

Vivisection in Canada - 2007

Why Don't Animal Models Help Our Health?

Numerous doctors agree that vivisection retards scientific progress because these animal models are unlike naturally occurring human diseases or injuries. The researcher is not looking at the human malady. Furthermore, some methods tested, such as drug therapies, react differently on various species of animals. Data obtained from animal models cannot be reliably extrapolated to solve human problems.

Documented reviews of medical history in such fields as heart disease, diabetes and AIDS research substantiate the position that major medical advances are a result of studies that include in-vitro (non-animal) tests and human epidemiological studies (the study of naturally occurring diseases or injury).

Who Funds Vivisection

1. "Health" organizations such as the Heart Foundation, TB Vets Charitable Foundation; BC Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign, Canadian Diabetes Association, BC Cancer, Rick Hansen Foundation, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Pacific Parkinson's Research Institute; Alzheimer Society of Canada, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute and many others.
2. Government (such as Canadian Institute for Health Research and Natural Science and Engineering Research Council) and Businesses.

Types of Vivisection

Michael J. Fox Foundation: Part of the research funds is "to develop novel progressive mammalian PD models as well as those that propose substantial improvement of existing PD models." They admit that the existing models do not work.

Rick Hansen Foundation: Various species used in spinal cord research that includes severing the spinal cords of animals and forcing them to attempt to walk on tread mills to repeat what is already known - exercise improves motor function.

TB Vets Charitable Foundation: Animal experiments looking for causes and cures for tuberculosis in humans.

Cosmetic/Home Products Tests: No anaesthetics or painkillers are given to the millions of animals subjected to these so-call "safety" tests.

Biomedical Research: Biomedical research can involve burning, blinding, freezing and poisoning of animals. Animals can be subjected to electric shock and long-term restraint

Animal Science: In an effort to find even cheaper ways of producing meat and to try to find ways to reduce the health hazards caused by eating animals, animal science research is conducted.

Military Experiments: Animals are intentionally wounded with bullets, lasers and other weapons to develop and test the effects of munitions.

Psychology Experiments: Brainwashing, deprivation and depression experiments are carried out on animals despite the outcry from many psychologists.

What Can I Do?

For a better health care and research system, write to politicians, hospitals, charitable organizations and research institutes telling them you want your money used for non-animal research, as a more economical, safe and efficient improvement over current practices.

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