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ANIMALS SAVED

HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH IN RUSSIA

by Brian Gunn Secretary General

On October 24th 2005 an historic document was signed in Russia by Professor Vladimir Sokolov, Head of the Department of Pharmacology at the State Academy of Veterinary Medicine in St Petersburg, Russia.

The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals has donated to the Department of Pharmacology at the Academy 15 computers, CD-ROMs and laboratory equipment allowing the Department to set up an IAAPEA Humane Research Laboratory in Russia.

As a result of the IAAPEA laboratory, Professor Sokolov has signed a legal agreement stating that the department will not use any animals for students or for postgraduate research.

At a stroke, the departmental use of animals in education was reduced to zero.

The Academy has become the first Institute in Russia to replace 100% of its experiments in a department.

The IAAPEA lab will save thousands of animals from painful experiments.

A meeting with Professor Sokolov included a discussion about strategies to 'centralize' the shift to Alternatives through building a network of users who could lobby the Ministry of Agriculture to take action. Others at the Academy, including anatomists and physiologists, were also expressing an interest in Alternatives. Even in pathophysiology, a discipline that almost invariably involves severe experiments, some reduction has already occurred due to student complaints, and videos made at another institute have been introduced. Some practical classes listed in the pathophysiology curriculum however, involve severe experiments, such as heating animals these experiments do not need replacing but abolition, due to their lack of pedagogical value and their proximity to sadistic practice. Nevertheless, animals in the Academy suffered much worse experiments many years ago, according to campaigner Tatyana Pavlova from the Centre for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (CETA): *'It was impossible even to talk about animal Protection or Alternatives then. Times have really changed.'*

VITA an Animal Rights organization in Russia, financially supported by the IAAPEA under the dynamic leadership of its Russian director Lena Maroueva and Nick Jukes - the go-getting co-ordinator for the International Network for Humane Education has worked closely with the IAAPEA in achieving this ground-breaking Humane Research Project.



HISTORIC DOCUMENT SAVES LAB ANIMALS

Professor Vladimir Sokolov signing the historic document that will save thousands of animals from painful experiments





ALTERNATIVES CONFERENCE AND TRAINING

An exciting and inspiring 4-day event at the cutting edge of educational innovation and practice was held in Oslo, Norway.

The second International Network for Humane Research Conference, 'Alternatives in the Mainstream Innovations in Life Science Education and Training' is the only major International Conference on advanced learning tools and Alternatives to animal experiments in education.

The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals sponsored five key campaigners from central and eastern Europe allowing them to attend this main event.

These leading campaigners were selected according to their potential to take back the experience and resources for active work in Alternatives in their own country.

Campaigners from 32 countries were represented at the Conference and Speakers came from Brazil, Japan, Iran, Russia, Australia, India, Syria, Egypt, Spain, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Finland, Portugal, Germany, UK, Norway, America, Romania and Croatia.

Themes and topics at the Conference included:

