LOS ANGELES, CA – SAEN has recently filed a landmark lawsuit against University of Southern California (USC) for violating California laws governing the treatment of animals, and engaging in false, deceptive, and unlawful business practices.

This lawsuit spells out how USC:

“advertises that it achieves the highest ethical standards in its research. But documents not intended for public view show that USC routinely violates its mandatory research protocols, as well as applicable animal welfare laws and regulations.”

The litigation goes on to state that USC: “killed baby animals by placing them in a carcass-disposal freezer while still alive; performed unauthorized surgeries and injections on animals, including unapproved cranial implantation surgery without documented analgesia; withheld post-operative care from animals, including pain killers and suture removal (and) failed to euthanize animals languishing with ulcerated tumors in a timely manner.”

USC animal experimentation is bungled so regularly that lab administration has been forced to suspend at least seven of their own protocols in roughly a year, an unheard-of occurrence.

“I would not have believed so much ineptitude was possible inside just one laboratory if I hadn’t discovered the documents myself,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Co-Founder, SAEN.

Before filing this litigation, SAEN had repeatedly attempted to end the abuses at USC both by filing a criminal complaint with the City of Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force and by directly calling upon USC administration to permanently ban all personnel involved in the federal violations from any future contact with animals within USC labs.

SAEN’s letter to USC administration emphasized a horrific incident revealed by an internal whistleblower: “an animal woke up during surgery while the chest cavity was exposed due to the use of unapproved anesthesia methodology.”

SAEN is represented pro bono in this litigation by Advancing Law for Animals (ALA), a nonprofit dedicated to using every aspect of the law to defend animals, with an emphasis on farmed animals and animals in labs.

“As a USC graduate, I am disheartened to see my alma mater at the center of another scandal,” said Vanessa Shakib, Co-Director, ALA.

News of SAEN’s precedent setting lawsuit quickly blanketed Southern California’s news outlets, exposing USC’s extreme negligence to millions. Two LA television stations, KABC and Spectrum News, along with two LA radio stations, KNX-AM and KFI-AM, each aired multiple stories. Three online news outlets, MyNewsLA.com, VegNews.com, and Patch.com, produced crucial articles reaching a global audience.

This groundbreaking lawsuit has great potential to forever change how animal experimentation is performed in labs across the U.S. This is yet another example of how SAEN utilizes every tool at our disposal in our quest to end abusive experiments on animals. We will always defend every single species, great or small, exploited in animal labs, even those often forgotten by the public.
From the Desks of Michael and Karen Budkie, SAEN's Founders

We are in the fourth decade of our crusade to end animal experiments. Our fight began in the '80s by successfully terminating a cat-crash project underway at the very university from which Michael had just graduated.

While terminating individual projects is crucial, we soon realized this was not an effective method for attacking animal experimentation as a whole, much like trying to move an entire beach, one grain of sand at a time.

In order to target the entire research industry, we innovatively released unpublicized damming USDA documents to expose the criminal actions of labs within their locales, sullying these labs’ reputations to sour public opinion of animal research overall. While spawning a veritable tidal wave of news coverage, we also filed Official Complaints which garnered an ever-increasing number of lab prosecutions.

As incriminating USDA information dried up due to decreasing law enforcement, SAEN tapped yet another unpublicized source of data within a different federal agency. This data is even more damning because labs admit – on their own letterhead – to violating federal laws and killing animals in the process. Utilizing these confessions, SAEN launched a new wave of prosecutions which included multiple six-figure federal fines.

Even though our cutting edge methods have been successful for decades, this did not come without pushback as labs scrambled to cut off the information flow. We morphed again when a whistleblower divulged a new data resource, allowing us to sidestep federal agencies to obtain the damning data directly from the labs themselves.

For decades, SAEN has been a leader in developing methods to expose and close labs. Now, we have added another weapon to our arsenal, by filing a landmark lawsuit against USC (see front page). Through this litigation we can have a profound impact on the entire system of animal experimentation, pushing ever closer to the end of this archaic practice.

SAEN never gives up. We always find a way to succeed!

