



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **HUMANE EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM LAUNCHED**

The Australian Association for Humane Research Inc. is proud to announce its newly-acquired Humane Education Loan Program (HELP).

Our extensive library consists of a range of models, books, videos, CD roms and computer programs designed especially to provide a learning experience that encourages compassion, respect for life and critical thinking, and does not involve the harm or use of real animals.

**Recently-graduated Veterinarian Andrew Knight** was one of an increasing number of students who are refusing to kill animals. While a student in 2000, Knight won the right not to kill animals in his veterinary course, and instead went on to help establish Western Australia's first veterinary surgery course using humane teaching methods. As of 2005, the first students graduated from all remaining Australian veterinary schools without killing animals during surgical training.

**Said Knight**, *"Almost all educational studies have shown that students using humane teaching methods perform at least as well as those trained harming animals. And believe me, it feels awfully good to be saving lives, rather than taking them unnecessarily during your surgical training. Whether at high school or university level, there is no excuse for continuing to kill animals in life and health sciences education today. Those remaining teachers killing animals in their courses should explore the alternatives available through the HELP system, and produce courses that instill respect for life, rather than destroying it."*

### **SUMMARY**

It's becoming increasingly recognized around the world that animals do not have to suffer to provide students with a high quality education. We invite teachers and students alike to visit our website [www.aahr.org.au](http://www.aahr.org.au) to review the resources available.

The Humane Education Loan Program has been kindly donated to us by HSI Australia.

For further comment Andrew Knight can be contacted on 0011-44-7876436631. He will be available in Melbourne early this week.

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