

The History of Animals in Space Teacher Guide

This lesson introduces students to the use of animals as the early test subjects of space flight technology and their role in understanding the use of animals to study the effect of the space environment on biological life, particularly including human physiology. The lesson includes a Power Point presentation and short research task. The lesson is an important stepping stone toward the next lesson's focus on the ethics of using animals as test subjects.

1. Read the background information provided in the 'The History of Animals in Space Teacher's Notes' and the 'The History of Animals in Space Research Task'.
2. Show students the 'History of Animals in Space' PowerPoint presentation and discuss slides. Begin to raise some of the ethical issues as they become apparent in preparation for the following lesson.
3. Have students complete the research task.