Two Huge SAEN Victories!

SAEN Complaint Spawns Six-Figure Fine for University of Alaska

FAIRBANKS, AK – A multi-year SAEN campaign recently resulted in the issuance of a huge USDA fine – the second largest ever levied against a U.S. lab for the mistreatment of animals against the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) for violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

A 2011 USDA Inspection Report obtained by SAEN revealed that at least 12 muskoxen died or were euthanized at UAF during 2010 and 2011 due to starvation. SAEN took immediate action and filed an Official Complaint against UAF for these gruesome deaths. SAEN's complaint prompted a USDA investigation which determined that the muskoxen “experienced chronic malnutrition and emaciation” leading to their death, and UAF staff failed to observe their poor health, identify the weight loss, or provide adequate veterinary care. As a result, the USDA initiated formal proceedings to penalize UAF for these cruel violations.

Finally, on June 5, 2014, after years of consistent pressure from SAEN, the USDA fined UAF $127,100 for their deadly violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Although UAF could have faced as much as $4.5 million in fines, SAEN’s Co-Founder, Michael Budkie, notes that, “in this case, the USDA regulators have escalated their fines to the level that the penalty will be sufficient to compel laboratories to change the way they are treating animals.” He also points out that, with a fine this large, “the USDA is sending a message to these facilities that they are no longer going to stand for these criminals that break the law, and we're very happy to see this.”

Cimcool Ends Animal Testing – SAEN Saves Hundreds of Animals

CINCINNATI, OH – An aggressive campaign by SAEN has resulted in the complete abolition of all animal testing at Cimcool Industrial Products. SAEN repeatedly exposed Cimcool's abusive animal testing in multiple media outlets (WKRC-TV, Cincinnati Enquirer, Topnewstoday.org, and Globalanimal.com) and coordinated multiple protests that targeted the lab. Cimcool surrendered at the close of SAEN's third protest.

The USDA issued an Official Warning against Cimcool in August 2013 for the deaths of 24 guinea pigs who were killed during experimental tests of toxic substances. During 2013, the USDA issued a total of twelve citations against Cimcool for serious Animal Welfare Act violations.

Communications between SAEN and Cimcool revealed that the company has not only ended all animal testing, but has begun the process of decommissioning their research laboratory with the USDA. The president of Cimcool told SAEN that their goal is to never use animals in testing again.

SAEN is currently connecting Cimcool with suppliers of non-animal technology such as In Vitro International (IVI), a company that produces multiple non-animal tests. Corrositex, an IVI product, should meet Cimcool’s needs to provide appropriate data to federal regulators.

“We are thrilled that Cimcool has taken a positive step by not only ending testing, but also eliminating their testing facility,” stated Michael Budkie, Co-founder SAEN. “This step will save the lives of hundreds of guinea pigs every year.”
November of 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of our first major success. In November of 1988, our campaign against the University of Cincinnati reached its climax when the lab announced that Dr. Patricia Tornheim's head injury experiments on cats would be terminated, and replaced with research utilizing a cell culture model. This was one of the movement’s first occurrences of forcing a large university lab to terminate an experiment – this one had killed over 1000 cats and used well over a million dollars in federal grants in its ten-year span.

After working on the grassroots and national levels, we founded SAEN in 1996, to focus exclusively on animal experimentation, where we could be the most effective.

Since that time, we have had many successes with the newest being:

- Our campaign against Cimcool Industrial Products here in Cincinnati has been a huge success! Not only is Cimcool eliminating guinea pig testing but also dismantling their animal lab. This is the second time that Karen has been involved in saving guinea pigs, having rescued guinea pigs from dissection as a high school student.
- In March 2014, a SAEN Official Complaint filed in 2011 culminated in the levying of the second largest penalty ever assessed against a lab – $127,100 against the University of Alaska.
- In January of 2014, SAEN announced their Official Complaint garnering the issuance of a fine against the Medstar Medical Research Institute of Washington, DC.
- Seven of the ten USDA fines levied against labs in 2013 resulted from SAEN Official Complaints.
- Delving into a huge untapped source of insider information is literally skyrocketing our work to new levels of success in USDA lab prosecutions via our complaints with five labs thus far and more to come.

Now our work of successfully and frequently revealing the horrors of animal experimentation has reached such an expanded level that it literally cannot be contained entirely in this newsletter, *The Defender*. To fully capture our work, a summary article outlining our successes is now part of our new format. In this issue, the exposure of over 25 different labs, almost all in the first three months of 2014, is covered.

