

THEY ONLY THOUGHT 'Could we'

THEY NEVER STOPPED TO ASK

'Should we'

The new and disturbing field of genetic engineering is becoming a nightmare for animals. Scientists aim to increase farm animal production and develop new creatures for medical research. Some animals face a grim future as science prepares them to become organ "donors" for human spare-part surgery.

Animals suffer because the results of genetic manipulation are unpredictable. Transgenic pigs designed to grow more quickly and have leaner flesh, developed protruding eyes, gastric ulcers, arthritis, dermatitis, heart problems, lameness, pneumonia and kidney disease.

Even without such complications, genetically altered animals still suffer and die because in biomedical research they are designed to do so. The "oncomouse", produced by inserting human cancer genes into the embryos of mice, quickly develops cancer, while genetically engineered "cystic fibrosis mice" become ill and die within 40 days.

The desire to patent living creatures like the "oncomouse" shows that science and industry regard animals as mere commodities or inventions. Genetically engineered animals programmed to produce pharmaceuticals in their milk are even known as "commercial bio-reactors".

By their actions, scientists have shown they cannot be trusted to carry out humane research. Congress must ban this gross interference with nature and subject genetic engineering to increased scrutiny to avoid risks to human beings, animals and the environment.

DEATH

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