

**Help us to promote progress without pain by supporting alternative methods of research that do NOT necessitate animal suffering : Air Chief Marshal the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research.**

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Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding is renowned for his vision and judgment, his integrity and administrative ability. He is also remembered for his high principles and deep sense of compassion.

His distress at the plight of animals in the laboratories of the world induced him to become a dedicated advocate of humane reform, as his many speeches and writings eloquently testify.

He was also one of the first to realise that the development of viable alternative techniques was a prerequisite of any such reform.

Thus, when this Fund was instituted in 1973, as a special department of the NAVS, to promote by sponsorship and advocacy the development of such methods, it was difficult to think of any more appropriate person after which it should be named than Hugh Dowding.

The LORD DOWDING FUND is one that should commend itself to all concerned at the present unprecedented scale of animal experimentation, and thus feel a compulsion to take some positive action towards hastening the day when the introduction of valid replacement techniques will radically transform the situation.

The Fund is a department of the NAVS (National Anti-Vivisection Society) and reflects the concern of the Society to find positive solutions to the complex moral and practical problems involved in the live animal experimentation.

#### DONATION FORM

To the Lord Dowding Fund, 51 Harley Street, London W1N 1DD

I enclose a donation of £.....for the Air Chief Marshal the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research.

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## AIR CHIEF MARSHAL THE LORD DOWDING FUND

FOR HUMANE RESEARCH

THE FUND was instituted in 1973 to sponsor and promote research directed to the discovery of viable ALTERNATIVE TECHNIQUES that would REPLACE living animals in cancer and many other areas of investigation; and provide more reliable, more rapid and less costly methods of testing drugs and innumerable other products.

Over £300,000 Already Awarded in Grants For These Purposes.

RECENT CONFERENCES ORGANISED BY THE FUND HAVE CONFIRMED THE UNDOUBTED PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE PROJECTS IT HAS SUPPORTED.

ABOUT 5 MILLION EXPERIMENTS ON LIVING ANIMALS IN THIS COUNTRY EVERY YEAR. MANY FOR NOT STRICTLY MEDICAL PURPOSES.

Millions of animals are already being spared suffering by Alternative Techniques which have become accepted procedures over an ever-increasing field. It is imperative for the welfare of humans and non-humans alike that many more of these methods should be developed and adopted with the minimum of delay; if only because it is now evident that information derived from animal experiments cannot be applied to people with certainty and real confidence. Alternative Techniques are based on profound theoretical knowledge, often allied to advanced technology; and ensure that PROGRESS WITHOUT PAIN is indeed possible.

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#### COMMENTS ABOUT THE FUND

**LORD PLATT**, former President of the Royal College of Physicians, on being asked his opinion about the Fund: "Yes, I think this was a splendid idea. I have little doubt that new methods of research avoiding the use of animals will gradually emerge; in fact, are emerging at the present time. But this Fund could greatly speed and encourage progress in this direction, and I support it wholeheartedly. It is bound to be of increasing importance".

**NEW SCIENTIST (25/3/76)**: "One of the most positive moves of this sort in recent years has been the launching by the NAVS of the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research . . . aimed at evolving alternative methods of medical and biological investigation . . . Particularly intriguing is some research currently being pursued by Dr. Sherbet which uses fertilised hens' eggs to assess the malignancy of tumours. First reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute . . . the assay, which is both quick and cheap, has been applied in assessing the malignancy of human gliomas as a guide to prognosis."

**(27/1/77)**: "By and large the occasion provided an impressive insight into what can be achieved as well or better than has been managed in the past with the use of animals."

**(25/10/79)**: "Researchers supported by the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research have come up with several alternatives that could reduce the number of animals – 5 million this year – used in experiments in the UK."

**IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE FUND IS ALREADY GIVING A REAL STIMULUS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANE RESEARCH TECHNIQUES.**

**ALTERNATIVE TECHNIQUES** include Cell and Organ Culture; Quantum Pharmacology; Chemical Analysis (Radioimmunoassay; Gas Chromatography; Mass Spectrometry, etc.), Mathematical and Mechanical Models and Dummies; Surveys; Computerization (analogue; digital; microprocessor); Audio-visual aids, etc.

**ALL SCIENTISTS** supported by the Fund make a signed declaration that no living animals would be used in their research; and, where applicable, any Home Office licence to experiment on animals has been surrendered for at least the duration of the project being supported by the Fund.