PETITION: SUPPORT THE RIGHTFUL RELEASE OF ANIMALS USED IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

To the Honourable President and Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales

This petition of citizens of New South Wales draws to the attention of the House that:

1. In Australia hundreds of cats and dogs are born for one purpose: to be used in medical research. They will spend their lives in a research laboratory undergoing pharmaceutical drug testing, psychological experimentation, blood sampling and various other tests. When they are no longer required they are killed – even if they are healthy.
2. Research facilities that use cats and dogs are refusing to release these animals because they are concerned about public backlash. Current laws allow for healthy animals to be killed at the end of experimentation. After everything these animals have endured, euthanasia is incomprehensible.
3. In NSW several hundred companion animals are killed each year that could have been rehabilitated and re-homed.
4. That the House **support** the Animal Justice Party Right to Release Bill to give cats and dogs used in medical research the opportunity to find a loving home. The Bill will make rehoming efforts mandatory and has the potential to save many individual lives.

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