

# Statement from Americans for Medical Progress on USDA Decision to End Toxoplasmosis Research in Cats

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“Animals play a critical and often irreplaceable role in the research process. Animal studies help us identify new ways to fight disease. They also allow us to ensure new medications and treatments are safe and effective.”

“The significant public interest in the USDA’s Toxoplasmosis research offers some important lessons for research advocates and opponents alike. First, the scientific community as a whole, must increase public communications and transparency so that Americans better understand when and why animals are required for biomedical research.”

“Secondly, if our country has any hope of ensuring continued medical progress along with effective animal welfare, we need to have a reasonable public debate based on facts. Emotionally-charged rhetoric and demonizing opponents has sadly become commonplace in American politics. We cannot however allow this practice to become the norm when making important decisions about science. Our collective health and wellbeing depend upon it.”

## Coverage

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