

\*Deutsche Version unten\*

Animatch is an online platform for sharing organs, tissues, cadavers or live laboratory animals for scientific or training purposes. Every user can offer (provider) or receive (purchaser) animals or parts of animals under certain conditions.

In this letter, we like to inform you about some formal and legal conditions that are of interest for the use of Animatch<sup>1</sup>.

### **Which animals (or parts of these) can be offered / obtained in Animatch?**

- **Dead laboratory animals** (or parts of animals) that are **registered on a valid experimental license (TVB)** and that have been euthanised under this license can be transferred to persons without an own license:
  - Provider mentions license number in Animatch offer
  - Purchaser requests animals, no further action needed by the purchaser (purchaser should record the license number in case the origin of the animal is being asked)
  - UZH Animatch team checks biosafety and hygiene and approves request
  
- **Dead surplus / breeding animals**, which are registered on a so-called **carcass / training permit (Kadaverbewilligung)** of an animal husbandry (LASC, BZL), may be given to persons without an own experimental license (only small amount, < 10 animals per project) for pilot experiments
  - Provider declares animals as breeding / surplus animals in Animatch offer
  - Purchaser requests animals and explains purpose in request
  - UZH Animatch team checks purpose, biosafety and hygiene, and approves request
  
- **Dead or live breeding / surplus animals** that are **not registered on any experimental license** may be given to persons with a **valid experimental license\***
  - Provider declares animals as breeding / surplus animals in Animatch offer
  - Purchaser declares license number when requesting animals in Animatch
  - UZH Animatch team checks purpose, biosafety and hygiene, and approves request

\*if animals are needed for organ removal: **organ removal licenses can be obtained fast and relatively easily by the Cantonal Veterinary Office** (please, contact your animal welfare officers)

### **GMO animals**

Material originating from genetically modified animals must be handled according to the Swiss legislation (e.g. ESV/ContainO). Recipients take responsibility for correct transport, storage and usage of such material.

### **How to get support:**

After you register, your Animatch account is activated by the Department Animal Welfare and 3Rs.

Transfers of animals or parts of animals are checked for hygiene and biosafety compatibility and conformity with the animal protection law by the LASC and the animal welfare officers.

If you have troubles with the system or have questions please, contact [Paulin.Jirkof@uzh.ch](mailto:Paulin.Jirkof@uzh.ch)

Registration: <https://swiss.animatch.eu>

Best regards,

Department Animal Welfare and 3R & LASC

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<sup>1</sup> As formulated by the Cantonal Veterinary Office Zurich (21.08.2019).

Animatch ist eine Online-Plattform zum Austausch von Organen, Geweben, Kadavern oder lebenden Labortieren für wissenschaftliche oder Ausbildungszwecke. Jeder Benutzer kann unter bestimmten Bedingungen Tiere oder Teile von Tieren anbieten (Anbieter) oder erhalten (Abnehmer).

In dieser Mail möchten wir Sie über einige formelle und rechtliche Bedingungen informieren, die für die Nutzung von Animatch<sup>1</sup> von Interesse sind.

#### **Welche Tiere (oder Teile davon) können in Animatch angeboten/erhalten werden?**

- **Tote Versuchstiere (oder Teile von Tieren), die unter einer gültigen Versuchslizenz (TVB) registriert sind** und die unter dieser Lizenz getötet wurden, können auf Personen ohne eigene Lizenz übertragen werden:
  - o Anbieter erwähnt die Lizenznummer im Animatch-Angebot
  - o Abnehmer fordert Tiere an, keine weiteren Maßnahmen durch den Abnehmer erforderlich (Abnehmer sollte die Lizenznummer aufzeichnen, falls die Herkunft des Tieres erfragt wird)
  - o UZH Animatch-Team prüft die biologische Sicherheit und Hygiene und genehmigt den Antrag
  
- **Tote Überschuss-/Zuchttiere, die auf einer so genannten Kadaverbewilligung einer Tierhaltung (LASC, BZL) registriert sind**, können an Personen ohne eigene Versuchslizenz (nur geringe Menge, < 10 Tiere pro Projekt) für Pilotversuche abgegeben werden.
  - o Anbieter markiert Tiere als Zucht-/Überschusstiere im Animatch-Angebot
  - o Abnehmer fordert Tiere an und erklärt den Zweck der Anfrage
  - o Das UZH Animatch-Team prüft Zweck, Biosicherheit und Hygiene und genehmigt den Antrag.

- **Tote oder lebende Zucht-/Überschusstiere, die nicht auf einer Versuchslizenz registriert sind**, können an Personen mit einer gültigen Versuchslizenz\* abgegeben werden.
  - o Anbieter markiert Tiere als Zucht-/Überschusstiere im Animatch-Angebot
  - o Der Abnehmer gibt die Lizenznummer an, wenn er Tiere in Animatch anfordert
  - o Das UZH Animatch-Team prüft Zweck, Biosicherheit und Hygiene und genehmigt den Antrag.

