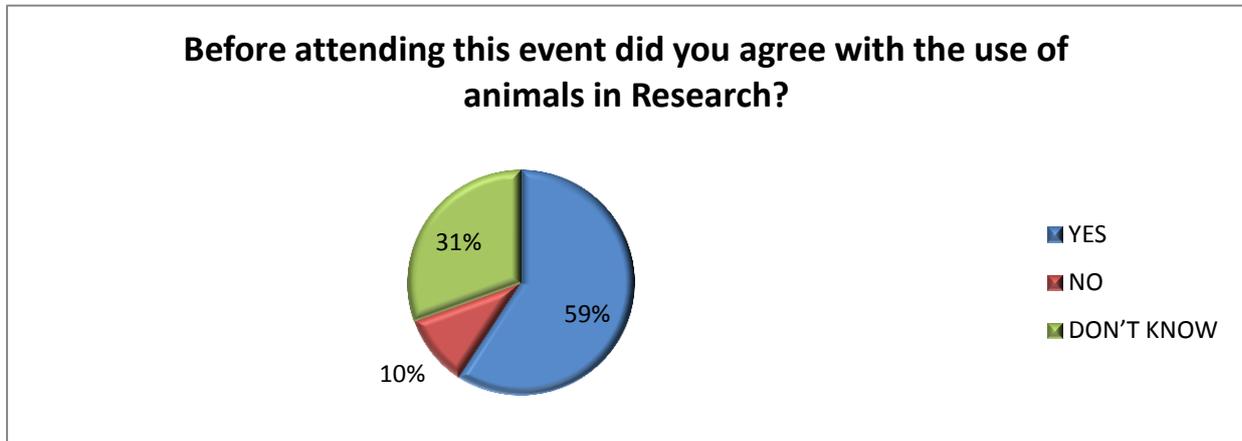


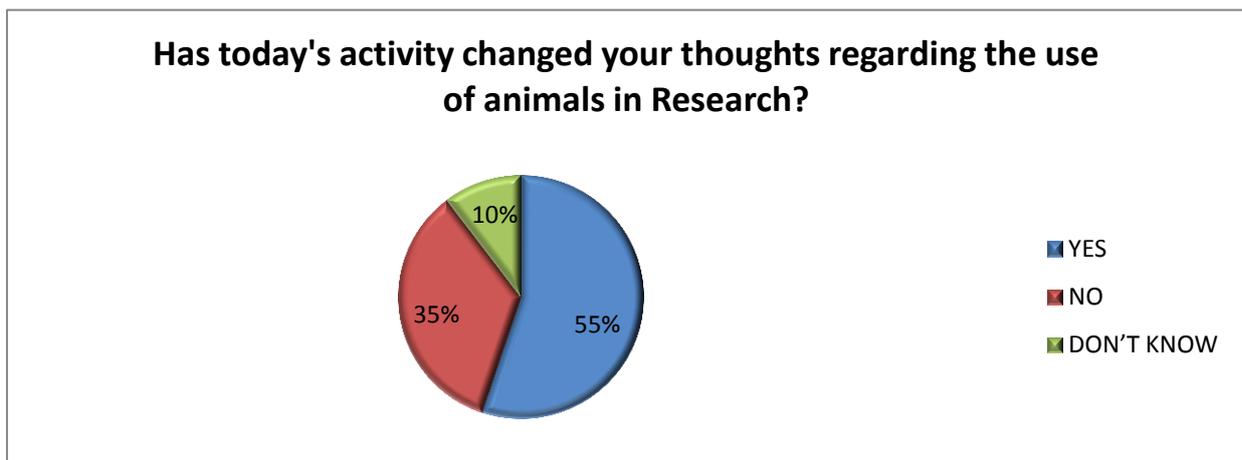
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Leicester College, New College, Wyggeston and QE College and Sir Jonathan North Community College visited the Division of Biomedical Services between 23rd-27th March. The results also include the visit from Regent College on 9th March and 17th April. *Data compiled from 59 completed evaluation forms. Please note: not all fields were completed in some areas.*