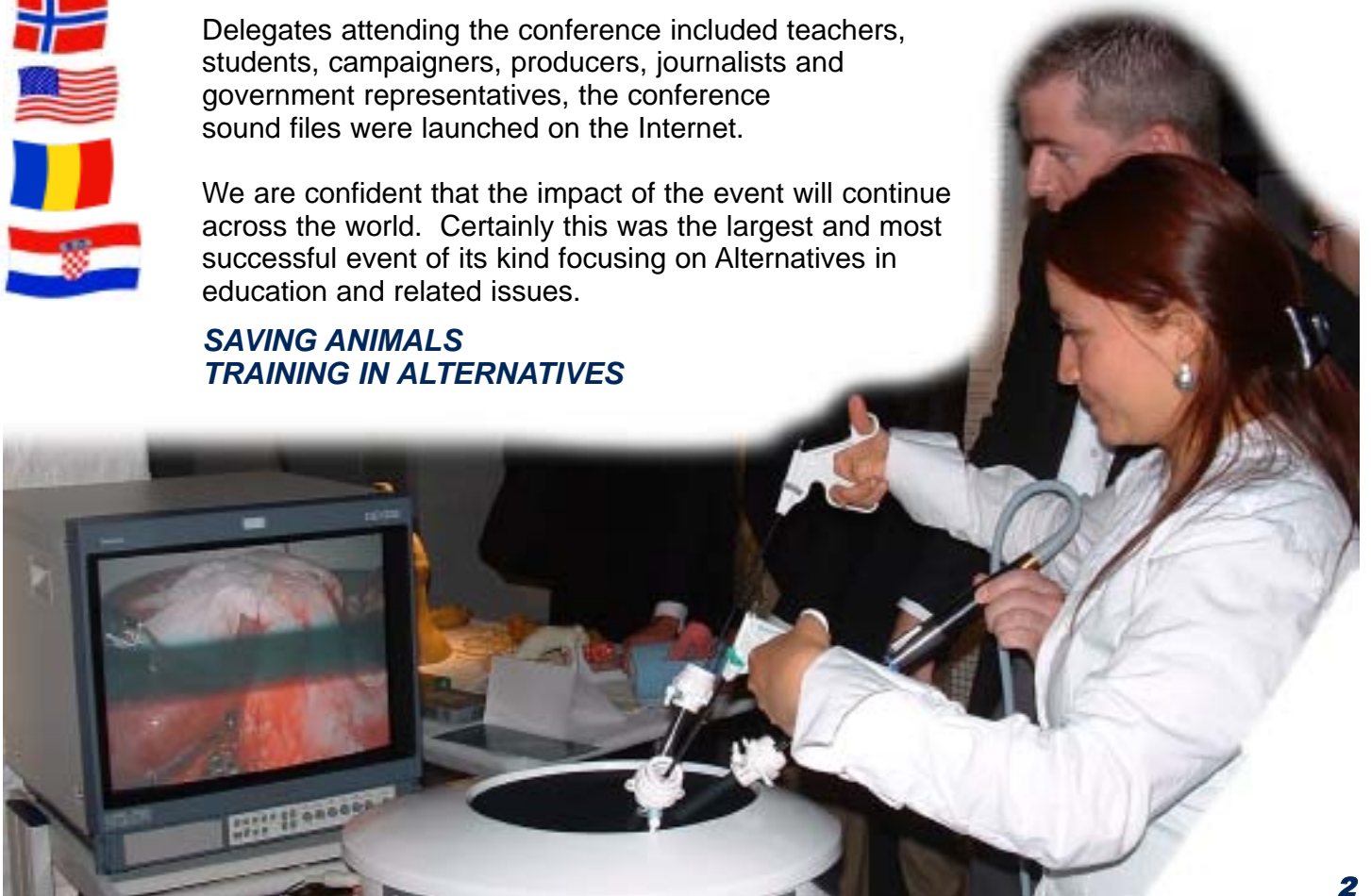
- 1 *ALTERNATIVE TOOLS AND APPROACHES: DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION*
- 1 *ASSESSMENT, INFORMATION AND RESOURCES*
- 1 *FOCUS ON TEACHING OBJECTIVES*
- 1 *LEARNING ABOUT ANIMAL LIVES*
- 1 *CATALYSING CHANGE*
- 1 *DIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE*

Two afternoons of the conference were dedicated to the Multimedia and VR Exhibition giving delegates the opportunity for practical hands-on experience of a range of Alternatives demonstrated by teachers and other exhibitors.

Delegates attending the conference included teachers, students, campaigners, producers, journalists and government representatives, the conference sound files were launched on the Internet.

We are confident that the impact of the event will continue across the world. Certainly this was the largest and most successful event of its kind focusing on Alternatives in education and related issues.

SAVING ANIMALS TRAINING IN ALTERNATIVES



IAAPEA CONFERENCE IN PAKISTAN



Many laboratory animals are tortured in Muslim countries. There is very little organized opposition to these horrendous experiments being performed on live animals.

To aid the desperate plight of laboratory animals in Muslim countries, the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals organized a Conference in Lahore, Pakistan in October 2005.

This historic Conference entitled '**Vivisection Not !**' was co-ordinated by IAAPEA's organizer in Pakistan Dr Rana Shaukutt Hussain who is also the General Secretary of the Vets Care Organization in Pakistan.

