

Investigation at Vivotecnia, Madrid – cruelty, abuse and breaches of Directive 2010/63/EU

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The investigation into Vivotecnia was broken by the Guardian on April 8th 2021 and was followed in Spain in El Diario the next day...

Undercover footage shows 'gratuitous cruelty' at Spanish animal testing facility

Campaigners call for the closure of the Madrid research firm, after whistleblower video allegedly captures unacceptable treatment



▲ The company has categorically denied that there was a culture of abuse of experimental animals at the facility
Photograph: Cruelty Free International

Undercover footage of "gratuitous cruelty and abuse" allegedly taken in an animal testing facility in [Spain](#) - which has previously secured funding from the EU and Spanish authorities for projects - has been published, provoking calls for the centre's closure.

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Cruelty Free International destapa imágenes de extrema crueldad animal en el laboratorio Vivotecnia de Madrid

Las imágenes muestran actos de crueldad gratuita y deliberada, y procedimientos llevados a cabo con mala praxis, por lo que la empresa, que realiza pruebas de toxicidad, estaría violando de forma sistemática las leyes españolas y europeas de protección de animales para fines científicos

Vivotecnia

**Contract testing
facility**

**Conducts tests for
chemical,
pharmaceutical and
agrochemical**

**Key tobacco testing
facility**

*“The welfare of animals used
for research purposes is of
paramount relevance for
Vivotecnia”*

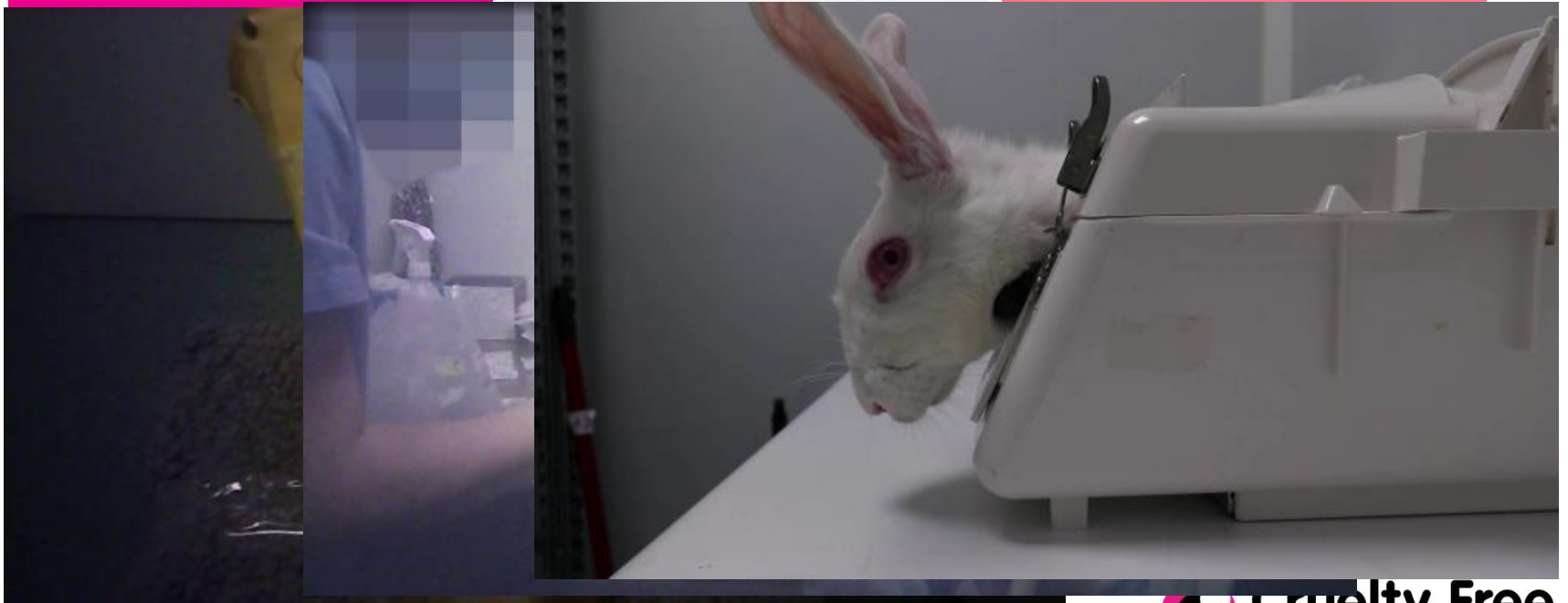


What we found

Incidents of physical abuse

Extremely poor attitude to animals, verbal abuse

Extremely poor handling, leading to accidents



What we found



Poor housing for the animals, lack of enrichment

Tests being done where there are alternative methods available

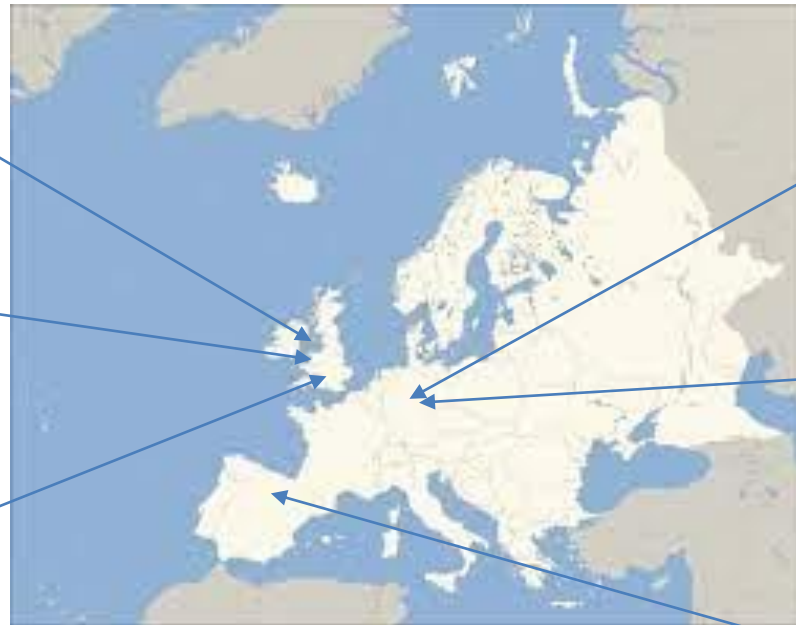
Standard procedures done without sedation

Recent European investigations

**Wickham, UK,
2009**

**Imperial
College, UK,
2012**

**MSD, UK,
2013**



**MPI,
Germany,
2014**

**LPT, Germany,
2019**

**Vivotecnia,
Spain, 2020**

Common features in recent EU investigations

**No overnight
care**

**Poor handling
practices**

**Incidents of
cruelty**

**Tests being done
where there are
alternatives**

Severe suffering

**No enrichment
of cages**

Common features in recent EU investigations

