Huge SAEN Victories!

SAEN Shocks Biomedical Industry with Dozens of Lab Prosecutions

SAEN continues to have amazing success in our fight against the abuse of animals in labs. Our unprecedented victories in exposing abuses and spawning effective regulatory action against over two dozen U.S. facilities is sending shockwaves through the biomedical industry.

In the past year, SAEN campaigns have led to federal fines against Medstar Medical Research Institute ($3,071), Rockland Inc ($32,071), Red Beast Enterprises Inc ($6,143), Cimcool Industrial Products ($3,143), and University of Alaska, Fairbanks (2nd largest lab fine ever $127,100).

SAEN's persistent pressure on the USDA to take action towards other labs achieved Official Warnings against Yale, Alpha Genesis, University of Washington, Eastern Wyoming College, Bioo Scientific, Riner & Associates, University of Houston, Oregon Health & Science University, MIT, Battelle Memorial Research Institute, and University of California, Davis.

In addition to these fines and warnings, SAEN's complaints have initiated pending USDA prosecutions against Columbia, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Texas Biomedical Research Institute, Tulane University, University of South Alabama, Wake Forest University, and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Not only are SAEN's investigations garnering successful USDA prosecutions, our work continues to expose these criminal labs in prestigious media outlets like the New York Times, Associated Press, USA Today, ABC News, and Fox News. In 2014 alone, we generated over 115 news stories, averaging one every three days, reaching millions around the world.

SAEN Turns U.S. Public Opinion Against Animal Experiments

A key battleground in the fight to end animal experimentation has always been the minds of U.S. citizens. In a democracy, influencing public opinion has always been crucial in bringing about meaningful change.

According to a public opinion poll just released in January of 2015, more Americans now oppose animal experimentation than support it. This recent poll by the Pew Research Center states: "Citizens are closely divided over animal research: 47% favor and 50% oppose the use of animals in scientific research." Just a little over ten years ago, a Gallup Poll had stated that only 32% of Americans opposed the use of animals in medical research. Yet now, in 2014, Gallup is reporting this upward trend as well.

Why has public opinion changed so drastically in spite of the best efforts of the biomedical industry to brainwash the public about the supposed 'necessity' of animal experimentation?

In the last three years, SAEN has successfully exposed the truth about the rampant cruelty, abuse, and negligence in our nation's animal labs with over 275 stories in major news media outlets, including USA Today, Washington Post, Boston Globe, New York Times, Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Nature Magazine, ABC News, Los Angeles Times, etc.

SAEN's cutting-edge investigations and sophisticated media strategies are turning public opinion in the animals' favor!

Now, for the first time in history, more Americans OPPOSE animal experimentation than support it! This is truly a historic event, and it could not have happened without YOU!
From the Desks of Michael and Karen Budkie, SAEN's Founders

Wow, 2014 was SAEN's best year ever! Never before have we had such a strong impact on the animal research industry. Never before have we brought the shocking truth about animal experimentation to such a huge audience. Never before have we seen the federal agencies that fund the biomedical industry scrambling so hard to diminish the results of our campaigns.

During Our Successful 2014:

- SAEN was involved in the federal prosecutions of two dozen labs: five were fined (including the second largest penalty ever assessed against a lab), eleven received Official Warnings, and eight are currently awaiting prosecution.
- SAEN exposed the horrific abuses of animal experimentation by generating over 115 news stories, averaging one every three days, reaching millions around the world.
- SAEN persuaded Cimcool Industrial Products here in Cincinnati to eliminate testing on guinea pigs, and totally dismantle their animal lab.
- SAEN ended primate experiments at Wooster College, freeing the remaining monkeys to a sanctuary.

Our successes are part of a growing global tide against animal experimentation. Abroad, we are witnessing massive uprisings against animal labs resulting in animal liberations, criminal prosecutions, and closures. Here, in the U.S., labs are closing as they succumb to public pressure. Also, federal agencies, feeling the mounting pressure, are lashing out defensively, attempting to preserve the status quo. Public opinion on the use of animals in experimentation has reached a major turning point. According to recent polls, more Americans now OPPOSE the use of animals in scientific research.

**The labs are now on the defensive. We are WINNING!**

This is a pivotal moment in history – the beginning of the end of animal experimentation!