\*wenn Tiere zur Organentnahme benötigt werden: Organentnahmebewilligungen können schnell und relativ einfach vom kantonalen Veterinäramt eingeholt werden (bitte wenden Sie sich an Ihre Tierschutzbeauftragten)

### **GVO-Tiere**

Material, das von gentechnisch veränderten Tieren stammt, muss gemäss der Schweizer Gesetzgebung (z.B. ESV/ContainO) gehandhabt werden. Die Empfänger übernehmen die Verantwortung für den korrekten Transport, die Lagerung und die Verwendung dieses Materials.

### **Wie Sie Unterstützung erhalten:**

Nach der Registrierung wird Ihr Animatch-Konto von der Abteilung Tierwohl und 3R aktiviert.

Transfers von Tieren oder Teilen von Tieren werden vom LASC und den Tierschutzbeauftragten auf Hygiene und Biosicherheitsverträglichkeit und Übereinstimmung mit dem Tierschutzgesetz überprüft.

Wenn Sie Probleme mit dem System haben oder Fragen stellen möchten, wenden Sie sich bitte an Paulin.Jirkof@uzh.ch

Anmeldung: <https://swiss.animatch.eu>

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Abteilung Tierschutz und 3R & LASC

Zürich, März 2020

<sup>1</sup> Wie vom Kantonalen Veterinäramt Zürich (21.08.2019) formuliert.

# Update Swiss AniMatch

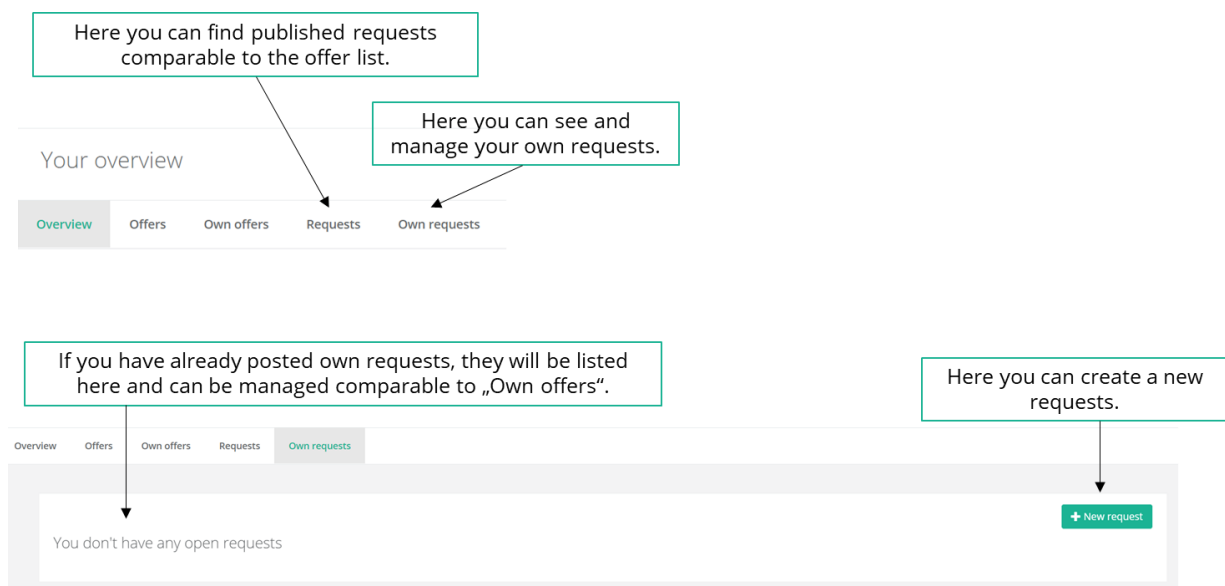
## Publish requests & activate automatic E-Mail alert

### Introduction

Recently, we extended our AniMatch platform with the function to publish requests and/or activate E-Mail alerts when matching offers are posted. This tutorial will help to create requests and to understand how the E-Mail alert system is working. Therefore, we aim to increase the user group by providing the opportunity to post own requests when appropriate offers are missing.

### Overview

The new function mirrors in general the process of posting and managing an offer. Under “Requests” you can find all posted/published requests - by choosing your organization in the filter bar, you will only see requests within your organization. Under “Own requests” you can manage your recent requests and create a new request comparable to the function “Own offers”.



