchuk.org** with your idea. We'll help get you started and provide you with a challenge t-shirt, just like Herbie's very first Hero: Daisy from Bude, pictured above!

MEET THE CELEBRITIES STANDING UP FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We're thrilled to reveal that Deborah Meaden, Diane Morgan, Kirsty Gallacher, Russell Kane, Pandora Christie, Jake Lambert, and Pete Wicks are lending their voices, and their platforms, to support Herbie's Law.

And that's not all. World-renowned photographer Rankin—who has shot iconic figures from King Charles to Madonna and Kate Moss—generously donated his time and talent to capture powerful portraits of our celebrity heroes, alongside two absolutely adorable beagles, Elvis and Luna. These photographs are part of a stunning visual campaign to help shine a national spotlight on this vital issue.

"I'm supporting Herbie's Law because there are alternatives to animal testing. Let's choose compassion and build a kinder and better future for animals" **- Deborah Meaden**

In the fight to end animal experiments and push for a future of compassionate science, support from the public is essential. But when that support comes from our celebrity Herbie's Heroes, it can help propel a campaign like *Herbie's Law* to new heights. Their support is helping to bring Herbie's Law into the mainstream—and we need every voice to keep up the pressure.

Visit **www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/HerbieHeroes** to learn more and get involved.

"We can do better than outdated animal experiments – it's 2025, this shouldn't still be happening. I'm supporting Herbie's Law to help create a brighter future, without animal testing." **- Diane Morgan**

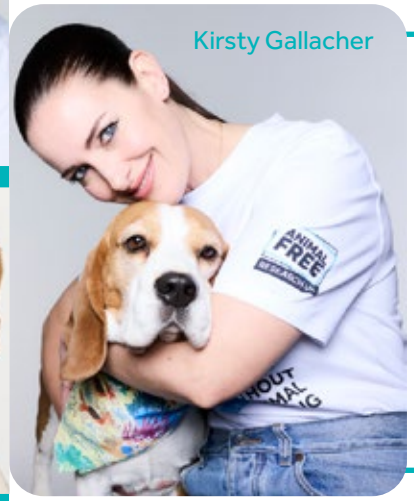
Grab one of our limited edition BRIGHTER FUTURE T-SHIRTS designed by illustrator Emily Sutton

Illustrator Emily Sutton drew a beautiful design for our campaign, capturing the idea of a brighter future for animals and humans, without animal testing. Her design includes all the animals currently used in experiments in Britain, including beagles, monkeys, rabbits... and even an octopus!

Why not get a t-shirt for yourself or a loved one to show that you're standing up for future without animal testing? As well as T-shirts, we also have a range of other items in Emily's design available to purchase - all printed on-demand, minimising waste and reducing environmental impact.

Wear your values with pride! Every purchase helps spread the message and supports our mission for a cruelty-free future.

"I'm supporting Herbie's Law because I believe in a brighter future, without animal testing. As an animal lover, it's heartbreaking to know so many still suffer in labs - it's time for change." **- Pete Wicks**



Want to win something truly special?

Follow us on social media for your chance to win a limited-edition Herbie's Heroes t-shirt signed by all seven celebrities AND Rankin himself! It's a unique, one-of-a-kind prize so don't miss out.

Scan to shop!

SCAN ME

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

We're so grateful for the incredible response to our emergency appeal at the beginning of the year. Thanks to you, we've been able to continue our vital work giving animals like Herbie a voice in Parliament. We also really appreciate you making time to contact your MPs – we hear time and again that passionate constituents have brought the issue of animal testing to their attention. Please do read on to find out more about our work in Westminster....

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Isobel Martin, Public Affairs Director

* **A landmark poll** carried out by YouGov and commissioned by Animal Free Research UK, found that **7 in 10 people** in Britain support the introduction of a new law that would end animal experiments in medical research by 2035 and include measures to support scientists with the transition to non-animal methods.

Isobel, says: "The Government were elected on a manifesto promise to work towards phasing out animal testing. This poll provides yet more evidence that the public are behind this vital mission. Introducing Herbie's Law will bring us closer to a world where animal testing is consigned to the history books, ensuring that Britain doesn't fall behind the exciting global progress in this field, and supporting our proud identity as a nation of animal lovers."

