

# Primate Experimentation in the U.S. – Harvard

## The Facts About Primate Experimentation

Primate experimentation in the U.S. is out of control. Approximately 120,000 primates are imprisoned in US labs, an increase of 24% in the last ten years.

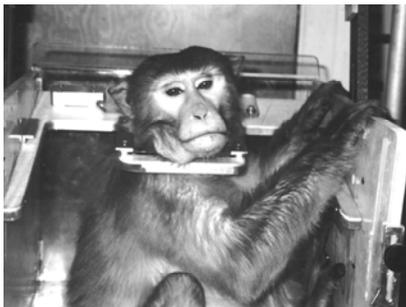
Funding for primate experimentation has also increased reaching \$1.6 billion during fiscal 2004. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is responsible for most of this waste with 93% of NIH-funded primate projects not relevant to the diseases (heart disease, cancer, etc.) that are killing humans.

## Widespread Suffering

The species most often experimented on are: rhesus monkeys, baboons, squirrel monkeys, and chimpanzees.

Laboratory isolation is severely stressful to primates. In fact, 10% of isolated primates are so severely stressed that they begin to engage in self-injurious behavior.

**Harvard** – 1700 primates imprisoned -- According to government records the Harvard Medical School piled up 46 violations of federal law in a three-year period, ending in 2006, while Harvard University added 18 more AWA violations in 2005.



At the heart of the controversy at Harvard is a July 12, 2004 incident where a monkey strangulated on a piece of plastic tubing when left unattended, confined to a restraint chair. (as a researcher went to

lunch), a cat died due to inappropriate anesthesia, and a dog was neglected sufficiently to lose 20% of his/her body weight.

268 primates die per year at Harvard's New England Primate Research Center which is connected to over \$350 million in federally funded animal experiments per year.

At least two research projects at Harvard use water/fluids as a reward for the performance of certain behaviors by primates. During these experiments primates receive liquids only during the time the experiment is underway. If this experiment takes 4 hours per day, then the primates are deprived of water for 20 hours per day. These same experiments confine primates to restraint chairs and bolt restraining bars and recording cylinders to the skulls of primates while placing wire coils in their eyes.

## Government Waste

Most primates are not used in experiments that study the diseases that kill most Americans. Projects that study primate psychology, alcohol & addictive drugs, brain mapping, and sex in primates far outnumber studies involving heart disease or cancer.



Repetition is rampant among NIH-funded projects. Currently, 175 NIH projects study neural information processing in macaque monkeys. These useless experiments waste over \$70 million in federal tax dollars every year. Many of these projects continue on for decades wasting millions of tax dollars each year and victimizing primates for an entire lifetime.

## What you can do to help:

1. Read, copy, and distribute this fact sheet.
2. Write to your federal legislators to request a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded primate experimentation.

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