

This tamarin monkey at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, was kept alone in a barren cage, then injected with excrement from other monkeys, deliberately infected with hepatitis.



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"Vivisection is the blackest of all the black crimes that man is at present committing against God and his fair creation. It ill becomes us to invoke in our daily prayers the blessings of God, the Compassionate, if we in turn will not practice elementary compassion towards our fellow creatures."

Mahatma Gandhi

The fundamental flaw of animal-based research is that each species responds differently to drugs and chemicals, therefore results from animal tests are unreliable as a means of predicting likely effects in humans. Thus, animal experiments are unreliable, unethical, and unnecessary.



Mice huddle in their laboratory cage: the sides of the cage are smeared red with their blood. The ends of their tails have been cut off with scissors, possibly for blood sampling. Small animals are also routinely mutilated (e.g. cutting off toes, punching holes in ears), for identification purposes.

The brutal, violent world of animal experimentation is shrouded in secrecy. In this leaflet we take you inside this secret world. All of the photographs were taken inside British laboratories by undercover Field Officers of the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS).

We appreciate that the images are distressing – but that is the nature of animal experimentation.

Remember, everything you see in this leaflet was licensed and sanctioned by your Government. Please join the NAVS campaign to end animal experiments, today.

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Vivisection in the UK the shocking TRUTH



WARNING this leaflet contains disturbing images from inside the secret world of vivisection laboratories in Britain.

Please don't look the other way, but read on and find out what is sanctioned by the Government in your name.



A rabbit with its skin stripped raw during an experiment at Oxford University.



This mouse is alive, but has suffered horrific injuries fighting with cage mates at Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School, London. Severe confinement in labs makes such injuries commonplace.



During an experiment this rat is being kept isolated, in a barren metabolism cage. The animal lives on a wire grid floor, so that urine and excrement can be collected in a container below.



Rabbit with an experimental wound on its neck at Oxford University. Some rabbits in the lab had tubes protruding from their throats, the legs of others had been deliberately broken.



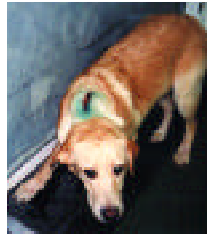
Rats recovering from experimental surgery at St Bart's Hospital Medical School, London. Also in this lab we saw animals which had been irradiated, and others had been deliberately crippled with painful arthritis.



Elisa (above) was used in experiments at the Institute of Neurology, London. She had a steel head piece of tubes and electrodes fixed into her head. Elisa had been chosen because her species was described as having "...a generally docile and friendly nature...". For the experiments, Elisa was starved for 24 hours, then restrained by the headpiece, bolted to the sides of a small cage, to perform tasks for food for up to four hours at a time.

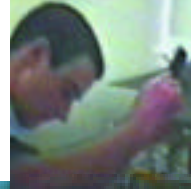


When the NAVS filmed and photographed Elisa, she sat in her tiny cage constantly picking at the skin around the metal protruding from her skull. In these experiments the researchers planned to use 61 monkeys, 25 rats, and four cats.



At Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School, a pacemaker has been implanted into this Labrador, to induce heart failure. After about five weeks the dog's hearts begin to fail;

they suffer swelling abdomens, paws, loss of appetite, and crackles/fluid filled lungs. The results showed differences between breeds of dog, let alone the known species difference between dogs and humans.



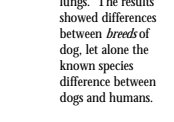
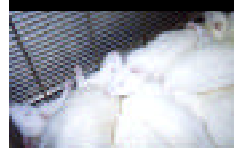
NO ONE GETS OUT OF HERE ALIVE

Left: a laughing Oxford University animal technician swings a mouse by the tail to smash it to death on a benchtop.

To maintain stocks of animals of a range of weights and ages, researchers

constantly overbreed: so millions die because they are unwanted. For every animal used in UK labs, two are thrown away as unwanted - rodents are gassed daily, by the sackload.

At Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School of 52,435 animals bred at the laboratory, just 15,198 were used in experiments. 33,348 animals were gassed as surplus to requirements. In the gas chamber they would scramble over each other, desperate to escape death. The vast numbers meant that live animals were thrown into bin bags with their dead cage mates. (below)



At St Mary's Hospital medical School, London, tubes and screws were fitted directly into rats' brains, and tetanus toxin injected to induce seizures. We observed how some rats clutched at the implants, their eyes closed in obvious distress. This rabbit has open wounds; this is for antibody production.

Inside a secret world you were never meant to see