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Poll Finds Support For Animal Tests

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Most Americans accept the need to use animals in medical and scientific experiments, according to a Media General-Associated Press poll.

Nearly half of the 1,412 people questioned in the poll believed laboratory animals were treated humanely, but 30 percent did not. Twenty-four percent of the respondents were unsure.

Eight in 10 respondents said they believed it necessary to use animals in medical research on diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Seven in 10 said animal testing was also needed for basic scientific research, and 6 in 10 said animals were needed in allergy testing.

Nearly 9 in 10 had no objection to using rats. Fifty-five percent approved the use of dogs, while 40 percent disapproved.