

“Do I have to be a vegetarian or stop wearing leather?”

NO. Wanting to stop experiments on animals does not require you to be a vegetarian. Anti vivisection is about understanding that experiments and research using animals is cruel, unnecessary and a danger to human health.

“What about dissection?”

Make no mistake dissection *is* vivisection. With current modern technology, there is no need to teach or learn biology by dissecting animals!

“Can vivisection be stopped?”

YES! YES! YES! The more people who know about cruelty of vivisection the sooner it will cease! Humane legislation needs to be written now! Contact your local Member of Parliament.

Please join the growing number of people who want an end to vivisection.

Animals are NOT laboratory equipment!



Be a voice for the animals!

**They can't say No !
But YOU can!!!**

“It's all too terrible! I'd rather not know!”

Vivisection is a terrible subject; animals die in horrendous circumstances, in the name of research and science!

Researchers put it in such a way that if you don't accept vivisection then there would never be any medical advancement to relieve human suffering!

They put it simply “It's the dog or your baby!”

The TRUTH is vivisection is both harmful to humans as well as animals. It is also cruel, unnecessary and evil!

“How can I help the animals?”

- ✓ Only purchase Cruelty Free products.
- ✓ Never donate to causes and charities that use animals in experiments or research
- ✓ Write letters to newspapers and your Member of Parliament.
- ✓ Refuse to take part in dissection.
- ✓ Join us today!

Please join our Campaign!

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What is Vivisection?



Answers to your Questions

This leaflet answers some of the frequently asked questions of **Anti Vivisection WA (Inc)** we hope it will help to dispel the myth that vivisection is necessary.

Good medicine can only be built on sound, informed decisions, with good diet, hygiene and a healthy respect for all life; human and animal!

Say NO to Vivisection!

Experiments on animals is known as **Vivisection**. The Health Department of Western Australia defines the word 'vivisection' as just 'surgical procedures 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; paralyzed; surgically mutilated; irradiated; burned; gassed; forced fed or, electrocuted.

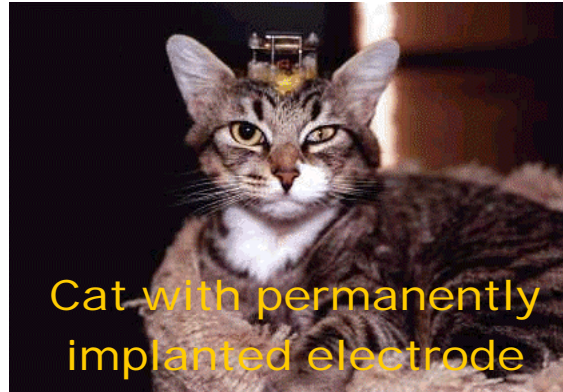
We also include all experiments or procedures where animals are used in and for genetic and cloning research, xeno-transplantation or where animals die as a result of an experiment or are deliberately killed afterwards.

“Where do the animals come from?”

Most animals used in laboratories have been specifically bred for research purposes, including the rats and frogs used in schools for dissection in biology classes.

However, other animals such as macaques are captured in the wild, caged and transported hundreds of kilometres. Many of the animals die during the 'capture' process or in transit.

Often adult animals are killed intentionally just for their young!



“Does vivisection still go on?”

YES! In Western Australia, **vivisection** is conducted at:

- University of Western Australia
- QE11 Medical Centre
- Murdoch University
- Curtin Universities
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Princess Margaret Hospital
- Department of Agriculture (AgWest)
- CSIRO
- Dissection is conducted in high schools!

“How many animals are used in experiments?”

World wide, there are hundreds of millions of animals used for experiments.

It is estimated that one animal dies every second in the USA, every 2 seconds in Japan, every 3 seconds in Europe, every 12 seconds in the UK¹ and **every ...**

2 minutes in Western Australia!²

**No animal is safe ...
... from Vivisection!**

“Who provides animals for research?”

Large corporations have a multi-million dollar vested interest in supplying animals for the evil trade of vivisection. Special catalogues are printed listing animal species and prices, etc. just as you would use to order a sweater, record or diet food!

One of the largest animal suppliers is Charles Rivers Laboratories (www.criver.com) with net sales of \$US 465.6 million in 2001³.

“What animals are used?”

Primarily rats, mice, guinea pigs and rabbits are the main laboratory research “tool” but other animals include dogs, cats, pigs, sheep, frogs, cows, horses, monkeys, birds, fish, chickens, turtles, lizards, native animals, and on and on.

Unfortunately, many animals are used because of their friendly and gentle nature e.g. beagles, guinea pigs and rabbits!

“Where do you get the pictures?”

Many photographs come from scientific and medical journals that document researchers' “projects”. Others are taken from documentary video footage. Occasionally, animal welfare officers (working undercover) take photographs as evidence in cases of animal cruelty and neglect.