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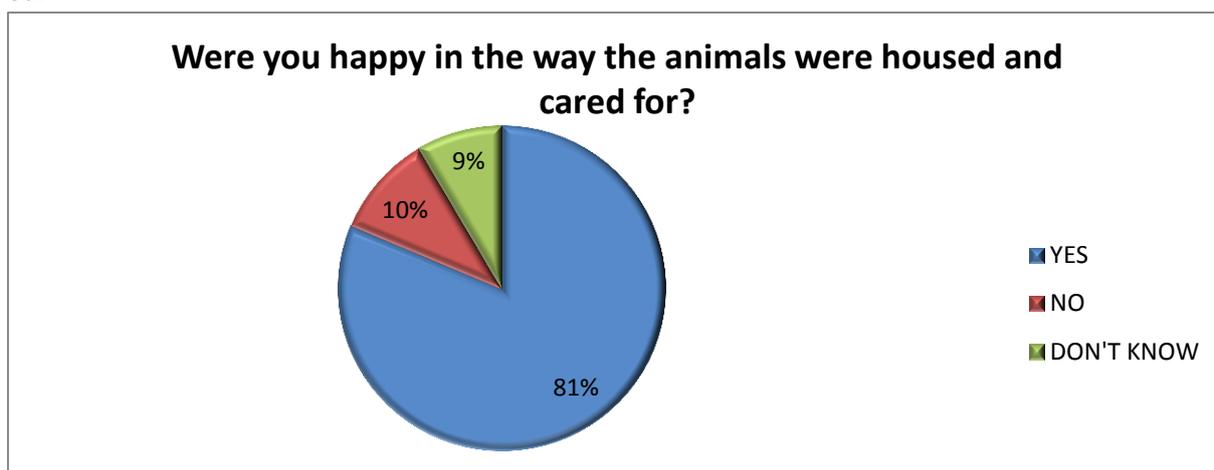
2b. In what ways?

- I can see more of the positives of doing research. I can see there are a lot more (strict) guidelines.
- The animals were kept in conditions like pets, looked more comfortable than expected.
- Before I had an understanding that the use of animals was necessary yet I was still unsure of the ethics. However, upon visiting I now fully support the use. The visit has surprised me and it is now something I agree with.
- The use of animal testing can benefit humans who have serious illnesses such as stroke, cancer etc.
- It made me slightly sceptical about diagnosis but I still know that it's necessary.
- It has made me appreciate the lengths that the researchers go to, to ensure the animals safety and to minimise pain.

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- I still believe in animal testing and that they need to do this for cures.
- It can be useful and beneficial in knowing ways in which we can treat and discover things.
- I realised they do it for good reasons.
- Before I came today I didn't really know much about it. I believe animals should be tested on.
- My thoughts have changed in terms of environment and maintenance they have provided; the animals are well looked after just like humans in hospitals; rules and regulations are followed.
- It is evident that the research is well thought out and that there is a conscience effort to reduce the pain etc on the animals and it is all regulated.
- I'm not sure about animal testing as I can see the benefits but I feel sorry for the animals that are given things like cancer and live their lives in cages.
- I wasn't sure if animal testing is right, but now I think it's not ideal but needs to be done.
- I am glad I went on the tour as it has cleared my doubts on animal testing.
- I do agree with it, but I don't think the animals should be killed after their course. I think they should be rehomed. But I do understand it would be difficult.
- I think it should still be done but the animals should be kept in better conditions, should be played with more, have bigger cages and shouldn't be killed when they are healthy. I do not agree with it anymore as when they are finished being researched on they are put to sleep.
- I do not agree with using animals in research.
- I am glad I went and found out more information but I am still thinking about whether I agree with the use of animals in research.
- I like the way animals were cared for and everyone who works here has a passion for working with animals.

3a.



