

Science Education without Cruelty

Choose Dissection Alternatives

You don't have to hurt animals and the environment in the name of science.

Ask your teacher or instructor for dissection alternatives!

Alternatives to specimen dissection, such as models and software, offer a deeper understanding of science, prevent animal suffering, and are better for the environment.

- Animals endure inhumane treatment prior to death. Abuse has been documented at supply companies and with dealers.
- Millions of animals are taken from the wild for dissection despite declining populations.
- Chemicals used to preserve specimens are toxic, carcinogenic, and hazardous.
- Studies show students learn as well or better using alternatives.
- Alternatives display realistic anatomy, physiology, and behavior of a variety of species including humans.
- Allowing for repeated use, alternatives are less expensive.



“NSTA encourages teachers to be sensitive to students’ views regarding dissection and ... their right to make an informed decision about their participation.”

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