Public opinion is on our side – Cutting-edge non-animal technology is readily available. Labs are buckling from intense scrutiny – Federal agencies are scrambling to discredit criticism.

Here, at SAEN, we are keeping the momentum going! Armed with 2014’s extraordinary successes, we are prepared to accomplish even more for the animals in 2015. Nothing our opposition does will slow us down.

Yet, we can't do it all alone. We need YOUR help NOW more than ever before!

Your involvement is crucial. Your support is vital.

With YOUR help, animal experimentation will be a thing of the past! Together, we can make it happen!

SAEN will NEVER stop fighting to end vivisection as long as even one animal is imprisoned in a laboratory!

Until all cages are empty,

Karen Michael

P.S. Don't forget donations can be tax-deductible!
SAEN Complaint launches USDA Prosecution
– University of Wisconsin Spokesperson cries Foul

MADISON, WI – The University of Wisconsin (UW), Madison, has a long and disgraceful track record of Animal Welfare Act violations, including recent ones which resulted in a $35,286 federal fine. The most recent citations were issued against UW in a July 15, 2014, report of an inspection which resulted from multiple Official Complaints filed by SAEN. The USDA citations clearly demonstrate that the cruelty and negligence at UW have not ended.

The SAEN-inspired USDA inspection cited UW for an unintentionally fatal procedure performed on a marmoset. UW staff neglected to make sure an anesthesia machine was functioning properly during a surgical procedure, killing the monkey.

A second violation under the Personnel Qualifications code section was relevant to a significant problem with primate escapes at UW. In fact, within roughly 1 1/2 years the negligence of this lab allowed no less than thirty-six separate primate escapes, many of which were connected to significant monkey injuries. We must wonder about the overall competence of UW staff, considering they seem to be unable to even keep the animals in the cages. The USDA clearly has the same concern because they chose to cite UW for the escapes not under housing or animal handling regulations, but instead under the code section relevant to Personnel Qualifications.

UW drew a third citation for an incident in which a monkey was burned by a defective heat lamp.

Yet, another violation was issued in connection to the strangulation death of a two-year-old macaque monkey who was found with the chain from an enrichment device wrapped around her neck.

The drastic incompetence exhibited by this facility has been the subject of no less than three separate Official Complaints by SAEN during 2014. While we are devastated by the ongoing abuse at UW, it is something of a consolation to know that our persistence has paid off, and that a meaningful penalty is possible.

The SAEN complaints not only compelled the USDA to take action, they also generated a significant news story which reveals UW’s violations of federal law in the pages of Madison’s Capital Times.

However, this article also contains rants from spokesperson, Eric Sandgren, who is the Director of UW’s Research Animal Resources Center. Sandgren does not deny that the incidents discussed in the article took place, nor does he deny that they violated federal law. Instead, he expresses the opinion that the tactics used by SAEN – obtaining UW documents which expose the violations – are "inappropriate."

The article states: "Sandgren says that SAEN’s tactics are inappropriate because they use information provided by the lab animal facility against it."

Despite the fact that the documents obtained by SAEN were acquired legally, and the actions discussed in them were clearly violations of federal law, the response from Sandgren is that he doesn’t like SAEN’s tactics. Apparently, he doesn't like the fact that UW's admissions of failure to treat animals in accordance with federal regulations may now lead to a penalty.

If UW is so concerned about their own documents and their admissions of guilt being used against them, then the way to prevent this in the future would simply be to stop breaking the law. As long as the lab continues to be negligent, kill, and injure animals, thus, violating federal law, you can be totally certain that SAEN will continue to hang all criminal facilities with their own paperwork.
SAEN's Groundbreaking New Tactics – Pushing for Criminal Prosecution of Animal Abusers!

The Animal Welfare Act is the only federal law that protects animals in laboratories. However, the requirements of this law are very minimal, only apply to a fraction of the animals tested on, and many of the regulations can be circumvented. In SAEN’s mission to eliminate animal experimentation, we have developed new tactics to get justice for the animals who suffer inside laboratories.

