

Medicine Without Cruelty's Roadmap To End Animal Testing Now

Our recommendations are simple, direct, and grounded in both scientific evidence and ethical necessity. They are the minimum conditions for a genuine strategy to replace animals in science.

1 An end to animal testing national roadmap

The UK must commit to a roadmap that focuses solely on **ending animal use in science**

This must include:

- legally binding timelines,
- clear milestones,
- mandatory adoption of non-animal methods.

Ending animal testing must be the explicit, enforceable goal.

2 Legislation

Without legislation, a strategy is a statement, not an enforceable plan.

The UK must establish:

- statutory duties on regulators, funders, universities, and industry,
- enforceable consequences for failing to adopt validated non-animal methods,

This is how meaningful change is achieved, through law, not through aspiration.

3 Breeding must stop now

Ending animal testing begins with ending the breeding that sustains it.

Every breeding colony represents a future pipeline of suffering.

Every genetically altered line represents decades of continued use unless halted.

4 Mandatory aftercare and rehoming for laboratory animals

The end of animal testing must include responsibility for animals already harmed by the system.

We call for:

- Mandatory aftercare and rehoming for laboratory animals including veterinary treatment and behavioural rehabilitation.
- This must include a national rehoming strategy, working only with specialist carers that meet strict welfare, transparency, and non-exploitation standards, to ensure animals are rehabilitated



and rehomed through adoption, or provided with lifelong sanctuary care where adoption is not appropriate.

Animals who cannot be rehomed must still be guaranteed a life free from experimentation, pain, and fear.

They are not waste products of a failed system; they are survivors of it.

Final Statement

The UK has the scientific capacity, the public support, and the moral obligation to end animal testing. What it lacks is political courage to act at the speed that science and ethics demand.

A future without animal testing can happen today. But it will not arrive through delay, misdirection, or incremental adjustments.

It will arrive through replacement-only policy, binding legislation, and a decisive commitment to end breeding now.

Medicine Without Cruelty stands ready to support this transition and to hold the government accountable until it becomes a reality.

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