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

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Hello,

My name is Charlotte and I reside in Sydney. I am writing in regards to the use of animals and other primates in medical research in New South Wales.

I believe that efforts to research and pursue alternatives such as invitro testing and computer based methods such as simulators should replace animal experimentation.

I was disgusted and shocked when I read an article detailing that 12 sheep had their throats slit without stunning in an experiment part of a program ran by two top universities. The purpose of the experiment was to prepare students for situations in which euthanasia could not be performed as no gun, captive bolt gun or sedation would be available. The article stated that the sheep were conscious and no learning objectives were reached. I cannot fathom the fear, confusion and stress that these sheep experienced in their final moments, and it is even more distressing due to such a tragic waste of life.

In reference to Animal Rights Politician Emma Hurst's post on social media platform Instagram, 'Buddy' the dog who survived medical experimentation, it urges me to think of all of the other animals that never make it out to become someone's companion. The animals that are never free from a life of pain and suffering and of which are treated instead as commodities.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and I can only hope that one day in the future, animals in medical experimentations are free from that suffering and given a second chance at life.