SAEN’s new tactical approach was stimulated in part by our campaign against the University of South Florida (USF). Our investigation of USF uncovered federal reports which revealed multiple instances of illegal primate water deprivation within USF labs that led to illness in multiple monkeys and one primate death. In response to this criminal activity, USF’s Administration had previously suspended multiple projects, shipped primates to an off-campus facility, terminated all experiments connected to the Principal Investigator and staff involved in the primate water deprivation, and revoked the animal use privileges of the individuals involved. SAEN filed an Official USDA Complaint against USF which generated major local news coverage and sparked the interest of local activists, one of whom contacted SAEN suggesting further actions which could be taken to potentially stimulate a criminal investigation. We worked cooperatively with the local activist contacting USF’s own campus police department. Together, we were successful in launching the first-ever criminal animal cruelty investigation of laboratory personnel by the school’s own police force which sent shockwaves throughout the USF campus.

In two consecutive USDA inspections of Eastern Wyoming College (EWC), this facility was cited for a total of twelve major Animal Welfare Act violations connected to the deaths of two dogs and one pig, as well as serious injuries sustained by at least two other dogs and a kitten. While compiling our Official USDA Complaint against EWC, we discovered that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA – the source of accreditation for EWC’s veterinary technician curriculum) had placed EWC’s program on probation in May of 2014. Because the incidents raised questions as to what veterinary technician students are learning at an institution that is not, according to the USDA, providing adequate veterinary care, watering, enclosures, and housing to the animals within the facility, SAEN called on the AVMA’s Center for Veterinary Medical Education Accreditation to fulfill its responsibility to the animals of Wyoming by revoking EWC’s veterinary technician program accreditation.

SAEN has also begun contacting district attorneys to push for the filing of criminal charges against labs for violating local animal cruelty laws. So far, we have lodged complaints against Johns Hopkins University (JHU). SAEN’s complaint against JHU is relevant to cruelty to mice that occurred at the university. On at least three separate occasions, a JHU employee deliberately injured mice during changing/cleaning cages. Additionally, negligence at JHU led to the strangulation deaths of three primates. SAEN called on the State’s Attorney to file charges against JHU for these criminal violations.

SAEN has also filed a complaint with the Dane County District Attorney (DA) for the University of Wisconsin’s (UW) violations of Wisconsin’s animal cruelty laws. UW violated Wisconsin’s requirements for providing proper shelter to animals at least five times. Five cows gained access to a manure pit – causing two of them to drown because UW staff left the electric fence unlocked. Another cow was euthanized due to severe injuries caused by an auger channel in the enclosure. UW staff failed to lock dividers in primate cages on three separate occasions – causing five monkeys to be injured and one to be euthanized. UW failed to provide proper food and/or water to monkeys and rats in violation of Wisconsin law at least three times. Additionally, UW transported animals in a cruel manner in violation of Wisconsin law. UW caused 15 mice to suffocate by transporting them in cardboard containers without adequate ventilation. SAEN called on the DA to file charges against UW for repeatedly violating Wisconsin criminal law.

In the future, we are aiming to see lab personnel jailed for criminal animal abuse.
SAEN frees Last Monkeys from Ohio School to Florida Sanctuary  
– Wooster College ends Primate Experiments Forever!

WOOSTER, OH – Three monkeys (Jake, Gizmo, and Alex) have found a new home at a primate sanctuary in Florida thanks to SAEN – officially ending primate testing at Wooster College in Wooster (OH). These primates will join their family members, Pip and Zeke, who were already living at the sanctuary.

Wooster College has agreed to permanently end all use of primates in experimentation, stopping decades of behavioral tests. The cages that housed the five monkeys in the Ohio lab will now be empty forever.

The three capuchin monkeys traveled to Florida in July of 2014, and were met by SAEN’s own Elyse Budkie, who helped to receive them and also served as media liaison – fielding many reporters’ questions.

“This is a day to be remembered not only because three monkeys are being freed from lab cages, but also because Wooster College has seen the light, promising to never experiment on primates again,” said Elyse Budkie. "SAEN is thrilled to be a part of this day by providing funding for their enclosure, and I am thrilled to be here to welcome these monkeys to freedom."

SAEN Successes draw Biomedical Industry Outcry  
– NIH holds Webinar to pacify Irate Labs!

WASHINGTON, DC – SAEN has been very successful at utilizing/publicizing data obtained from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) relevant to incidents that caused suffering to, and even killed, hundreds of animals in dozens of labs across the U.S. Our efforts have resulted in Official Warnings and citations for many of the culprits.

