Did you know that K-12 students in New Mexico can choose an animal- and environmentally-friendly alternative to archaic and inhumane dissection practices?

New Mexico is one of 22 states, including Washington, DC, with dissection choice laws or policies.

In 2005, the New Mexico Public Education Department adopted a policy requiring educators to provide alternatives to dissection for any student who opposes animal dissection for ethical, moral, cultural, or religious reasons.

Making the switch to an animal-friendly alternative is easy – just ask the teacher!

Why Choose Alternatives to Dissection?

- Animals used for dissection can be sourced from animal shelters, breeders, slaughterhouses, fur farms or harvested from the wild
- Capturing frogs and invertebrates from the wild can disrupt ecosystems and the toxic chemicals used to preserve specimens can end up in the soil and waterways
- They are less expensive and can be used multiple times, saving tax dollars
- Dissection alternatives include computer simulations, anatomical models, and videos
- Students’ learning outcomes are equivalent or superior to inhumane dissection