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QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

1. Background: the use of animals in research

ANSWER:

i personally beleive that humans are more important than any other creature crawlin on the surface of the earth. So i strongly beleive that animals CAN and SHOULD be used for research rather than getting human volunteers and mutating their genes!

4. Ethical issues

ANSWER:

we believe that animals should be used for medical research only if we benefit from it, or if there is a CHANCE that we MIGHT benefit from it. If it gives hope to people of finding a cure for "incurable diseases", then i would give that research two thumbs up! Besides, you use animals as a food source and kill millions of them, why not use a fraction of them for a good cause that might save thousands of Ill people.