More Ridiculous Research:

**With Your Canadian Tax Dollars**

**Spinal Cord Research on Cats**

1. Scientists of the University of Alberta cut multiple nerves in both hind legs of cats in order to block sensory information going from their feet to their brains. Additionally, they implanted electrodes into these animals and forced them to walk a narrow plank that would shift suddenly without warning. The alleged breakthrough result was that cats whose nerves had been cut were more unstable when walking the plank.

**Lamb Experiments**

2. Researchers at the BC Women’s Hospital looked at the impacts of their experiments that involve major operations and surgical implants between animals in their laboratory and flock raised animals. They said that “It is concluded that in chronic pregnant sheep preparations, there is a significant incidence of preterm birth and that this is associated with the severity of the surgical intervention and with several maternal and fetal complications.” Obviously the major surgical interventions would result in following medical complications. In other similar experiments the activity and rest of preterm lambs were compared to full term lambs The obvious find was that preterm lambs had a "significantly lower frequency and intensity of activity bouts”.

These experiments were funded by Canadian taxpayers with a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). They are presently supported by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) that oversees vivisection in Canada.

Without grants from CIHR cruel, wasteful and scientifically fallacious experiments like this would not be possible.

Please send a letter to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and CCAC politely asking them to evaluate the scarce health care funds wasted on animal experiments. They have the power to improve health research by making policy decisions for publicly funded research in Canada. Please let him know that you want them to start phasing out experiments on animals and increase funds for more non-animal assays and clinical studies.

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**Eastern Canada: Outreach and demonstration against vivisection**

**World Week for Animals in Laboratories**

*Thursday April 21*

3:00 Pm - 4:30 Pm

*Canadian Institutes of Health Research*

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