However, the concrete results we have garnered aren't the only reason we know that we are on the right track. Our successes have now spawned several responses from the National Institutes of Health. In the last issue of The Defender, we discussed an NIH statement directed at SAEN that intentionally misdirects attention away from the real issue of cruelty and negligence within federally funded labs:

"The events concerning the welfare of laboratory animals shared with the media by the organization Stop Animal Exploitation Now . . . are not current. SAEN obtained records . . . of events either self-reported by institutions or investigated by the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) for noncompliance with PHS Policy.”

Apparenty, the biomedical industry has been crying foul to the NIH because the agency is the source of the damning information that we are using so effectively. The response to the industry outcry was a webinar presented by the NIH that included speakers from the USDA, National Association for Biomedical Research, and the NIH, itself. This presentation discussed methods for the labs to make their records ready for release, including ways for them to withhold information as well as what types of incidents needed to be reported, etc.

During the question and answer section of the presentation, it became VERY clear that the labs expected both the USDA and the NIH to give them absolution from the consequences of their negligence as long as they dutifully self-reported all issues.

However, the USDA spokesperson made it clear that if these violations involved unrelieved pain, injuries, or animal deaths, prosecution would result. The labs will NOT be getting a free pass from the USDA, and SAEN will insure that these criminal facilities endure the full consequences of their own negligence.
SAEN ranks Worst Primate Labs in U.S.
– Over 31,000 imprisoned, Dozens die Horribly

University, government, defense industry, and contract research facilities dominated SAEN’s Worst Primate Labs National List – and are responsible for experimenting on 31,385 primates across the U.S. Over half of the labs on the Worst list are state universities. The list is rounded out by labs from the pharmaceutical industry, chemical/bio-defense labs, federal facilities, and private contract labs.

The ranking for each lab was based on the number of primates imprisoned and used for experimentation, number of exceptions to Animal Welfare Act requirements, number of primates used in experiments causing pain or distress without pain relief or tranquilizers, number of negligent primate deaths, number of USDA citations & Official Warnings, and dollar amount of USDA fines.

The worst primate lab in the country, SNBL (Shin Nippon Biomedical Laboratories), earned its top spot for having the highest number of negligent primate deaths – 33 in one year. At the University of Louisiana – Lafayette, the lab tied with OHSU for #2, three monkeys were locked in a chute where they died after staff failed to even notice their absence for several days. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) tied with Emory University as the fifth worst primate lab in the country. Thirty-six primate escapes garnered the University of Wisconsin – Madison the seventh spot on the Worst primate lab list. 93% of the primates at the University of Pittsburgh, the tenth worst primate lab, were subjected to painful procedures without relief. A total of 68 primates were killed by Animal Welfare Act violations inside the Worst Primate Labs, and although the labs on this list racked up 52 citations for primate-related violations of the Animal Welfare Act, the USDA only took action to enforce the law twice. Literally, anything goes in these labs while the USDA looks the other way – negating the protection primates supposedly have under the Animal Welfare Act. The public perception that animals, including primates, in labs are protected from pain or distress is an illusion.

The release of the shocking information from SAEN’s Worst Primate Labs spread across the U.S., focusing attention on the brutalities suffered by primates in labs.

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SAEN Pressure on USDA yields Unprecedented Results
- USDA files Second Complaint Against Santa Cruz Biotech

SANTA CRUZ, CA – Santa Cruz Biotech (SCB) is one of the worst violators of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) in recent memory - having peaked in 2012 with 29 separate AWA violations that impacted hundreds of animals, earning them the dubious distinction of being the most criminal lab of the year.

However, the unusual thing about SCB is that the corporation is not just registered as a research facility, they are also licensed by the USDA as an animal dealer. During 2012, as Santa Cruz Biotech was amassing a huge number of violations under their research facility registration, they were also piling up almost two dozen more violations under their license as an animal dealer. But this was not the end of SCB’s criminal behavior – they continued to accumulate even more violations under their dealer license into 2013 and 2014.

SAEN has taken unprecedented action against SCB, and we have achieved unparalleled results. During our long-term campaign, we have generated twenty-six news stories against Santa Cruz Biotech, exposing the shocking truth to millions of people across the U.S. and around the world.