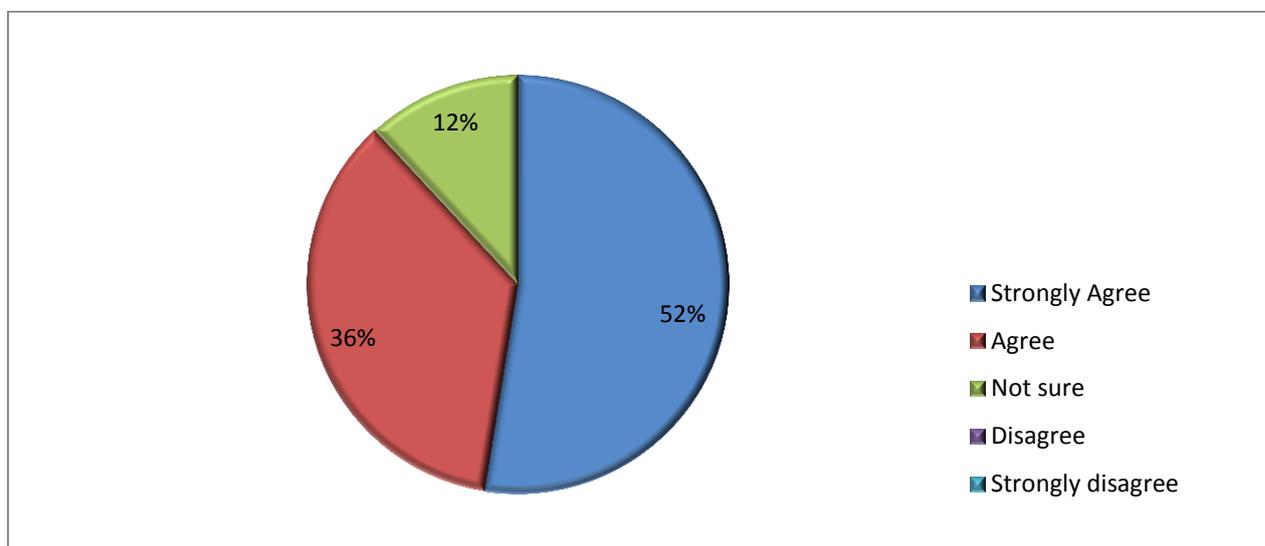
3b. In what ways?

- They were in a good environment and looked after.
- The technicians know the animals and work to help them accordingly. All animals were housed in ways that were best for them.

