

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF PRIMATES AND OTHER ANIMALS  
IN MEDICAL RESEARCH IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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It is wonderful and truly in time for reviewing all animal welfare laws.

For far too long, humans have been using animals for food, for entertainment, for their furs, skins or whatever can be taken away from them, and for medical experiments. Worse still, they are abused and cruelly treated as if they have no life, no value and no right for life. Even pets are often used, abused and/or abandoned.

In this submission I ask the following:

1. All laws relating to 'pets' must be re-considered with better treatment and protection of animals, mandatory requirements for breeders and anyone who welcome a pet into their life. Likewise, Shelters must have stronger duty of care laws, no animal should ever be 'put down' just because he/she has been abandoned or is sick but can be treated, or whatever other reason of convenience.

2. Using animals for the purpose of greedy entertainment must cease! No horse, no dog must be bred for the purpose of serving the ego, money desire, or sense of fun, of a human. Forms of entertainments such as 'rodeo' or making animals perform in dolphinarium, or a circus or wherever else must cease. They are not fun, they are a life sentence of cruelty for the animal.

3. The treatment of farm animals is below any acceptable standard. The cruelty and greed are staggering. The amount of suffering inflicted on animal for human taste buds - be it flesh, dairy or eggs - is enough to make each of us ashamed of our so called 'humanity'. It is time to re-think and realize that none of this is acceptable and none of it is necessary.

4. Using animals for their fur or skin or whatever else we can draw out of their abused bodies is nothing but un-necessary vanity. We do not need leather shoes, bags, belts, furniture etc. Animals skins belong to them it is not for us to take!

5. Using animals for medical research as if only our well being is of value and their well being has no value is beyond cruel. The idea that it is ok to torture animals, make them sick and condemn them to a life of unimaginable suffering to benefit us, once looked at for what it is, becomes unthinkable cruelty and disregard to another life.

6. Treating wild life as if it has no room on the planet, as if our desire for a home, a road, a hotel or whatever else is important enough to give us the right to destroy their home, their life or even define them as 'pests' - once faced, becomes another shameful unthinkable disregard and cruelty.

It is time for us humans to carefully face and explore all these. And it is my prayer that the review of all animal welfare laws will do just this.

I am counting on you

Sincerely

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