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<p>Jacky <i>Asked about her views for the TV news</i></p> <p>It's very difficult to decide. I don't think animals should suffer, but not using animals for research could mean that humans suffer. Animals also benefit from the research. My cat has to be vaccinated every year to stop her getting fatal diseases.</p>	<p>John <i>Animal Rights Campaigner</i></p> <p>Animal research is <i>not</i> about choosing between saving a person's life or a rat. It is about inflicting suffering and death on millions of animals. Results of research on animals can't be applied directly to humans.</p>
<p>Susan <i>Asked about her views for the TV news</i></p> <p>I eat meat. I think if the costs to the animals are outweighed by the benefits then it's OK, but every effort should be made to use alternative methods.</p>	<p>Graham <i>Technician, looks after animals used for research in a laboratory</i></p> <p>You can get attached to the animals. I make sure they are well cared for and suffer as little as possible.</p>
<p>Carol <i>Suffers from diabetes</i></p> <p>I don't know what 'normal' is. To control my diabetes, I need daily insulin injections. I know that the drugs have been tested on animals so I'm very grateful to the animals. Without them, I'd be dead.</p>	<p>Simon <i>Research scientist</i></p> <p>Most research is carried out on cells 'in vitro'. But, sometimes the drugs react differently inside the body, so some research needs to be done using whole animals.</p>
<p>Sheila <i>Works for a drug company</i></p> <p>We test new medicines on animals to ensure they are as safe as possible before they are tested on humans. However, we are constantly looking for ways to reduce the tests we carry out on animals.</p>	<p>Jack <i>Asked about his views for the TV news</i></p> <p>I'm a vegetarian, I don't eat animals but I don't want my children to die of diseases, and if that means testing on animals then that's OK.</p>