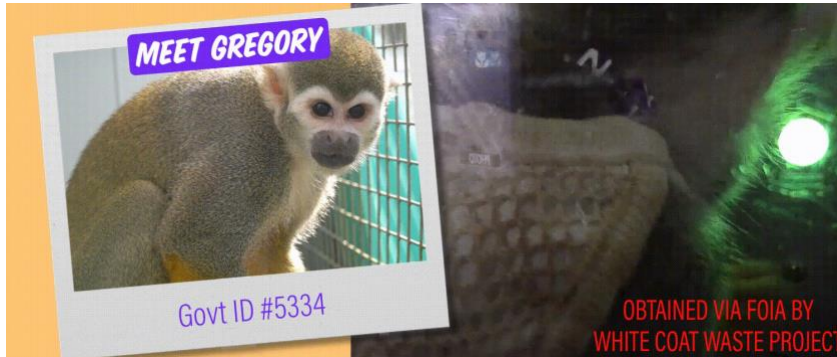


## WCW Closes FDA's Biggest Primate Lab

From Amanda Nieves, WCW White Coat Waste

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*FOIA to Freedom: This is an actual video of Gregory inside NCTR's nicotine chamber. WCW shut it down and retired Gregory to a sanctuary.*

- **Big Win:** WCW has ended ALL primate testing and breeding at the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR)—FDA's biggest monkey lab.
- When WCW launched this campaign, NCTR experimentation was at an all-time high. 200+ monkeys were abused each year. Now it's 0.
- No other group has shut down a government monkey lab—or any primate tests in the USA—in nearly a decade.

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**"FDA closes largest primate lab to save hundreds of monkeys and millions of dollars."**

**Washington Examiner**

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White Coat Waste (WCW) is a Project to get the U.S. government out of the monkey experimentation business.

Thanks to our hard-hitting campaigns and effective lobbying, the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) *biggest* primate lab just completely shut down ALL monkey tests as well as its breeding program!

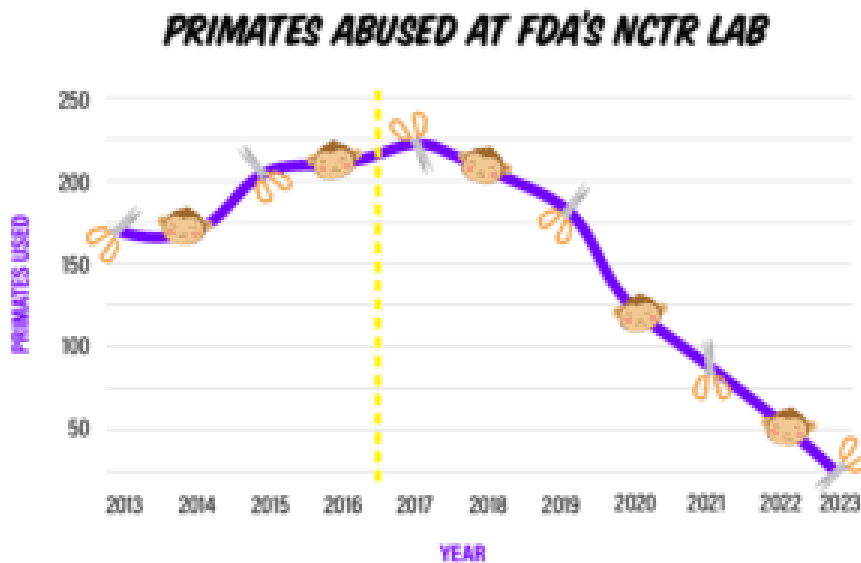
Back in 2016, we first uncovered that the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) in Arkansas was [addicting baby monkeys to nicotine](#).

*Your tax bill? \$5.5 million.*

In early 2018, following WCW's campaign, the FDA canceled these tests and—for the first time in agency history—[retired the surviving primates to a sanctuary](#).

But hundreds more monkeys were still being locked up and tortured at NCTR. *The FDA was addicted to spending.*

So we intensified our campaign to find and expose even more [waste](#) and [abuse](#) inside NCTR's primate labs and [united Republicans and Democrats](#) like Reps. Brendan Boyle (D-PA), Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Sanford Bishop (D-GA) and Ken Calvert (R-CA) to [enact legislation](#) to end it.

