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The Voice for the Animals

THE FELIX CAMPAIGN



In memory of....



Felix was a primate who was imprisoned inside Oxford University and was subjected to horrific experiments before being put to death.

Felix's final few months were ones of suffering. Felix had the top of his skull sliced off and electrodes forced into his brain. He was then fitted with a cranial chamber (a box like contraption that is fixed on top of the skull). His pain must have been unbearable but he had no one to comfort him. Just a barren cage surrounded him. He was alone until the day his torturers had finished with him. Felix was finally put to death in the summer of 2007.

However, Felix isn't the first animal to die inside Oxford University and he won't be the last, unless we put a stop to the cruel and fraudulent practice of vivisection. Hundreds of thousands of animals have died inside the university's labs over the years and horrific and pointless experiments like those Felix was forced to endure continue to take place today.

The Felix Campaign was set up in memory of this one monkey, whose suffering highlights the plight of all the animals mutilated and killed by Oxford University. The aim of the campaign is to stop animal abuse at the university.

Examples of pointless and cruel experiments at Oxford University:

- In 1977 monkeys were given lobotomies [1] (a

procedure where part of the brain is removed). The same professor is continuing to inflict brain damage on monkeys today. An experiment published in 2003 highlights that the professor deliberately brain damaged two monkeys and kept them imprisoned for 10 years inside Oxford University, continually experimenting on them before killing them [2].

- In the 1980's mother and baby monkeys had part of their brains removed. Part of the experiment involved the monkeys being forced to eat faeces. The same professors involved in this research are still working at Oxford University today and continue to do similar experiments [3].
- A research paper published in 2002 gives details of an experiment in which ten five week old kittens had the eyelids of one eye sewn together and kept closed for 10 days. In five of the kittens, the sewn eye was then opened, while the healthy eye was surgically manipulated to make it squint. Fourteen days later, the kittens were anaesthetised and had part of their skulls removed in order to expose the brain area that is responsible for vision [4]. The researcher involved in this experiment is now head of the Medical Research Council (MRC)

These experiments are just the tip of the iceberg and thousands of animals are suffering inside Oxford University today.

Please help us to stop the cruel and barbaric animal experiments taking place at Oxford University

[1] Brain 100 (1977) 655-70.

[2] Experimental Brain Research 2003; 152:95-105.

[3] Journal of Comparative & Physiological Psychology 95 (1981) 961-77.

[4] Nature 2002; Vol. 416: 430-433.



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