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## **Martin Horwood MP wins Animal Welfare Award**

The **BUAV**, the UK's leading organization campaigning to end animal experiments, is delighted that **Martin Horwood**, MP for Cheltenham, is the winner of the 2009 Animal Welfare Award at the Dods Charity Champions Award ceremony which took place in Westminster in December. The Awards recognise the parliamentarians who have made the biggest contributions in a number of different areas and in 2009, the Animal Welfare award was sponsored by BUAV.

**Michelle Thew, BUAV's Chief Executive**, who presented the award, said *"It is great that the work of parliamentarians like Martin to promote animal issues can be highlighted at events like this. They play a vital role for organizations like the BUAV in making sure issues like animal experimentation are discussed at the highest level."*

**Martin Horwood MP** said: *"I am delighted to receive this award. Animals don't have votes and need us to speak out in their interests against unnecessary cruelty and exploitation. Congratulations to BUAV for sponsoring this award and for all the work they do to raise the political profile of animal welfare."*

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