

1 A RESOLUTION urging Kentucky's colleges and universities to end the use of
2 animals in wasteful government experiments.

3 WHEREAS, animals routinely suffer for humans to assess the toxicity of products,
4 including cosmetics, household cleaners, drugs, vaccines, pesticides, and industrial
5 chemicals, and are frequently killed at the conclusion of these experiments; and

6 WHEREAS, animal tests are no longer the best predictors of human safety, with
7 approximately 90 percent of potential drugs failing during human trials due to unexpected
8 toxicity or lack of efficacy, while alternative methods, based on human biology, can
9 provide more predictive results and save time and money; and

10 WHEREAS, according to United States Department of Agriculture records, at least
11 1,880 animals were held or used for research and testing by Kentucky's colleges and
12 universities in 2023, including 239 dogs and 112 cats; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health spent up to \$56 million in taxpayer
14 dollars on 120 projects that used animals for experiments in Kentucky in 2024, with the
15 vast majority of that funding going to colleges and universities; and

16 WHEREAS, reforms to wasteful and unnecessary government spending on animal
17 testing have received renewed attention through the recent passage of the FDA
18 Modernization Act 2.0, sponsored by United States Senator Rand Paul, to remove animal
19 testing requirements for the Food and Drug Administration's approval and a commitment
20 by the Environmental Protection Agency to phase out mammal testing by 2035; and

21 WHEREAS, legislation may be considered during the 2026 Regular Session of the
22 Kentucky General Assembly to further explore this issue and consider possible remedies
23 to promote animal welfare and reduce government waste;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Senate urges Kentucky's colleges and universities that

1 participate in animal research and testing to end the use of animals in wasteful
2 government experiments.

3 ➔Section 2. The Senate strongly encourages each Kentucky college and
4 university that participates in animal research and testing to provide the following
5 information to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate
6 Interim Joint Committee on Education within 90 days of the adoption of this Resolution:

7 (1) The total number of animals, by species, that were held or used for research
8 and testing by the institution in 2024;

9 (2) A list of active animal research and testing projects, including project titles,
10 the stated purpose of each project, and the species and number of animals used by each
11 project;

12 (3) The total amount of funding spent on the projects identified in subsection (2)
13 of this section, including federal, state, private, and other funding;

14 (4) A description of any programs used to place adoptable animals following the
15 end of their use in research, including the total number of animals, by species, released
16 for adoption in 2024; and

17 (5) A detailed explanation of specific efforts by the institution to refine, reduce,
18 and replace the use of animals in research and testing during the preceding calendar year.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to the presidents of Morehead State University, Murray State University, the
21 Owensboro Community and Technical College, the University of Kentucky, the
22 University of Louisville, and the president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary
23 Education.