

**SAEN releases Its Annual '20 Most Painful Labs' List
 -- Every Hour 11 Animals in U.S. experimented on without Pain Relief!**

20 Most Painful U.S. Labs of 2011

RANK	NAME -- LOCATION	INDUSTRY **	# animals with unrelieved pain	% animals in their care with unrelieved pain	score based on #	score based on %	combined score
1	WUXI APPTec, INC (MN)	PH	20,776	77%	19	18	37
1	BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM VETMEDICA, INC (MO)	PH	25,296	66%	20	17	37
3	US ARMY MED RESEARCH INST OF CHEM DEF (MD)	DOD	4,718	84%	16	19	35
4	EMERGENT BIODEFENSE (MI)	DOD	10,831	57%	18	14	32
5	UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (UT)	U	2,721	90%	11	20	31
6	DIAMOND ANIMAL HEALTH, INC (IA)	PH	4,093	62%	14	15	29
7	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE (MD)	U	1,511	63%	9	16	25
8	NOVARTIS ANIMAL HEALTH US, INC (IA)	PH	4,117	31%	15	7	22
9	LEE LABORATORIES (GA)	PH	1,450	54%	8	13	21
10	MERIAL LIMITED (GA)	PH	2,731	35%	12	8	20
11	PFIZER GLOBAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (NY)	PH	6,024	12%	17	2	19
12	INTERVET, INC (NJ)	PH	2,843	21%	13	5	18
13	US ARMY MED RESEARCH INST OF INFECT DIS (MD)	DOD	1,385	43%	6	10	16
13	MOOG MEDICAL DEVICES GROUP (NY)	PH	1,429	39%	7	9	16
15	COLORADO SERUM COMPANY (CO)	PH	1,141	53%	3	12	15
16	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (PA)	U	1,557	18%	10	4	14
17	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS (TX)	U	973	45%	1	11	12
18	BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE (OH)	DOD	1,322	26%	5	6	11
19	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (MD)	FED	1,107	14%	2	3	5
19	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (CA)	U	1,154	9%	4	1	5

** PH = Pharmaceutical U = University
 DOD = Defense Industry FED = Federal

**TOTAL 97,179 which represents 84% of US total number
 of animals (116,337) reported experiencing
 unrelieved pain**

WASHINGTON, DC – Pharmaceutical, university, government, and defense industry research facilities dominated SAEN's annual "20 Most Painful Labs" list – and are responsible for experimenting on nearly 100,000 dogs, cats, primates, and other animals without providing any kind of pain relief!

Each lab's rank is determined based on the combination of scores for both overall number of animals experiencing unrelieved pain and percentage of animals in their care experiencing unrelieved pain, with the highest combined score garnering the #1 spot.

Fully half of the labs on this list along with the two tying for #1 ranking perform pharmaceutical testing. The two leaders, Wuxi Apptec and Boehringer Ingelheim VetMedica Inc., earned their top spots for achieving the highest combined scores, based on their high number of animals experiencing unrelieved pain (20,776 and 25,296 respectively) and for the high percentage of animals in their care experiencing unrelieved pain (77% and 66% respectively).

In addition to the ten facilities from the

pharmaceutical industry, the list is rounded out by four labs doing experiments in chemical/bio-defense, five universities, and one federal facility.

Nationally, a total of 116,337 animals were used in painful experiments without anesthesia, an increase of 20 percent from the previous year. The "20 Most Painful Labs" accounted for 97,179 of these animals – 84% of the national total of 116,337.

Another shocking statistic shown by this ranking – contrary to what the public is led to believe by the labs – the 20 worst labs subject 11 animals to unrelieved pain every hour of every day.

And this is legal! The labs' own internal committees have the authority to approve the exclusion of pain relief citing potential interference with experimental protocols and results.

Currently, with self-approval of research protocols by labs, literally anything goes – negating the protection animals have under the Animal Welfare Act. The public perception that animals in labs are protected from pain or distress is an illusion.

