WHY

...go Severe Pain &Distress Free?

Science, Animal Welfare, and Public Perception

DID YOU KNOW…?

Pain and distress (especially when severe) not only compromise the welfare of animals used in research, but can also be detrimental to the quality of science produced, which can ultimately undermine human health advances.

Uncontrolled, undetected, and unalleviated pain, physical distress, or psychological distress result in alterations in physiologic and behavioral states, and confound the outcome of scientific research (National Research Council, 1992).[1] The laws, regulations, and guidelines governing the conduct of animal research also emphasize the need to minimize pain and distress.

Public opposition to animal research increases as the level of pain and distress experienced by the animals increases.

A public survey conducted for The HSUS [2] by an independent polling firm found that Americans' opposition to animal research rises dramatically as the level of pain and distress increases from minor (33%) to moderate (60%) to severe (75%).

Students, parents, faculty, alumni, and others who contribute financially to a university/ college want *their* school to have high standards of animal welfare.

Let those associated with your institution be proud of your efforts to limit the suffering of research animals. Your school's name can be the next added to a growing list!

1. National Research Council (1992) *Recognition and Alleviation of Pain and Distress in Laboratory Animals*. Washington DC: National Academies Press.
2. The poll conducted by The HSUS in 2001 is at: http://www.hsus.org/animals_in_research/pain_distress/opinion_poll_on_pain_and_distress_in_research.html.