



The directive on vivisection A EUROPEAN SHAME

September 8, 2010 the European Parliament passed a new Directive on the Protection of animals used for scientific purposes.

It is an **industry-oriented** law, made to specifically meet the needs of the animal research business. It doesn't make alternative methods mandatory, even when they exist.



At the same time it permits:

- experimentation on **primates** that is not intended to find treatments for human beings (articles 5, 8 and 55);
- to experiment on **stray dogs and cats** (article 11);
- to systematically **re-use** animals who have already been experimented on and have suffered "mild", "moderate" - or even "severe" and prolonged - pain and distress (article 16);
- to experiment **without anaesthesia** whenever researchers deem it appropriate (article 14);
- to use **neuro-muscular blocking agents** with analgesics instead of general anaesthetics: animals cannot move a single muscle but, although paralyzed, they would be fully awake and filled with terror at anything being done to them (article 14);
- to expose animals to inescapable **electric shocks** to produce helplessness (Annex VIII);
- to keep animals of social species - like dogs and primates - in **complete isolation** for prolonged periods (Annex VIII);
- to carry out **thoracotomies** (the incision of the chest walls and opening up of the pleural cavity) without sufficient analgesia and force animals **to swim till exhaustion** as the endpoint (Annex VIII).
- And **secrecy** will be the norm as the introduction of **simplified administrative procedures** will free researchers from the obligation of publishing abstracts that include information on the number and types of animals they're going to use, and for which purpose. This means that the public will be legally kept in absolute darkness about what goes on in laboratories (articles 42 and 43).

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Let's urge the European Commission to **abrogate Directive 2010/63/EU** and to present a **new proposal** that does away with animal experimentation and makes compulsory the use - in biomedical and toxicological research - of data directly relevant for the human species!

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