

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **AUSTRALIANS SAY NO TO ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS!**

A recent opinion poll has revealed that the majority of Australians is opposed to animal experiments and call for more funding to be allocated to seeking scientific alternatives.

The survey, conducted by Nexus Research in May 2013, was commissioned by Humane Research Australia Inc.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- Only 57% of the general public is even aware that animals are used in experimental research in Australia these days.
- 64% of respondents do not believe that humans have the moral right to experiment on animals.
- Only 13% of respondents said that they would donate to health or medical research charity if they knew it were funding animal experiments.
- More than half the population (56%) do not believe that it is always safe to transfer results from animal research to apply to humans. A further 31% didn't know.
- 81% consider that the number of animals used for research and teaching in Australia (approx 7 million p.a.) is unacceptable or is capable of reduction.
- 81% agreed that Australia should follow the European Union and ban the sale of cosmetics tested on animals. The number increased to 85% (effective target market) for females.
- 73% support allocating a proportion of medical research grants to funding scientific alternatives to animal experiments.

**Chief Executive Officer, Helen Marston**, said today *“Approximately 7 million animals are used in research and teaching in Australia every year. It’s heartening to know that the majority of Australians are opposed to such an archaic practice and recognize the need to seek more humane and scientifically-valid options.”*

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