In support of animal research

The links provided below are associated with groups in support of animal research. Each site provides information on the benefits of animal research often with specific examples of medical breakthroughs that would not be possible without the use of animals. Some sites go into greater depth covering regulatory guidelines, ethical debates and teacher/student lessons on the topic.

* Sites with an asterisk contain educator resources for use in classrooms

Americans for Medical Progress*
Nonprofit organization whose mission is to nurture public understanding of and support for the humane, necessary and valuable use of animals in medicine.

Animal Research – Finding Cures, Saving Lives
A website, hosted by the American Physiological Society, that describes the utility of animals in research, dispelling myths and answering common questions regarding their use, while providing specific examples of some of the benefits that have come from such research.

Animal Research Info
A comprehensive website that provides reliable information from scientists around the world about the contribution of animal research to medical advances including regulatory information and comments from both sides of the animal research debate.

Animals in Research*
An educational website, hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and designed primarily for high school students, that promotes an awareness of the research process, with a focus on the role of laboratory animals.

Breakthroughs in Bioscience*
A website, hosted by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), containing downloadable essays describing medical advancements and the contribution that animal research made to their success.

Foundation for Biomedical Research*
The oldest and largest American organization dedicated to promoting public understanding and support for humane and responsible animal research. This website contains various educational resources including lesson plans for extensive classroom coverage of the use of animals in research.

Kids 4 Research*
A website sponsored by Charles River that provides information to students, teachers and parents on responsible laboratory animal care and use in biomedical research, testing and education.

National Association for Biomedical Research
A nonprofit group dedicated solely to advocating for sound public policy that recognizes the vital role that animals play in biomedical research.
Although this animal research advocacy group is no longer active, its website contains quite a bit of useful background information including information regarding the philosophical/ethical debate surrounding the use of animals in research.

Pro-Test for Science
Animal research advocacy group founded by UCLA professor David Jentsch, PhD.

Speaking of Research*
Animal research advocacy group that strives to provide accurate information about the importance of animal testing in medical and veterinary science through blog postings of current research discoveries and other related news.

States United for Biomedical Research
A nonprofit collection of associations that aim to promote public understanding of and support for biomedical research including the humane care and use of research animals.

Understanding Animal Research*
A UK organization that aims to educate the public on the humane use of animals in biomedical research. This site contains a wealth of factual information and downloadable resources including essays and images and videos of animals in their research environments.

Against animal research

The links provided below are associated with groups that argue against animal research. Many of these sites provide information on the current alternatives to animal research and argue against the utility of animals in many major medical breakthroughs.

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Animal Liberation Front (ALF)
Animal rights organization whose guidelines promote illegal actions against industries who profit from animal exploitation in the form of liberating live animals from fur farms, slaughterhouses, etc or economic sabotage in the form of property destruction.

British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV)
A UK-based animal rights organization whose vision is to create a world where nobody wants or believes we need to experiment on animals.

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
The nation’s largest animal protection organization, which works to reduce suffering and improve the lives of all animals most notably by advocating for better laws regulating animal rights.

This organization is not to be mistaken for your local Humane Society who often support no-kill shelters and pet protection.

Negotiation Is Over (NIO)
An animal rights organization that strives to be an instrument of defiance, disruption, disobedience, subversion, creative & aggressive grassroots action, and a catalyst for revolutionary change in the movement for animal rights.

**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**
The largest animal rights organization in the world, which focuses on animal suffering in factory farms, the clothing trade, laboratories and the entertainment industry.

**Safer Medicines Campaign formerly Europeans for Medical Progress (EMP)**
An independent patient safety organization whose concern is whether animal testing, today, is more harmful than helpful. The group does not oppose animal testing per se, but those tests which harm patients by creating false sense of security or false alarm, or which mislead scientists' understanding of disease.

**Stop Animal Exploitation Now (SAEN)**
An animal rights organization that aims to force an end to the abuse of animals in laboratories mostly by exposing animal experimentation procedures conducted by federally funded institutions through requests via the Freedom of Information Act.

**Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC)**
An animal rights organization that specifically targets Huntingdon Life Science (HLS) using a three tiered approach that includes campaigning against (1) customers who provide HLS with an income and profits, (2) suppliers who provide HLS with vital tools to carry out research, and (3) financial links such as shareholders, market makers and banking facilities.