The Conference was very well attended by students, veterinarians, zoologists, pharmacologists, teachers, professors and microbiologists.

Speakers included Prof. Dr Khalid Pervaiz (Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences University Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore), Prof. Dr Zafar Iqbal (Chairman, Department of Pathology and Director of ICE & E, UAVS), Dr Mohsin Ali Bhatti (President Vets Care Organization), Dr Irshad Hussain (Associate Professor Department of Microbiology, UAVS), and Dr Noor-ul-Zaman Rafique (Veterinary Office, SPCA).

Patron of Vets Care Organization, Prof. Dr H A Hashmi presented the vote of thanks and praised the work of the IAAPEA and the young team in organizing such a momentous Conference for the first time in Pakistan.

An exhibition of Alternatives was also arranged and a number of Alternatives including CD -ROMS, videos, mannequins and models were exhibited.

At the Conference Alternatives sent by the International Network for Humane Education and sponsored by the IAAPEA were demonstrated.

This vital training in Alternatives and the new skills learnt at the IAAPEA Conference will help save the lives of many laboratory animals in Pakistan and other Muslim countries.



Television coverage at the IAAPEA Conference in Pakistan



IAAPEA's organizer in Pakistan, Dr Rana Hussain



RUSSIAN BOOKLET

The first Russian booklet on Alternatives to Animal Experiments which was funded by the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals has been widely distributed at Conferences in Russia and the Ukraine.

During October 2005, International Network for Humane Education National Contacts Anya Yushchenko and Lena Maroueva, and co-ordinator Nick Jukes, began a large-scale promotion of Alternatives across the Ukraine and Russia.

The Russian booklet was distributed at the 2nd International Bioethics Symposium, held from 4 - 7 October in Kharkiv, Ukraine. This predominantly Ukrainian event was organized by Tatyana Shchegoleva of Kharkiv State University.

The symposium produced a resolution that acknowledged the advantages of Alternatives and called for a replacement of harmful animal use and recognition of a student's right to conscientiously object. The resolution also called for Alternatives to be produced with a facility for easy translation and for the creation of more Ukrainian and Russian language Alternatives. In response to the current limitations of many software and Video Alternatives which are produced only in English.

Moving to Moscow, InterNICHE-Russia distributed the book and organized major presentations at several Institutes in the city. Many new connections which Institutes have developed in recent years, facilitated by the distribution of new printed resources, through a presence at the Annual International Veterinary Congress - a predominantly Russian and ex-Soviet gathering of several thousand delegates and through the launch of the Russian micro-Loan System. This library of Alternatives allows free borrowing of items by teachers across Russia, subject to strict guarantees and has provided a crucially important resource for the InterNICHE volunteers to offer to Institutes and to progress implementation.

Similar to the Ukrainian resource, the Russian micro-Loan System is one of several new projects of the much larger International Alternatives Loan System, set up with support of Proefdiervrij to enable borrowers to familiarize themselves with the diversity and quality of existing Alternatives and to trial individual products. Co-ordinated by Monika Percic from Slovenia, this project has made over 200 loans to 40 countries since the end of 2001 and comprises of over 4000 usages of individual Alternatives.

A presentation to over 100 students and teachers at the Veterinary Department of Moscow Academy of Applied Biotechnology was followed by demonstrations of Alternatives and a lively discussion on the issue, with a majority support for Alternatives.



DRUG SAFETY

¹ More than 100,000 Americans die each year from adverse reactions to approved drugs. This is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States.

¹ More than 90 per cent of drugs that appear safe in animal tests fail in human studies.

¹ More than half of all approved drugs will be withdrawn or relabelled for serious or lethal effects in humans.



COSMETIC TESTING

The use of animals for testing cosmetic finished products and ingredients in the UK has been banned, but animals are still regularly used in painful procedures to test batches of Botulinum toxin that are used for cosmetic Botox injections.

The IAAPEA are campaigning to close the loophole which allows these painful experiments to be performed on live animals.



