

ON SATURDAY 16TH APRIL, CAMPAIGNERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE GATHERING IN THE CENTRE OF MANCHESTER TO MARK WORLD DAY FOR ANIMALS IN LABORATORIES. PLEASE JOIN US!



The opening rally will be held in Whitworth Park, Oxford Road at 12 midday; from there we will continue into the heart of Manchester City Centre, marching past some of Manchester University's animal laboratories and finally moving into Albert Square in front of the town hall where we will call for the abolition of animal experiments.

It is estimated that approximately **115 million animals are used annually** in global research. Vivisectors are secretive about the animals they use and kill, many refusing to disclose the numbers involved and the types of research conducted. The **UK is one of the largest animal researchers**: 3.6 million animals were used in 2009.

Industries that use animal testing are worth billions and have a vested interest in continuing current methods. The industries claim that anti-vivisection groups are 'anti-science', and insist that animal testing is the only way to cure 'loved ones' and continue medical progress. However, **very little evidence exists to support their claims**. To know if animal research is successful, predicted effects should be compared with known human effects in a systematic review: time and time again it has been proven that **animal tests fail to reflect outcomes in humans**.

The fundamental flaw of animal research is that each species is physiologically different and responds differently to substances, making animal testing unreliable and a dangerous way to predict effects in humans. Most animals do not get diseases such as heart disease and many types of cancer. These are artificially induced, resulting in crude and unpredictable animal models. Treatments passed on these animals can produce dangerous side effects in humans: medical drugs kill 18,000 people every year. In the UK **animal-tested drugs are the 4th biggest cause of premature death** after heart disease, cancer and stroke.

Progressive, animal-free research exists: scientists are able to use cell or tissue cultures, imaging machines, computer models and volunteer studies. However, funding to non-animal experiments is traditionally low and the government recently announced a spending freeze in science funding.

It is vital that we make our voices heard against an industry that holds huge influence over government policy and funding. We can improve the quality of our science and the reliability of our medicines as well as stopping the needless suffering of millions of unseen animals. Please join us in Manchester on 16th April.

For more information, including details of transport to the march and rally, visit the World Day for Animals in Laboratories website **www.wdail.org** or call **Manchester Animal Action** on 07809 293 370.

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