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**World Day For Laboratory Animals
March And Rally:**

Saturday April 24th

From Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square

Assemble between 1 - 2pm, Reformer's Tree, Hyde Park
(near Speaker's Corner)

(nearest tube stations, Marble Arch, Central line or Hyde
Park Corner, Piccadilly line)

March to Trafalgar Square for rally, speakers, at 4pm.



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WORLD WEEK
for Laboratory Animals

17th-24th April: World Week for Laboratory Animals 21st-24th April: Exhibition, "A Necessary Evil?", Westminster
21st April: Parliamentary Lobby, Westminster 24th April: World Day for Laboratory Animals March



World Week

Every year over 100 million animals in laboratories all over the world are burnt, blinded, scalded, crushed, frozen, mutilated, exposed to radiation and poisoned to death, all in the name of 'science'. Over three million in Britain alone. And for what? For experiments that can never be trusted.

The simple fact is that animals are not like us, they react differently to products, drugs and chemicals; they suffer from different diseases, and artificial disease created in the laboratory is not the same as disease suffered by people in the real world. Thus, animal experiments are as misleading and unproductive as they are inhuman and sickeningly cruel.

But this suffering is only easy to hide whilst we, the public, allow it to be so: For it is paid by us through (some) charitable donations - through our taxes - and through products that we buy from companies who test on animals.

Animal experiments are bad science because the whole concept is wrong.

Heart Disease

Kills one in four people in England and Wales, all of our important knowledge about its causes have been identified by studying people. Most heart disease has been linked to fatty foods, high blood pressure, stress, smoking, excessive alcohol; it is not possible to reproduce these factors in laboratory animals.

Dogs are popular for heart research, yet their hearts, blood supply, and blood clotting are different.

Visisectors themselves often cite such difficulties as reasons for the unreliability of results from animal models.

Heart drugs and heart surgery techniques have been developed without animals.

Cancer

Different factors cause cancer in different species, and likewise the effects of anti-cancer drugs differ.

Mice are favourite cancer research animals, yet mice normally suffer from a different type of cancer - sarcomas, whilst most human cancers are carcinomas. Artificial cancers in labs are vastly different to spontaneous, or naturally-occurring cancers, and they grow much faster.

Most carcinogens (cancer-causers) were first identified by studies of people and their environment e.g. smoking, x-rays, chemicals, foods. Human studies tell us that 80% of cancers are related to factors such as smoking, too much alcohol, over eating, excessive exposure to sunlight, environmental pollution, and so forth.

Species Differences

Penicillin is a useful antibiotic for people. But guinea pigs and Syrian hamsters readily die after penicillin. Florey, the man who purified penicillin, said that it was "lucky chance" that penicillin was not tested on guinea pigs.

Morphine calms people and rats, but causes the opposite effect in cats and mice.

Aspirin causes birth defects in rats, mice, monkeys, guinea pigs, cats, dogs, but not in people.

Tamoxifen was patented as a contraceptive; it is in rats, but in women it increases fertility!

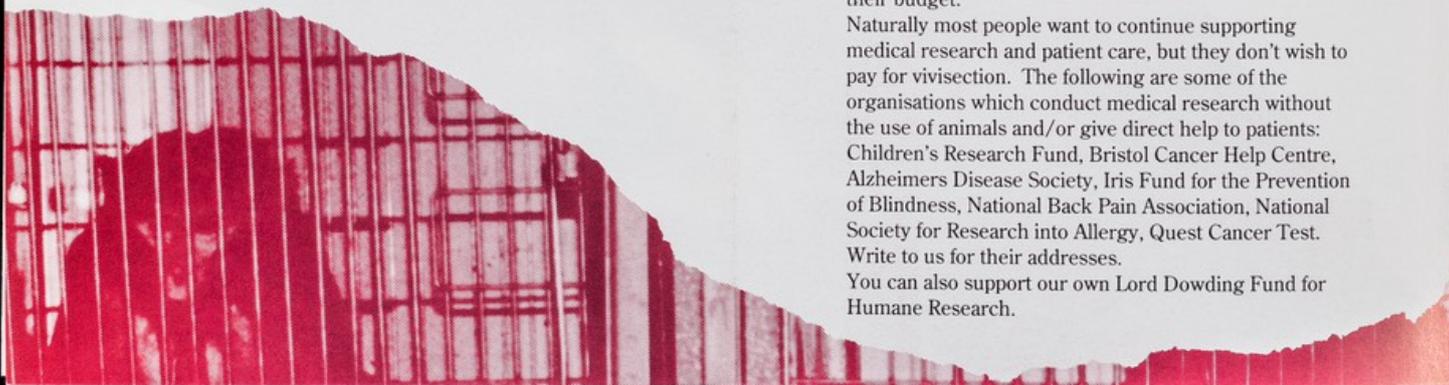
All drugs are tested on animals and passed safe for human use before they reach the market. But many have injured or killed people, e.g. Opren, Eraldin, chloramphenicol, flosint, clioquinol, and many others.

