

## Part II

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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?**

### Longer Lifespans

When I was a junior in high school I had ACL reconstruction surgery. I certainly wasn't the first person to have the operation. Then before they were able to perform this on people they probably did the same operation on animal along with testing out all the drugs and medications that were involved on animals. For the testing I am glad because even twenty to thirty years ago a person with a similar injury wouldn't be able to play sports at as high of a level. This is with something that isn't even life threatening. I would not hesitate to trade animal lives for human lives. The testing of animals for the advancements in the fields of medicine and science are not ideal but necessary because human life is more important.

We we kill animals for so many other reasons if not for sport or for food. As Collin Blakemore "Of All the things people do to animals-eating, looking at them in circuses, hunting - he one that is the most highly regulated and not aimed at pleasure is the most vilified" (Byrnes). As long as this testing is for the advancement of human life I find nothing wrong with it. Now hopefully someday there will no longer be the need for animals to be tested on, but for now it the most reasonable way to test these things. A research study conducted in Europe showed that animal testing "does lead to medical benefits"(Festing). We can also see that when animals kill humans we often seek to kill the animal that did the killing we don't try to capture it and put it in prison we just kill it. We place the value of human life ahead of all other life. If you live pretty much anywhere in the U.S. the testing of animals has probably benefited you from the shots you get as a baby to all the medicines you take when you get sick. We all have seen benefits of modern medicine.

One article talked about a mannequin that could serve in place of these animals but that isn't very practical those mannequins cost a whole lot more than what the animals they are using and these medications and medical procedures are already very expensive. I don't think that cosmetic products should be tested on animals because if they don't serve a purpose of extending a persons

life it isn't worth the life of an animal.

This really comes down to where one places Human life in comparison to animal life. I personally believe no animals life is more important than a humans and it where I base my beliefs on this topic.