Looking back, we never ever expected to be where we are now, a leader in the fight against U.S. animal experimentation and organizing international events like World Week and Primate Liberation Week. We are grateful for all of the successes we have achieved for the animals and for all of the wonderful activists working with us towards a common goal – empty cages.

As our work continues to expand, and we attain even more successes for the animals, we need your support more than ever. We are literally drowning in possibilities of making new progress for the animals. We must expand SAEN if we are to continue to carry out our mission of ending animal experimentation, and we can only do that with YOUR help!

We don't know exactly what the future will bring, but you can be sure of one thing – SAEN will NEVER stop fighting to end vivisection as long as even one animal is imprisoned in a laboratory!

Until all cages are empty,

Michael Karen

**Your donation of $25, $50, or $100 will help us to fight the cruelty and abuse that is intrinsic to animal experimentation. Special gifts of $250, $500, or $1000 will enable us to target specific animal facilities that blanket the U.S.**

**Your gift will make it possible for SAEN to insure that U.S. labs literally PAY for their animal abuse!**
Harvard’s latest gross negligence resulted in a marmoset sustaining a broken limb when his/her leg became stuck between cage bars during a “hand capture” for a procedure on February 25, 2013. Additionally, on September 11, 2012, a rhesus monkey was injured after escaping from an enclosure and biting an employee. The monkey suffered two broken fingers and lacerations of the hand and tongue.

SAEN also discovered that Harvard performed unapproved blood draws, administered unapproved drugs to primates, and used five non-pharmaceutical grade chemicals in a primate study. Media coverage on these additional incidents included major articles by The Boston Globe, The Metro West Daily News, and Global Animal.

“Harvard deserves a second major penalty,” said Michael A. Budkie, SAEN’s Co-founder. “Harvard’s staff still hasn’t figured out how to keep monkeys in cages or how to handle them without causing bone fractures. This bungling lab should not be receiving tens of millions in federal funding for experiments using animals which it cannot even keep alive and uninjured.”

Help SAEN keep up the pressure on Harvard to release primates to sanctuaries!

Please contact Harvard’s President to insist they release the 2000+ monkeys to sanctuaries.

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LOS ANGELES, CA – In December 2013, SAEN’s multi-year campaign against UCLA took a much-publicized leap forward when the Animal Legal Defense Fund filed a precedent-setting lawsuit against UCLA and the UC Regents on our behalf.

For many years, UCLA has refused to provide veterinary records for the primates used in methamphetamine addiction and neurological experiments. This refusal to disclose public records violates the California Public Records Act (CPRA). UCLA receives a staggering $200 million plus of taxpayers’ money annually to fund animal experiments.

UCLA is subject to the CPRA because it is considered to be part of California’s state government. In order to facilitate access to information and to allay privacy concerns, SAEN has always agreed to have any information pertaining to the identity of UCLA staff redacted from the documents. However, UCLA Chancellor, Gene Block, refuses to cooperate. This has left SAEN little choice but to pursue legal action.

The lawsuit specifically requests veterinary care logs, photographs, and necropsy reports on the primates experimented on by UCLA since January 2012. Obviously, the university has much to hide.

UCLA has a history of violating federal law, and SAEN is extremely concerned about the welfare of the animals imprisoned within UCLA’s labs. From April 2012 to July 2013, SAEN uncovered ten instances of non-compliance and one instance of serious deviation by UCLA from the Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

SAEN has urged the National Institutes of Health to yank federal funding from the facility based on these flagrant abuses that have resulted in the deaths of many animals. According to NIH records, UCLA’s non-compliances include: depriving animals of food and water without approval, starting animal experiments without approval, negligently causing the deaths of 67 mice, performing unapproved surgical procedures, injecting tumors into mice after the approval period had lapsed, creating genetically engineered zebra fish without approval, and euthanizing infant rats by decapitating them with scissors. These reports clearly prove that UCLA researchers show a flagrant disregard for Animal Welfare Regulations.

One researcher who repeatedly ignored regulations refused to accept responsibility for his actions until he was forced to do so by UCLA administration.

SAEN’s lawsuit has received fantastic media coverage, including coverage by The Associated Press, NBC-TV, CBS-TV, San Diego’s TV 6 News, Global Animal, Filmindustrynetwork.biz, UCLA’s Daily Bruin, UTsandiego.com, laist.com, San Jose Mercury News, KPCC Radio, Ventura County Star, The Monterey County Herald, and Insidebayarea.com.
WASHINGTON, DC – SAEN has recently been utilizing/publicizing data which was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) relevant to incidents that caused suffering to, and even killed, dozens of animals in multiple labs across the U.S.

