

Did you know that you have the right to refuse to dissect animals in Vermont?

It's true! Each year, 6 million animals (including frogs, cats, and fetal pigs) are cut up in classrooms around the country—even though humane alternatives exist. Studies have shown that students who use alternatives to dissection perform just as well—if not better—than students who cut up animals. And you could (and should!) be one of them! Explain to your teacher that you won't be dissecting and that the law [VTH. 711, § 912] gives you the right to say "No!" to cutting up animals in Vermont:

A student in a public elementary or secondary school or an approved independent school shall have the right to be excused from participating in any lesson, exercise, or assessment requiring the student to dissect, vivisection, or otherwise harm or destroy an animal or any part of an animal, or to observe any of these activities, as part of a course of instruction. Schools shall give timely notification to each student enrolled in the course and to the student's parent or guardian of the student's right to be excused from participating in or observing the lesson.

No student shall be discriminated against based on his or her decision to exercise the right to be excused afforded by this section. [VTH. 711, § 912]

Dissection is unnecessary and cruel. Stand up for animals, and exercise your rights. Choose not to dissect.

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