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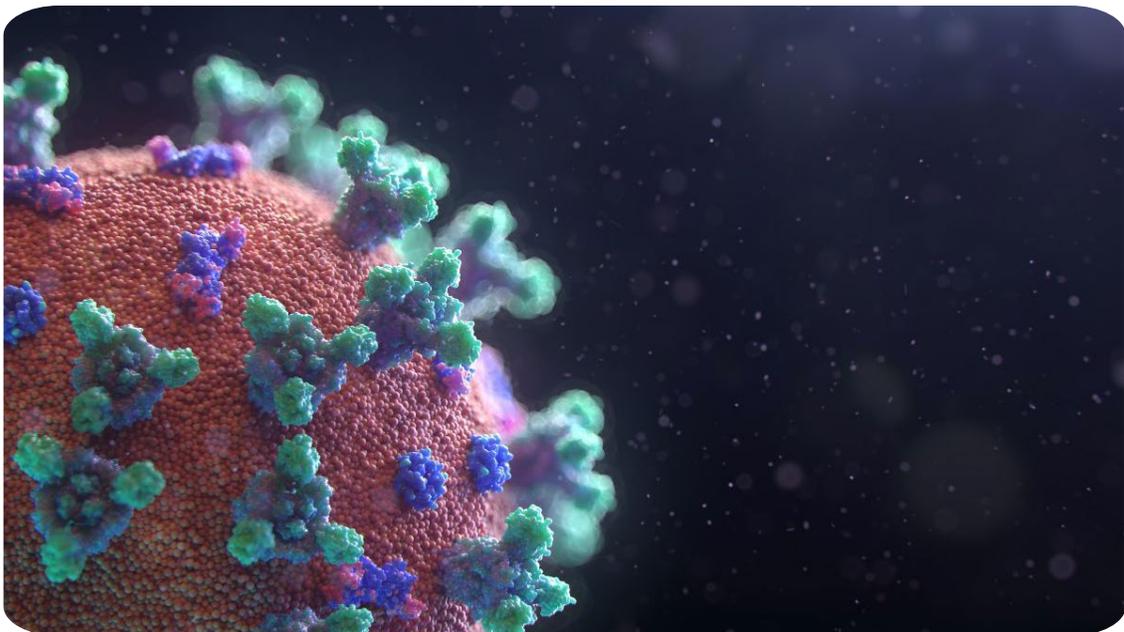


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Animal Research Nexus

## Welcome to Issue 4 of the AnNex Newsletter

A lot has changed since our last edition both within the AnNex project and life itself. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well in these challenging times.

As the world adjusts to new ways of working, we have been adapting our plans for the remainder of the project to ensure that our aims and objectives are still met and that the future of the project reflects the fast moving developments that COVID-19 has forced upon the scientific community and the populations it is serving. We remain grateful to our funding body, the Wellcome Trust, for their help and support throughout these uncertain times.



## COVID-19

As a team, we decided that it would be best to delay the publication of Issue 4 of the AnNex newsletter until the initial developments of COVID-19 pandemic had played themselves out. So many of the project's stakeholders, friends, and associates are playing crucial roles in the urgent search for information, understanding, treatments, and a vaccine. We therefore felt that a pause to better understand the situation.

With much regret, we have had to cancel our planned workshop and Programme Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for this summer. We are also re-evaluating our plans for the remaining two years of the project. However, we are all working hard to understand how the complexities of this new global challenge fit into the nexus, and are changing focus accordingly. This newsletter feels like the opportunity to highlight some of the discussions we're having about animal research in a time of COVID-19.

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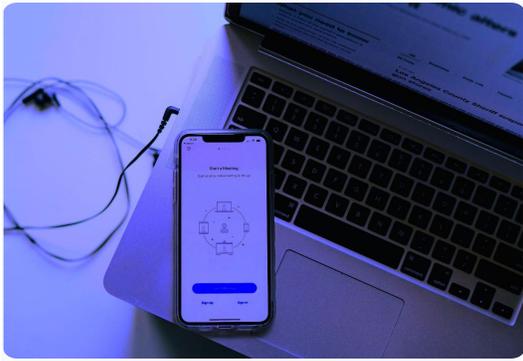
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### [Research in the Context of COVID-19](#)

The Animal Research Nexus team would like to recognise the ongoing work and care of everyone across the biomedical research, animal research, and health and public engagement communities today.

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### [Continuing Veterinary Care through COVID-19](#)

We are delighted that Named Veterinary Surgeon, Lucy Whitfield accepted our invitation to write a guest blog as part of our Coronavirus Connections series. Lucy chose to share some reflections on caring at a distance as COVID changed the way staff work across Animal Research Facilities.

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### [Vaccines, Animals and COVID-19](#)

In Covid times, the topic of vaccination is once again front and centre. Whilst the dominant narrative is about the race to develop an effective vaccine, Pru Hobson-West considers some of the voices expressing concerns about how this race is playing out.

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### [What about the Animals?](#)

The pandemic raises numerous questions about research out in the field. Ally Palmer looks at the question: what happens if researchers pass on the virus to their wild study subjects? This is a



### [Please Wash Your Hands](#)

Never have we heard more about the importance of hand washing than in the last 5 months and yet work still needs to be done to instill the habit in the population. Emma Roe reviews a pre-COVID-19 interdisciplinary study that has never been more topical.

particular problem for primatologists, and connects with long-standing debates about when and why to treat sick wildlife.

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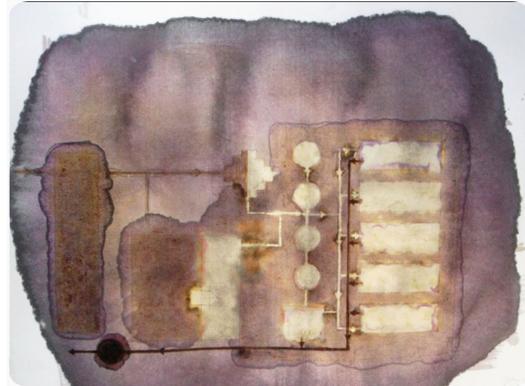
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### [Immersive Answers to Emergent Questions](#)

We developed an immersive performance for engaging publics with the ethics of animal research around an emerging disease, but what happens when the staged event becomes a global emergency?

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### [Architectures of Contagion & Collaboration](#)

Plans to restart research in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing extraordinary attention to the intimate arrangements of indoor space. Gail Davies reflects on the changes being implemented to balance infection control with collaboration

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### [Would you like to collaborate?](#)

We are currently reviewing our collaborations with a view to formalising and publicising some of our relationships. If you currently work with the AnNex team, or would like to be included on our website, please contact [animalresearchnexus@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:animalresearchnexus@exeter.ac.uk)

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