Apparently, we have gotten the attention of NIH/OLAW, because they have posted an online statement directed at SAEN which intentionally misdirects attention away from the real issue: www.grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/air/statement_20140306.htm

This statement says: "The events concerning the welfare of laboratory animals shared with the media by the organization Stop Animal Exploitation Now (SAEN) from January 2014 through today, March 6, 2014 are not current. SAEN obtained records through Freedom of Information Act requests of events either self-reported by institutions or investigated by the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) for noncompliance with PHS Policy."

OLAW just doesn't get it. The incidents which are revealed in the documents provided by OLAW relevant to dozens of U.S. labs disclose information about situations which are clearly negligent and potentially abusive. What is more important though is that OLAW examines issues only in terms of the "Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals." This policy does not have the force of law, and OLAW does not enforce the only law that DOES regulate animals in labs, the Animal Welfare Act.

A statement from a recent article that exposed potential Animal Welfare Act violations at the University of Pittsburgh is very significant: "The NIH and the USDA do not regularly share information about violations in animal labs," said Tanya Espinosa, a spokeswoman for the USDA. "So even though the NIH knew about the incidents at Pitt, the USDA would not necessarily know about those incidents for enforcement purposes." In other words, even though the National Institutes of Health's Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare is informed of incidents which potentially violate the Animal Welfare Act (a federal law), they do NOT share this information with the USDA, the agency which is responsible for enforcing this law, and who has been the recipient of all of the Official Complaints filed by SAEN.

Additionally, OLAW doesn't understand that this is also about the fact that the people of the United States have a RIGHT to know about all of the systematic abuses that take place within our nation's research labs because we are paying for a large percentage of what these labs do.

SAEN's mission is to expose animal abuse in laboratories, regardless of whether OLAW or any other governmental agency has "closed" the case. And, if the first cases are any indication, we may well see a wave of new lab prosecutions. Just in the last six months, the USDA has inspected eight labs following SAEN complaints based on OLAW documentation, and has cited six of those facilities for the issues that were raised in our complaints. For example, our first complaint was relevant to the University of California, Davis. One of the key incidents in that complaint was the 12/7/12 death of a macaque monkey by a squeeze cage mechanism. The USDA has cited UC Davis for this death. We hope that this citation will result in a truly meaningful penalty, and that similar penalties will be assessed against the other labs as well.

Using information from the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, SAEN has already exposed the deaths of dozens of primates (many of which were by strangulation), as well as rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, etc., across the U.S.

The possible reason that OLAW has chosen to publicly respond to SAEN's recent revelations of animal deaths within labs is that they never thought this shocking information would see the light of day. It is also highly possible that the labs whose negligence has been exposed by SAEN have been complaining to OLAW for letting the proverbial cat out of the bag. They fail to realize that once that cat has escaped, it cannot be recaptured. SAEN is on the case now, and we do not intend to let it go, EVER!
SAEN exposes Horrific Chimp & Monkey Deaths at Texas Lab – Calls on USDA to levy Maximum Penalty

SAN ANTONIO, TX – The Texas Biomedical Research Institute (TBRI) is one of the most heinous primate prisons in the U.S., incarcerating over 4,000 baboons, chimps, marmosets, and macaque monkeys.

Recent SAEN investigations of TBRI have uncovered shocking federal reports that document five accidental strangulation deaths since April, 2012, as well as the negligent death of a chimpanzee who contracted a severe infection following surgery.

The strangulation deaths began on April 16, 2012, when two young baboons, thought to be play wrestling, died because their ID neck chains became entangled in loose wires in their enclosure.

In 2013, three young monkeys died after becoming caught in the cables of guillotine doors. After one juvenile baboon’s death, caretakers were supposedly “retrained” on how to secure the doors so the cabling was not accessible to the animals. Yet, they again carelessly failed to secure the cables correctly and, as a result, two more young macaques died needlessly.

The June, 2013, death of a 24-year-old chimpanzee at TBRI occurred after he/she suffered for eight days following a liver wedge biopsy. SAEN obtained a report stating that the day after surgery, the incision was inflamed (probably due to being picked at by the chimp), and sutures were missing. Over the next few days, the chimpanzee was sedated, the wound cleaned, sutures replaced, and arm and hand casts were put on, which the chimp managed to remove daily. The record states that a deeper infection set-in, causing a “pocket of infection predisposing the animal to sepsis.” Sadly, on June 3, 2013, the chimpanzee was euthanized.

TBRI has a long history of violating the Animal Welfare Act, having paid a hefty $25,714 USDA fine as recently as January, 2012, for the hypothermia-related death of a juvenile rhesus macaque monkey and multiple incidents of primate escapes.

