

New EU Directive is your chance to ... End Primate Experiments



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Imprisoned • Brain-damaged • Poisoned
Thousands of monkeys suffer and die inside laboratories every year

Around 10,000 non-human primates are used in experiments across Europe each year; with more than a third of them undergoing 'procedures' in British laboratories. Now, the European Union Directive that governs all animal experiments is being revised. Sadly, Directive 86/609 offers no chance of a total ban on the use of *all animals* but it does present an opportunity to end the use of non-human primates.



We must **not** let this opportunity pass by!

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Primate experiments

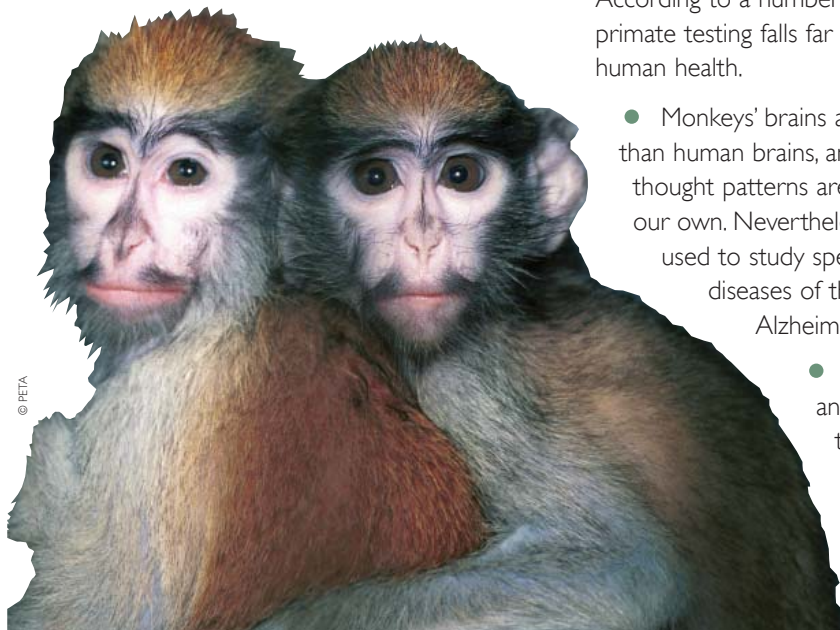
Monkeys are poisoned to death in drug 'safety' tests and are deliberately brain-damaged during the study of neurological disorders. They have electrodes implanted in their heads, can be denied food and water, and are often made to perform frustrating, repetitive tasks.



Unreliable

While there are important similarities between humans and non-human primates, there are also huge differences. Chimpanzees, who share 98 per cent of

our DNA, are essentially immune to AIDS, hepatitis B and common malaria – diseases that kill millions of people every year. According to a number of scientific reports, primate testing falls far short of protecting human health.



- Monkeys' brains are much smaller than human brains, and their speech and thought patterns are very different from our own. Nevertheless, they are frequently used to study specifically human diseases of the brain such as Alzheimer's.

- Drugs for arthritis and heart disease were tested on monkeys and passed as safe. In humans, they caused catastrophic effects, including deaths.

- Drugs for asthma and gastric ulcers were tested on monkeys after causing thousands of deaths in humans. Similar adverse reactions could not be reproduced in the primates.
- Trials of an important AIDS vaccine were successful in monkeys, but when it was later tested on 8,000 human volunteers, it failed to protect them from the HIV virus.
- The so-called 'elephant man drug', TGN1412, caused six healthy volunteers to suffer multiple organ failure. Earlier tests involving at least 25 monkeys showed TGN1412 to be quite safe.



Unethical

Non-human primates are our near relatives and yet they are made to suffer appalling pain and stress in experiments, including retching and vomiting, uncontrollable diarrhoea and tremors.

They are surgically mutilated, psychologically damaged and forcibly restrained. Aside from the physical suffering, non-human primates experience fear, loneliness, frustration and stress, simply from being kept in captivity. They are, typically, confined in barren metal cages. They may be housed alone. Some will be killed after a single experiment; others are made to endure procedure after painful procedure in ongoing studies lasting for years.



