



MEDIA RELEASE

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## The fight against animal experiments moves to Melbourne

The Australian Association for Humane Research Inc. has relocated from Sydney and is now situated at Suite 234, Toorak Corporate Centre, 29 Milton Parade, Malvern, 3144.

Members of AAHR and the Media are invited to our Open Day to view the premises and to meet our staff and committee.

The day also coincides with World Week for Animals In Laboratories (WWAIL)

**When:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005

**Time:** 3pm to 6pm

**Where:** Suite 234, Toorak Corporate Centre, 29 Milton Parade, Malvern.

(Our office is easily accessible via the Monash Freeway – turn off at the Toorak Road exit – and we are approximately 300 metres (a short walk) from Tooronga train station. We are located in the South building. Suite 234 is located 2 doors to the left of the staircase at the entrance.)

Drinks and nibblies will be provided.

**Newly appointed CEO, Helen Rosser, said today** *“Whilst our long term goal is obviously to see an end to animal experiments, in the shorter term our main focus will be to address the misconception within the community that animal-based research is a ‘necessary evil’. People need to understand that animal experiments hurt people too!”*

**Ms Rosser further explained,** *“Extrapolation from animals to humans can and does result in dangerously misleading outcomes. Test results can differ between different sexes of the same species, different strains, and even due to different housing conditions or levels of stress within the same species. So if such differences can occur within the same species then it’s negligent to extrapolate from, say, a rat to a human – two totally different species with a totally different genetic make-up.”*

### **Background:**

The Australian Association for Humane Research Inc. was founded in October 1979 and is a specialist anti-vivisection organization with its goal the total abolition of all animal-based research and testing.

The aims of the AAHR are:

- To promote by every means possible all viable methods of healing which do not at any stage involve the use of animals;
- To promote the use of scientific alternatives in all forms of medical, scientific and commercial research;
- To help disseminate evidence, as it becomes available, that the use of alternatives is less costly, more accurate and more humane than the use of animals in experiments;
- To work for the abolition of all experiments using animals.