

# ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

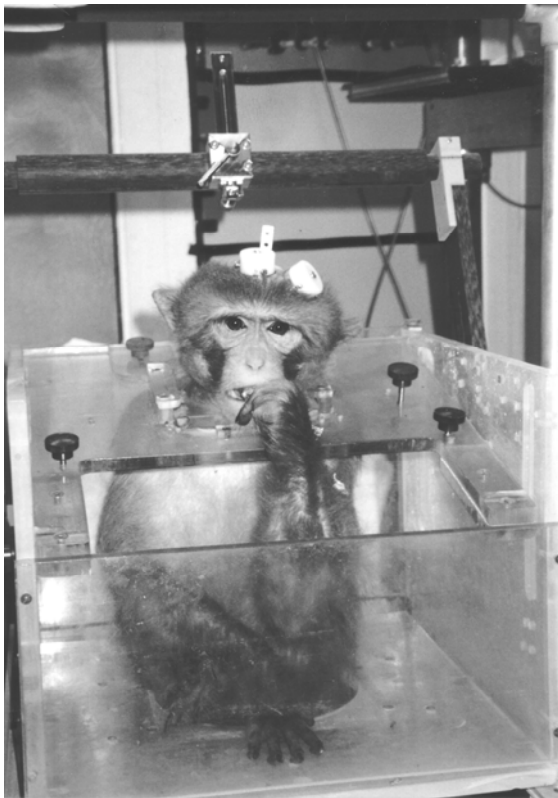
## A *Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!* FACT SHEET

### **The Facts About Animal Experiments**

Animal experimentation is a scandal that has been hidden from the American public. We have been led to believe that the animals used in experiments are well treated and that the procedures performed on these animals are thoroughly regulated and governed by federal laws. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Over 90% of the animals used in experimentation are purposely excluded from protection under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA -- the only federal law that governs animal experimentation). Rats, mice, birds, and many other species have been expressly eliminated from all safeguards. Violations of the Animal Welfare Act by labs have increased by over 90% in the last five years.

**The AWA places no real restrictions on what can be done to an animal during an experiment. Animals are routinely subjected to addictive drugs, electric shock, food & water deprivation, isolation, severe confinement, caustic chemicals, burning, blinding, chemical and biological weapons, radiation, etc.** The "scientist" in question only has to say that a specific procedure is "necessary" for the experiment, and it is allowed. The goal is not to protect the animal; the goal is to insure that the experiment proceeds -- at any cost.



### **The National Death Toll**

Recent (fiscal 2005) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistics list a total of 1,177,566 (a one-year increase of 7%) primates, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other species as being subjected to experimental procedures. The species by species listings include:

66,610 dogs	57,531 primates
58,598 pigs	245,786 rabbits
22,921 cats	176,988 hamsters
64,146 other farm animals	32,260 sheep
231,440 other animals	221,286 guinea pigs

However, this total is likely far from accurate. At no time have all laboratories in the U.S. reported their experimental totals. The total of non-reporting facilities has varied from 22 to 128 (out of approximately 1100). The species that are not covered by the Animal Welfare Act (rats, mice, etc.) are not even counted. Therefore, the total above ignores the majority of animals experimented upon in the U.S. **The real number of animals experimented on in the U.S. each year is well over 20 million.** Additionally, these statistics do not cover animals that are caged in laboratories but are being held for conditioning or breeding. For example, while the USDA reports the use of over 57,000 primates in labs, the actual total is probably more like 120,000.

### **Where Does the Money Come From?**

Many federal agencies fund animal experiments including: the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Office of Assistant Secretary of Health (OASH).

**During fiscal 2005 these seven agencies within the federal government funded over 28,937 projects involving experimentation on more than 27 different species including: macaque monkeys, squirrel monkeys, rats, mice, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, and cats. Use of these species in federally funded projects has increased 59% in the last ten years. Government-funded experiments in these species cost U.S. taxpayers over \$12 billion annually.**

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### Government Waste

How does the federal government manage to spend so much money on animal experiments? Simple, **it pays for the same experiment to be done over and over and over again.** There are currently (for fiscal 2005) 1200 separate projects (costing a potential \$495,600,000 per year) that examine drug addiction. 778 projects study neural information processing in 11 species costing an estimated \$321,314,000. The list goes on and on and on. Even if this experimentation was worthwhile, why must we pay for it to be done over and over and over again? Who wants this duplication to continue? The table below contains estimates of federal funding for animal experiments at many well-known colleges and universities.

Simple (again), hundreds of institutions and thousands of individuals make money from these experiments. Look at the table of approximations below for some examples. The bottom line is that the federal government currently supports an industry that squanders billions of dollars, kills tens of millions of animals, and is essentially unregulated. No experiment, no matter how painful, is illegal. The majority of animals used in experimentation receive absolutely no protection under current laws.

University of CA, San Francisco	\$203,196,000
University of CA, Los Angeles	\$194,110,000
Harvard	\$441,273,869
Johns Hopkins University	\$256,886,000
Yale	\$199,066,000
Stanford	\$164,374,000
Vanderbilt	\$170,982,000
Emory University	\$239,303,364
Duke University	\$162,309,000
Baylor	\$173,047,000
University of Pennsylvania	\$256,060,000
University of Wisconsin, Madison	\$141,655,452
University of Washington, Seattle	\$418,889,748
University of Michigan	\$216,825,000

### What YOU can do to Fight Animal Experimentation:

1. **Read, copy, and distribute this fact sheet.**
2. **Contact your Senators and Representatives to ask for these things:**
  - A. Extend the protection of law to all species that are the victims of experimentation.
  - B. Extend the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit:
    1. The use of electric shock
    2. Food and water deprivation
    3. The use of extreme confinement, such as the primate restraint chair

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3. **Organize public events to expose abuses at facilities in your area.** Use the Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! (SAEN) website: **www.saenonline.org** to investigate labs in your area. Contact SAEN for help with investigations or for event planning.
4. **Write to your federal legislators to request a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded animal experimentation.**
5. **Send as large a tax-deductible donation as you can afford to Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! (SAEN) to support this campaign.**

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