In July of 2012, the USDA first responded to the public pressure generated by SAEN and filed an extensive ten-page federal complaint against Santa Cruz Biotech relevant to the violations connected to SCB’s research facility registration – this complaint should garner a huge fine.

In January of 2013, SAEN filed a precedent-setting lawsuit against Santa Cruz Biotech. We are confident that this litigation will result in a significant civil penalty.

In November of 2014, again in response to intense public pressure orchestrated by SAEN, the USDA filed an unparalleled SECOND federal complaint against Santa Cruz Biotech – this time focusing on SCB’s animal dealer license. The most important part of this crucial filing is that the USDA is seeking the permanent revocation of Santa Cruz Biotech’s license to operate as an animal dealer. This filing could be the end of SCB’s antibody sale operation, thus ending their vampire-like use of thousands of sick and injured goats.

“I am not aware of the USDA ever filing a second complaint against a lab before an earlier complaint had even been resolved,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “Clearly, the USDA is throwing the book at Santa Cruz Biotech.”

While we applaud the USDA’s action against SCB, even terminating their dealer license will not solve what we have discovered is a larger problem - these issues aren’t limited to just SCB.

Santa Cruz Biotech is a company that uses goats and rabbits to produce antibodies that are sold to other labs for use in experiments. However, SCB is not the only criminal lab using animals to produce antibodies. SAEN has also successfully pressured the USDA to issue a $32,071 fine against Rockland Inc. (another lab that produces antibodies from goats and rabbits) for years of violations.

But Rockland is NOT the last antibody producer that abuses animals. SAEN’s investigations have recently uncovered the criminal activity of Equitech-Bio of Kerrville, TX. The USDA recently issued four DIRECT citations against this heinous institution during a single inspection – having levied a total of only six direct citations against the other 1,099 U.S. labs during the entire year.

Two of Equitech’s most damning incidents caused most of the recent violations. The first allowed a rabbit’s broken leg to go untreated for over a month; the second involved failure to provide adequate protection from the elements for 180 goats in six-degree weather. SAEN has filed a dual complaint against Equitech, seeking a fine against Equitech’s research branch while also seeking the suspension of Equitech’s animal dealer license.

Please contact the USDA to demand termination of both Santa Cruz Biotech’s animal dealer license and Equitech-Bio’s animal dealer license.

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SAEN uncovers Thirteen Primate Deaths at Covance Lab
– Federal Complaint generates International Coverage

ALICE, TX – SAEN's ongoing investigations have uncovered a horrific incident at the Texas location of the infamous international animal testing lab and animal dealer, Covance Research Products, which imprisons tens of thousands of animals annually.

A USDA report obtained by SAEN reveals the shocking deaths of thirteen monkeys due to a heating system malfunction that literally cooked the primates to death. This report revealed that Covance was cited for improper indoor housing facilities.

SAEN filed an Official Complaint with the USDA against Covance on December 22, 2014, calling for an additional citation for improper animal handling and the largest federal fine allowed by the Animal Welfare Act.

Covance's appalling negligence was revealed to the world by SAEN's media exposé that spread the truth across America and around the globe, garnering major media coverage when ABC News and the New York Times picked up the Associated Press article in the U.S. International coverage included the Guardian and the Daily Mail in Great Britain, and the Russian news service RT.

"The negligence which allowed primates to literally be cooked to death in two separate incidents deserves the maximum penalty," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "These monkeys suffered horribly, dying unnecessarily, and this facility should pay the price."

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA & MORGANTOWN, WV – Ending the life of an animal, euthanasia, is one of the most difficult decisions made by those who care about animals. However, the actual process is simple and is usually accomplished with an anesthetic overdose.

We would think that in animal laboratories euthanasia would essentially be an everyday occurrence because of the number of animals that are used in terminal experiments. However, even this simple process is apparently beyond the ability of some facilities to perform correctly.

Pacific Biolabs (PBL), a private contract laboratory located near San Francisco (CA) was recently (8/19/14) cited by the USDA for a major Animal Welfare Act violation when an inspector discovered that a living rabbit had been placed in a carcass freezer due to a botched euthanasia procedure. SAEN’s media exposé of PBL’s shocking carelessness gained national attention in the pages of the San Francisco Chronicle and on the Associated Press news wire. The public pressure generated by this exposure, along with SAEN’s Official Complaint, will no doubt be instrumental in forcing the USDA to effectively punish PBL.

