

Animal Experiments: THE FACTS

- * Failure rate of up to 90% i.e. nine out of ten drugs deemed successful in animal tests fail in human trials*
- * Data from animal tests cannot be extrapolated to humans with sufficient accuracy - animals differ from humans in their anatomy, genetics and metabolism
- * Australia is the fourth largest user of animals in the world
- * Up to 7 million animals are used in Australian research and teaching each year
- * Hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers money is being wasted on unnecessary, unreliable and cruel animal experiments
- * Taxpayers have funded: shaking lambs to death to prove Shaking Baby Syndrome, feeding alcohol to pregnant sheep to illustrate foetal alcohol syndrome, feeding marijuana to rats, coffee to mice, lamingtons and meat pies to rats and breast implants on pigs

Source: Food and Drug Administration, USA



What would a WIN/WIN for Humans and Animals look like?

1. Species-specific technologies that are directly applicable to humans
2. Taxpayers to fund relevant research and not curiosity-driven animal experiments
3. REAL cures for human ailment
4. The elimination of animal suffering

HRA's Road Map to achieve a WIN/WIN

Our aim is to end animal experiments; widespread acceptance and use of better research methods is vital to achieve this. In the meantime however, we will continue to advocate for the following steps to become reality:

1. A commitment by the Australian government to reduce the number of animals used each year
2. Funding incentives provided to develop and validate non-animal methods of research
3. Transparency of how and where our tax-dollars are spent – particularly when it involves animal use



What can YOU do?

- * Only donate to medical and health charities that do not fund animal experiments. www.humanearcharities.org.au
- * Ensure your cosmetic products are not tested on animals by checking the cruelty free list www.choosecrueltyfree.org.au
- * Write to the Australian government asking that they commit to supporting more humane and scientifically valid, non-animal methods of research
- * Join HRA, or become a monthly donor*- this way you can keep informed about specific campaigns we work on and the ways in which you can further assist.



We KNOW there are better ways to achieve medical progress while eliminating the needless suffering of animals. With YOUR help we can make it happen.

Unlike many other charities, HRA does not have DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status – because our work is not classified as public benevolent, and does not involve “hands on” care of animals. This means that we do not qualify for many philanthropic grants or ANY Government funding which many charities depend on for their continued work. It also means that we are unable to take advantage of various other schemes such as workplace giving as these also require DGR status.

We are therefore solely reliant on memberships and donations to fund the important work that we undertake towards ending cruel and unnecessary animal experiments.