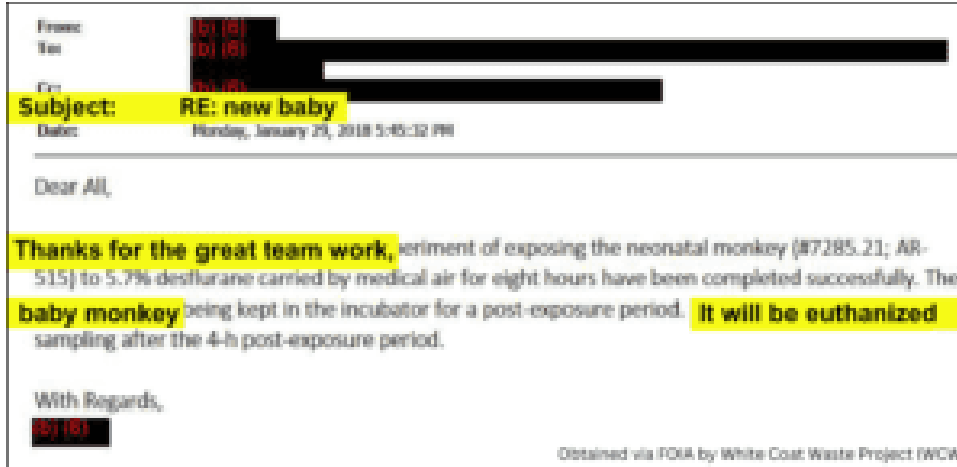


*WCW's slashed NCTR's primate abuse from its peak down to ZERO!*

Our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) investigations and [lawsuits](#) revealed how baby monkeys were locked alone in tiny cages for years on end, forcibly addicted to amphetamine, ketamine, and Ritalin.

Newborns were torn from their traumatized mothers and slaughtered before they're a week old.

In one disturbing email, FDA white coats literally congratulate each other for torturing and killing one of these babies:



*This is an actual FDA email at the NCTR lab. Teamwork from bipartisan lawmakers and our grassroots army helped WCW shut it down.*

As you can see, heartless government white coats didn't just pat themselves on the back for abusing these babies. They danced as they locked up the little monkeys in cages:



*This is an actual FDA video at the NCTR lab. Our new win helps ensure this wasteful government spending won't happen again.*

When we first launched this campaign, FDA's primate experimentation at the NCTR lab was at its peak with over 200 monkeys abused each year—now it's ZERO.

The FDA has just informed WCW that "NCTR does not currently have an NHP program. It was retired in December 2022"!

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: FDA FOIA 2023-6815  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 10:37:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Schlaifer, Meredith  
**To:** Daniel Lopez  
**Attachments:** image001.png, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg, image005.jpg

Good morning,

**NCTR does not currently have an NHP program. It was retired in December 2022.**

The combined White Oak facility, run under CBER, also works on CDER projects. Your request remains open to CBER and they will send a separate response.

Thank you,

**Meredith J. Schlaifer, M.S., J.D.**  
 FOIA Officer, Office of the Commissioner  
 Division of Freedom of Information  
 U.S. Food and Drug Administration

A majority of Democrats and Republicans agree: taxpayers shouldn't be forced to pay for FDA's monkey business.

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**"Monkey business over,  
 say lab critics."**

Arkansas Democrat  Gazette

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Now, thanks to WCW's winning campaign, they won't have to any longer.

"Painful testing on primates has no place in the 21st century when superior alternatives are available, and I am thrilled that **following my years of advocacy with the White Coat Waste Project the FDA has finally shut down all of its primate experiments at the National Center for Toxicological Research.** I will continue to lead bipartisan efforts in Washington to stop the abuse of primates and other animals in outdated, expensive and unnecessary government experiments."

Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)







**Ken Calvert**   
@KenCalvert



I'm proud of the progress we're making to cut FDA's primate tests. For years, I have been leading efforts to replace outdated FDA animal tests with more humane, efficient & effective modern alternatives. Thank you [@WhiteCoatWaste](#) for your support.



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The Food and Drug Administration quietly closed its Arkansas lab that tested drugs on monkeys.

***STOP THE MONEY. STOP THE MADNESS!***



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