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Early arguments against animal research were based on the obvious pain and suffering of animals in response to laboratory procedures. Research groups counter these arguments by claiming that scientific advancement is not possible without continued animal experimentation and that anesthesia is used whenever possible in order to minimize pain.

For the sake of "argument," let us assume that you must make a decision regarding the future of animal research. The question you must answer is this;

Do the benefits produced by animal research outweigh the pain and distress animals endure, or is it absolutely wrong to conduct any animal research whatsoever?

Animals have feelings too

Animals become part of the family, some animals are just as important as humans to some people. I understand the aspect of testing it on animals before you give it to humans. However, humans and animals have totally different mind sets. We have different pain levels and we are different physically and mentally than animals. The problem with testing on these animals is they don't have a say in what they want to do. The animals don't have a voice to stand up and say they don't want to do it anymore because it hurts them. Maybe we shouldn't test on humans either, but at least humans have a voice to step up and decide if they want to make the decision to be a guinea pig or not. In the article Cynthia O'Neill brings up a good fact, in 2007 3.1 million animals were used to test products in Wales, England, and Scotland. I understand the fact of wanting to make sure these products are safe to use on humans before making them available. However, this day in age we should have something figured out to not have to hurt these animals and still have good medicine and different products we can actually use safely on humans.