

**CUTTING EDGE NOT KNIFE EDGE**



**NEW LEGISLATION ON ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS IN 2012**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP

The UK Government is consulting on new legislation on animal experiments, following the new EU Directive 2010/63/EU. Draft legislation is expected by next spring, but I am concerned that the Home Office is considering using powers under the European Communities Act, which might reduce the opportunity for debate and attention to UK interests.

I am urging you to (a) press the Home Office to ensure that there is full Parliamentary and public scrutiny and debate of the proposed new legislation and (b) please support the ten key steps below – these are aimed at ensuring that the UK remains in the forefront of the development of advanced scientific techniques to replace the outdated and unreliable animal tests that cause such suffering:

- 1. Ban household product testing**
- 2. No downgrading of existing UK animal protection measures**
- 3. Commit to replacing experiments on monkeys in UK laboratories**
- 4. End the capture of monkeys from the wild, by laboratory dealers**
- 5. Set limits on the pain laboratory animals are allowed to suffer**
- 6. Increase transparency on animal experiments – before animals are used**
- 7. Increase compulsory data sharing to prevent unnecessary experiments**
- 8. Establish a UK co-ordinating body for the development and validation of replacement techniques**
- 9. Ensure the effective implementation of non-animal methods – if there is an alternative it must be used**
- 10. The UK should lead Europe in regular ‘thematic reviews’ to identify and agree replacement methods for specific animal experiments and specific uses of animals**

Please write to the Home Office to support these ten steps.

Yours sincerely,

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