Unfortunately, this incident at PBL is not an isolated occurrence. SAEN has also discovered that another lab, West Virginia University, failed at euthanasia. A USDA inspection report dated 6/25/14 disclosed that a living sheep was put out on a trash heap, and left there for hours, due a botched attempt to put the animal to sleep.

However, the ghoulish incompetence does not stop there. SAEN investigations have also uncovered federal reports proving that living rats and/or mice have been put into carcass freezers at: Case Western Reserve University, Michigan State University, Pennsylvania State University, Temple University, University of Kansas, University of Massachusetts, The Ohio State University, and McLean Hospital.

SAEN uncovers Electrocut Death at Lab in Louisiana – Federal Reports document Shocking Negligence

LAFAYETTE/NEW IBERIA, LA – SAEN’s cutting edge investigations have uncovered new appalling negligence at the University of Louisiana’s New Iberia Research Center. This institution was most recently fined $38,571 for the deaths of three juvenile monkeys in a transfer chute.

Federal reports obtained by SAEN revealed two incidents that are the basis of a new Official Complaint filed with the USDA against the University of Louisiana (UL). One of the incidents involved the electrocution death of a monkey, while the other left a second monkey to suffer with a broken limb.

A report filed by UL recounts an incident that occurred on October 21, 2013: "a pigtailed macaque (Macaca nemestrina) was found dead in an outdoor housing enclosure. Two technicians received an electric shock while attempting to retrieve the deceased animal for necropsy, which was consistent with the ultimate determination of death due to electrocution."

An incident from November, 2013, led to a monkey's limb becoming fractured, which resulted in amputation: "a 2 year old female pigtailed macaque (Macaca nemestrina) was injured during the course of being captured for a routine physical examination. While being captured the technician (an experienced supervisor) grasped the animal by a hind limb resulting in a physeal fracture."

"Allowing a monkey to die of electrocution, breaking the leg of another monkey, and also endangering human staff by electrically shocking them deserves a major federal penalty," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN.

SAEN’s media exposé generated multiple print and broadcast news stories that spread across Louisiana and the U.S. reaching millions of people.

Please contact the USDA to demand action against University of Louisiana

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SAEN blows the Lid off of National Epidemic of Fatal Blunders – Labs from Coast to Coast feel the Pressure of our Spotlight

WASHINGTON, DC – Many SAEN supporters are extremely impressed not only with the quality of SAEN’s campaign work, but also with the sheer number of labs targeted by SAEN. While we try to include in The Defender information about many of the projects we are working on, we cannot possibly include individual articles on every lab that we are targeting. The scope of our work is so broad that if we discussed all of it, each issue of The Defender would be a medium-sized novel.

Our work is based on information from multiple sources, including the USDA, National Institutes of Health, and even legally-obtained documents from within the labs themselves. SAEN also receives a significant amount of information about some of the most heinous labs from whistleblowers.

In the last several months, SAEN has taken on all of the labs listed below. SAEN has produced media exposés and/or Official Complaints focusing on:

- **Pacific Biolabs** – Live rabbit found in carcass freezer.
- **MPI Research** – 134 rabbits killed due to botched eye injections, puppy and rabbit euthanized due to leg fracture and pelvic fracture, respectively.
- **Colorado State University** – two goats killed by mountain lion, guinea pig dies due to lack of veterinary care, two deer killed after escaping, five guinea pigs over-dosed with test vaccine.
- **University of Pittsburgh** – 31 primates were utilized after they were removed from use and confiscated, rabbit bled to death, rabbit euthanized due to head injury sustained by falling out of cage, multiple primate escapes, one primate injured during escape, rabbits not provided pain relief on multiple dates, monkey not provided pain relief, goat euthanized due to untreated dislocated kneecaps, six monkeys not provided medications.
- **University of Michigan** – Baboon death by strangulation, hamster drowned in floor drain, pig euthanized after power outage during surgery, rabbit burned, pig euthanized after urethra damaged during unapproved procedure, cat euthanized after anesthesia failure during surgery.
- **West Virginia University** – Live sheep put out in the trash.
- **Mayo Clinic** – Three monkeys severely burned.
- **SNBL** – 25 monkeys died during transport.
- **University of South Florida** – 27 monkeys water deprived, diabetic primates water deprived overnight several times, one euthanized after developing ketosis.
- **Texas A&M** – Pig died following drug overdose.
- **Washington University (St. Louis)** – Dog punched in the head.
- **University of Maryland** – Delayed medical treatment to bats resulting in deaths.
- **University of Cincinnati** – Surgical anesthesia failure for two rabbits, third rabbit anesthesia under-dose.
- **University of Florida** – 22 goats died due to untreated anemia, rabbit dies from heart attack, dog not treated for glaucoma.
- **University of Louisiana (Lafayette)** – Monkey electrocuted, second monkey suffers severe leg fracture resulting in amputation.
- **Covance Laboratories** – 13 monkeys died of heat stress.
- **Johns Hopkins University** – Three primates die of strangulation, rabbit boiled alive in cage washer, employee deliberately injured mice on three separate occasions.
- **Oklahoma State University** – Rabbit killed by rifle shot, dog ran over by truck and killed, three zebra finches starved to death.
World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week 2014 (WLALW) (April 19 – 27) was an amazing success! Activists from around the world banded together to fight for a permanent end to animal experimentation. During this phenomenal week, protests, news conferences, and other outreach events targeted labs in dozens of cities across fifteen states and the District of Columbia, along with international events taking place in eight other nations.

