

Chronology of Events

- 1792 Thomas Taylor publishes *A Vindication of the Rights of Brutes*
- 1809 Lord Erskine introduces an unsuccessful Cruelty to Animals Bill
- 1822 Richard Martin's Cruel and Improper Treatment of Cattle Act passed
- 1824 François Magendie gives vivisection demonstration in London; SPCA founded
- 1829 Anatomy murders in Edinburgh
- 1831 Marshall Hall publishes ethical guidelines for vivisectionists
- 1832 Anatomy Act
- 1833 Lewis Gompertz resigns from SPCA and founds Animals Friend Society
- 1835 Anti-cruelty law extended to domestic animals
- 1842 Etherington publishes *Vivisection Investigated and Vindicated*
- 1847 Marshall Hall publishes guidelines for vivisectionists in the *Lancet*; Vegetarian Society founded
- 1852 Gompertz publishes *Fragments in Defence of Animals*
- 1858 Medical Act introduces medical registration
- 1859 Charles Darwin publishes *On the Origin of Species*

- 1860 Mary Tealby opens the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs in Holloway
- 1873 John Burdon-Sanderson publishes *Handbook for the Physiological Laboratory*
- 1874 Physiologist Éugène Magnan gives demonstration in Britain
- 1875 Attempted prosecution of Magnan for vivisection; first Royal Commission on Vivisection; Victoria Street Society (later the National Anti-Vivisection Society) founded by Frances Power Cobbe, who publishes *The Moral Aspects of Vivisection*; Archbishops of York and Dublin sign memorial against vivisection
- 1876 Cruelty to Animals Act ('Vivisection Act') passed; Physiological Society founded; London Anti-Vivisection Society Founded
- 1880 Anna Kingsford receives Paris MD, obtained without vivisection
- 1881 The International Medical Congress passes a resolution that vivisection by 'competent persons' should not be restricted
- 1882 Order of the Golden Age founded
- 1885 John Ruskin resigns his Oxford professorship in protest at vivisection
- 1891 National Canine Defence League founded; Henry Salt founds the Humanitarian League
- 1898 Frances Cobbe leaves the NAVS after it compromises on abolition, and founds the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection; Oldfield opens first anti-vivisection hospital
- 1901 Stephen Coleridge publishes *The Metropolitan Hospitals and Vivisection*
- 1902 (Imperial) Cancer Research Fund Founded
- 1903 'Brown Dog' statue placed in Battersea; Lizzy Lind af Hageby and the Duchess of Hamilton found the Animal Defence and Anti-Vivisection Society; Lind af Hageby publishes *The Shambles of Science*; Professor Bayliss of UCL successfully sues Coleridge for libel; Battersea (National) Anti-Vivisection Hospital opens
- 1904 St Francis's Anti-Vivisection Hospital closes; OGA reconstituted
- 1905 Dogs Protection Bill first introduced in parliament

- 1906 Second Royal Commission on Vivisection begins; Dogs Act protects strays from vivisection; Dogs Protection Bill to ban all experiments on dogs is supported by a 300,000-signature petition but defeated in parliament
- 1907 Brown Dog riots begin
- 1908 Research Defence Society founded
- 1909 Wistar rat developed especially for experimental use
- 1910 Brown Dog statue removed
- 1911 National Insurance Act
- 1912 Second Royal Commission reports
- 1913 Medical Research Committee and Advisory Council founded; Dogs Protection Bill defeated in committee
- 1915 War Department Experimental Ground set up at Porton Down
- 1917 Association for the Advancement of Medical Research amalgamates with the RDS
- 1920 Medical Research Council receives royal charter; Humanitarian League closes down
- 1923 British Empire Cancer Campaign founded
- 1924 First Labour government
- 1926 University College professor acquitted of dog stealing; Major Charles Hume founds the University of London Animal Welfare Society
- 1927 BMA conference on research and animal experimentation suggests using strays for vivisection; LD50 testing developed
- 1928 Grove-Grady case: money given to help animals denied charitable status
- 1930 Joseph Kenworthy introduces a bill to ban spending public money on vivisection
- 1933 German government bans vivisection
- 1935 National Anti-Vivisection Hospital closes; Norah Elam publishes *The Medical Research Council, What It Is and How It Works*
- 1938 ULAWS becomes the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW); OGA ceases activity in Britain
- 1939 Last official figures list over 900,000 animal experiments a year
- 1940 Norah Elam and Wilfred Risdon imprisoned
- 1941 Anti-Vivisection ruled not charitable

- 1942 Wilfred Risdon becomes secretary of LPAVS
- 1943 First research using LD50 published in Britain
- 1944 Draize test devised in USA
- 1946 National Health Service Act
- 1947 NAVS loses appeal to have its charitable status restored
- 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1950 Diseases of Animals Act
- 1952 First prosecution for liberation of laboratory animals
- 1954 World congress of anti-vivisection societies meets in London
- 1956 Therapeutic Substances Act passed
- 1957 The London and Provincial Anti-Vivisection Society amalgamates with the NAVS; Laika dies during space mission; NCDL campaigns against the use of dogs in space research
- 1959 William Russell and Rex Burch publish *The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique* and propose the three R's
- 1965 Littlewood Committee reports
- 1967 Medicines Control Agency established
- 1969 Testing of drugs on animals becomes mandatory
- 1971 Oxford philosophers publish *Animals, Men and Morals*

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