

Bob Barker enables SAEN to Further Our Mission

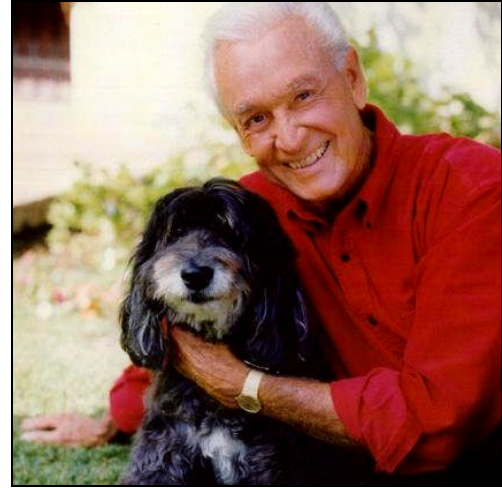
Legendary television host and animal advocate Bob Barker has made a significant monetary donation to Stop Animal Exploitation NOW, affording us the opportunity to step up our fight against animal experimentation, by allowing us to increase our effectiveness.

Mr. Barker's generous grant has allowed us to:

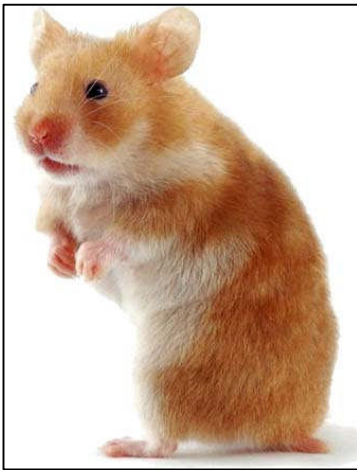
- Increase our staff and afford the necessary documents to take on more in-depth investigations of criminal labs, achieving even more successful prosecutions.
- Produce our first professionally printed, full-color brochure: ***The Facts about Primate Experimentation***, with others in development.
- Hire an Outreach Director, increasing our impact through social media and our soon-to-be launched e-newsletter.
- Purchase much needed office equipment and software to replace outdated hardware and software. (No more floppies for us!)

- Organize our ***Free the Animals – Effective Action Against Vivisection*** conferences.

Bob Barker's dedication to ending animal cruelty is well-known, and we are proud that he considers Stop Animal Exploitation NOW worthy of his generous support.



Ticks feasting on Rabbits & Hamsters at Southern Mississippi Laboratory – SAEN says Level of Abuse is 'Astounding'



HATTIESBURG, MS – SAEN Executive Director Michael Budkie said the conditions described at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) are among the worst he's ever seen – and he's been reading USDA inspection reports for decades.

A USM research lab is allowing ticks to feast on rabbits and

hamsters – the horrific research has led to gruesome conditions where test subjects are so infested they were being eaten alive.

SAEN called the attention of the news media and the federal government to these atrocities after obtaining reports disclosing that holes were being eaten in animals' ears, they bled from the rectum, and eventually had to be euthanized.

A scathing four-page USDA report from last September reveals multiple infractions, citing USM's Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee for *inadequate supervision of an experiment that*

literally feeds rabbits and hamsters to tick colonies.

This inspection report indicates that USM administration knew about the experiment, noting that: **“Attempts to address this situation appeared to be unsuccessful based on facility documentation.”**

SAEN has filed an official complaint with the USDA insisting on additional citations for *improper animal handling, insufficient veterinary care, and unqualified personnel*. The complaint also insists on the maximum possible penalties.

In a letter to Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Budkie, states: “The level of abuse that this process is allowed to reach is astonishing to me, and I have been reading USDA inspection reports for over 20 years.”

Please contact the USDA to demand that USM be severely fined.

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