



## Animals in war

# VICTIMS NOT HEROES

War is not just a human catastrophe. Millions of animals have also been killed and maimed in human conflicts.

### ON THE FRONTLINE...

Historically, animals have been used on the frontline, for transport, to rescue people and to carry messages. In recent times, dolphins and seals have been used for mine detection work, and German Shepherd dogs were parachuted by British troops into enemy territory, where many of them died.

### MANIPULATED...

Today, scientists are wiring electrodes into the brains of rats to harness their keen sense of smell.

### CAUGHT UP IN WAR ZONES...

In addition, vast numbers of animals – on farms and in people's homes, for instance – become victims when the bombing starts and the owners flee.



THEY DID NOT GIVE THEIR LIVES,  
THEIR LIVES WERE TAKEN FROM THEM.

ANIMAL  
SAID

## SECRET LAB EXPERIMENTS...

Thousands of animals are also killed annually in Ministry of Defence vivisection experiments. In top-secret laboratories at Porton Down, Wiltshire, animals have been poisoned by chemical warfare agents, subjected to blast injuries, force-fed sensory irritants and deliberately wounded and killed by bacterial toxins. Porton scientists have described how monkeys, dosed with the nerve agent soman, became prostrate with violent convulsions, made attempts to crawl about the cage and then lost consciousness.

## VICTIMS NOT HEROES...

Animals do not start wars, and they do not create weaponry. And yet, because humans do, animals are made to suffer in war zones and in laboratories across the world. At the very least, we should remember those animals for what they are: victims not heroes.



## PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE MUST SPEAK OUT...

The suffering of animals, and of vulnerable humans too, will end only when the glorification and justification of war ends. People of conscience must speak out on this issue. We owe at least that to the animal victims ... and we owe it to ourselves.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Whenever you see animals glorified as heroes of war, use the tools at your disposal (social media, a letter to a newspaper, a call to a radio phone-in) to set the record straight.
- Please send a donation to support our campaigning on behalf of all abused animals.
- Send for a FREE information and action pack.

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