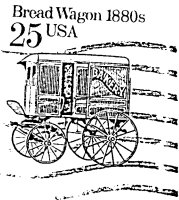
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The City Council
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Consider for a moment what would happen if the billions of dollars now spent on laboratory research on animals were spent on preventive medicine instead. What an encouraging thought that is! Especially when it comes to some of the major killers of our time -- like cancer and heart disease.

Over 85% of all human cancer is preventable. Most heart disease is preventable. We spend billions of dollars every year on animal experimentation in futile efforts to discover cures for ailments, many of which need never happen in the first place.

But preventing disease is not a priority of today's medical establishment. The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is working hard to see that it BECOMES a priority.

We want to create a new breed of physicians -- physicians who respect life . . . who would rather use effective prevention methods than see laboratory animals needlessly tortured under the guise of dubious experiments.

We're awakening physicians to the fact that research on animals is not only needless, it can be dangerous, as well. Because of differences between species, for example, animal testing can lead to -- and has led to -- misleading information and drugs that damage and kill.

Computer and simulator models now used in some medical schools and research labs are far more useful. One model system, for example, has a robot with a mechanical heart which can simulate any normal or abnormal condition of the human heart. It can do a far better job to teach medical students than the dogs now used in laboratories.

So the support you give today to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine will not only help save the lives of laboratory animals . . . it will help improve your own health, too. We're working to achieve better health for people through humane treatment of animals.

An Important Postscript
Concerning Your Own
Health.

June 10, 1989

To the City Council
Cambridge, Ma

I am enclosing a recent letter, which was recently received, relative to the unnecessary use of animal experimentation. It is my belief this letter should be read by all the councillors before they vote on any ordinance concerning the use of Laboratory Animals in the City of Cambridge. If they must be used the least the City can do is to be absolutely sure the animals are not mistreated behind closed doors.

The ban on animals for experimentation will come eventually but why not now, as it appears to be so unnecessary and inhumane.

Sincerely,

Doris E. Tobey

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NEAL D. BARNARD, M.D.

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My dear friend,

If you're a friend of animals and oppose their unnecessary suffering, I have good news for you. There's an effective force now working to end the needless, senseless cruelty against animals in laboratory experiments.

And that growing force is coming from the medical community itself. It's called the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

With over 1,900 participating physicians, many believe PCRM is the vital ingredient needed to make the turnaround from animal experimentation to animal protection. Finally, we have a powerful way to dispel -- once and for all -- the myth that good human health hinges upon animal testing.

Even though you may not be a physician, you can take an important personal role in helping this precedent-setting group succeed. I'll tell you how you can do this in just a moment.

But first, please let me tell you about my own personal experiences as a physician. I have witnessed first-hand how medical research and training subject a wide variety of animals to cruel, even sadistic treatment. And I regret to say that what I have seen occurs in medical schools and research laboratories all across the country.

In medical school I was supposed to take part in a course where dogs were experimented on and killed -- dogs just like 'Betsy', a stray who I found one day on my way home from class. Seeing what I saw in these experiments and knowing what I knew about their results, I couldn't help but realize how pointless was the extreme suffering these laboratory animals went through.

I couldn't help but feel that more humane methods could teach me exactly what I needed to know from my studies. In fact, I actually devised an alternative using my textbook diagrams ... passed the course ... and am now on the faculty of that same medical school.

I have become more and more aware that many doctors share my concern. We care about human health and we know that inhumane research on animals is simply not necessary to protect it.

I hope you share our feelings about animal cruelty. That is why I have written to you today. You have a choice. You could either throw away this letter and turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the matter ... or you could learn the truth.

The facts you'll read in this letter are all true. I challenge anyone in laboratory research to show otherwise.

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It's a fact, for example, that animal experimentation has often misled experimenters. Medications like thalidomide -- which appeared safe in animals -- have caused birth defects, disease, and death in humans.

It's a fact that there are existing alternatives to animal testing that are safer, more economical, more effective, and far more humane.

It's a fact that animals used in testing feel emotions like fear, anxiety, stress, pain, and loneliness -- just as we do.

It's also a fact that many U.S. medical colleges don't require students to experiment on animals in order to earn a degree.

Far too often, lab animals are caged in filthy, unhealthy surroundings. Too often, they're ill-fed and treated with abuse. Too often, the laboratories in which they're kept are maintained in sub-standard conditions.

