

Primate expert Jane Goodall appeals for EU ban on animal testing in research

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — World-famous primate expert Jane Goodall and other scientists appealed to the European Union Wednesday to end the use of animal testing in medical and other scientific research.

“We need to recognize at the outset that what we do to animals from their perspective certainly, and probably from ours, is morally wrong and unacceptable,” Goodall said.

Goodall, the world’s best-known observer of the behaviour of chimpanzees, is a longtime campaigner for animal rights.

She presented a petition bearing 150,000 names to legislators from the European Parliament. It called on both the parliament and the EU’s executive office to find methods of testing that do not involve animals.

Goodall joined with animal rights groups to pressure European Union governments to revise EU rules from 1986 by expanding expand a ban on the use of animals in testing - and to promote alternative technologies for medical research.