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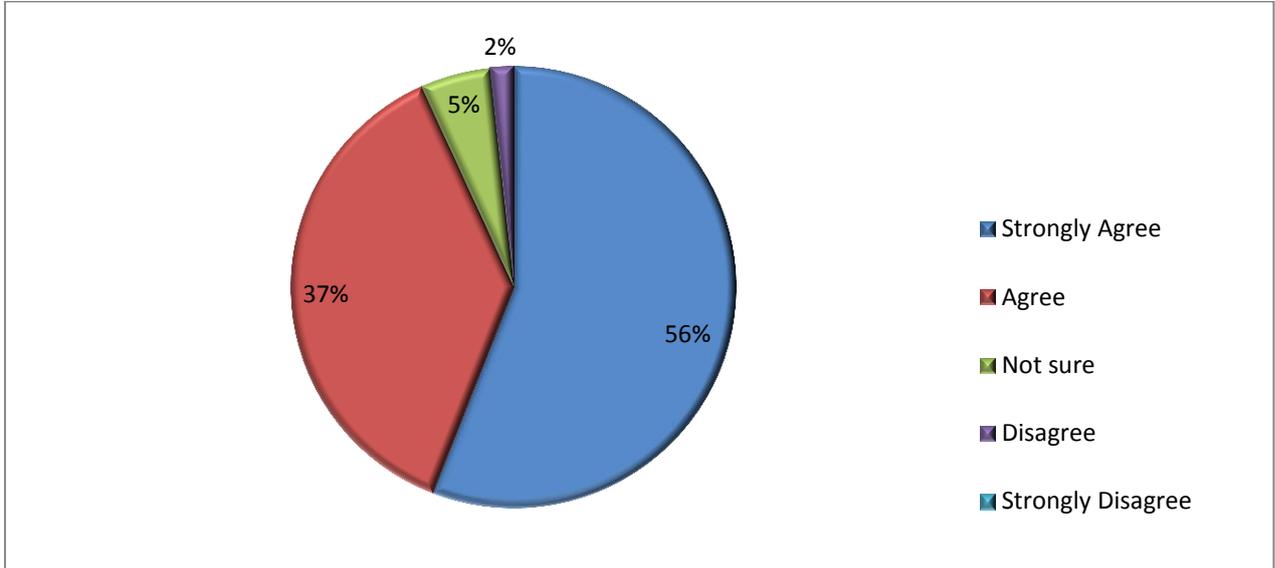
- The animals were fed well and kept warm, had a good supply of oxygen, the cages were cleaned and the animals also had lots of room.
- Amazing to see animals are safe in the labs. Clearly the animals are treated very well and with care and they looked healthy and normal. Checked on daily and kept well nourished.
- Cleanliness and caring approach. They are given food, water, company, daily and consistent care and housing space.
- Good environmental conditions and enrichment.
- The technicians know when they are in pain and keep good checks on them.
- Suitable sized cages, plenty of bedding, no signs of stress, active animals and openness of tour regarding the care for them.
- It was good to see that the mice and rats were kept in groups. Some animals (mostly rats) looked playful.
- I found the double cages a nice environment for the animals however, I felt toys or activities, and even colourful rooms might improve their lifestyle.
- The only coverage I had seen previously of labs were in a negative light, yet the way the lab treated the animals was fantastic – it was more controlled and caring than I believed.
- They were treated well such as the temperature of the room is put on a certain number which the animals feel comfortable.

4. The activity has increased my understanding of the need to use animals in Research

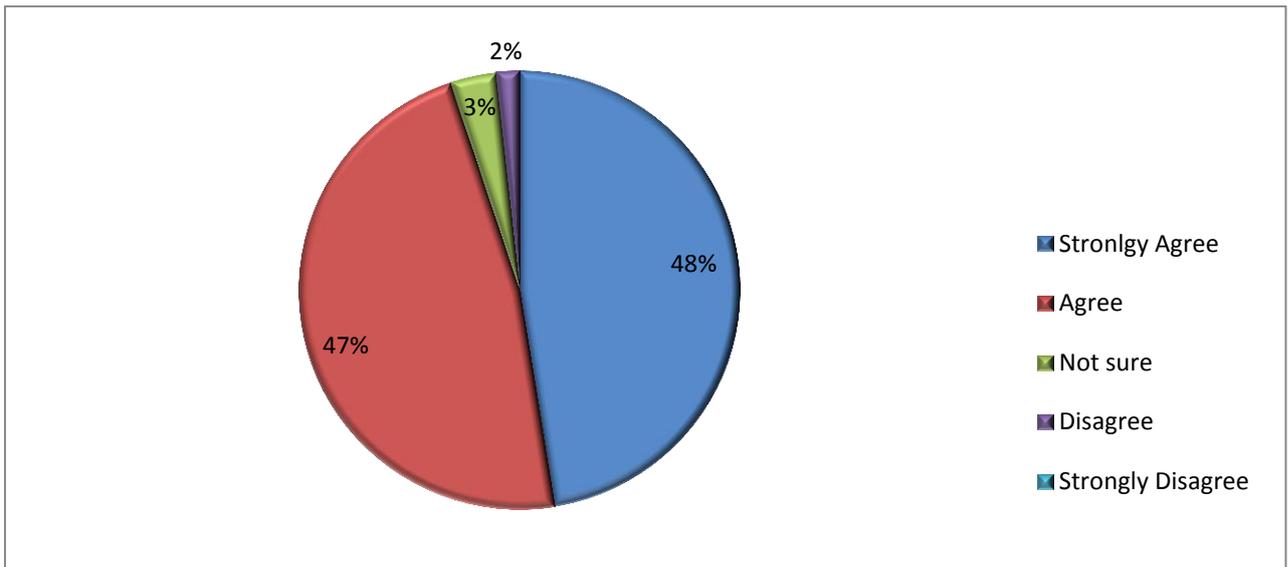


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5. The activity has increased my confidence that research is carefully monitored by the Home Office

