



More than 3.5 million animals are used in British laboratories per year.

Human gene studies, human cell models and cultures, state-of-the-art software, supercomputers, artificial skin and test-tube studies are now replacing animals in modern laboratories. Progressive, imaginative scientists are developing techniques that offer real hope of medical progress. It is time to switch to the humane, effective and modern non-animal testing methods that cause no suffering and accurately predict reactions in humans. Please help PETA end animal experiments for good.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Buy from manufacturers that have permanently banned all animal tests (lists are available from PETA). Educate friends and family about cruelty-free shopping.
- Make sure that donations to health charities only go to those that do not fund animal experiments (call PETA for more information).
- Reduce your own risk of disease by eating a healthy diet without meat, eggs or dairy products.
- Visit PETA's website frequently for the latest information about action you can take.
- If you work in a laboratory where animals are abused or if you suspect that animals are suffering in local facilities, call or write to PETA at the address below.

Imagine having your body left to science ... while you're still in it.



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Misleading ... costly ... and cruel



Just a few years ago, every cosmetics company poisoned animals with lipstick, shampoo, hairspray or other “beauty” products. Car manufacturers pummelled monkeys’ heads with hydraulic “arms” to simulate crashes. Laboratory technicians killed a rabbit every time they tested a woman for pregnancy. Each of those animals was a unique individual who suffered pain, stress and fear and wanted to live just as we do. Today, thanks to consumer activists, animal protection campaigners and imaginative scientists, there are better, kinder methods. But animals still suffer in the name of science.

Every day, UK law permits acts inside laboratories that could be criminal anywhere else. Inflicting severe suffering or putting the ingredients of washing-up liquid in animals’ eyes is entirely legal, and most shockingly of all, after decades of decline, the numbers of animals used have been rising for the past several years. The government claims to regulate the laboratories, but animal experiments are exempt from Freedom of Information laws even though undercover investigations in laboratories document terrible suffering.

In addition to being cruel, animal studies often lead researchers down blind alleys and impede progress. Taking healthy beings of a different species, artificially inducing a diseased condition, keeping them in unnatural and stressful conditions and then trying to apply the “results” to humans is an archaic, ineffective and crude scientific approach. Physiological interactions vary enormously from species to species. The polio vaccine, often cited as an example of why animal studies are necessary, was actually delayed for decades because experiments on monkeys led to a misunderstanding of the mechanism of polio infection.

More than 90 per cent of drugs that pass animal trials fail in humans
(Source: US Government 2004).

In the 21st century, millions of mice, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, cats, dogs, monkeys, sheep, cows, pigs and other animals are still experimented on and killed in laboratories every year – and the numbers are going up. Animals are infected with or genetically manipulated to suffer from diseases they would never contract under normal circumstances. They are force-fed and injected with toxic chemicals, irradiated, burned and electrocuted, or they have brain damage deliberately inflicted on them. In psychology experiments, animals are subjected to acute stress, deprivation, drug and alcohol addiction and other torments.

Animals are not ours to experiment on.

