

SAEN forces NIH to truly Retire 100 Chimps from Research – Stops Transfer to House of Horrors – Targets New Abuses

WASHINGTON, DC – National animal research watchdog group SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation Now) claimed another major victory late in 2012 – largely because SAEN made public damaging facts that revealed the proposed destination of “retiring” chimps was a house of horror.



Last September, SAEN was the **first** major national animal rights group to oppose sending 100 “retiring” chimps from the New Iberia Research Center in Louisiana to the troubled Texas Biomedical Research Institute (TBRI).

Then, in December, after intense public pressure, the NIH announced that these 100 primates will now

truly retire to Chimp Haven, a federal sanctuary in Keithersville, LA, in 2013 along with the initial ten already headed for the sanctuary.

SAEN’s Executive Director, Michael Budkie, described the National Institute of Health’s announcement as a “Christmas gift” for all 110 chimpanzees now at New Iberia, which is losing the chimps because NIH funding will end in 2013.

SAEN sharply criticized NIH’s original decision to send the chimps to TBRI because of the lab’s history of killing primates through negligence as well as primate escapes. USDA reports reveal that TBRI paid a whopping \$25,714 fine just a few months earlier for multiple violations of the Animal Welfare Act due to a primate death and two primate escapes.

According to earlier government reports, other primates at the proposed “retirement home” at TBRI

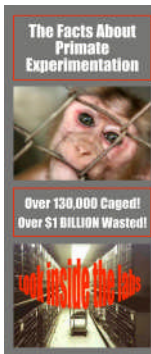
died of dehydration, or were mysteriously found dead. The most shocking incident of negligence at TBRI, also recounted in a federal report, discloses that a post-mortem dissection of a baboon had commenced, only to discover that the animal was not yet dead.

“While other organizations were applauding the supposed retirement of these chimps to TBRI, SAEN investigated their destination and discovered with horror that the NIH was dumping the chimps from the frying pan and into the fire by sending them to Texas,” said SAEN’s Budkie. “It is about time the NIH does the right thing for these chimpanzees.”

The NIH’s turnaround was the subject of multiple news stories, including a major article by **United Press International**.

Amazingly, TBRI’s animal abuse has continued into 2013 with two more negligent primate deaths! SAEN has now uncovered federal records revealing that two young monkeys died after becoming tangled in door cables. SAEN has filed an Official Complaint with the USDA, insisting on yet another federal fine.

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