In the last 12 months, SAEN has filed no less than three separate Official Complaints against TBRI, with our most recent condemnation insisting on a hefty $40,000 fine.

SAEN’s exposé on TBRI’s negligence and carelessness has generated both a major story in the San Antonio Express-News and a radio interview with SAEN’s Co-founder, Michael Budkie, on WOAI Radio.

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GILBERTSVILLE, PA – One wouldn’t think of rural Pennsylvania as home to the laboratory with the worst violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) in the U.S., but according to SAEN, it is. Rockland Inc., an antibody production facility, has managed to garner the dubious title of “The nation’s worst lab of 2013.” Given that most laboratories that use live animals in experiments are notorious for being secretive, Whistleblower Complaint No. E13-119 against Rockland is probably one of the most egregious SAEN has discovered.

A SAEN press release states that the lab was cited for 26 animal welfare violations from March through April, 2013, including: “inadequate veterinary care, inadequate enclosures, improper feeding, inadequate sanitation, and performance of unapproved experimental procedures.” What is extremely disturbing about this issue is that prior to a whistleblower letter dated February 24, 2013, the USDA barely noticed this lab, which begs the question – how many years had this animal abuse been going on, and how many years would it have gone on if not for this complaint?

The whistleblower letter is grim reading. It accuses the facility of distracting USDA inspectors while other workers rushed around covering up violations. The letter accuses Rockland Inc. of horrific abuses such as cutting the throats of mice without anesthetic to bleed them into a paper cup, knocking out guinea pigs with dry ice to perform painful heart puncture procedures, bleeding some guinea pigs without any anesthesia because they “bleed better,” killing hamsters for their pelts and testicles, and using cats and dogs in experiments, but keeping it quiet because those were on “special order.” The letter goes on to state that the animal handlers are “beating, punching, kicking, stomping, twisting the animals heads such as goats and sheep, and rabbits being tossed into cages and booted around on the floor, faces smacked into cages because the animals don’t cooperate with employees.”

The USDA Investigation and Enforcement Services Division (IES) is currently compiling a case against Rockland Inc. The IES case (#PA130022) arose from two Official USDA Complaints filed by SAEN.

According to a USDA Inspection Report discovered by SAEN, anesthetized rabbits would sometimes wake up during intra-cardiac blood draws which are very invasive and painful procedures. When that happens, Rockland employees euthanize the rabbit by cervical dislocation, or in layman’s terms – neck breaking. The reason the rabbits are waking up during the procedure is because staff members are removing them from the CO2 chamber too soon. Removing an animal before he/she is completely unconscious and breaking an animal’s neck are both violations of USDA Standard Operating Procedures. These invasive procedures were performed inadequately because the personnel were clearly untrained. As if this isn’t bad enough, the rabbits were also reported to be generally uncared for, living in broken and filthy cages, and having masses of feces attached to their back legs, weight loss, sores, and infected eyes.

The fiasco at Rockland has been the subject of an article by the *Reading Eagle* and an exposé in *The Huffington Post*.

The USDA has confirmed that its Investigation and Enforcement Services Division (IES) is currently compiling a case against Rockland Inc. The IES case (#PA130022) arose from two Official USDA Complaints filed by SAEN.

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

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SAEN blows the Lid off of Alpha Genesis Animal Cruelty
– USDA issues Paper Slap on the Wrist!

YEMASSE, SC – A source inside Alpha Genesis Inc. (AG), a primate lab and dealer which imprisons over 5,000 primates, has come forward exclusively to SAEN leaking information about the lab’s criminal activities and providing shocking photos of abused monkeys and inhumane conditions. SAEN has taken swift and decisive action against this facility, filing a major Official Complaint with the USDA.

SAEN’s complaint was released at a widely-attended news conference where whistleblower photos depicting injured monkeys living in filthy enclosures were used to virtually walk the media and the public through this horrible facility. An exposé about AG’s Animal Welfare Act (AWA) violations, cruelty, and negligence spread across the U.S. appearing in thousands of media outlets!

In April of this year, the USDA followed up on SAEN’s complaint with an in-depth, week-long investigation that resulted in a scathing, multi-page report citing AG for improper animal handling, improper enclosures, and insufficient sanitation. AG had previously been cited for similar violations in 2012, but the USDA’s enforcement actions were insufficient to get this criminal lab to comply with federal law.

However, the whistleblower has again contacted SAEN revealing that AG was back to violating the AWA just moments after USDA officials left the lab. Our source revealed that USDA officials had brought an injured and hypothermic monkey, discovered during an inspection, to the attention of AG staff who used a hair dryer as an external heat source to treat the injuries, but didn’t adequately supervise the monkey, causing him to sustain such serious burns that the poor animal had to be euthanized. With this information, SAEN filed another Official Complaint against AG insisting upon even more citations, thus strengthening the case for a major penalty against this excessively negligent facility.

