

Consider for a moment what would happen if the billions of dollars now spent on laboratory research on animals were spent on preventive medicine instead. What an encouraging thought that is! Especially when it comes to some of the major killers of our time -- like cancer and heart disease.

Over 85% of all human cancer is preventable. Most heart disease is preventable. We spend billions of dollars every year on animal experimentation in futile efforts to discover cures for ailments, many of which need never happen in the first place.

But preventing disease is not a priority of today's medical establishment. The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is working hard to see that it BECOMES a priority.

We want to create a new breed of physicians -- physicians who respect life . . . who would rather use effective prevention methods than see laboratory animals needlessly tortured under the guise of dubious experiments.

We're awakening physicians to the fact that research on animals is not only needless, it can be dangerous, as well. Because of differences between species, for example, animal testing can lead to -- and has led to -- misleading information and drugs that damage and kill.

Computer and simulator models now used in some medical schools and research labs are far more useful. One model system, for example, has a robot with a mechanical heart which can simulate any normal or abnormal condition of the human heart. It can do a far better job to teach medical students than the dogs now used in laboratories.

So the support you give today to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine will not only help save the lives of laboratory animals . . . it will help improve your own health, too. We're working to achieve better health for people through humane treatment of animals.