DR ETHEL THURSTON TINA NELSON

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of Dr Ethel Thurston, aged 95, who died in New York on 4th, January 2006 and Tina Nelson, aged 48, who died in Pennsylvania on 19th, October 2005. Tina who lost her battle after courageously fighting cancer for the last year and a half.

Dr Ethel Thurston was a Vice President of the IAAPEA and a former board member. With the help of the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals, Dr Thurston established The American Fund for Alternatives Animal Research, the world's first organization devoted to funding Alternatives to using live animals in medical research.

Tina Nelson was the Executive Director of the American Anti-Vivisection Society and a keen supporter of the IAAPEA's work.

Dr Thurston's and Tina Nelson's great vision and dedication to the A/V Cause will be very sadly missed.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL ...THERE'S A WAY !

At certain times in your life it is important to review your Will.

These include the death of a partner, marriage (or remarriage), divorce and the arrival of grandchildren.

When you've made sure the ones you love are looked after in your Will, please spare a thought for laboratory animals.



The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals has already saved the lives of countless laboratory animals.

We also fund medical research without animal experiments into cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses.



With your support we can save many more animals from suffering painful experiments in the future.

***We are the voice for
the voiceless.
Please help us to
save the animals.***

***A Will not only makes sense, it
makes perfect peace
of mind.***

TABLE OF SHAME ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

	1. FRANCE	2,212,294
	2. GERMANY	2,071,568
	3. UNITED KINGDOM	1,817,485
	4. ITALY	924,889
	5. BELGIUM	695,091
	6. FINLAND	644,880
	7. NETHERLANDS	640,930
	8. GREECE	515,423
	9. DENMARK	371,072
	10. SWEDEN	281,184
	11. SPAIN	262,042
	12. AUSTRIA	192,062
	13. IRELAND	52,203
	14. PORTUGAL	44,577
	15. LUXEMBOURG	5,320



FRANCE TOP EU LAB HORROR LEAGUE

The European Commission have published statistics on the use of animals for experimental purposes.

The report published in 2005, covers the use of animals in 14 Member States in 2002.

1 10.7 million experiments were performed in 2002 (an increase of 9% since 1999).



Victims of the Beauty Industry



1 France, Germany and the UK collectively performed almost 60% of the total number of experiments.

1 Animals were used to test cosmetics (not the UK) and household products (including the UK).

1 There was a disturbing increase in the use of dogs (30% up) and primates (14% up).

Animals bred in germ-free conditions

1 Animals used in education increased by an alarming 292%.

1 Some animals were used for more than one experiment.

Over 96,000 animals were used in the cruel LD50 poisoning test. This involves force feeding animals with substances until 50% of them die!



UNITED NATIONS

IAAPEA's Swedish President, Ingrid Persson, campaigning for laboratory animals at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals is the only organization concerned solely with laboratory animals which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.



APES 'EXTINCT IN A GENERATION'



The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals has been working closely with the United Nations and has been actively supporting the innovative United Nations Environmental Programme to save the great apes.

Some of the great apes - chimps, gorillas and orangutans - could be extinct in the wild within a human generation, a new assessment concludes.

For the first time, representatives from the governments of 23 countries in Africa and south-east Asia have met to discuss the creatures' fate.

At the meeting held in September 2005 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 23 nations signed the Declaration on Great Apes. The first UN-Level document that commits the countries in which the great apes live, to protecting them.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan argues forcibly for the preservation of apes. *'The great apes are our kin,'* he writes. *'Like us, they are self-aware and have cultures, tools, politics and medicines; they can learn to use sign language and have conversations with people and with each other. Sadly, however, we have not treated them with the respect they deserve.'*

Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Sweden have banned the use of great apes in biomedical research. The IAAPEA will be stepping up its campaign to persuade other nations to make it illegal to experiment on great apes.



BATTLE FOR ALTERNATIVES AT MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

While the introduction of Alternatives can obviate potential problems between student and establishment, a battle continues at Moscow State University. Conscientious objector Roman Beloysov, a biology student with top grades, faces expulsion since challenging the University by openly criticizing harmful animal use and requesting Alternatives. For Roman, the problems are not so much with biology but with relevant Russian law where regulations either do not exist or have no power. Using what regulations there are and quoting from the University's own regulations also from Soviet regulations still in force, he accuses the teachers of failing to adhere to their own commitments in terms of quality and nature of teaching. Roman is calling for Humane Alternatives - just for himself - and his right to an individual 'plan of study'.

