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Filthy San Carlos Chemical Testing Lab Cited by Federal Regulators for Calf Death & Dog Abuse; National Watchdog Group Calls for Maximum Fine

SAN CARLOS, CA – A research facility here – known for doing chemical tests on young dogs and other animals – has been cited by federal regulators for multiple violations of federal law, according to a national research watchdog group.

SAEN, which monitors research facilities nationwide, is asking the federal government to fine TB Holdings of San Carlos for myriad federal violations involving dogs and calves.

A recently issued inspection report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture cites the San Carlos facility for multiple incidents of inadequate veterinary care, sanitation, and sick and dying animals, said SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation Now).

The Sept. 17, 2015 report cites TB Holdings for denying euthanasia to a calf that was "agonal." Another calf was denied pain relief after surgery, while other calves are described as "soiled over the right hind leg and feces were noted in its otherwise empty plastic feeder. Most of the flooring surfaces were affected, thus the animals were unable to avoid exposure to their excrement."

Two dogs are reported with "round open lesion(s)," while another dog was lame and unable to walk.

Sheep are described in the inspection report as "have dirty wool over their hindquarters and abdomens that appeared to be dried excrement."

"It is clear that the staff of this facility are unable to perform even the most basic procedures which are part of animal husbandry such as cleaning enclosures, providing veterinary care, etc.," wrote Michael Budkie, A.H.T., executive director and co-founder of SAEN, in a letter to Dr. Robert Gibbens, Western Regional Director, USDA/APHIS.

"If the staff of TB Holdings are so utterly incompetent as to be unable to insure that their animals are not covered in feces, then why should we believe that any procedures at this facility have any scientific merit whatsoever?" added Budkie.

All government and SAEN documentation available upon request.