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## **Local resident shaves head to raise awareness of animal experimentation.**

Concerned about injustice towards animals, local activist Natalie Tabone is making the ultimate sacrifice – shaving her head – to raise awareness of animal experimentation.

In Australia, between 4 and 6 million animals are used in experiments each year. The tests they are subjected to range from simple observational studies to painful and invasive procedures.

**Says Natalie:** *“Shaving my hair off is nothing in comparison to what animals in laboratories are forced to endure every day.”*

Often considered a controversial issue, many people shy away from the subject considering it to be a “necessary evil” in order for medical progress. However more and more scientists and doctors are acknowledging the dangers of extrapolating data from animals to humans and agreeing that non-animal methods are more humane and more scientifically-valid.

**Chief Executive Officer, Helen Rosser**, said today *“We are very grateful to Natalie for both her sacrifice and her support. Many people donate to health charities in good faith, not realizing that they may well be paying for cruel animal experiments. We address this through our humane charities register – a list of medical and health charities that do not conduct or fund animal experiments.”* ([www.humanecharities.org.au](http://www.humanecharities.org.au))

Natalie will be shaving her head on 30<sup>th</sup> June and is seeking support from the community. She may be contacted directly on email [moshin\\_mushroom@hotmail.com](mailto:moshin_mushroom@hotmail.com), by phone on 0421884577, or alternatively, cheques (payable to AAHR) may be sent to AAHR 234/29 Milton Parade, Malvern, Vic 3144. Please indicate on the cover letter or envelope that your donation is in response to Natalie’s (very brave) sacrifice.

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