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

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The first vivisection video I watched was 5 years ago. I knew it was going to be bad but I had to know. I sat still and watched the whole thing. A young looking wretched primate/inmate sat alone in a small cage in a small room with no other life forms with no family or friends, no toys, drinks or food, nothing to do to stimulate her/himself. She/he looked bored and depressed and likely wondered what she/he had done wrong to deserve imprisonment and solitary confinement in that totally white and monotonous silent room.

Gradually during the video my entire body went ice cold and I sat still like a rock, horrified, stunned and filled with anguish. It was the most terrifying horror movie I have ever seen. But it wasn't a movie. It was real. And that is what I cannot understand. How can we humans be so purposefully horrid and cruel committing heinous acts of torture to innocent and beautiful beings? Some say vivisection is a worthwhile process as it creates jobs, creates situations where companies cannot be sued and helps humans' lives. Is deplorable torture and suffering to innocents worth it? I say no.

By the end of the video I was in a deep state of shock. I remained still as a statue then slowly put my forearms on the table, lowered my head onto my arms and sobbed for a very long time. "That poor, poor darling!" It was, and still is, hard for me to comprehend how humans can be so consciously sadistic, brutal and cruel to an innocent life who has done nothing to hurt us. In my 50 years I had never seen anything like this or had these extreme physical sensations/reactions.

This is what I saw:

A man in a long white coat entered a room and, without speaking, calmly and unemotionally injected the lonely primate. The drug worked quickly and she/he was soon asleep and that's when the Frankenstein like procedure commenced.

A hole was cut?/drilled? (I do not recall) into the top of her/his head then a rectangular metal object was inserted into what appeared to be her/his fontanelle. The metal outside her/his head appeared to be approximately 80 - 100mm length and 40 x 25-30 mm width.

I have no idea of the purpose for this ghastly experiment. The next scene showed the innocent life regaining consciousness.

She/he opened her/his eyes, looked around then slowly brought her/his hand up to the top of her/his head. I could see her/his confusion in her/his eyes. I could feel her/his stress. "What is this? What's happened to me?"

The video ended.