

DON'T LEAVE A **LEGACY** OF **SUFFERING**

Have you left
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will to a
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experiments?**



CRUEL RESEARCH COULD BE PART FUNDED BY YOUR LEGACY

Many medical research charities, such as the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and Cancer Research UK (CRUK), fund experiments on animals that result in a great deal of suffering.

Such organisations are often highly dependent on legacies, with the BHF and CRUK both earning more income from this source than from any other.

Public opposition

76% of respondents in a YouGov opinion poll have said that they would be unlikely to knowingly leave money in their will to a charity that funds animal experiments. Yet such charities receive millions of pounds from the public in legacies. Our new campaign aims to bridge this stark gap in public awareness, asking people to pledge not to leave a legacy to any charity that funds vivisection.

Unforgiveable animal suffering

Animal Aid has exposed numerous experiments that have been supported by medical research charities which are heavily dependant on legacy income.



The British Heart Foundation

RECEIVED
£56 MILLION
FROM LEGACIES
IN 2013-14

41% OF ITS TOTAL INCOME

Supported numerous repulsive experiments, including dogs and pigs being deliberately given heart attacks and pregnant sheep being surgically mutilated and part suffocated.



Cancer Research UK

EARNED
£169 MILLION
FROM LEGACIES
IN 2014-15

27% OF ITS TOTAL INCOME

Co-funded experiments in which furless, genetically modified mice were injected with human cancer cells, while another group of rodents were poisoned for around six months with an industrial chemical so that they would develop cancer.

A white mouse is being held by its tail in a laboratory setting. The mouse is suspended in the air, with its body angled downwards. The background is a blurred white, suggesting a clean laboratory environment. The mouse's tail is held firmly by a hand, and its body is taut. The mouse's head is turned slightly to the left, and its eyes are visible. The overall scene is a close-up shot of the mouse being held.

ANIMAL RESEARCH **BAD SCIENCE**

As well as causing terrible suffering, animal experiments cannot be trusted, since they do not produce results that can be reliably translated to humans. In the laboratory, animals are physically injured or genetically modified, but these create only crude 'models' of human illnesses. This is illustrated by the fact that more than 700 drugs have been effective at treating stroke artificially induced in animals, but only two of these have been shown to work in humans.

Science without suffering

There are many valuable ways of conducting medical research that do not involve the use of animals. These include: the use of human cells and tissues, computer modelling, high-resolution scanning and organ-on-a-chip technology, as well as clinical studies on patients.



What will your legacy be?

If you have left a legacy to a charity that funds vivisection, please change your will and let the organisation know that their support for animal experiments has lost them a valuable source of income.

Support cruelty-free science

Few of us will go through life without experiencing, directly or indirectly, the devastating impact of serious illness. We are all desperate to see medical progress – but please don't allow your money to be used to pay for research that is cruel and without direct relevance to human medicine.

How to choose a humane charity

To find out about charities' policies on vivisection, phone us for a free pocket guide, visit www.animalaid.org.uk/go/charities or download our **free smartphone app** by searching for Cruelty-Free Giving in iTunes or Google Play.

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Find out more about our cruelty-free science campaign at: www.victimsofcharity.org/legacy-of-suffering or contact us for a free copy of the pledge to sign.

Please let friends and family know too, and order more of these leaflets to distribute.

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