

33 The Causeway,
O'Malley Hill, 5158,
South Australia,
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Dear Maureen Weeks,

Mark Beckoff, a professor of biology, at the Uni of Colorado, has said that animals have feelings, most animals have very active minds and they also have emotions, by the way they act in certain situations. Personally, I've encountered trust, loyalty, happiness, sadness, pain, love & devotion in our pets.

Any good scientist knows that animal research doesn't work and has no scientific value, but as long as funding & donations keep pouring in, they'll continue with the atrocities that retard medical science, ~~not~~ not progress it. We're just extremely lucky that Kipporates discovered aspirin, because it causes birth defects in mice & rats and extensive blood abnormalities in cats. We'd never be using aspirin if it was discovered today. Means been to the moon and back and yet blood pressure still hasn't even been cured. In fact, with the millions of dollars wasted on the scientific fraud of vivisection, in the last 50 years, the only thing that's happened, is that cancer deaths are UP, strokes are UP, as are heart disease & diabetes. Not to mention that obesity's way UP!

The atrocities happening in research labs by very respected members of the community as we read this, don't stop. Do you honestly think that the

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animals presently strapped to a table, machine or whatever, enduring "very important" procedures, care if the very same procedure, on the very same species, CAN bring about the very same result in a different laboratory? I think not! But that's what happens, repeatedly.

My blood pressure's different to yours, as is my stress level, activity & boredom level, genes, environment, etc. And so are animals! So why would experiments on millions of animals that are incarcerated in isolation, have no fresh air, no running or playing, lousy diets, probably filthy cages, and exist in constant terror, have any relevance to you or me? Any doctor, surgeon or scientist worthy of the name, learns from humans, not animals. As George Bernard Shaw said - "Atrocities are not less atrocities when they occur in laboratories and are called medical research." Animal research is the blackest of all mankind's sins, but one experiment every 69 seconds as is happening in Victoria is way, beneath contempt. Even Elizabeth Grant of NH & MRC has said that Australian scientists have not tried hard enough to find alternatives to animal testing. People have become complacent with the 3 R's.

There have been numerous alternatives for years that work, eg cell cultures, tissue cultures and the list goes on. England has a facility dedicated to alternatives only. Has Australia even thought about one?

I've seen a television program showing the so called scientists playing with their 'remote-controlled' rats, and said that these rats are better off than the other rats in the lab. I've also seen some other heinous acts ^{ON TV.} that are classed as "acceptable." I just couldn't even begin to imagine the other gross inhumanities they commit on the animals in the labs.

Pharmaceutical & medical research companies constantly raise ~~money~~ ^{MONEY} with promotions such as 'Pink Ribbon' day, 'Daffodil' day and 'Jeans for Genes' day to raise the enormous amounts of money which they use to continue to commit these unspeakable atrocities to hundreds of millions of animals each year. The real reason for animal experiments is to make money for the animal breeders, the manufacturers of the stereotactic devices used to torture the animals and the researchers themselves. Whatever happened to

FIRST DO NO HARM?

When will the high moral ground be taken and God's innocent creatures be left to enjoy life as He planned? A lot of people out there had better hope that they never come back as laboratory animals.

Please ban animal research and use technology.

Sincerely,

Collette Thorpe