WLALW 2015 is April 18 – 26. Please get involved in this crucial event to help SAEN and other organizations across the U.S. and around the world make WLALW 2015 an even larger and more successful event for the animals.

Please connect with SAEN through our facebook page, the World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week facebook page, and our website to get involved.

This week has traditionally been a time when animal activists have organized rallies, protests, news conferences, literature tables, and other events to fight for the animals who are imprisoned in laboratories and to raise public awareness of their plight. These animals are depending on each one of us to stand up and act on their behalf.

SAEN estimates that over 100 million animals suffer and die in U.S. labs every year. These innocent victims are subjected to addictive drugs, psychological torture, food and/or water deprivation, ionizing radiation, caustic chemicals, biological and chemical weapons, electric shock, and many other unimaginable horrors.

WLALW started 30 years ago in 1984 – one year after massive rallies with thousands of people took place at six notorious primate centers – fifteen people were arrested at the California Regional Primate Center in Davis. This first civil disobedience for animals imprisoned in labs marked an upswing of activity to end animal experimentation.

Start Planning NOW for World Week 2015!

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AR2014, the National Animal Rights Conference, was held in Los Angeles, CA, drawing yet another record crowd this year, with over 1,000 people attending.

SAEN was an AR2014 sponsor because this event is an important forum for fighting animal abuse by working with activists across the U.S. and around the world. Our Co-Founders, Karen and Michael Budkie, and SAEN’s Science Advisor, Dr. Murry Cohen, each presented multiple workshops at AR2014 including: Lessons from Vivisection Campaigns, Animal Abuse for Science, Using Technology to Replace Animals, Responding to Vivisection Arguments, Planning Successful Events, and a SAEN-sponsored panel – Advocating for our Closest Cousins. SAEN’s Michael Budkie was selected to give one of the conference’s key talks during the opening plenary; his Vivisection: The State of the Movement speech highlighted recent triumphs relevant to animal experimentation.

SAEN then closed the conference with a huge UCLA protest (over 100 activists in attendance) garnering significant coverage from many local media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times.

Another exciting conference that SAEN was involved in during the summer of 2014 was Vegetarian Summerfest which focuses on all aspects of the vegan diet, such as health, factory farming, exercise, spirituality, etc. SAEN’s co-founders, Michael and Karen Budkie, educated and networked with hundreds of Summerfest attendees from across the U.S. and Canada.

Michael participated in a theologically oriented panel discussion: What the Bible has to say about Animal Rights and a Vegetarian Diet along with several solo talks: Lifelong Activism: Staying in the Fight, The Grief of Animal Activism: Dealing with the Challenging Personal Issues Caused by Caring about Animals, and Importance of Non-Violence for Animal Activism.

Karen and Michael also spoke at Cleveland Vegfest, a one day event that attracts thousands to learn more about vegetarian food and a vegan lifestyle, doing a presentation titled: Being Vegan Means More than Just Changing Your Diet.

Vegetarian Summerfest, the National Animal Rights Conference, and other speaking engagements are always extremely important because they provide us with the opportunity to network with hundreds of activists from across the U.S. and around the world to educate them about the realities of animal experimentation.

