

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.

Dear Bob Hepple.

Re: Animal "Research".

In reply to your letter of 2nd inst., animal experimentation should have been completely abolished after the 'Thalidomide' debacle. The makers of "Thalidomide" admitted, under oath, that results extrapolated from veterinary research i.e. vivisection, cannot be applied to homo sapiens! Professor Vernon Coleman offered £250,000 in cash, to any vivisector who could prove that their work was applicable to people, and saved human life. The offer was open for eight weeks but not one "scientist" claimed the money! The whole of the vivisectionist underworld was fully aware of this offer. 29

Debates as to the efficacy of animal experimentation are non-existent. The close friends of vivisection, who own the whole of the national media, deny medical and scientific rebuttals from scientific antivivisectionists. The animal "researchers" are allowed to claim, that their work is indispensable and must continue. However despite Dr. Ray Greek, Dr. Vernon Coleman, Dr. Tony Page, Pat Pattigans, Dr. Peter Simmons, Hans Ruesch, Prof Pietro Procesi's demands for a prime time, unedited, debate, with a podium split 50-50, not one second of airtime has been broadcast. Only hundreds of ^{hours of} pro vivisectionist

Promulgations and propoganda have been allowed to be broadcast. This contravenes all the charter requirements. Both sides are supposed to be afforded fair weight!?

Dr. Ray Greek is still waiting to be invited to take part in such a programme. As is Patrick Rattigan N.D. of the "British Antivivisection Association".

I look forward to your comments on all the points I have raised.

A reply that attempts to extoll the non-existent benefits of animal experimentation, will not be helpfull.

yours for the abolition of vivisection.



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