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## **5 marmoset monkeys killed after invasive brain probing experiment at Monash University**

Humane Research Australia is outraged by the unethical use of marmoset monkeys in an experiment conducted by researchers at Monash University.

In the study, the marmosets underwent craniotomies to compare brain responses to sounds while under the influence of opiate-based anaesthetics. For full details please see: <http://www.humanersearch.org.au/case-studies/probing-monkey-brains-at-monash-university>.

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**Australia is home to three federally funded primate breeding colonies;** the National Marmoset and Macaque Facilities at Churchill, Victoria, and the National Baboon Colony in Sydney, all of which breed primates specifically for the purpose of being used in research.

**Humane Research Australia, CEO, Helen Marston** said today “This experiment is yet another example of the unethical use of primates in our research facilities. The time has come to end the cruel practice of subjecting primates - our closest relatives - to lives that amount to nothing more than permanent incarceration, induced illness and pain, mental anguish and fear. It is a brutally archaic and unnecessary practice that has no place in 21st century Australia.” Ms Marston concluded.

**Humane Research Australia is calling for an immediate ban on the use of all primates for medical and scientific research purposes in Australia.**

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