This poll proves that the majority of the UK is ready for change, and together, we can make it happen.

* All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,533 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 8th - 9th January 2025. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+).

Organ-on-chip

PUBLIC AFFAIRS NEWS

Updates on Steve Race's Private Members Bill

Ahead of the second reading of the Animals in Medical Research (Prohibition) Bill later this year, Steve Race MP recently met with Lord Patrick Vallance, Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation.

During their meeting, Steve and Lord Vallance discussed Steve's Bill to phase out animal testing - Herbie's Law - and the importance of supporting the development and uptake of alternative methods to the use of animals in science.

We're so encouraged to see increasing support from across the political spectrum. Thank you to Steve Race MP for his continued efforts to raise awareness, and we look forward to the second reading of the Bill.

Isobel and Steve Race MP

Patrick Vallance and Steve Race MP

The Team Meets with Science Minister, Lord Patrick Vallance

In April, Carla, Isobel, and Irene Campbell MP met with Lord Vallance, the Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation. Irene is Chair of the APPG on Phasing Out Animal Experiments in Medical Research, which we help to run.

The meeting was productive, and the Minister was positive about recent advances being made in human biology, including in cell models and data sets. It was a great opportunity to hear directly from the Minister, who is leading work on the Government's alternatives strategy, and to push for the Government to adopt Herbie's Law.

Animal welfare strategy underway: Herbie's Law must be part of the plan

Following the general election, Steve Reed MP has taken on a key new role as Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). With this appointment comes the opportunity to deliver on Labour's bold promise to introduce the most ambitious boost to animal welfare in a generation.

One of Labour's core commitments was to "partner with scientists, industry and civil society as we work towards the phasing out of animal testing." Now, DEFRA is engaging with animal welfare organisations to shape a new, overarching strategy. This is a critical moment to ensure Herbie's Law is firmly on the table and we are hoping to meet with Steve to push for it to be included in the national strategy.

MPs keep up the pressure with questions on animal testing in Parliament

It's been a busy and encouraging few months in Westminster as a growing number of MPs continue to raise vital questions on animal testing in Parliament, many of which followed meetings or correspondence with our policy team at Animal Free Research UK.

To give just a few examples, Ruth Jones MP, Alex Mayer MP, and Bob Blackman MP have each tabled powerful written questions, alongside three from Joe Robertson MP, and one from Navendu Mishra MP. Navendu's question focused on the use of dogs in scientific experiments – a priority issue in our campaign for Herbie's Law.

Each question brings us closer to a future where animal-free, human-specific science is the norm.

Thank you to every MP speaking up, and to our supporters whose passion and advocacy keep this issue firmly on the Parliamentary agenda.

50 MP signatures on our Early Day Motion 210

Tabled by Ruth Jones MP, this EDM is a powerful show of cross-party support for Herbie's Law.

We need as many signatures as we can to demonstrate to decision makers that replacing animals in medical research should be a top priority for them.

By urging your MP to back this motion, you're making our voice louder in Parliament, and showing that the public demands compassion, progress, and truly human-specific science.

Haven't emailed your MP yet? There's still time. Use our quick tool to contact your MP today — it takes just 2 minutes. Scan the QR code on the next page or visit:

www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/EDM210

Members of Parliament visit Animal Free Research UK's Animal Replacement Centre of Excellence (ARC 1.0)

The APPG on Phasing Out Animal Experiments in Medical Research (which we provide Secretariat support for), visited our Animal Replacement Centre of Excellence (ARC 1.0) at Queen Mary University of London, where groundbreaking research into the spread of cancer is taking place.

During the visit, attendees, including Parliamentary staffers from the office of Steve Race MP, Lord Courtown and Sarah Champion MP, heard directly from:

- **Dr Rosalind Hannen** – who demonstrated to the group how she is revolutionising human skin testing which is already providing better results for patients without using animals.

- **Dr Adrian Biddle** – who showed how he and his team are using animal-free methods to better understand how cancer cells spread and invade other organs of the human body.