Imagine yourself witnessing experiments on animals in such a laboratory. You watch as a chimpanzee is strapped onto a table and given electric shock. You watch as a cat has her head cut open and an implant set in her brain. You watch as a goat is shot with high velocity bullets so medical students can learn how to take care of wounds.

You watch as a dog has his limbs broken and reset ... or is force fed ... or is made radioactive. Other animals are heartlessly burned, blinded, gassed, poisoned, infected with diseases. And in most cases, no pain relief is given.

The list of outrages goes on and on.

In this country alone, tens of millions of animals are used in laboratory experiments in such ways. TENS OF MILLIONS! It's time for every man and woman of conscience to act to put a stop to this cruelty once and for all.

These laboratory experiments do not only produce inaccurate, skewed results, they're simply not necessary. Thousands of physicians throughout the nation and the world (and their number is constantly growing!) are convinced that such cruelty is unessential.

As one distinguished cancer researcher put it, "While conflicting animal results have often delayed and hampered advances in the war on cancer, they have never produced a single substantial advance either in prevention or in the treatment of human cancer."

What's more, EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE METHODS can and have been used to teach physicians and conduct research without inflicting pain and death on animals.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is leading the way in awakening both the medical community and the public to this fact.

Did you know, for example, that simulators and computer models can be far more useful as teaching tools for medical students than operating on innocent

But that's just a beginning.

We know that if we're going to succeed, we need to reinforce the efforts of PCRM with public support -- to unite ourselves with everyone in this country who cares about animal protection.

I hope that includes you -- and that you will become a Charter Sponsor of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

PCRM will be effective. We know that already. How effective we'll be depends on caring people like you.

As a PCRM Charter sponsor, you'll be part of the important team that utilizes proven medical facts and expertise to stop the inhumane treatment of lab animals ... to end needless animal experimentation ... and to develop other methods that are effective in teaching and research.

When you hear about the suffering of laboratory animals, you can't help but feel angry and frustrated. "What can I do to stop it?" you ask yourself. Well, now there is something you can do. It's one of the most effective things you can do.

You can mail back the enclosed reply form today with your tax-deductible contribution and become a Charter Sponsor of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. You'll find a postage-free return envelope provided for your convenience.

Your \$50 contribution -- or \$25 or \$100 or whatever amount you can send -- will be put to work immediately in our fight. And on behalf of all the animals you'll be saving from cruelty and death, allow me to say a very heartfelt "thank you."

Sincerely,

Neal D. Barnard, M.D.

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Chairman

Be sure to see the important post script enclosed. It concerns your own personal health.

animals? In fact, these models are among the most important advances in recent years in medical training programs.

Did you know that scientists can now test potential anti-cancer drugs on actual human cancer cells rather than on animals? Or that vaccines can now be produced in cell cultures rather than in animals? Yes, all true!

Until PCRM was formed, no animal protection group had reached out to rank and file physicians to use their expertise to fight animal experimentation. Leaders in the drive for animal protection are convinced that this involvement by physicians is what is needed if we're going to bring about change.

We know that when there's a proposed new law involving animals in laboratory work, decision-makers in Congress and in state legislatures heed the expert testimony of doctors.

Now, doctors from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine can provide that testimony. We've already testified in several states and on Capitol Hill, and met with officials of the National Institutes of Health. (Up to now, labs have been able to get away with mistreating their animals because animal welfare laws have given no guidelines for animal experiments. None!)

We know that television and other media pay special attention to physicians' statements on matters of animal experimentation.

Now when the media need information, they turn to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine for valid views. We've already appeared on many national television and radio shows enlightening millions about the issue of laboratory animal abuse.

We know that if there's any way to organize medical students against the use of animals in their lab work, it's through the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

PCRM is, in fact, contacting ALL U.S. medical students, supporting their right to make their own decision regarding animal research. Before, animal protection was not a subject students talked about in medical schools.

Now for the first time, thanks to PCRM, it's an issue medical students not only talk about, but act on. What's more, PCRM offers special fellowships for medical and veterinary student projects that will develop non-animal lab techniques.

There's no question about it. In just a few short years since PCRM was formed in 1984, we've made extraordinary inroads in garnering support from medical circles.

Until recently, medical organizations have been uniformly against animal protection. PCRM has already had success in changing one leading medical association's attitude toward animal protection. And our network of physicians is calling and writing to their own professional organizations to get them to improve their policies about animal research.

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Comm. from Doris E. Tobey, 11 Story St.,
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In City Council,

June 19, 1989

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