See you at the 2015 conferences!
SAEN’s Free the Animals Conference comes Home to Cincinnati – Activists take to the Streets for Primate Liberation Week!

CINCINNATI, OH – SAEN’s staff and a host of exciting speakers presented at the most recent Free the Animals (FTA) Conference on October 10th – 12th, 2014, at the Miami Twp Conference Center near Cincinnati (OH). This stimulating event gave attendees the inspiration and training to attack the vivisection issue head-on, while providing an opportunity to make a concrete difference for animals currently imprisoned in labs. Several exciting new speakers were added to the program, including: Jordan Ezell and Amanda Schemkes (*The Bunny Alliance*), John Pierre (nutrition and fitness consultant), Ana Wolf (activist marathoner), and Jodie Wiederkehr (*Center For Ethical Science*). While Karen and Michael Budkie (*SAEN*), Bob Ingersoll (*Nim Chimpsky Trust*), Kari Bagnall (*Jungle Friends*), Dr. Steve Kaufman, and Dr. Murry Cohen returned to provide crucial presentations.

The conference included a networking reception that provided attendees the opportunity to discuss what they learned and also make personal connections with other great activists. We are seeing that many of these connections are continuing to flourish long after conference weekend. *FTA* Cincinnati included a community outreach opportunity with a neighborhood demo outside the home of an ABX Airlines executive, and wrapped up with a huge protest at ABX Airlines Global Headquarters on October 13th.

SAEN’s ABX protest was a part of *Primate Liberation Week 2014 (PLW)*, which had the largest participation in the history of this event. During *PLW 2014*, activists across the U.S. planned over thirty events to put pressure on all aspects of primate use – from laboratories to airlines that ship monkeys to the labs. Activists in Australia and Canada planned multiple events making *PLW 2014* a landmark event!

The Cincinnati Conference program included new presentations as well as the core, skill-oriented talks on investigations, news media, etc. Dr. Steve Kaufman returned with a scientifically-oriented talk titled: *Scientific Fallacies of Animal Experiments*. New speakers, Jordan Ezell and Amanda Schemkes, presented a talk titled: *Strategic Planning for Effective Campaigning*. Approximately fifty activists participated in this one-of-a-kind event, gaining both knowledge and inspiration that will equip them to be effective in their anti-vivisection work as well as in their work on any other animal protection issue.

Primate Liberation Week 2015 will be October 10 - 18. Start Planning NOW!
Fluffy Pancakes

1 ripe banana, mashed
2 1/2 cup baking mix
1 1/2 cup plant-based milk  1 tsp baking soda
2 to 3 tsp sugar  1 tsp apple cider vinegar

Mix all ingredients, except vinegar, until slightly lumpy.
Preheat oiled griddle. Just before cooking pancakes,
stir in vinegar and wait for bubbles. Spoon 2 tbsp batter
onto hot oiled griddle and flip when edges are bubbly.
Yield: 24 pancakes

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   Just in the last 3 years, SAEN shut down primate experimentation at Penn State Med School and Wooster College and closed Harvard's Primate Center and Cimcool's animal lab.

2. **SAEN gets labs prosecuted!**
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3. **SAEN is ranked as a "2014 Top-Rated Non-Profit."**

4. **SAEN garners major media coverage.**
   In 2014 alone, SAEN generated over 115 articles in major publications, educating millions and exposing criminal labs while also bringing us into contact with whistleblowers. 2015 is off to a great start!

5. **SAEN organizes the only conference exclusively about vivisection!**
   Our Free the Animals conferences empower & energize activists to attack vivisection head-on!

6. **SAEN is a Deal!**
   Low overhead with no expense accounts or six-figure salaries!

7. **SAEN rallies activists with international events.**
   World Week (April), Primate Liberation Week (Oct)

8. **SAEN has earned the Guidestar Exchange Seal.**

9. **SAEN frees animals from labs.**
   Today, primates live in sanctuaries directly due to SAEN’s Sanctuary Fund donations and SAEN’s campaigns effectively targeting labs!

10. **SAEN is a national organization with a grassroots focus.**
    We empower activists with support in media relations, investigations, campaign tactics, and outreach materials (posters, brochures, banners).
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