

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 4176 - Using animals for medical research

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### the question

Is it permissible to research on animals for the further development of medicine?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows:

"I do not see anything wrong with this, because of the general application of the words of Allaah (interpretation of the meaning): 'It is He Who created for you all that is on earth' [al-Baqarah 2:29]. But it is essential to choose the easiest form of experimentation (that which is least painful to the animals). And Allaah knows best."