- **Professor John Connelly** - explained how he is developing animal-free next generation 3D tissues and disease models for use in biomedical research.

A big thank you to Ros, Adrian and John for taking the time to show the group around your fascinating laboratories and for explaining your detailed and insightful work.

MPs and staffers in the lab

What is an All-Party Parliamentary Group?

All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPG) are made up of MPs and Peers that meet to discuss and promote specific issues. We established and continue to provide secretariat support for the **APPG on Phasing Out Animal Experiments in Medical Research**, which aims to build cross-party support for replacing animal experiments in medical research with human-specific methods and currently has 35 members.

Email your MP to sign EDM 210

Scan the QR Code to email your MP today and ask them to take a stand against animal testing!

www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/herbieslaw

SCAN ME

A crucial season for change:

Key moments coming up in our work to end animal testing

The next few months are packed with big opportunities and bold action. With your incredible support behind us, we're stepping up the pressure in Parliament to end animal testing and champion compassionate, cutting-edge science.

Herbie's Heroes Photocall

We launched this crucial season with a showstopper: our larger-than-life Herbie cut-out arrived at Parliament. MPs gathered in Old Palace Yard to pose with our beloved beagle and show their public support for Herbie's Law — a powerful moment for visibility and momentum.

13 May

Steve Race MP

20 May

Irene Campbell MP

Parliamentary evidence session

Together with the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Phasing Out Animal Experiments and the All-Party Parliamentary Group Dog Advisory Welfare Group, there will be a powerful discussion in Parliament. Experts will present evidence on the human and animal cost of using dogs in experiments, and why animal-free science is the future.

Our scientists showcase innovation

We're bringing the science directly to Parliament. Our brilliant grant holders will meet MPs, showcasing their pioneering research and proving that humane science isn't just possible — it's already happening.

11 June

27 May
World Animal Free Research Day

Second reading of Steve Race's Bill

A pivotal moment. Steve Race MP's Bill to phase out animal testing moves to its next stage in Parliament. With your support, we'll be pushing harder than ever to turn political will into real legislative change.

11 July

September-October

Isobel and Ruth Jones MP at the 2024 Labour Party Conference

Party Conferences

We'll be on the ground at the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats conferences this autumn, making sure animal-free research is front and centre on the political agenda as we look toward 2026.

APPG Annual General Meeting

To close out the year, the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Phasing Out Animal Experiments will gather for its Annual Meeting, reviewing progress and setting the direction for 2026. With your continued support, we'll enter the new year with even more momentum.

17 December

Each of these key dates is an opportunity to strengthen our movement, grow political support and build a future where no animal suffers in the name of science.

Look out for more news and impact in the next issue of Replacement News, coming this August.

EARLY CAREERS RESEARCHERS

OUR PIONEERING PHD STUDENTS

Meet some of the students who are pursuing innovative, animal-free research through the **lifETIME CDT PhD programme** this year - made possible by generous supporters like you!

ATHENA

From the bee's knees to biotechnology: **animal-free hydrogels for skin healing**

Athena at the University of Glasgow is creating nature-inspired hydrogels to help with skin healing.

Traditional hydrogels use animal-derived materials like collagen and gelatin. Athena is creating flexible, high-performance hydrogels made from a synthetic version of a protein called resilin, which provides stretchiness to the connective tissues of insects - literally the "bee's knees"!

These new hydrogels aim to provide ideal conditions for wound healing, offering an ethical and effective solution for severe skin injuries.

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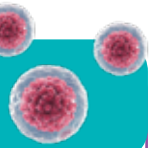
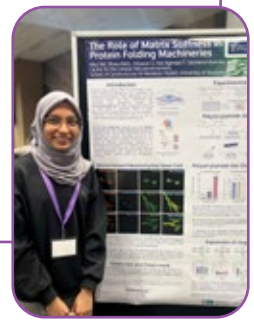


Lab-engineered materials **to study human tissues**

Shaima at the University of Glasgow studies how physical cues, like environmental stiffness, affect human cell behaviour and protein folding. Protein folding is crucial for cell function, and disruptions are linked to diseases like cancer and neurodegenerative disorders.

