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Statistical data on the use of laboratory animals in BELGIUM in 2003

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Table 1

The number, kinds and sources of animals used in procedures in 2003 in Belgium

Species	TOTAL	Animals from breeding establishments or from users registered within the Party	Animals from other Parties to the Convention	From other sources	Re-used
<i>Mice (Mus musculus)</i>	430251	265283	151051	13917	
<i>Rats (Rattus norvegicus)</i>	128284	41241	86771	272	
<i>Guinea pigs (Cavia porcellus)</i>	40510	23115	17395	0	
<i>Hamsters (Mesocricetus)</i>	2590	319	2198	73	
<i>Other rodents (other Rodentia)</i>	11332				
<i>Rabbits (Oryctolagus cuniculus)</i>	18714	11816	6892	6	56
<i>Prosimians (Prosimia)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ceboidea</i>	7	0	0	7	0
<i>Cercopithecoidea</i>	281	0	37	244	23
<i>Apes (Hominoidea)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Dogs (Canis familiaris)</i>	1000	93	839	68	430
<i>Cats (Felis catus)</i>	90	90	0	0	5
<i>Other carnivores (other Carnivora)</i>	36				
<i>Horses, donkeys and cross breeds (Equidae)</i>	93				
<i>Pigs (Sus)</i>	2637				
<i>Goats (Capra) and Sheep (Ovis)</i>	453				
<i>Cattle (Bos)</i>	1055				
<i>Other mammals(autres Mammalia)</i>	22				
<i>Quail (Coturnix coturnix)</i>	514	514	0	0	
<i>Other birds (other Aves)</i>	12499				
<i>Reptiles (Reptilia)</i>	30				
<i>Amphibians (Amphibia)</i>	1803				
<i>Fish (Pisces)</i>	24363				
TOTAL	676564				

Table 2

The number of animals used in procedures for selected purposes in 2003 in Belgium

		Selected species			
		All species	Rodents and rabbits	Dogs and cats	Primates
1	Biological (including medical) studies of a fundamental nature	170443	137295	138	49
2	Research, development and quality control (not including safety evaluation) of products or appliances for human and veterinary medicine	423348	419949	333	217
3	Diagnosis of disease	24629	24593	5	0
4	Protection of man, animals and the environment by toxicological or safety evaluation (including safety evaluation of products or appliances for human and veterinary medicine)	47308	42309	601	0
5	Education and training	8027	5653	13	22
6	Others	2809	1882	0	0

Table 3

The number of animals used in procedures for selected purposes as protection of man, animals and the environment by toxicological or safety evaluation (including safety evaluation of products or appliances for human and veterinary medicine) in 2003 in Belgium

		Selected species			
		All species	Rodents and rabbits	Dogs and cats	Primates
1	Substances used or intended to be used mainly in agriculture	1366	0	0	0
2	Substances used or intended to be used mainly in households	0	0	0	0
3	Substances used or intended to be used mainly as cosmetics or toiletries	0	0	0	0
4	Substances used or intended to be used mainly as additives in food for human consumption	0	0	0	0
5	Substances used or intended to be used mainly in industry which do not appear in columns 1,2,3 and 4	0	0	0	0
6	Potential or actual hazards of contaminants in the general environment which do not appear in the other columns 1,2,3 and 4	2894	0	0	0
7	Safety evaluation of products or appliances for human or veterinary medicine	42168	41429	601	0

Tableau 4

The number of animals used in procedures concerned with diseases and disorders in 2003 in Belgium

		Selected species			
		All species	Rodents and rabbits	Dogs and cats	Primates
1	Human cancer (excluding evaluations of carcinogenic hazards)	38758	38758	0	0
2	Cardiovascular human diseases	7794	7105	138	0
3	Nervous and mental human disorders	105592	105555	37	0
4	Other human diseases	279552	279060	146	0
5	Animal diseases	13621	10357	20	0

Tableau 5

The number of animals used in procedures required by law in 2003 in Belgium

			Selected species			
			All species	Rodents and rabbits	Dogs and cats	Primates
1	Concerned Party only		3436	3436	0	0
2	Other Parties and other States	Other Parties or member States	26747	26190	50	0
		Other States	7087	7087	0	0
3	Both (1+2): Party and other Parties/States		37270	36713	50	0