



Jane Goodall on Animals used for experimentation.

“Chimpanzees, so like us in so many ways, have played a major role in forcing people to admit that we humans are NOT the only beings on this planet with personalities, minds capable of thinking, and emotions such as being happy, or at least content, being un-happy, and above all experiencing fear and pain. This is true of all primates and many other animals. Scientists have shown that even an octopus can feel pain. Once we understand this it becomes clear that painful, stressful procedures on these animals is morally offensive. This is why more and more alternatives to the use of animals are being discovered.

But many experimenters insist that for some areas of research, animals will always be needed. However, they assure us, they will use as few as possible and treat them as well as possible.

This is not good enough – knowing that, from the animal's point of view, invasive experimentation is often the equivalent of torture (and the perpetration of torture is damaging and dehumanizing to the people involved), then, clearly, we need to strive a great deal harder to discover, as rapidly as possible, alternatives to the use of ANY living, sentient animal in such experiments. More scientists should be working in this field, and when one makes a breakthrough he or she should be honoured, eligible for a Nobel Prize”.

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