



## RESOURCE SHEET NUMBER 10 – SOCIAL MEDIA FAQs AND COMMENTS

### **Where is this place? What do they do?**

Marshall BioResources is a global breeder of laboratory animals. They have a long history of gross animal welfare violations. Their Italian facility at Green Hill was closed and the Directors imprisoned. MBR Acres Limited address is Sawtry Way, Wyton, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 2DT. This facility only breeds beagles, around 2000 a year and sold to UK toxicology laboratories when they are about 20 weeks old.

### [MBR Acres Limited Company Information](#)

### **Why not use murderers etc. for human trials? Why do Camp Beagle protesters not volunteer themselves?**

We advocate the use of human relevant modern methods where no species is harmed. With decades of animal use there are not cures to most human diseases. Did you know that 92-96% of human drug trials fail mainly due to efficacy or toxicity reasons? We recommend reading this document:

### [Human relevant science APWG](#)

As for human trials if you look at the lists for volunteers almost all want someone with a naturally occurring disease. YES, we would volunteer with a natural condition.

### **What are death vans? Leave the drivers alone they are just doing their job. How do you know they contain puppies? It could be a delivery. The drivers do not kill the dogs, leave them alone.**

Impex Services International Limited is to our knowledge one of just two family owned, independent transporters of laboratory animals in the UK. This is their website [Impex](#) and their financial information is publicly available at [Impex Company Information](#) They transport around the country dogs, primates, frogs, fish, rodents etc. Transporting laboratory animals is their sole purpose.

We call their vehicles 'death vans' as they transport animals to their death. The puppies, 16-20 weeks old, are often filmed by drone being loaded into the vans and they can be heard crying and whimpering as the vans pass by protesters. Pregnant dogs are also sold.

The drivers including the Impex owner are fully aware that they are transporting live sentient beings to suffer and then be killed. The drivers say they are highly paid, one sarcastically said he wipes his tears with £50 notes. Another was filmed kicking a crate containing a dog across



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the floor of the van. We are a peaceful protest, we do not obstruct the vans, but yes, we shout our disgust. The Company owner, Russell Morgan, is banned from driving for 12 months as he was stopped and found to be under the influence of cocaine having just dropped off MBR dogs to Sequani.

**Would you turn down medication developed with animal? Would you deny your child, baby, family a life-saving drug? We only have treatments because of animals used in research.**

The puppies from MBR Acres are solely sent to contract research organisations (CROs) toxicology laboratories. How is that finding life-saving treatments for your child?

The tick box second species toxicology tests are not required by law, they are simply an expectation by a council of global regulators to enable easier trade of pharmaceuticals or chemicals between USA, UK, Japan and Europe.

If you want to research yourself look up the International Harmonisation Council (ICH) and/or REACH. The use of two species rodent and non rodent, the beagle being the favoured non rodent due to its forgiving nature and size suitable for laboratory cages, is only an expectation by the ICH, this is not required by UK Law, this was in October 23 admitted by the Government. [MP written question](#)

At the stage the dogs are used they at most 2% to existing probabilities that at developing drug will or will not be toxic for a human. Anyone with a dog as a member of their family will know they have very different toxicity effects to us – paracetamol, chocolate, grapes, onions etc. If a drug proves toxic to a dog almost all studies are abandoned yet had they proceeded to human trials it may have been a life-saving treatment. If a drug does proceed to human clinical trials, then there is a 92-96% failure rate which is mainly due to efficacy or toxicity reasons. About half the pharmaceuticals that fail during human clinical trials are due to toxic effects that were not identified in non-predictive animal models. For Alzheimer's drugs 99.6% do not progress further than human trials.

EVERY licenced human medication has been tested on animals; we have no other option. Given a choice of a non-predictive animal model with a 92-96% failure rate or say a liver on a chip with an 87% human relevant accuracy rate we would choose the latter.

Drugs that have been licenced have done so despite animal use and not because of.



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### **What is MBR?**

#### [About MBR Acres](#)

Marshall Bioresources have two sites in the UK. MBR Acres, Sawtry Way, Wyton, Huntingdon, PE28 2DT, breeds up to 2000 beagles a year and B & K Universal, Grimston, Aldbrough, Hull, North Humberside, HU11 4QE typically breed rodents including mice, ferrets and guinea pigs. Marshalls also have two huge dog breeding sites in France, also breeds Golden Retrievers for Laboratories. [Centre d'élevage des Souches \(CEDS\)\] in Mézilles, Yonne.](#)

Marshalls from its North Rose, USA site also exports to Europe, including the UK, thousands beagles annually. The USA facility holds 23,000 dogs at any point in time.

