

Right 2 Release - Giving ex-lab animals a chance to find their forever homes

Latest government figures reveal that 7,700 dogs and 3,000 cats were used in Australian experiments in 2015. At the conclusion of their "use" they are often killed - even though they may be healthy. Humane Research Australia believes that these animals should be given the opportunity to live out their lives - by being surrendered to a rescue group where they can undergo rehabilitation (if necessary) and adoption to a loving family.

For this reason, Humane Research Australia is working closely with Beagle Freedom Australia, the Animal Justice Party and Animal Liberation NSW to implement legislation to make this happen.

In 2013 the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes was updated and the following clause was inserted: "Opportunities to rehome animals should be considered wherever possible, especially when the impact of the project or activity on the wellbeing of the animal has been minimal and their physiological condition and behavioural attributes indicate that they can be introduced to a new environment with minimal, transient impact on their wellbeing."

The clause however, does not have any legal standing in that the Animal Ethics Committee need only consider rehoming. There is no legal requirement for them to do so.

The Beagle Freedom Bill has been passed in six states of the U.S. meaning that all taxpayer funded labs must offer their dogs and cats up for adoption through animal rescue organizations instead of just summarily killing (as is the standard operating procedure).

Help us make that happen here!

For this law to pass our Government needs to hear from you! Please visit our website to sign the online petitions. At the time of writing there is one for both Victoria and New South Wales. Other states will be added in due course.



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Mickey was rescued from a university and now lives with a loving family.



Ned and Jed were used in experiments concerning topical skin treatments and were adopted by Beagle Freedom Australia.



Leo was used in vaccination experiments and then had his nictitating membranes removed in eye research. He was lucky and found his forever home.

We need your help. Fill in the form below today and donate or become a member. Help us to continue the fight to end cruel and ineffective animal experiments and promote more human-relevant research.

Visit our website www.humanerresearch.org.au to read about other ways in which you can help our work to end animal experiments.

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