Some teachers are furious at his challenge to the orthodoxy, complaining that 'Alternatives and Bioethics are causing nothing but problems'. Although for one Alternative on the practical side plant material was used rather than animal tissue, this was mutually agreed and successfully conducted. The physiology practicals from 2004 onwards have become major obstacles. Refusing to compromise - for example by rejecting offers to observe but not participate in experiments - Roman has been blocked from taking exams. He has also been told that he is no longer a student at the University - followed later by confirmation that he still is.

Although the University is keen to avoid a scandal, a popular TV chat show has already featured his case, following a 2004 press conference organized by InterNICHE-Russia. Also at a live studio interview with the Rector in September 2005, the first phone call from the public was about Alternatives. Many students and some of the general public in Moscow and other parts of Russia are therefore aware of the situation, even if Roman's style of challenge is not the same as theirs. Roman is now threatening legal action, using a Civil Rights approach against the University.

The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals supports Roman Beloysov's campaign to be a conscientious objector.

The IAAPEA have informed Roman that they will fund his legal historic action.

It is possible that Roman may be forced into military service.

EDUCATION

Education plays an important part in the work of the IAAPEA. The children of today are the adults of tomorrow and IAAPEA representatives continue to give talks in Schools, Colleges and Universities all over the world.

In Russia, for example, our member society VITA has written an animal rights course for secondary schools. VITA is momentarily testing the course within its unique project 'Young Animal Advocate' led by KLUB DOBRIKH SERDETS (Club of Kind-Hearted). In September 2005 the Moscow government sanctioned the introduction of the course into the curriculum of several secondary schools as an experiment.

During the lessons VITA staff tell the young the truth about hidden animal abuse in the modern world. They teach children to respect any life. Children are enjoying role play, debates, video films and practical classes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Here is probably the most effective single way to support our work - and you need not send any money as long as you live!



It's a chance for you to help stop animals being tortured in painful experiments by including a gift to the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals in your Will.

You can help us save millions of animals for many years to come.

A picture is worth a thousand words and the IAAPEA picture web site www.animalexperimentpictures.com launched in September 2004 has become one of the most visited animal sites on the Internet.

Researches do not want the general public to know what really happens behind the closed doors of their laboratories - they have much to hide!



The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals have organized groundbreaking undercover investigations for 35 years. IAAPEA Secretary General Brian Gunn has worked under cover and taken unique and disturbing pictures of the horrors of animal experiments in America - Belarus - China - Denmark - England - Italy - Japan - Mexico - Netherlands - Russia - Spain and the Ukraine. Countless animal organizations throughout the world, from the world's largest animal organization PETA to small animal groups, all use IAAPEA photos in their publicity campaigns.

The IAAPEA picture web site allows newspapers, magazines and animal organizations to download, free of charge, high resolution images of animal experiments.

As a result, newspapers and magazines all over the world are publishing IAAPEA images exposing the secret world of animal research - pictures the general public were not meant to see!

SUCCESS IN IRAN

The International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals has funded a Farsi (Persian) version of the world's largest web site devoted to modernizing life science education and replacing animal experiments with progressive humane Alternatives.

The site was translated for the IAAPEA by Sepehr Shafiezadeh, School of Pharmacy, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Health Services in Tehran. Sepehr has helped end animal experiments in physiology classes at his University.