Charities

Many people have been shocked at the news that some charities spend their money on animal experiments. Certain charities are now spending money on a campaign to promote vivisection, yet they admit that animal experiments form only a minor part of their budget.

Naturally most people want to continue supporting medical research and patient care, but they don't wish to pay for vivisection. The following are some of the organisations which conduct medical research without the use of animals and/or give direct help to patients: Children's Research Fund, Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Alzheimers Disease Society, Iris Fund for the Prevention of Blindness, National Back Pain Association, National Society for Research into Allergy, Quest Cancer Test. Write to us for their addresses.

You can also support our own Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research.



Better Science

Animal research is not synonymous with medical or scientific research. A vast amount of medical knowledge has been gained over the years through clinical research, studying people; through research using human tissue, cell, skin, organ cultures, computer technology, and studies of lifestyles, populations, and environment. Progress has been made despite animal experiments, not because of them. People have been led to believe that infectious diseases like polio, smallpox, scarlet fever, TB, pneumonia, tetanus, diphtheria, were only eradicated after animal experiments. But history shows that these diseases had already gone into decline because of the introduction of proper sewage systems, clean water, personal hygiene, food hygiene and better food supplies - before drugs and vaccine programmes were introduced. Anti-vivisectionists are not anti-science, nor anti-progress. We are in favour of better science - more related to real people in the real world and not the unscientific, artificial conditions of the animal laboratory. Far better to take a drug which has been properly tested by methods relevant to people, rather than on an entirely different species. We want real science! In fact, through our Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research we fund scientists conducting research without the use of animals. Projects have included breast cancer, cot deaths, cataracts, kidney dialysis, dental fillings, drugs and replacements for animals in standard safety tests.

References for statements made on this leaflet are available on request. Send an SAE.



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Wear a special black armband or lapel badge. Observe a minute's silence at 12 noon on World Day for Laboratory Animals, April 24th. (People all over the world will be observing a minute's silence at 12 noon, local time)

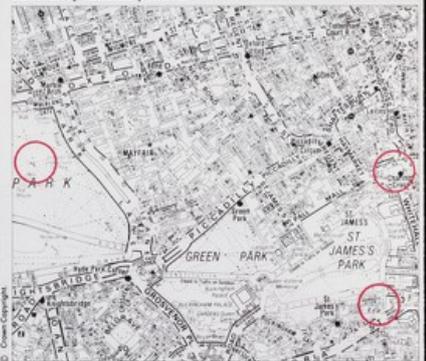
Visit our Exhibition

"A Necessary Evil?", from April 21st to 24th Westminster Central Halls Storey's Gate SW1 (opposite Houses of Parliament) nearest tube, Westminster (District & Circle lines) Wednesday - Friday 9:30am to 9:30pm Saturday - 9:30am to 7:30pm Admission Free

This major exhibition about animal experiments and non-animal research is not a catalogue of horrors. It is designed to question society's acceptance of vivisection and to show that animal experiments are not only cruel, but misleading and dangerous. We anticipate that the exhibition will be extremely busy on Saturday 24th, the day of our national march and rally in London, so to avoid disappointment, we advise people to try to visit on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Wednesday 21st April: Special Opening of "A Necessary Evil?", lobby, and handing in to parliament of our World Day for Laboratory Animals petition.

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