On May 20, 2014, SAEN was outraged to discover that AG was issued only an Official Warning for the violations which had occurred before and during the last USDA inspection. The warning document explains that a missing monkey was found dead on January 7, 2014, after being left outside by AG staff all night in temperatures dropping to nine degrees, and another monkey was found dead on March 28, 2014, in an area believed by staff to be empty. It also states that the inadequate enclosures at AG posed an “entrapment danger” to the animals. AG received $2.7 million from taxpayers last year alone, but instead of providing adequate housing and proper animal care, the conditions inside AG are inhumane, and the animals suffer from neglect.

Merely warning a repeat offender for flagrant violations of federal law is clearly an insufficient method of law enforcement, and a USDA action that allows labs to illegally kill animals without punishment is unacceptable.

Therefore, SAEN has requested an investigation of the USDA’s handling of the Alpha Genesis case by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Please add your voice to ours by contacting the OIG and insisting on a thorough investigation of this case.

Please contact the Inspector General to insist on an investigation of the Alpha Genesis Case.

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SAEN brings National Epidemic of Fatal Blunders to Light
– Labs from Coast to Coast feel the Pressure of our Spotlight

WASHINGTON, DC – Many SAEN supporters are extremely impressed not only with the quality of SAEN’s campaign work, but also with the sheer number of labs targeted by SAEN. While we try to include in The Defender information about many of the projects we are working on, we cannot possibly include individual articles on every lab that we have targeted. The scope of our work is so broad that if we discussed all of it, each issue of The Defender would be a medium-sized novel.

Our work is based on information from multiple sources including the USDA, National Institutes of Health, and even legally obtained information from within the labs themselves. SAEN also receives a significant amount of information about some of the most heinous labs from whistleblowers.

In the last several months, SAEN has taken on all of the labs listed below. SAEN has produced media exposés and/or Official Complaints focusing on:

- **University of California (Davis)** – One monkey killed in squeeze cage mechanism, an infant monkey strangled on enrichment device, escape of fifty monkeys.
- **Red Beast Enterprises (CO)** – Two rabbits dead due to inadequate monitoring during surgical procedures while USDA inspection was underway.
- **Duke University** – Two rabbits bleed to death during surgery, two primates killed after botched colonoscopies, primates injured in flight.
- **University of Michigan** – One monkey dead due to strangulation, one hamster drowned, one guinea pig killed following an unapproved and therefore illegal surgical procedure.
- **Tulane University** – One primate died after being left unattended in a truck.
- **Vanderbilt University** – One pig death due to inadequate observation after a surgical procedure.
- **Texas Biomedical Research Institute** – One chimp death, five primate strangulation deaths, multiple primate injuries. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **Wake Forest Univ.** – One monkey strangulation death, a diabetic monkey died from lack of food.
- **University of Minnesota** – Two monkey anesthesia deaths, chinchillas denied pain relief after surgical procedures.
- **Oregon Health Sciences University** – Ten primates dead due to fights, bad food, and improper animal handling.
- **Medstar Medical Research Institute** – Three pigs dead in botched surgical procedures. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **Oklahoma State University** – Fifteen voles die of thirst. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **University of Nevada (Las Vegas)** – Two pigs died due to lack of post-surgical veterinary care.
- **University of Houston** – One primate dead due to strangulation, failure to monitor weights of five primates with restricted access to water.
- **Univ. of Washington (Seattle)** – One rabbit dead due to pelvic fracture, thirty rabbits denied post-surgical pain relief over the course of 10 months.
- **Cimcool Industrial Products** – Two dozen guinea pigs died while being immersed in toxic chemicals (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **University of Pittsburgh** – One rabbit death by exsanguination, one rabbit death due to pelvic fracture, multiple primate escapes, etc.
- **University of Wisconsin (Madison)** – Deaths of four primates due to strangulation, suffocation, pneumothorax, etc. One cow death due to traumatic injuries. Multiple incidents of primates with traumatic injuries, being denied food or water, etc.
- **Emory University** – One infant primate dead after becoming entangled in an enclosure, multiple voles dead due to lack of water.
- **University of Pennsylvania** – One monkey death due to strangulation, death of a group of ponies in unapproved procedures.
- **Eastern Wyoming University** – Two dogs killed due to inadequate enclosures and behavioral problems.
- **University of Louisiana (Lafayette)** – Two chimp deaths, one infant primate death, three monkeys injured.
- **University of Oklahoma** – Multiple dogs killed by electrocution and improperly anesthetized. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **University of California (Los Angeles)** – Sixty-seven mice killed by negligence, infant rats killed by decapitation. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
- **Harvard Univ.** – One marmoset had a fractured leg and a rhesus monkey was injured during an escape. (Article in this issue of The Defender).
SAEN sponsors Exciting Anti-Vivisection Museum Exhibit

