

# \* MEDICAL RESEARCH CHARITIES THAT DON'T SUPPORT ANIMAL TESTING

Although a large number of medical research charities still support and fund animal testing, there are charities that don't. Instead they support human based research methods that don't involve animal cruelty and are relevant to the species the treatments are intended for - humans.

Here is a list of charities that operate in the UK that DO NOT support or fund animal testing.

# **Animal Free Research**

# **Statement**

"At Animal Free Research UK, we believe that experiments on animals are scientifically and ethically unjustifiable, and that pioneering animal free research provides the best chance of finding treatments for human diseases.

Whilst UK law enshrines the principles of the 3Rs – the replacement, reduction and refinement of the use of animals in research, Animal Free Research UK does not endorse the 3Rs. Instead, our focus is, and always has been solely on replacement – enabling scientists to stop using animals in medical research.

We only support and fund research that uses non-animal methods. We do not fund refinement or reduction research, or any research that uses animals or animal-derived biomaterials."



#### **Breast Cancer UK**

#### **Statement**

"Inserting human cancer cells into mice, for example, doesn't allow scientists to get a true picture of what happens in humans because the microenvironment in which the cells grow is not human. These scientific limitations are responsible for 90% of new drugs failing in clinical trials despite having shown promise in animals."

"We believe the best outcomes can be achieved by developing humanrelevant methods to study human disease, such as using human cells and tissues and replicating their environment."

"It really stems back to the values of Breast Cancer UK's founders which are reflected across all of our work from the ethical and environmental principles that underpin our research and our awareness-raising."

"We know the fact that we don't fund animal research matters for many of our supporters and we are excited about new 3D breast culture models being developed and refined. Our collaboration with Animal Free Research UK demonstrates our commitment to ensuring animals don't suffer in the name of breast cancer research. Today animal-free techniques in medical research are at the forefront of exciting new developments."

## **FRAME**

#### **Statement**

"We think that the use of animals in research is becoming less supported by the evidence base. Combined with the development of better alternatives and changing attitudes towards animals within society, we believe that animal research should not be the go-to method."



# **Safer Medicines Trust**

#### **Statement**

"Our vision is that scientifically valid, human-focused research will deliver safe and effective treatments for patients."

"Our mission is to make medicines safer by facilitating a transition to human-focused drug development and testing."

"Safer Medicines Campaign exists to challenge the regulations that still require animal-based safety tests when superior methods exist."

## The Humane Research Trust

#### **Statement**

"We are committed to a future where the use of animals and animal-derived tissue is obsolete in all medical research projects throughout the world. The scientists we support have forged important and mutually beneficial links with their contemporaries across the world, sharing their achievements with them. In particular, the world-leading research on human models published by scientists working out of The Humane Research Trust laboratory at the University of East Anglia has now become accessible to other scientists who can draw on this data to advance their own research without the use of Matrigel and other animal-derived tissue."

"We have a strong and genuine passion for animals and people and our goal is to reduce suffering for us all. We believe that medical research involving animals cannot be justified, whatever the circumstance. We all have a responsibility to treat animals and each other fairly and with great respect. We have so much work to do, but our motivation is, and will remain strong, until the day when all medical research is free from animal suffering."



# **Lupus Trust**

#### **Statement**

"Please note that our research only involves adult human volunteers. It is our policy never to test on animals or human embryo's."

# **Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine**

## **Statement**

"The Physicians Committee is leading the way in urging scientists to replace the use of animals with human cells, tissues, and other human-relevant models in medical and nutrition research."

"The Physicians Committee works with government and industry to replace the use of animal tests with modern methods to test the safety of cosmetics, chemicals, pesticides, drugs, and other products."

"Our efforts are dramatically changing the way doctors treat chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and cancer. By putting prevention over pills, doctors are empowering their patients to take control of their own health.

And we are also building a new way of viewing research. Since 1985, the Physicians Committee has worked tirelessly for alternatives to the use of animals in medical education and research and for more effective scientific methods.

Our staff of physicians, dietitians, and scientists is working with policymakers, industry, the medical community, the media, and the public to create a better future for people and animals."