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**Letter of support for the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice**

I, Wendy Jarrett, on behalf of Understanding Animal Research, confirm our commitment to working towards the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

Understanding Animal Research supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We are working towards delivering against the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a supporter, as set out in the concordat.

By supporting this concordat we recognise the need to adopt best practice, using more sustainable options wherever possible, as well as to promote wider solutions. Although we ourselves do not carry out scientific research, we are happy to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and help achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

As a small, office-based organisation, we already take steps to recycle our waste and have moved to paperless publications for all our newsletters. We have identified travel and the heating/lighting of our office as the main areas where we can further reduce our environmental impact. We have a hybrid working policy, allowing staff to work from home – and thereby reduce travel and the heating and lighting of the office – up to three days per week. We are also seeking to downsize our office space and potentially share space with another organisation. We hold the majority of our meetings with our members and stakeholders virtually, meeting in person only when necessary. Two of our four Council (Board) meetings each year are held virtually. We encourage people to travel to our meetings via public transport wherever possible.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Jarrett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Jarrett