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Harvard announces closure of Primate Research Center SAEN demands Release of Primates to Sanctuaries

BOSTON, MA – A major multi-year SAEN campaign recently culminated with a stunning success – the announcement of the planned closure of Harvard’s Primate Research Center in 2015.

The announcement of this wonderful news came on April 23rd, 2013 and reverberated across the U.S. and around the world through major news outlets including *Boston Globe*, *Associated Press*, *Nature*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Huffington Post*, *Metrowest Daily News*, and *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*.

SAEN’s crusade against Harvard has been underway since our inception in 1996, involving dozens of protests, over 50 news stories, letter-writing initiatives, multitudes of USDA complaints resulting in citations and warnings, and airing of hard-hitting anti-Harvard TV spots.

As Harvard became more plagued with ineptitude, SAEN’s campaign against this Ivy League icon intensified as well. Starting in 2010, a primate negligently left in a cage during sterilization was literally boiled to death. Then, in August of 2011, a second primate died of a drug overdose. Just a few months later in December, a USDA report recounted a mysterious monkey death during an imaging procedure. And just a few weeks later, in January of 2012, another USDA inspection cited Harvard for multiple violations for a primate death due to dehydration and a monkey who suffered a fractured leg. Just a few days later, the *Boston Globe* exposed an additional primate death due to dehydration.

Throughout Harvard’s epidemic of negligence, SAEN led the fight – exposing every incidence of malfeasance in major news stories, filing numerous USDA Official Complaints, coordinating protests,

airing commercials, and generating thousands of letters, phone calls, and emails focusing immense public pressure forcing this criminal lab to its knees.

“The closure of Harvard’s Primate Research

Center is the best news I have ever heard,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., SAEN’s Co-Founder. “This ends decades of agony and the potential exists to bring freedom to many monkeys and redirect millions of dollars into clinical and epidemiological research which will more directly benefit humans.”



Despite the magnitude of this unprecedented success, SAEN’s work is

not done – at their other locations, Harvard will still be experimenting on animals, including primates. Right now, our focus is redirected to the fate of the over 2000 imprisoned primates hanging in the balance. We must do everything in our power to pressure Harvard to release these innocent victims to sanctuaries and provide funding for their lifetime care. Join us as we work for the freedom of these monkeys - visit our website today to check out our action plan, including an online petition.

Please contact Harvard’s President to insist they release the 2000+ monkeys to sanctuaries.

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