

They say... I say...

ANIMAL TESTING

Some people believe that animals should not be used for testing medical techniques and drugs. However, without animal testing, the cure for polio would not exist and diabetics would suffer or die from their disease. Medical research involving animals has dramatically improved the health of the human race, and it should continue.

In order for scientists to create new drugs, they have to be able to test them. However, the costs of testing on humans would be extremely high. Laboratory animals are in abundance. It is easy to breed rats and other animals and to maintain them safely in controlled labs. The cost of animal testing makes it an affordable option.

Animal testing allows scientists to test and create new drugs. However, opponents of animal research also say that information from animals does not apply to humans. They point to certain commercial drugs, which have been withdrawn because of side effects in humans. While it is true that animal systems differ from human systems, there are enough similarities to apply information from animals to humans.

Scientists have found that many animals have similar physical processes to humans, like monkeys and rabbits. This allows scientists to test the effects of certain drugs. Watching how a new drug affects an animal makes it possible to find out how new drugs might affect the human body.

Many people argue that animal testing is cruel. In some cases, this is true. However, it would be much more cruel to test new drugs on people or children. Furthermore, legislation in most countries sets standards for animal treatment, and laboratories have guidelines to prevent cruelty.

Animal rights campaigners claim that we don't need new tests because we already have vast amounts of information. However, many new deadly infections appear every year and new treatments and drugs are needed to combat these deadly plagues.

Animal testing saves human lives. When surveyed, 99% of all active doctors in the United States stated that animal research has paved the way to many medical advancements. An impressive 97% of doctors support the continuous use of animals for research.

Although animals do die in the process, animal testing should be continued for medical research. It provides a safe method for drug testing that is inexpensive and easy to maintain. Our responsibility is to manage the animals in our care and balance their suffering against the good that comes from them.

SENTENCES THAT SUPPORT THE THESIS

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the opposition.*

*State
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*Acknowledge
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*Restate
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