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Animal testing survey puts Henley candidates under the spotlight

Henley by-election candidates from all five main political parties are considering their views on animal testing after being contacted by the **British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV)**.

Candidates' responses will be published on the BUAV website (www.buav.org) on Thursday giving Henley voters the chance to elect a cruelty-free MP.

More than 66% of the UK population would like to live in a world where no one wants or believes we need to experiment on animals⁵.

Chief Executive of the BUAV, Michelle Thew says, "Voters concerned about animal protection will be able to see for the first time what the candidates have to say about what they will do to work towards ending animal tests. In this crucial by-election every vote counts and we would urge constituents to support the candidate who has set out the strongest views on how they would make Henley cruelty free."

Many BUAV supporters have already written personally to the candidates to ask them for clear pledges of action.

Last month the BUAV launched a similar campaign during the Crewe and Nantwich by-election and received a strong statement of commitment to reducing animal testing from the winning candidate, Conservative Edward Timpson.

The survey results will be published Thursday June 19th on the BUAV website: www.buav.org

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Notes to editors

- 1 The BUAV's Chief Executive, Michelle Thew, is available for interview, tel: 020 7619 6963.
- 2 The candidates' statements will be available from Thursday 19th June on the BUAV website www.buav.org
- 3 A BUAV advert highlighting the campaign has been placed in this week's edition of the Henley Standard.
- 4 More than three million animals were used in experiments in 2006 – the highest level since 1991, and a 15% increase since 2001. Home Office, 2006
- 5 Survey conducted by NFP Synergy 2007.

The BUAV has been campaigning for over 100 years to achieve a world where nobody wants or believes we need to experiment on animals. We are committed to achieving our aims through reliable and reasoned evidence-based debate. We are proudly non-violent and respect the quality of life for all – animals and people.