LOS ANGELES, CA – SAEN is excited to be a proud sponsor of, and artifact contributor to, the exhibit, “Light in Dark Places: Anti-Vivisection from the Victorian Era to Modern Day,” at the new National Museum of Animals & Society (NMAS). Since it focuses exclusively on animal experimentation, just as SAEN does, we are thrilled to sponsor this public exhibition to highlight the history, victories, advances, and historical figures spanning from the 1800’s to present day.

The timing is perfect because the National AR Conference will be in LA during the height of the exposition, giving attendees an opportunity to experience this eye-opening, educational exhibit. We are doubly proud that SAEN’s own Communications Director, Julia Orr, is the exhibit’s curator. If you are located in, or are traveling to, the LA area soon, please plan on visiting this crucial exhibit which opened on May 10th and runs until August 3rd.

NMAS is located in the heart of Los Angeles, CA in the historic Hollywood neighborhood, just a stone’s throw from Paramount Studios. For further information on the exhibit and museum, please visit their website @ www.museumofanimals.org

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SAEN's Expanded 'Free the Animals' Conference travels to Los Angeles – Activists from Across the Globe Motivated, Trained, and Inspired!

LOS ANGELES, CA – SAEN's staff and a host of exciting speakers presented at the most recent Free the Animals (FTA) Conference on October 11 – 14, 2013, at the Westin LAX in Southern California. This stimulating event gave attendees the inspiration and training to attack the vivisection issue head-on, while providing an opportunity to make a concrete difference for animals currently imprisoned in labs.

Several exciting new speakers were added to the program including: Dr. Lawrence Hansen of UCSD; Paula Adams (from England); Julia Orr, SAEN's Communications Director; Shannen Maas from Empty Cages, LA; Chris DeRose, Founder of Last Chance for Animals; and Craig Rosebraugh, renowned author and film maker (A Burning Rage, Greedy Lying Bastards, Seventh Generation) and a prime mover behind the Primate Freedom Tours of the late 1990s.

While Camille Hankins (Win Animal Rights), Karen Budkie (SAEN), Bob Ingersoll (Nim Chimpsky Trust), Michael Budkie (SAEN), Tino Verducci, Anthony Bellotti (White Coat Waste Project), Susan Dunne (SAEN), and Dr. Murry Cohen returned to provide crucial presentations.

The LA Conference program included new presentations as well as the core, skill-oriented talks on investigations, news media, etc. Dr. Murry Cohen added a new talk titled: “How Vivisection is Ruining the Medical Profession.” One of our new speakers, Dr. Larry Hansen, presented a scientifically oriented talk titled: “Ethics and Efficacy of Experimentation on Animals.”

Approximately 100 activists from around the world (including England & Australia) participated in this watershed event, gaining both knowledge and inspiration which will equip them to be effective in their anti-vivisection work as well as in their work on virtually any other animal protection issue.

The conference included a networking reception which gave attendees the opportunity to discuss what they learned and also make personal connections with other great activists. FTA Los Angeles wrapped up with a huge protest at UCLA on October 14th.

Conference attendees gave the event rave reviews:

“It really was pivotal for me – I was very inspired to go the extra mile and really put myself out there.”
~ Lauren

“This conference changed my life . . . the education, empowerment, and inspiration garnered at this conference has opened my mind and life to what purpose and living really mean.”
~ Ana

“I enjoyed every aspect, wishing it was longer! I’ve learned so much from every speaker - all so informative and inspiring!”
~ Kendra

See You in Cincinnati October 2014!

The next FTA Conference will be October 10th - 13th, 2014, just outside of Cincinnati (OH). We truly hope to see many of our mid-western supporters as well as activists from across the U.S. and around the world at this vital conference!

Register @ www.SAENonline.org
SAEN Volunteer climbs Mount Kilimanjaro
– Ana Wolf completes Grueling Climb for SAEN!

SAEN super-volunteer, Ana Wolf, successfully completed a grueling climb of Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, raising nearly $1900 for SAEN! Ana made a New Year's resolution in 2012 to do more to help animals. She chose SAEN as one of the animal charities to support because she feels that SAEN is doing great work. “Climbing Kilimanjaro was on my bucket list,” she said, “and so I decided to give myself this gift and at the same time raise money for an organization that is doing so much good. It’s a dream come true.”

