

Application for Membership
to

Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)

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Type of Membership (Please tick):

- Annual\$27.00*
- Annual Concessional**\$17.00*
** Pensioner, Unemployed, Student, etc
- Five Year.....\$110.00*
- Life.....\$550.00*

* All inclusive of GST

I also enclose a donation of:

Donation.....\$ _____

I have read the aims and objects of Anti Vivisection WA (Inc) (overleaf) and understand that by signing this Application for Membership and attaching my membership fee to become a Member of Anti Vivisection WA (Inc) I agree to abide by those aims and objects.

Signed:

Date:

Form: wsapplication

Despite a growing change in community attitudes towards the use of animals in medical and scientific research, the Western Australian research community is still utilising large numbers of animals in both research and teaching every year. Instead of developing new, innovative non-animal techniques it is clinging stubbornly to research methods first adopted in the 19th century, to the detriment of both humans and animals.

There are Alternatives!

The following is only a sample of the alternatives available today:

EYETEX: This test uses a special protein mixture that becomes cloudy if a product has the ability to cause irritation. It acts like the cornea of a rabbit's eye but produces more accurate results than animal tests. It is an alternative to the Draize Test and has already been used to test over 10,000 chemicals.

SKINTEX. This test uses human skin cells that have been grown in a special solution. These cells show how much damage a product does and the results tell us how human skin is affected. This test is an alternative to skin irritancy tests that use animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs.

MICROTOX. This test uses special bacteria that give off light as part of their normal respiration. The more poisonous a product is the less the bacteria respire and the less light produce. This is an alternative to the LD50 and other poisoning tests.

COMPUTERS. Computers can store information about the effects of different substances and predict the action of medicines and chemicals once inside the body.

Picture Front Cover: Monkey in a restraining chair that is designed to emit electric shocks through steel foot plates.



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"Working to end experiments on animals!"

Inside the secret world of the laboratory no animal gets out alive!
Animals don't have a voice . . .



Will you speak for them?

Anti Vivisection WA (Inc) is a non-profit organisation that has been established in Western Australia for over 70 years. Staffed by volunteers, all monies raised are used in the promotion of the Society's aims and objects; to end experiments on animals.

What is Vivisection?

Vivisection is the term used to describe experiments on animals. The Health Department of Western Australia defines the word vivisection as a 'surgical procedure during which the skin is cut or abraded'.

At **Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)** however, we define vivisection further to include experiments or procedures where animals are; poisoned; deprived of food, water or sleep; applied with skin and eye irritants; subjected to psychological stress and toxicity tests; deliberately infected with disease; brain damaged; paralysed; surgically mutilated; irradiated; burned; gassed; forced fed or, electrocuted.

We also include all experiments or procedures where animals are used in and for genetic and cloning research, xeno-transplantation or where animals die as a result of an experiment or are deliberately killed afterwards.

Vivisection in Western Australia

The following figures represent the number of animals used in vivisection experiments conducted in Western Australia:

Year	Teaching	Research	Total
1996	933	13,569	14,502
1997	1,245	16,884	18,129
1998	580	16,640	17,220
1999	1,231	11,535	12,766
2000	1,144	10,586	11,730
2001	1,348	49,529*	50,877

** This figure included 27,616 fish, 34 Native Animals, 54 Cattle, 47 Turtles and 13,312 mice.*

Source: Department of Health, Annual Statistical Vivisection & Experiments Return for the Calendar Years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Where is Vivisection Conducted In Western Australia?

Both graduate and undergraduate research and teaching using animals takes place at the University of Western Australia, in conjunction with the QE11 Medical Centre; Murdoch and Curtin Universities, Royal Perth Hospital; Princess Margaret Hospital; the CSIRO and Department of Agriculture.

Sir Walter Murdoch

In its earlier years **Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)** was honoured to have as its Patron, Professor Sir Walter Murdoch, a man whose name is synonymous with Western Australia. Sir Walter was a noted Australian academic, distinguished scholar, popular essayist, literary journalist, and vehement anti-vivisectionist.

He was the first professor of English Literature at the University of Western Australia when it opened in 1913 and was later both its Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor. Murdoch University was named after him prior to his death in 1970 at the age of almost 96. **It is ironic that vivisection is widely practised in both of these universities today!**

Our History . . .

The Society was originally founded in Perth in 1929 as a branch of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) and in 1934 was registered as the Perth Branch of the BUAV.

Between 1982 and 1989, the Society underwent some directional and name changes, first known as the WA Group Against Vivisection (Inc) and then the Humane Society of Western Australia (Inc).

However, to avoid confusion with other similarly named organisations and to refocus the Society's anti-vivisectionist "roots" Members adopted the new name **Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)**.

Our Aims & Objects

The aim of **Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)** is to oppose vivisection absolutely and entirely, and without attempt at compromise of any kind.

The objects for which the Society is established are to:

- ❖ Promote at all times the replacement of animals in experiments and research;
- ❖ Promote at all times the use of alternatives to animals in experiments and research;
- ❖ Promote, for the benefit of mankind and for all species on the planet, the ideals of benevolence and compassion towards all living creatures;
- ❖ Enhance human civilisation by developing humane appreciation and understanding of other species;
- ❖ Promote public debate on the moral and ethical implications of the use of animals in all areas of experimentation;
- ❖ Strive for humane laws which provide for the welfare and rights of all animals and which protect animals from exploitation and suffering from humans;
- ❖ Promote the collection of information on alternatives to the use of laboratory animals in research and testing, and to disseminate information on the advantages of these alternatives;
- ❖ Fund and foster the development of alternatives to the use of laboratory animals in teaching;
- ❖ Fund and foster the use of teaching aids in educational institutions to replace animal dissection; including behavioural, anatomical and physiological studies; and,
- ❖ Develop educational curricula, inculcating humane attitudes towards animals.