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I have been active in animal rights for many years. Vivisection has always been one of the types of animal abuse that has upset me the most. Many of these animals live in unimaginable pain and tolerate years of relentless, daily torture. Intelligent, loving creatures are forced to live without compassion or care. They ARE aware of this. These animals DO suffer fear and pain. Those caring for these animals and those performing vivisection may be programmed to think otherwise or may, after years of service in this field, develop a new mentality regarding animal treatment. Facts prove, repeatedly for years, that many of the tests done on animals are not effective when done on living creatures or results not as accurate. It has also been proven that non animal test alternatives can be less expensive in some cases. But, should the financial aspect be our main concern - animal testing is inhumane and unethical and cruel. I have seen the inside of enough labs to know that humane procedure and treatment is not the norm. Even if standards are adhered to and animal care is at it's utmost - is this where an animal should be living and how an animal should be living? I have heard the argument that we, as humans, posses superior intelligence and so may use that in any way that betters us. That the "ends justify the means". Is our treatment of defenseless, innocent, helpless creatures and indication of our "supreme" intelligence or rather a paradox of it. Please consider the use of non animal testing alternatives more seriously. There are animal rights activists, like myself, who would be grateful to assist with whatever may need done to get this process started. Thank you for your time and consideration. Gia Campola