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I am a retired mental health professional. One of the characteristics of a mental disorder associated with criminality is cruelty to animals. Subjecting helpless animals to pain and torture, and then killing them, is barbaric and a sign of pathology. Whether it's an individual or an institution, this is wrong. There is no excuse for it, including "it's for the benefit of humans". Painful and harmful research on animals cannot be tolerated and should not be imposed upon tax-payers.