### Creating a new request

The form for creating a new request is inspired by the form for own offers. However, there are only a few mandatory fields to give you the opportunity to modify your search according to your needs. The following image explains the different fields and information needed. If you activate the e-mail alert system an automatic matching process based on your request will run through the database once a day. Thus, you might get repeated e-mails on the same offer which matches your request. If you want to deactivate the e-mail alert without removing your request as post from the list - switch to “post only”. Please note that the automatic matching process is limited to organization, species, and type. However, it is a helpful tool to keep track on potential new offers. You will receive an automatic e-mail with the link to the matching offer and you can send a request following the standard procedure.

You are searching for animals for multiple use. Please fill in the questionnaire below as detailed as possible.

**Status**  
 Active?  Inactive?

**Type of request**  
 I want to be informed via mail when a matching offer is published. I know that only offers are forwarded and no advertisement.  
 I want to post my search under requested organs. I know that the posting is anonymous, only the organization is approved, when there is an offer which matches my request, I will be informed via email.  
 Both: I want to post my request under searched organs and I want to be informed via mail when a matching offer is published. The previous named terms apply accordingly.

**Specify your search criteria as obligatory** - The more detailed your information the more appropriate the offers. The more unpecific your information the more diverse the choice.

**Organizations which should be included in the search**  
 University of Geneva  
 University of Basel  
 ADP Research Institute Davos  
 Fondation Campus Biotech Geneva  
 University of Bern  
 EPFL - École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne  
 University of Fribourg  
 University of Zurich  
 ETH Zurich

Depending on the type of search you offer will only be visible for researchers of the chosen organizations. Select multiple by holding Ctrl/Cmd.

**Authorization number (experimental number, license number)**  
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The number will be sent to and checked by your Animal welfare officer.

**Species**  
 Please select  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose a species from the list

**Type**  
 Please select  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the sub-type from the list. If your needed type is not available, please select others and write the detailed description in the remarks box.

**Genetics**  
 Here you can fill in the specific genetic variant (e.g. knock-out mutant). For the description, please comply with the regular standards. Note: Due to different spellings a matching on the genetics is not possible.

**Sexes**  
 Male  
 Female  
 Select multiple by holding Ctrl/Cmd.

**Amount of animals**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Age in months**  
 Age from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ months

**Requested organs**  
 Pituitary  
 Small intestine  
 Spleen  
 Stomach  
 Testis  
 Urinary bladder  
 Uterus  
 Vagina  
 Whole animal

Please select the organs you need (use Ctrl or Cmd to select multiple entries).

**Excluded ways of killing**  
 Decapitation  
 Cervical dislocation  
 Inhalation with CO<sub>2</sub>  
 Inhalation with halothane  
 Inhalation with other agents  
 Peritonectomy  
 Other barbiturates  
 Anesthesia and T63 intraperitoneal  
 Stomach blow and exsanguination  
 Anesthesia and exsanguination  
 See multiple by holding Ctrl/Cmd.

Cancel **Submit**

The „Activate“ button is specifically important for the e-mail alert – turning a request inactive will also lead to the deletion of your post in the request list. If you only want to deactivate the e-mail alert – switch the categories below.

Here you can distinguish between – e-mail alert, publishing your request in the request list (and being contacted by someone with a matching offer) or both.

Please specify your organization to keep your search focused. Note: Most of the organization within AniMatch do not allow exchanges with other organizations.

Please include your authorization number which will apply for the requested animals – the potential final exchange will be approved by your local Animal Welfare Office.

The specification of species and type is essential to find a matching offer.

These fields can be filled in if a specific sex, organ, age range or general condition are needed. The automatic matching system for the e-mail alert can not specifically include these information; however, the information are helpful when the request is posted and will help you to find the needed tissues/organs.

Do not forget to submit your request 😊

## Sending an offer for a posted request

If you can offer animals/organs or tissue for a posted request - click on the request and specify your offer accordingly (see image below). The owner of the request will receive your offer via e-mail.

Specify your offer for the corresponding request. The authorization number is needed to help your Animal Welfare Officer to approve the potential exchange.

Here you can find all details about the request you are answering to.

**Send offer**

Sent information with details of your offer

**Authorization number (experimental number, license number)**  
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The number will be sent to and checked by your Animal welfare officer.

**Your message**  
 Write your message to the searcher, please keep in mind, that the searcher may not necessarily be from your organization – if you want to check please go back and adjust the filter for your organization.

Cancel **Send offer**

Please check your data once again. By pressing the submit-button, your offer and your contact details will be directly forwarded to the searcher and you will get his or her contact details.

**Organ Request**

**Authorization number (experimental number, license number)**  
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**Species**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Type**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Genetics**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Age**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested organs**  
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**Excluded ways of killing**  
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**Number of animals sought**  
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Your offer will be sent to the owner of the request.

For further information, please contact: lang@animatch.eu or animatch@lasc.uzh.ch.

We wish you much success by using AniMatch and hope to support you by reducing the lab animal usage! If you need further support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition, we are glad for every suggestion and feedback!

Best wishes,

The AniMatch-Team

