

The government decides - tell them

CUTTING EDGE NOT KNIFE EDGE



The government is considering the biggest overhaul of regulations on animal experiments for 25 years.

You can help change the lives of the 3.7 million animals who suffer and die in UK labs every year.

Tell your MP you want advanced technology, not animal tests.

Animal experiments: unreliable, unethical, unnecessary.

The EU has adopted a new Directive on animal testing, and the UK Government will be amending our current law to comply with the new Directive. The UK can either implement the Directive to the bare minimum, or use this as an opportunity to push forward the development and adoption of sophisticated scientific techniques to replace out of date animal tests.



Ten steps the government must take:

- **End household product testing.**
- **No weakening of existing UK animal protection measures.**
- **Maintain the existing stricter animal protection measures that are already in place in the UK.** These provisions go beyond the EU Directive and should be maintained and defended.
- **Commit to replacing experiments on monkeys in UK laboratories.** The UK has become the no.1 user of primates in Europe. The new Directive gives the opportunity to drastically reduce their use.
- **End the wild capture of monkeys by laboratory dealers.** The new Directive aims at ending the use of wild-caught primates, but a 12-year phase-out is too long. The UK should lead the way and set a much earlier deadline.
- **Set clear limits on the pain that laboratory animals are permitted to suffer.**
- **Increase transparency on animal experiments –** provide more public accountability and independent scrutiny, before permission to use animals is granted.
- **Compulsory data sharing to prevent unnecessary experiments.**
- **Establish a UK laboratory for the development and validation of replacement (non-animal) methods, and ensure their effective implementation –** if there is an alternative, it *must* be used.
- **Regular reviews to identify and agree replacement methods for specific animal experiments and specific uses of animals.** The European Commission to conduct thematic reviews, involving all stakeholders, including animal protection and replacement experts, to establish binding targets for the replacement of animals. This has proved very effective in the field of cosmetics testing on animals.

What YOU can do

- **Write to your MP –** include the list above and ask them to put pressure on the government to act to replace the use of animals in tests.
- **Give out 25 of these leaflets –** to homes near you; distribute them to friends and family, ask them to help.
- **Visit: navs.org.uk/take_action** for more information on what you can do, **or call us on 020 7630 3340**
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