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### "Experiments on animals? Society is not opposed "

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*The judge: "Society is in favor of animal experiments"*

Being against experimentation scientific research on animals it is a respectable opinion, but not shared and indeed widely opposed by society.

This is in short the position of the Vincenzina judge Greek, of the eighth penal section of the court of Milan, expressed in the motivations to sentence that he condemned a group of animalists who they had entered the laboratories of the Statale in via Vanvitelli to release guinea pigs kept in the stable by university researchers.

It's a tough position that taken by the judge who in June he had sentenced three defendants and activists of the group "Stop Green Hill" at 18 months imprisonment for private violence, building occupancy public land and damage aggravated.

«The rejection of experimentation scientific, for the purposes of research, on the animal model it is a respectable opinion in itself - reads the text of the motivations - but not support the motivations for the condemnations to the blitz in the State laboratory:

the no to vivisection does not has the collective consent by a general consensus social or morally compliant and to the customs shared by the prevalent collective consciousness ». Not only. For the judge the needle of the scale hangs from the part of those who support the research Scientific: "Debates and discussions on the subject – yes he still reads in the motivations in reference to the positions of the animal rights - they are just the symptom of the lack of a current and general appreciation positive and constitute, on the contrary, the demonstration of wide bands of contrast on the point in Italian society Contemporary".

The three activists, Giuliano Floris, Maria Cristina Polzonetti e Francesca De Maria (defended from the advocate Maria Cristina Giussani), April 20, 2013 they had entered the buildings that the State shared with the Cnr in the Città Studi area, where they had freed mice and rabbits from the cages used for experiments including those on addiction from nicotine, they had exchanged labels for make animals unrecognizable and then they were chained to the panic exit devices of the corridors to block entry of the employees. A gesture that the activists have always claimed, in particular Giuliano Floris that in the classroom, when he was heard, he reiterated his own reasons: "That day violate those laws and go against this system of things was the right thing that I could do ».

Phrases that have convinced the judge not to give to the three the mitigating factors of having acted for reasons of particular value moral or social or those generic. "The absence of any review route criticism of behaviours crime - concluded the judge - by the defendants who have claimed it in legitimacy and goodness hearing prevents in the root to formulate favorable prognosis (...) and to recognize benefits invoked by the defence».