

# World Week for Animals in Laboratories

April 20th - 26th, 2008

## Welcome to The Year of The Rat



more crushing, burning, freezing,  
poisoning, cutting away them in '08

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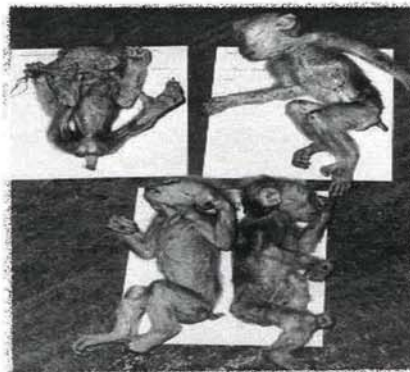
Animal-modelled biomedical research yields results that cannot safely be applied to humans. It diverts research dollars that should be going to proven methods of curing human disease. Major drug recalls are testament to a failing system of testing. Every year, millions of animals suffer and die in scientific experiments that may be "near, at, or above the pain tolerance threshold of unanesthetized, conscious animals" as condoned by the CCAC, which oversees most research institutions in Canada. Yet for all their suffering, the results obtained from basing human medicine and toxicity levels on animal models have led to disastrous consequences for humanity and the discarding of many possible cures.

### **How You Can Help:**

Write to government members (no postage required), newspaper editors, university boards, corporations and charities that fund research, and urge them not to waste precious lives, animal or human. Ask the Public Health Agency of Canada why we still allow animals to bear the brunt of toxicity testing while the EU, Israel and others have acknowledged the superiority of alternative methods. Contact Canadian Border Services and ask why animals they detain may be "loaned" out to research. And students: you don't have to dissect! Superior alternatives are available online at [pcrm.org](http://pcrm.org). To act locally, contact the Anti-Vivisection Society of BC or Lifeforce.

[animalvoices.org/ADAV](http://animalvoices.org/ADAV)

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# Let's make science make sense!