



## Media release

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### **Animal group to give evidence to House of Lords committee on proposed EU animal testing legislation**

The BUAV, the UK's leading organization campaigning to end animal experiments, is pleased to have been given the opportunity to address the House of Lords Committee currently looking at the proposals to revise the European Directive on the protection of animals used in experiments (Directive 86/609/EEC).

As part of the European Coalition to End Animal Experiments (ECEAE), the BUAV has been actively lobbying the European Parliament to make sure the Directive provides animals in laboratories the strongest possible protection.

Unfortunately, the European Parliament ignored public opinion and voted on the 5 May for measures weakening animal welfare provisions proposed by the European Commission. The Council of Ministers (all 27 EU Member States representatives) will now discuss the proposals. The House of Lords report will provide recommendations to the UK Government before the Council common position is negotiated.

**Michelle Thew, Chief Executive of the BUAV**, said: "I am delighted that the BUAV has been given this opportunity to address the House of Lords committee. The revision of Directive 86/609/EEC represents the best chance in over 20 years to bring in bold and progressive new legislation which focuses strategically on ending the use and suffering of more than 12 million animals used in experiments in EU laboratories every year"

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#### **Notes:**

The House of Lords EU Committee D launched its enquiry into the draft Directive in April of this year with a call for written evidence. It is now carrying out a number of oral evidence sessions before producing a report on the issue.

The evidence session will take place at 10.45am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in Committee Room 3a, House of Lords.

The session will be broadcast live on the Parliament website.