Using human stem cells and synthetic biomaterials, Shaima recreates realistic tissue environments in the lab. This method avoids animal experiments, helps uncover disease mechanisms, and advances understanding of tissue repair and regeneration, benefiting medical research.



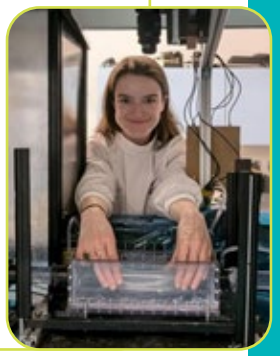
ELEANOR

An **animal-free future** for heart research

Eleanor at Aston University is creating a realistic model of the aorta, the body's largest blood vessel, to test medical devices like vascular grafts.

Traditional methods often use animal experiments, which don't always replicate human conditions accurately.

Eleanor's life-like blood vessel models offer a reliable and ethical alternative, assessing device performance under realistic conditions. This approach helps replace animal tests, ensures devices meet safety standards set by regulators, and speeds up regulatory approval, benefiting patients faster.



XALLY

Nature meets science: **Growing human bones in the lab**

Xally at the University of Glasgow is developing an animal-free method to study bone diseases. Bones have pores where cells grow, but replicating this in the lab is challenging.

Xally uses natural fibers from fruits and vegetables as scaffolds for human bone cells. Apples are ideal due to their similar porous structure to human bone, as well as being cheap and readily available. This innovative, ethical approach avoids animal use and accelerates bone disease research and drug development.

Home Office report sheds light on animal suffering in laboratories

A recent report from the **Home Office Animals in Science Regulation Unit** (ASRU) sheds light on the suffering that can take place in British laboratories. The report, which audits breaches of the law or animal use licence terms, reveals numerous cases of poor welfare, increased suffering, and even death. Its findings are both alarming and heartbreaking.

Key findings include:

169 cases of non-compliance in 2023 (just a **3% decrease** from 2022).

154,904 animals were involved, including dogs and monkeys - an overwhelming **864% increase** from 2022.

553 animals endured '**adverse welfare**' due to licence breaches.

46% of cases were caused by failure to provide **adequate care**.

18 instances involved **failure to provide food and/or water**. Some lasted as long as six days and resulted in deaths.

Disturbingly, many animals suffered due to negligence or avoidable accidents: animals trapped in equipment, drowning from faulty watering systems, or being forgotten in transportation containers. Fish suffered from poor water quality, and some animals had adverse effects after experiments were not performed correctly.

If you would like to read more about the recent report including who gets audited, the actions taken by the inspectors and how you can help, our very own Dr Gemma Davies has written an in-depth report which you can read here: **www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/asru-report-2023**

SCIENCE CONFERENCE

What an incredible two days at the **Best Practice in Non-Animal Research Methods Science Conference!**

Co-hosted by ourselves, **The Humane Research Trust**, and **Replacing Animal Research**, this event brought together pioneering scientists, advocates, and change makers dedicated to transforming medical science.

From groundbreaking discussions on human-specific research to real-world examples of innovative, animal-free breakthroughs, the conference has been a powerful reminder of how far we've come and how much more we can achieve - together.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, shared their expertise, and joined us on this journey.

2025 PIONEER AWARDS

Outstanding Scientist Award
Dr. Dania Movia

For groundbreaking advancements in animal-free research models, particularly for lung cancer, promoting animal replacement in biomedical research.

Early Career Scientist Award
Dr. Laura Sinclair

For the first-in-human study on plant sterols for hand osteoarthritis and the discovery of sex differences in cell responses to repurposed drugs.

Supporters Choice Award
Prof. Chris Denning

For using human stem cells to grow tiny beating "mini hearts", offering an ethical, animal-free way to study heart disease and find better treatments for patients.

FABULOUS FUNDRAISERS

Bude's 10th Anniversary

"What a brilliant start to our special year this has been. 2025 marks 10 years since our first stall and when the Bude Group was officially formed.

To celebrate this landmark we are asking 10 individuals, groups or businesses to join us in raising £100 each at some point during the year. Tania Cordeiro kicked off January by donating all her 60th Birthday money which came to £230.

