

The response reproduced below was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on the ethics of research involving animals during October-December 2003. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

The Humane Research Trust, UK

With reference to your consultation paper, "The Ethics of Research Involving Animals", we should like to draw your attention to the policy of The Humane Research Trust.

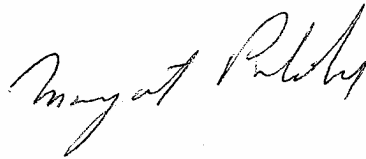
We believe that the only way to permanently remove animals from the laboratory, whilst at the same time improving the health of people is to develop superior human-based technology and skills.

We pursue this in three particular ways which we would urge other grant giving bodies to adopt:-

1. Willingness to fund innovative "blue sky" ideas.
2. Promotion of undergraduate/postgraduate education in human tissue technology via studentships.
3. Investment in human tissue infrastructure – human tissue banks, development of human tissue technology and skills etc.,

These are our views and we hope you find them helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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Trustee

[The Humane Research Trust also submitted to the Council the Chairman's Report containing a review of the Trust's projects]