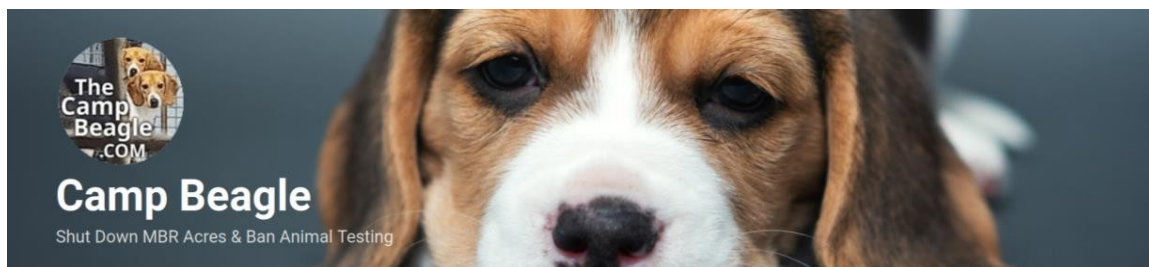
Marshalls Green Hill, Italy was closed and three Directors/staff were imprisoned for huge welfare failings. Another facility is in Beijing, China where beagles are shipped to Indian laboratories despite Marshalls violating rules before to bypass an airlines refusal to fly research dogs.

Envigo also have several laboratory breeding sites in the UK and at Belton, Leicestershire beagles are kept for their blood or organs, to our knowledge they are not sold live. The Oxfordshire site has recently consolidated with Belton. Envigo breeders in Virginia, USA was closed for gross welfare violations in May 22 with the liberation of 4000 beagles.

MBR Acres also kill dogs on site so they can sell their blood and body parts, here's a copy of the previous government approved licence [MBR bleeding licence](#)

### **What happens to the puppies in a toxicity laboratory?**

The dogs are normally given a week to acclimatise, not for their welfare but because their stress may affect test results. The puppies are forced to ingest (gavaging by way of a tube down their throat to their stomach), are injected with or inhale 1-3 times daily various substances, it could be pharmaceuticals meant for humans, agricultural or industrial chemicals or even ingredients for cosmetics. No anaesthesia is given as this may affect test results. After 28, 90 or over 120 days of repeat dose toxicity testing the puppies are killed. These toxicity tests are not required by UK law they are simply an expectation by global regulators and help to enable trade between USA, UK, Europe and Japan.



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### **What about farm animals or animals used in testing your hair dye or make up?**

Camp Beagle choose to operate a vegan kitchen. We also recommend that everyone buys cruelty free by using this app <https://cruelty-cutter.org/>

### **Who are camp beagle and how do we help or join the campaign?**

Our website has much more information. <https://thecampbeagle.com/> and [Support Camp Beagle](#) We welcome visitors regardless of dietary choices. We are here 24/7, 365 days a years.

### **How about cancers?**

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There is a lack of progress in cancer research, 95% of clinical trials fail today, and for those that do pass, the impact for patients is a median improvement in survival of 2.1 months.

90% of resources are given to mouse studies, despite mouse immune systems being focused on combating earth borne pathogens whereas human immune systems are focused on airborne pathogens.

Induced cancers can be cured in mice but cures have not translated to humans. Surely it is time now to use modern human relevant techniques?

### **How about neurological diseases?**

There are no cures. Researchers will attempt to replicate these diseases in species that they do not naturally occur. An example is Parkinsons Research, inject poisons into the brains of non-human primates so they shake, then try and cure the shaking, next an announcement we've made progress in curing Parkinsons – it simply isn't true. Alzheimer's or dementia ask about treatments and you may well be told that side effects will outweigh benefits which may not even exist. After a 100 years of research there are no cures, animal use is holding back progress. 99.6% of novel Alzheimer's drugs do not progress past human trials.

### **We NEED to use animals in medical research**

Testing drugs on animals does not reliably predict human safety or efficacy. This can lead to drugs that are not safe or effective for humans and it can also lead to drugs being rejected that might have been safe or effective in humans. The latest statistic is that up to 96% of drugs which prove promising in animal trials fail in human clinical trials.



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Adverse drug reactions kill thousands of people in the UK and costs NHS England billions each year. Tests on human cells and tissues can predict dangerous drug side effects where animal tests and even human trials fail.

### **We wouldn't have the COVID vaccine without animals**

COVID-19 forced regulators to urgently assess what is needed to deliver safe and effective treatments. Regulators removed the requirement to prove efficacy in animals before they went to human trials. Human trials were conducted in parallel with, and sometimes ahead of animal tests. This is primarily why the vaccine development was so fast.

### **By UK law, Animals may only be used when there is no 'scientifically satisfactory' alternative**

In fact this is interpreted as no validated and approved alternatives. When looking at validation regulators want to see the same data that would be produced from an animal. Non animal methodologies (NAMS) produce human relevant results that are far superior. Throughout the project licence application process NAMS are not required to be considered only replacement which may just be a change from one species to another.

Since 2011 only one project licence application has been rejected. Around 500 project licences are approved by the Home Office each year. These typically last for 5 years and can estimate that tens of thousands of animals will be used.

### **Rather an animal than my child**

To suggest there are two choices is misleading, it is not a question of an animal or your child. Rather, it is how we can best develop effective medicines in the 21st century, and that is by using cutting-edge new approaches that are relevant to humans, not animals.

Despite decades of research using animals, numerous diseases remain poorly understood and lack adequate treatments. That's because animal tests are poor models of human disease and do not reliably predict the safety or effectiveness of new drugs.