During February and March Daisy Gregory, cheered on by her mum Lynn and her assistance dog Poppy, swam the distance from Bude to Port Isaac (22.5 miles) and raised well over £2,000 plus gift aid. Daisy certainly smashed that £100 target and the local paper gave us our first front page spread featuring her challenge.

Bude Feel Good Festival chose us as their charity during March raising another £200 and in April we received a donation of £1,000 from someone who wishes to remain anonymous. Alongside other donations and group fundraising activities we have raised £4,209.52 so far this year which already takes us over our next group target of £65,000 since we began.

World Animal Free Research Day falls in May and plans are already made to paint the town turquoise again and to run our colouring competition for preschool children. Cornwall and Devon Beagles are also organising a fundraiser for us.

Daisy and her mum, Lynn

As you can imagine the rest of the year is planned out with events and we will try our best to hit the £70,000 mark. It may not be possible, but we will certainly give it our best shot!"

Steph Jones-Giles, Bude Group Ambassador

Heidi Conquers the London Marathon

Heidi loves to run with her dog Leonard, and has competed in an impressive 9 marathons! On 28th April she took on the London Marathon and achieved a new Personal Best of of **3 hours, 36 minutes, and 4 seconds** - despite an ankle injury 11 miles in - raising over £500 for kinder science!

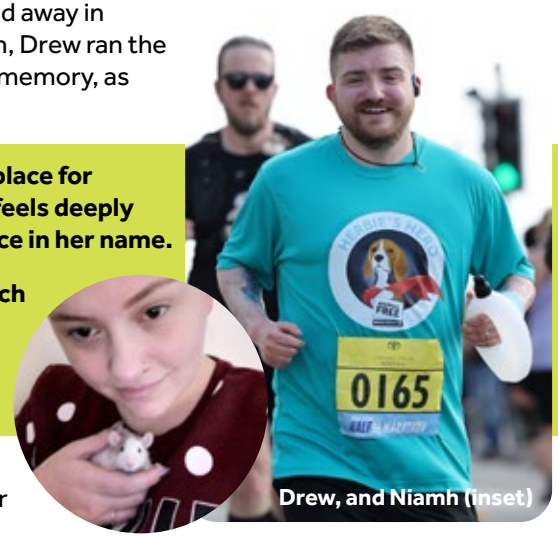
"I get saddened by how much money will be raised for charities that test on animals, and I want to do something to offset that, and help move science forward to prevent animals suffering."

Drew runs the Worthing Half in memory of his fiancee

Drew's fiancee Niamh unexpectedly passed away in 2020 - a passionate animal lover and vegan, Drew ran the Worthing Half Marathon on 5th May in her memory, as Worthing is where they lived together.

"Niamh made the world a better place for both people and animals, and it feels deeply important to continue making a difference in her name.

Running this race for Animal Free Research UK not only supports a cause Niamh deeply believed in, but also gives me the chance to share her story.



Drew, and Niamh (inset)

Drew's time was **2 hours, 12 minutes, and 3 seconds**, and he's raised nearly £1,000 for Animal Free Research UK!

Fancy taking on the challenge of a lifetime?

We have places up for grabs for both the London and Brighton Marathons in 2026!

Just scan the QR code or head to our website and apply today: **www.animalfreeresearchuk.org/fundraise**

SCAN ME

BE A HERO
and get moving this Summer!

Join the Herbie's Heroes challenge
and walk 100 kilometres in 30 days

Step into nature this summer and walk for a cause that matters. Walking is a great way to stay active - and it's even more meaningful when you're helping to end animal testing.

Simply walk 100km before **31st July 2025**. The challenge is open to all, and you don't have to complete it in 30 consecutive days (but if you're up for the extra challenge, go for it).

Raise £50 or more for Animal Free Research UK to earn a **limited-edition pin badge**. Plus, our top 10 fundraisers will win an exclusive **Herbie's Heroes t-shirt**.

Take on the challenge solo or with your dog (or cat, ferret, iguana - we don't judge!) and help create a kinder future for animals in labs.

Whether it's daily strolls, weekend hikes, or park adventures, every step you take helps fund innovative, animal-free medical research.

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