



## **BUAV: PM must direct money into humane medical research to deliver cures**

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**The BUAV** today welcomed Gordon Brown's commitment to boost spending on finding treatments for diseases, but called for it to make a bold commitment to modern, humane research.

Gordon Brown said Britain 'must lead the world in fighting diseases' during his speech to the Labour Party Conference in Manchester, adding he now wanted to see extra public funds his Government had pumped into research, in areas such as Alzheimer's and cancer, translated into treatments.

**BUAV Chief Executive Michelle Thew speaking from the conference hall in Manchester said:** "If Gordon Brown really wants Britain to lead the world in finding cures for diseases he needs to put pressure on the medical research establishment to change; to move away from outdated, unreliable and inhumane animal research and put faith in more effective and modern methods that produce treatments, relevant to human health, that we all want to see delivered.

Only a tiny amount of the £15bn earmarked by this Labour Government for medical research is currently going to innovative non-animal methods such as computer modelling and in vitro. The UK must stop relying on the same old inhumane methods and put money into brave new humane research. Only then will we begin to see what Mr Brown called for – research translated into actual treatments for deadly diseases like Alzheimer's and cancer."

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### **NOTES TO EDITOR**

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.

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