Commenting on the launch of the new web site, Sepehr Shafiezadeh said: 'With this large web

During 2005 the web site has attracted a record number of visitors from the following 142 countries:

Canada - Mexico - United States of America - Belize - Costa Rica - El Salvador - Guatemala - Honduras - Nicaragua - Panama - Bahamas - Barbados - Cuba - Dominican Republic - Granada - Haiti - Jamaica - St Lucia - Trinidad and Tobago - Argentina - Bolivia - Brazil - Chile - Colombia - Ecuador - Paraguay - Peru - Uruguay - Venezuela - Albania - Austria - Azerbaijan - Belarus - Belgium - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Bulgaria - Croatia - Cyprus - Czech Republic - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Georgia - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Iceland - Ireland - Italy - Latvia - Liechtenstein - Lithuania - Luxembourg - Macedonia - Malta - Moldova - Monaco - Netherlands - Norway - Poland - Portugal - Romania - Russia - San Marino - Slovakia - Slovenia - Spain - Sweden - Switzerland - Turkey - Ukraine - United Kingdom of Great Britain - Northern Ireland - Yugoslavia - Afghanistan - Australia - Bahrain - Bangladesh - Brunei - Cambodia - China - Taiwan - Fiji - India - Indonesia - Iran - Iraq - Israel - Japan - Jordan - North Korea - South Korea - Kuwait - Laos - Lebanon - Malaysia - Maldives - Mauritius - Mongolia - Nepal - New Zealand - Oman - Pakistan - Papua New Guinea - Philippines - Qatar - Saudi Arabia - Singapore - Sri Lanka - Syria - Thailand - United Arab Emirates - Vietnam - Yemen - Algeria - Angola - Botswana - Cameroon - Central African Republic - Chad - Congo - Egypt - Gambia - Kenya - Liberia - Libya - Malawi - Morocco - Mozambique - Namibia - Nigeria - Seychelles - Sierra Leone - South Africa - Sudan - Swaziland - Tanzania - Tunisia - Uganda - Zambia - Zimbabwe.

The web site is available at

www.animalexperimentpictures.com

site now available in Farsi, we have a valuable resource to help enhance life science education. Already some teachers in Iran have replaced dissections and animal experiments with multimedia software Alternatives because of the pedagogical advantages of applying modern technology to the learning process. Alternatives will ensure better training for doctors, vets and biologists, thereby helping society and supporting scientific research as well as helping animals'.

The Farsi site is available at
www.iaapea.com





KITTENS SAVED

New high-tech baby simulators make it easier for health professionals to learn life-saving paediatric techniques without practising on animals. The new SimBaby, a lifelike mannequin from the Norwegian-based company Laerdal, provides a much more realistic training experience compared with animal laboratories. Trainers can program SimBaby to change the sound of her breathing, speed up or slow her pulse, and change the size of her pupils to mimic a wide range of conditions from pneumonia to traumatic brain injury. Debra Sprunt, director of clinical simulation at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, says the new baby simulators would definitely be useful for practicing neonatal intubations instead of using kittens.



VIVISECTORS ON THE MOVE

Scientists worried by the growing Animal Rights movement across Europe are being offered new homes in Eastern Europe and Africa.

The Institute of Primate Research in Nairobi is opening its door to European vivisectors.

Professor Emmanuel Wango, Director of the Institute, believes his country can offer world-class facilities free from the intimidation that exists in Europe and the United States.

Pain knows no frontiers or barriers and the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals will be campaigning vigorously throughout Eastern Europe and Africa to stop new animal laboratories from being located in these countries.



CRUELTY KNOWS NO FRONTIERS

The IAAPEA, founded in 1969, established World Day for Laboratory Animals. Introduced in 1979 World Day for Laboratory Animals is now a focal point for Actions Worldwide.

The IAAPEA fund medical research without animal experiments into cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses.

The IAAPEA are not campaigning for larger laboratory cages, but empty cages.



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WHO CARES ...



ABOUT ... DOGS IN RUSSIA ...

RABBITS IN MEXICO ...

CATS IN JAPAN ...



WE DO !

On behalf of every little face behind every set of bars in every laboratory cage, the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals cares passionately about animals all over the world who are tortured in painful laboratory experiments.

Your legacy could help us end this cruel abuse on animals.

It is of the utmost importance that those intending to benefit the Association should state in their Will the Association's full name and address. Failure to use the correct title may lead to costly litigation and the loss of the whole or part of the legacy.

We earnestly ask all testators to use the following form of bequest.

I give free of tax to the -

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and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being thereof shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.



WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN SAVE THE ANIMALS

ONLY YOU CAN PROVIDE THE VITAL FUNDS

THANK YOU FOR CARING !