

Primate Experimentation at the University of Wisconsin

A Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! fact sheet

Cruelty and Waste on a National Scale

Primate experimentation in the United States is out of control. **In the last ten years the number of primate experiments funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has increased by 136%.** Statistics based on data published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reveal that **primate experimentation in the U.S. has reached an all time high with over 120,000 of our closest relatives suffering and dying in laboratories during the last two years.**

Repetition is rampant among NIH-funded projects. Currently 170 National Institutes of Health projects study neural information processing in macaque monkeys. 75 grants fund examinations of cocaine in primates. 70 experiments examine vision in macaque monkeys. These experiments continue for decades wasting millions of tax dollars and victimizing primates for an entire lifetime.

The Truth About Primate Experimentation

Experimentation on primates is neither humane nor scientific. During typical experiments primates are often deprived of food or water. Electrodes are forced into their brains. They are confined to restraint chairs. Other devices such as restraint bars and recording cylinders are literally bolted to the primates' skulls. They suffer from bacterial infections and many other pathological conditions.

A recent SAEN audit of 50 nationally known laboratories revealed that 82% of these facilities use intensive restraint (such as primate restraint chairs) and 40% routinely deprive primates of food or water.

The University of Wisconsin, Madison/ Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center

The University of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center (WRPRC) experiments on 2500 primates every year. The public is often told that UW laboratories are government regulated, therefore everything must be ok. This is anything but true. Recent USDA/APHIS reports reveal horrendous abuses at the WRPRC:

60 rhesus monkeys & 70 marmosets deprived of water 14 hours/day for 5 days

150 rhesus monkeys deprived of water up to 20 hours/day

174 rhesus monkeys deprived of 30% of food intake

150 rhesus monkeys & 116 marmosets confined to restraint chairs for up to 104 hours at a time



19 Rhesus - chair restraint of animals, involved in neuroanatomical and behavioral investigations for up to 12 hours.

12 Rhesus - chair restraint of animals for up to 96 hours for the collection of amygdala perfusates.

A total of 756 (30.4%) of the primates held captive at the UW, Madison/WRPRC experienced either food deprivation, water deprivation, or confinement to a restraint chair. This proves that experimentation at the UW, Madison/WRPRC is inherently abusive.

What YOU can do to Help:

1. Get involved in campaigns to fight primate abuse -- please contact:

The Alliance for Animals
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2. Read, copy, and distribute this fact sheet.

3. Write to University officials to protest this abuse of primates.

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4. 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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