

It's a fact, for example, that animal experimentation has often misled experimenters. Medications like thalidomide -- which appeared safe in animals -- have caused birth defects, disease, and death in humans.

It's a fact that there are existing alternatives to animal testing that are safer, more economical, more effective, and far more humane.

It's a fact that animals used in testing feel emotions like fear, anxiety, stress, pain, and loneliness -- just as we do.

It's also a fact that many U.S. medical colleges don't require students to experiment on animals in order to earn a degree.

Far too often, lab animals are caged in filthy, unhealthy surroundings. Too often, they're ill-fed and treated with abuse. Too often, the laboratories in which they're kept are maintained in sub-standard conditions.

Imagine yourself witnessing experiments on animals in such a laboratory. You watch as a chimpanzee is strapped onto a table and given electric shock. You watch as a cat has her head cut open and an implant set in her brain. You watch as a goat is shot with high velocity bullets so medical students can learn how to take care of wounds.

You watch as a dog has his limbs broken and reset ... or is force fed ... or is made radioactive. Other animals are heartlessly burned, blinded, gassed, poisoned, infected with diseases. And in most cases, no pain relief is given.

The list of outrages goes on and on.

In this country alone, tens of millions of animals are used in laboratory experiments in such ways. TENS OF MILLIONS! It's time for every man and woman of conscience to act to put a stop to this cruelty once and for all.

These laboratory experiments do not only produce inaccurate, skewed results, they're simply not necessary. Thousands of physicians throughout the nation and the world (and their number is constantly growing!) are convinced that such cruelty is unessential.

As one distinguished cancer researcher put it, "While conflicting animal results have often delayed and hampered advances in the war on cancer, they have never produced a single substantial advance either in prevention or in the treatment of human cancer."

What's more, EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE METHODS can and have been used to teach physicians and conduct research without inflicting pain and death on animals.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is leading the way in awakening both the medical community and the public to this fact.

Did you know, for example, that simulators and computer models can be far more useful as teaching tools for medical students than operating on innocent