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For over a century thousands of medical doctors have opposed animal experimentation in relation to human medicine.

Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments have now taken up the challenge to abolish animal experimentation on medical and scientific grounds.

"Vivisection is rooted in error, and when the truth becomes known it will disappear."

- Dr. Max Mader, G.P., Graz, 1908

"My own conviction is that the study of human physiology by way of experiments on animals is the most grotesque and fantastic error ever committed in the whole range of human intellectual activity." - Dr. G.F. Walker, Medical World, Dec. 8, 1933

The idea, as I understand it, is that fundamental truths are revealed in laboratory experimentation on lower animals and are then applied to the problems of the sick patient. Having been myself trained as a physiologist, I feel in a way competent to assess such a claim. It is plain nonsense.

- Sir George Pickering, Regius Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford, British Medical Journal, Dec. 26, 1964

"Atrocious medical experiments are being made on children, mostly physically and mentally handicapped ones, and on aborted living foetuses given or sold to the laboratories for experimental purposes. This is a logical development of the practice of vivisection, it is our urgent task to accelerate its inevitable downfall."

 - Prof. Pietro Croce, Pathologist, Italy; Member, American College of Pathologists, Author of book, "VIVISECTION OR SCIENCE?"". ILDAV Symposium, Holland, April, 1988

There is no comprehensive animal model for humankind ... The truth is, and always has been, that the first clinical use of a new medication in human patients provides the first reliable clues as to what can be expected of it. Pre-marketing research on animals is a lottery; post-marketing surveillance comes too late for the first human victims of side effects.<sup>4</sup>

- Dr. Peter Mansfield, G.P., Founding President of 'Doctors in Britain against Animal Experiments'. Animal Experimentation in Medicine: The Case Against, May 1990

\* "VIVISECTION OR SCIENCE?" by Prof. Pietro Croce, M.D. Prof. Croce demonstrates in this important book how and why animal experimentation has misguided medical science, and explains the truly scientific research methods. Price \$9 (inc. p&p). Obtainable from DBAE.

Copies of this leaflet are obtainable from DBAE, at \$1 for 10/\$5 for 100 (inc. p&p).

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## DOCTORS IN BRITAIN — AGAINST — ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DBAE)

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Doctors in Britain against Animal Experiments is the first British association of doctors and scientists in medical fields, veterinaries and pharmacists to oppose animal experiments on scientific and medical grounds.

Its aims are:

#### TOTAL, IMMEDIATE ABOLITION OF ALL ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

"Animal models differ from their human counterparts. Conclusions drawn from animal research, when applied to human disease, are likely to delay progress, mislead and do harm to the patient."

 Moneim A Fadali, M.D., Cardiac/Thoracic Surgeon: UCLA Faculty;
Board of Directors, Royal College of Surgeons of Cardiology, Canada; UCLA Clinical Staff.

MEDICINE AND HUMANITY ARE AT A CRUCIAL CROSSROADS.....

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. . Do we continue to do things the way we always have 'because that's the way things have been done'? Or do we look for new, scientific approaches?

When Einstein developed the theory of relativity, all physics changed and could never be the same again. We now need to make our own quantum leap in our thought processes with regards to health and disease and our methods of investigating them.

This won't be easy, because all change brings uncertainty and discomfort, but it is blatantly clear that the old methods have made no significant impression on the chronic diseases which continue to bring suffering to humanity.

"Immediate", in the context of the principles of DBAE, emphasizes the total worthlessness of the unsclentific methods based on animal experimentation, at present employed in medical research to the detriment of health. An urgent choice must be made between carrying on along the same route or branching out on to a new road, leading to valid discoveries in the field of human health.

Despite 90 years of intensive research on animals, morbidity continues to rise, and so does per capita consumption of pharmaceuticals. These in turn are suspected of causing 19,000 adverse effects annually in the UK - probably only a tenth of the true figure.

We are not against drug research as such, but consider that animal experiments cannot predict results in humans and should not be allowed to stand as legal protection for the drug companies -other methods must be used.

In line with other countries who have already established their own national organisations of doctors and scientists against vivisection, it is timely that doctors in this country who are opposed to animal experimentation have the opportunity to be heard in Britain and abroad.

#### International Developments

Germany	Experiments founded.	(Doctors and scientists in medical fields, veterinaries, pharmacists, dental surgeons.
1984 taly	Parliament voted against all animal experiments.	Associate membership - see below)
1985 reland	Amalgamated Transport & General Workers Union (covering North and South Ireland) called for a total ban on vivisection, as did also all local councils in the Republic of Ireland.	I wish to Join DOCTORS IN BRITAIN AGAINST ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DBAE). I support its objectives to campaign for total, immediate and unconditional abolition of all animal experimentation, on scientific and medical grounds.
1985 Switzerland	Half a million people voted in a referendum for a total ban on vivisection (gaining one-third of the	SIGNATURE:
	votes), on medical, scientific grounds, supported by doctors and scientists.	NAME:
1985 reland	The Irish Congress of Trades Unions, at their annual conference, carried a motion calling on the government to introduce legislation to outlaw animal	MEDICAL/SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS or COURSE OF STUDY (students):
	experiments.	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
1986 taly	Vivisection outlawed in the state of Bolzano.	ADDRESS:
987 Argentina	Vivisection banned in state education.	
987 Switzerland	International League of Doctors for the Abolition of Vivisection, on medical and scientific grounds, was founded.	TEL: DATE:
989 taly	International Scientific Congress, Rome - International panel of doctors presented the case to parliamentarians for total abolition of vivisection, on the grounds that animal-based medical research is unscientific and counter-productive to human health.	Annual Subscription:     Suggested subscription:   £30     Minimum subscription:   £10     Associate Membership:   £5     Medical students, officially recognised health professionals and therapists (including nurses, registered complimentary therapists, radiographers, etc)
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