

**Here are the promises made by the Labour Party in 1996.
These promises were signed and agreed by Tony Blair.
The Labour government has now been in power for 8 years.
Here is its record on the promises made to YOU.**

Cruelty in food production

A promise for a Royal Commission on the genetic engineering of animals.

There has been no Royal Commission.



Animal transport

Promised an eight hour maximum journey time.

There is no limit on journeys. Appallingly, in 2004 the UK government supported an EU move to delay any proposed eight hour limits for a further six years until 2011!



Animals in laboratories

Promised a Royal Commission on animal experiments.
Promised to end the use of wild caught primates.

No Royal Commission, no end to the use of wild caught primates and, since the Labour government has been in power (1997), the number of animals used in experiments in Great Britain has actually increased by 148,000.



Cosmetic testing

Promised to end cosmetics testing on animals.

Voluntary halt to animal use in cosmetics testing by the three remaining testing labs in UK.



However, animal-tested cosmetics from abroad are still imported into UK. Refused to instigate a marketing ban on such cosmetics, meaning little value has been gained.



Badgers

Promised to offer greater protection to badgers and an immediate ban on culling.

Police Chiefs complain there is no political will to address the issue of badger baiting which is steadily increasing. Naturewatch also strongly endorses this view and deprecates Government inaction on this topic. Culling is also still active in UK.



Dogs in society

Labour promised a compulsory registration scheme to provide the money to care for stray animals.

No registration scheme in place – leaving animal rescue societies to fund the care and rehoming of stray animals.



Fur farming

Promised to ban fur farms in UK.

Banned fur farms in UK in 2000.



Trapping exotic birds

Labour promised to support a Europe-wide ban on the import of wild caught birds.

At a meeting of the European Union's environment ministers, the UK government failed to support a proposal to ban the import of hundreds of thousands of wild caught birds brought into the EU each year for the commercial pet trade.



Hunting with hounds

Promised a vote to ban hunting with hounds.

After eight years a ban was finally enacted in 2005.