Ana first learned of SAEN through viewing a Skype presentation by SAEN's Co-founder, Michael Budkie, at a local animal rights conference in Massachusetts. Impressed with SAEN's emphasis on cutting-edge investigations and concrete results for animals, she decided that SAEN would be the beneficiary of her arduous climb.

Ana's trek took her through five different climates including jungle, forest, and high desert ascending 15,000 ft. Her hiking partner had to turn around as he developed altitude sickness, but Ana attributes her incredible endurance to her vegan diet. She said, “I am incredibly proud of my vegan body but to do this for charity is the only way I would want to do it.” The journey gave Ana a huge sense of accomplishment after struggling with her own self-doubts and insecurities along the way.

After seven days of hiking, Ana returned to the hotel only to have her backpack arrive the next day. She said the highlight of the entire adventure was seeing three troops of monkeys, including babies, in their natural habitat. Ana had never seen animals in the wild before. “It was amazing to see monkeys where they should be, with their families, and not in labs.” Well said Ana, and we couldn’t agree more!

Thank you, Ana, for your incredible dedication to the animals in labs!
WLALW 2014 – Fighting for Animals Across the U.S. and Around the World!

World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week 2014 (WLALW) (April 19 – 27) was an amazing success! Activists around the world banded together to fight for a permanent end to animal experimentation. During this phenomenal week, protests, news conferences, and other outreach events targeted labs in dozens of cities across fifteen states and the District of Columbia, along with international events taking place in eight other nations.

U.S. events for WLALW 2014 were coordinated in Los Angeles, Berkeley, Sacramento, San Diego, & San Francisco (CA); Denver (Colorado); Jacksonville, Miami, & Tampa (FL); Atlanta (GA); Chicago (IL); Boston (MA); Norton Shores (Michigan); Bloomington & Minneapolis (Minnesota); Albany, Buffalo, & New York City (NY); Cincinnati & Wilmington (OH); Portland (OR); Philadelphia (PA); Charleston (SC); Fort Worth (TX); and Seattle (WA). International events took place in Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, and South Africa.

WLALW events in many cities received great coverage from news media. Events from coast to coast and around the world generated news stories in print and broadcast outlets.

For WLALW 2014, SAEN coordinated several cyber events to allow online activists to join the fight and have a real impact for the millions of animals imprisoned in labs around the world!

This week has traditionally been a time when animal activists have organized rallies, protests, news conferences, literature tables, and other events to fight for the animals who are imprisoned in laboratories and to raise public awareness of their plight. These animals are depending on each one of us to stand up and act on their behalf.

More than 25 million animals suffer and die in U.S. labs every year. These innocent victims are subjected to addictive drugs, psychological torture, food and/or water deprivation, ionizing radiation, caustic chemicals, biological & chemical weapons, electric shock, and many other unimaginable horrors.

WLALW started 30 years ago in 1984 – a year after massive rallies of thousands of people at six notorious primate centers – fifteen people were arrested at the California Regional Primate Center in Davis. This first civil disobedience for animals imprisoned in labs marked an upswing of activity to end animal experimentation.

Thanks to everyone who participated in WLALW 2014. Check out our extensive photo album on SAEN’s Facebook page and the widespread news coverage on our website. Start planning for WLALW 2015 NOW!
SAEN unveils University of Oklahoma Dog Electrocutions — Oklahoma State also targeted for Vole Deaths

OKLAHOMA CITY & STILLWATER, OK – It was the investigation that shocked Oklahoma! Thanks to SAEN’s startling Oklahoma University (OU) exposé, locals stopped talking about the Texas vs. OU football game, and started talking about how OU researchers electrocuted dogs.

In October of 2013, SAEN revealed OU’s startling violations of the Animal Welfare Act, including their use of electrocution as a method of euthanizing dogs (9-volt batteries applied to dogs’ hearts). SAEN is insisting on a hefty USDA fine for this barbarity.

In addition to these electrocutions, OU has been cited by the USDA twice for failing to use appropriate anesthetic in surgical procedures. The USDA report obtained by SAEN stated that the lead researcher only used an injectable anesthesia that can wear off during surgery, and did not run isoflurane gas during the procedure. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee was also reprimanded for failing to properly review experiments.

SAEN’s news conference received widespread coverage, including stories by multiple local media outlets: 5News/KFSM, Fox/KOKH, News on 6, News 9, Amarillo Globe News, The Oklahoman, and Examiner.com.

