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## ***Alternatives to Dissection Packet Available***

The Humane Society of the United States has made available its most recent edition of *Alternatives to Dissection*. Developed by the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education, the packet is described as designed to provide an educationally sound alternative to dissection in the classroom.

Included in the packet are student and teacher brochures about dissection as well as papers and articles on the subject. A set of teaching activities and student activity sheets completes the kit.

The contents of the packet address traditional objectives of dissection (including such areas as hands-on experience with real tissue, manual dexterity, objective description and reporting and overcoming squeamishness) as well as some additional objectives of animal study that "should be considered" (i.e. scientific hypothesis testing, knowledge of animal behavior and consideration of ethical issues involving the use of animals in scientific research and/or for educational purposes).

The packet materials provide an excellent resource for teachers who are studying the values, beliefs, positions and players associated with the issue of animal use in biology instruction. For more information, contact Randall Lockwood, Director, Higher Education Programs, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

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