



Create a Humane Biology Classroom

Traditional methods of biology teaching are associated with the **death of more than 5 million animals** in the USA every year, including cats, rabbits, pigs and rats. Science has shown that **animals can suffer**, and video evidence has demonstrated this to be the case for animals destined for dissection, when trapped, transported and killed. Many teachers are now opting to **use humane methods instead**, and the quality of technological resources has increased markedly. Research shows that **learning outcomes are as good or better with humane teaching resources**, such as CD-ROMs. Cost comparisons show that **humane resources are cheaper** too, allowing repeated use, rather than the destruction of individual animals.

The Humane Society of the United States provides free advice from trained biological scientists, to help you introduce humane teaching to your classroom. We can help you identify resources that fit with your lesson plans and meet the requirements of your existing curriculum. We use databases from around the world, such as NORINA at <http://oslovet.veths.no/NORINA>, to tailor resources to your needs.

The Humane Education Loan Program is a free loan service that has provided computer simulations, CD-ROMs and other humane resources to over 1000 teachers and students. We have access to hands-on resources that are exciting for students and stimulate investigation and experimentation skills. It is easy to try out materials and use them in your biology labs – just contact HSUS.

Students increasingly demand humane alternatives to dissection and have resorted to legal suits to obtain their rights. The HSUS can help your school formulate student choice policies that respect students' ethical and religious beliefs, while ensuring all students receive a high quality biology education.

The issues surrounding the use of animals in education can seem complex and are often presented in a biased context. The Humane Society Press book: *The Use of Animals in Higher Education: Problems, Alternatives and Recommendations* provides a straightforward and scholarly analysis of the evidence underlying the perspective of The HSUS. The book can be ordered from HSUS, or downloaded for free at <http://www.hsus.org/ace/13059>.

Creating a humane biology classroom is easy with our free help. Go to www.hsus.org (animals in research information center), contact ari@hsus.org or telephone 301-258-3041.

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