Oklahoma animal experimenters were in the news again the following month because Oklahoma State University was cited for animal welfare violations. On Nov. 11, 2013, SAEN contacted the USDA to demand that they issue the maximum penalty for the deaths of 15 voles who had died of thirst. Three more voles had to be euthanized due to OU’s violation of watering requirements. Michael Budkie, Co-founder of SAEN, was quoted in The Daily O’Collegian: “If we’re talking about a facility that is not even capable of making sure the animals are getting water, why should we believe they’re capable of doing anything that’s even roughly reminiscent of science?”

Local news coverage included Still Water News Press and The Daily O’Collegian which can be viewed in the media coverage section of our website.

Vegan Recipes

Low Fat Blueberry Muffins by Linda Middlesworth

2 cups oat flour
1 tbsp baking powder
2/3 cup sugar (I use 13 large Mejool dates that were soaked in 1/2 cup water, seeds removed, mashed in food processor)
1 Tablespoon ground flax seed with 2 Tbsp warm water (stir and rest for few minutes)
3/4 cup soy milk — or rice milk
3/4 cup applesauce
2/3 cup blueberries — fresh or frozen (measured then defrosted)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Sift the first 5 ingredients together, and then add all the wet ones. Mix just until moistened. Fold in the blueberries and then fill muffin cups (paper-lined or sprayed). I used William Sonoma muffin pans (gold in color) which need no spray or paper lining.

Bake 20 minutes. Yield: “1 dozen”

Linda Middlesworth is a Food for Life Nutrition and Cooking Instructor and VeganMentor who conducts a successful 30 Day Vegan Health Watch Program, and organizes animal rights and vegan events in Sacramento, CA.
Dear Michael & Karen,

I, too, am shocked and saddened by the suffering of innocent animals. This exploitation must be exposed and ENDED.

Please accept my tax-deductible donation (circle):
$25  $50  $100  $250  $500  $1000  other ______

Simply enclose a check payable to: SAEN

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All information will be held in the strictest confidence and is for the exclusive use of:

Top 10 Reasons to Donate to SAEN

1. **SAEN closes labs down!**
   Just in the last 2 years, SAEN forced Penn State Med School to end primate experiments and Harvard to announce the closure of their Primate Research Center.

2. **SAEN gets labs prosecuted!**
   Over 1100 labs are registered in the U.S. – we investigate every single one of them. If they break the law, SAEN takes action! Labs like MPI Research, OHSU, TBRI, etc. know our wrath!

3. **SAEN is ranked as a "2013 Top-Rated Non-Profit."**

4. **SAEN garners major media coverage.**
   In 2013 alone, SAEN generated over 68 articles in major publications, educating millions and exposing criminal labs while also bringing us into contact with whistleblowers. We are off to a great start in 2014!

5. **SAEN organizes the only conference exclusively about vivisection!**
   Our Free the Animals conferences empower & energize activists to attack vivisection head-on!

6. **SAEN is a Deal!**
   Low overhead with no expense accounts or six-figure salaries!

7. **SAEN rallies activists with international events.**
   World Week (April), Primate Lib Week (Oct)

8. **SAEN has earned the Guidestar Exchange Seal.**

9. **SAEN frees animals from labs.**
   Today, primates live safely in sanctuaries directly due to SAEN’s Sanctuary Fund donations and SAEN’s campaigns successfully targeting labs!

10. **SAEN is a national organization with a grassroots focus.**
    We empower activists with support in media relations, investigations, campaign tactics, and outreach materials (posters, brochures, banners)
SAEN Complaint generates Federal Penalty for DC Lab
– USDA fines Medstar Medical Research Institute

WASHINGTON, DC – SAEN has logged another successful lab prosecution against a private facility which culminated in the December 30, 2013 levying of a federal penalty against the Medstar Medical Research Institute of Washington, DC.

SAEN filed an Official Complaint with the USDA against Medstar on March 3, 2013, based on federal reports detailing the deaths of three pigs. The lab was subsequently issued a federal fine in the amount of $3,071 in December.

The pigs were euthanized after having heart attacks during an experimental procedure at Medstar. Two defibrillators owned by the lab were found to be faulty and could not revive the animals. The drug epinephrine, which also could have revived the animals, was expired and useless.

The deaths occurred over two separate days, and it wasn’t until the second incident occurred that the first death was even reported to lab officials. Medstar was previously cited by the USDA for separate violations including employing unqualified personnel and providing inadequate veterinary care.

Michael A. Budkie, Co-founder of SAEN, said, “How much sloppier could they have been? Both defibrillators were inoperable and the epinephrine was expired. What else could Medstar have done wrong? We are glad our investigations have led to the lab being punished.”