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We the members of PsyETA, Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, an organization of psychologists interested in animal welfare, believe that most animal research scientists are concerned about increasing the welfare of their animal subjects.

Therefore, we are providing a vehicle to help coordinate efforts to that end and are excited about the prospects of widespread use in the scientific community of our new biannual publication, Humane Innovations and Alternatives in Animal Experimentation: A Notebook. The target date for the first issue is late spring of 1987. We envision the publication evolving into a practical, constructive compendium that would be continually updated for practical use in a wide variety of animal laboratories.

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4. Teaching methods

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