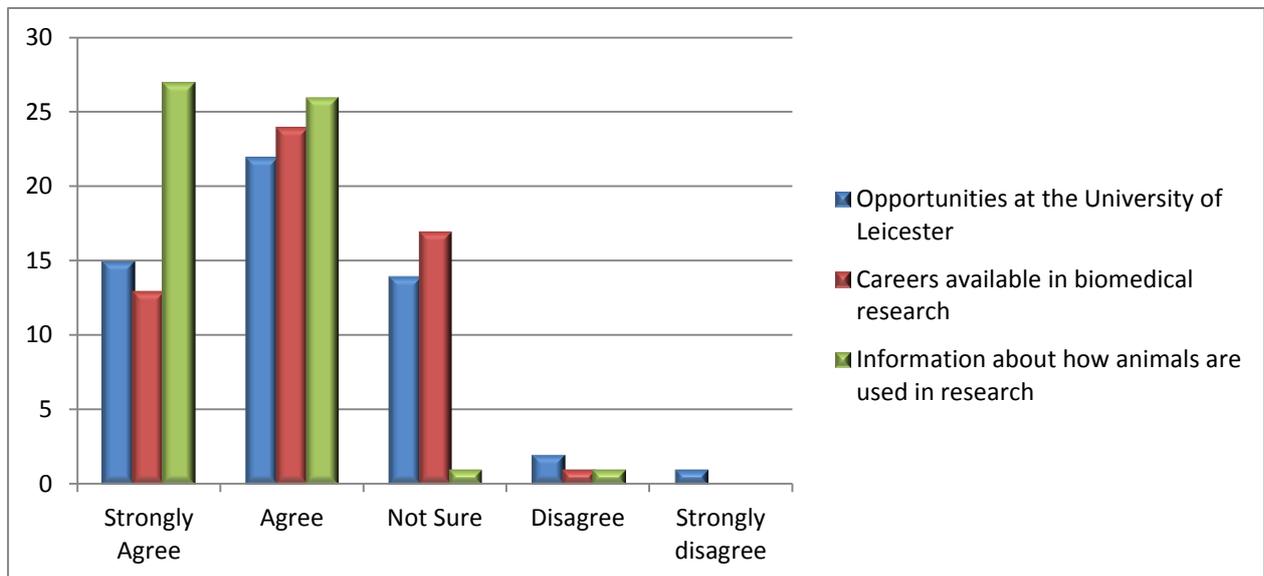


6. The activity has increased my understanding of the different types of research that animal models are used for



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7. I learned new things today that will help me in the future:



8. How do you think we could improve any future activities? / Any other comments?

- More information regarding the variety of careers available e.g. job portfolios.
- Continue developing research with minimum pain affected to the animal being tested.
- More information from the researchers here.
- See live experiments with the animals.
- This is such a fantastic opportunity for our students. It was a really well organised and informative visit. Staff were great.
- Continue doing what you are doing; very informative.
- Let the students touch some animals and to see some live experiments being done.
- Maybe quizzes at the end of the tour, or fun facts to test our knowledge.
- However unrealistic it may be, I would like to see some activity (surgery, scanning) take place.
- I found the day really interesting and I found out information that I didn't previously know. Also, people were willing to answer any questions I had. My improvements would be give slightly different activities and also possibly have a small break.
- Opportunity to hold the animals and see more rooms and more animals.
- Explain the processes the animals have to go through.
- We should have longer in each room, so the process was less rushed.
- Add more practical activities.