

## **Huntingdon Life Sciences : animal killers / Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty.**

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## Bad Science

Often in the press HLS spokespersons have claimed that their business saves lives. They seem to avoid the fact that in Britain today one person in six is in hospital due to side-effects from prescription drugs. Many doctors and scientists world-



wide, are campaigning for the abolition of animal experiments because of the damage to humans by drugs 'safety tested' on animals.

You can prove or disprove anything with animal experiments depending on which animal you use. According to decades of animal experiments smoking does not cause cancer and asbestos is safe. Recently an organisation called Seriously Ill Against Vivisection was set up to counter multinational drug and chemical companies' assertions that animal testing saves lives. We have many supporters with illnesses who join us in our fight to close down HLS. There are 450 scientific methods that can be used without animals.

## Torture for profit

So why do they do it? The pharmaceutical and chemical industry is worth billions of pounds. HLS are paid thousands of pounds for each experiment they carry out. We have proof that their staff falsify data in order to keep the customer happy and get their payment.

*"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 Surgeon, 1995

## What have we achieved?

SHAC was set up at the end of 1999 by the same activists who set up successful campaigns to close down Consort beagle breeders and Hillgrove cat farm.



By targetting shareholders, stock-brokers and bankers, SHAC has caused a collapse in HLS' shareprice. Merrill Lynch, Charles Schwab, Winterflood Securities and the Royal Bank of Scotland are among the institutions that have severed links with the firm.

Since SHAC has controlled the shareprice the focus has been turned onto the customers of HLS. After all, without any customers HLS wouldn't exist. Following letters, phone calls and demonstrations many clients have pulled out of HLS, including British Biotech and Tate and Lyle.

There is a part for everyone to play in the SHAC campaign. Whether you take part in a demo, phone blockade, write letters, hold a stall or stick up posters, get angry and get active.

**Remember the animals have  
no one else but us.**

☐ Yes I would like to join the campaign against HLS – please send me a free info pack.

I enclose a donation of ..... towards the campaign to close down HLS.

Name: .....

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# ANIMAL KILLERS



*"Despite her cage door  
being open, this young  
pup remained sitting  
inside rigid with fear."*  
- undercover investigator  
at HLS.



## What is Huntingdon Life Sciences?



Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) based in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is Europe's largest contract animal testing laboratory. It also has labs in New Jersey, US and Occold, Suffolk. Imprisoned in tiny cages are 70,000 animals including dogs, cats, monkeys, rabbits, birds and guinea-pigs. It also boasts on its website of experimenting on horses and deer. Every day 500 animals are killed at HLS.

HLS' main areas of research are pesticides, herbicides, GMOs, industrial chemicals and food colourings. These experiments are mostly done by forcing a tube down the animal's throat and simply pouring the chemical directly into the stomach. All the animals are killed.

## Suffering

This is an example of an everyday experiment at HLS: "The animals were being force-fed the drug through a stomach tube and were living in complete darkness. Reports recorded the animals as 'having fits after dosing for up to one minute...cages 85, 95 and 100 had large amounts of dark red blood on their trays. It was also recorded that the animals were 'gross and ill, with greasy, wet fur standing on end.'"



## Incompetence

HLS workers were shown on Channel Four blatantly falsifying doses during experiments. An HLS worker admitted on videotape "You can wipe your ass on that data."

When another worker was questioned whether an experimental procedure he was doing was legal he replied: "Nope. Not supposed to, never saw it, never did it, can't prove it".

During an investigation into HLS' Occold lab, details were leaked of workers taking drugs on site and a worker being stopped by the police for drink driving whilst on the way to work.

Neither of these staff members were sacked and continued to work with animals undergoing experiments.

**Like something from the dark ages,  
this is vivisection.  
Ring HLS on: 01480 892000**

## Exposed

HLS has been exposed four times in the last four years. Each investigation revealed horrific animal cruelty, staff incompetence and



breaches of laws and regulations. In 1997 Channel Four filmed workers at HLS shaking and punching four month old puppies in the face. Meanwhile in the same year, in HLS' US laboratory, an undercover investigator filmed a monkey being cut open from the neck to the groin whilst still alive.

In September 2000 the largest ever cache of documents was leaked detailing experiments of xenotransplantation (cross-species organ transplantation) over a period of five years. The Daily Express printed an exclusive report, yet again revealing shocking evidence of the daily abuse at HLS.

In October 2000 we received more documentation, video footage and photos taken from HLS' Occold lab. Details of confidential experiments and yet more law breaking were proved.

All details of these exposés are available from the campaign.

**How much more evidence do we need before the government close HLS down?**



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