The bottom line is that we will never give up, or rest on the laurels of past successes. As the USDA hid lab atrocities, SAEN developed other techniques to unearth the truth. And now we are taking USC, and soon other animal abusers, to court. We will do whatever it takes to end animal experimentation!

We need YOUR help NOW more than ever before!

If SAEN is to continue to respond to biomedical industry threats and governmental efforts to withhold essential information – as well as launching crucial lawsuits – WE NEED TO KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT! If SAEN is to continue our successful fight to end animal experiments, we need your vital donation today!

Please help us fulfill our lifelong crusade to end animal experimentation!

Michael
Karen

Before recycling your newsletter, consider sharing it with a friend or leaving it for others to read at places your visit, like a local eatery or veterinary office.

Introducing others to the vivisection issue is a giant step in working to end it!
DAVIS, CA – Federal reports, unearthed by SAEN, divulge the appalling deaths of seven infant macaque monkeys and a staff-induced primate disease epidemic at the University of California, Davis. Davis reported:

"In March and April 2018 seven infants came in to the hospital for emergency care following completion of routine round up. The veterinary staff provided clinical assessment of two of the infants that were brought to the hospital for emergency care. Both infants presenting to the hospital had generalized weakness and respiratory distress. Dye was noted on the lips and tongues of two infants. Endotracheal intubation was attempted. Both infants had severe edema and swelling of the larynx and tongue, making intubation difficult. Emergency drugs were administered, which had minimal effect on the laryngeal swelling. Despite treatment attempts, clinical conditions of the infants did not improve, and humane euthanasia was elected. The other infants were either found dead or euthanized upon arrival at the hospital."

"Seven infant monkeys died horribly because UC Davis staff failed to observe them often enough to detect illnesses before fatalities took place," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Co-Founder, SAEN.

However, infant macaque monkeys are not the only primates suffering horribly at Davis. Just four months later, 54 more primates were sickened when lab staff administered a canine measles/distemper vaccine to 64 Titi monkeys. Our investigation uncovered that the modified-live virus in the vaccine also sickened some unvaccinated monkeys in the colony, demonstrating that the virus in the vaccine is communicable. These primates became severely debilitated, suffering "lamiens/polynarthritis, papular rash, and conjunctivitis," resulting in three monkeys being euthanized.

SAEN blew the lid off of these heinous abuses of primates with major news stories in the Davis Enterprise and Davis Vanguard. These news stories can be read in their entirety in the Media Coverage section on the SAEN website (www.SAENonline.org).

Additionally, we have taken action against University of California, Davis, by filing an Official Complaint with the USDA, calling for Critical Citations to be issued and the levying of the maximum penalty of $10,000 per infraction/per animal. A massive six-figure fine is possible if citations are issued for the incidents relevant to all 61 monkeys impacted by Davis' negligence.

UC Davis is a rampant career criminal, having racked up multiple violations resulting in federal fines. Their most recent fine of $5000 was paid in 2018 for the prior death of a rabbit in 2016. Since the rabbit death, this lab has racked up multiple additional USDA Critical Citations for injuries to several other monkeys and deaths of another rabbit and a guinea pig. This criminal enterprise is long overdue for a huge fine!
SAEN Successfully exposes Oregon State University Cover-up
– Help pressure the USDA for a Huge Penalty!

CORVALLIS, OR – SAEN’s innovative investigations have uncovered evidence of criminal activity in a lab which had never before shown up on our radar screen – Oregon State University (OSU). This relatively small lab, utilizing less than 100 USDA-regulated animals annually, still found a way to seriously violate federal laws. We are on the case to make certain OSU can’t hide the truth!

Our state-of-the-art investigations have uncovered an unprecedented step initiated by OSU lab administration in response to serious violations – prohibiting one of their SFMs (surgeon faculty member) from the ability to "oversee or participate in any part of live animal surgery, anesthesia, perioperative care or DEA-regulated drug use for a minimum period of one year." The project in which the SFM was involved was also suspended by OSU administration on two separate occasions.

These unheard-of steps were taken because the SFM performed surgery, with the help of a student anesthetist, under an expiring protocol for which neither of them was approved. Additionally, DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) controlled substances were obtained in ways that violated university policy, and veterinary records for the animals (sheep) in the surgery were not maintained properly, or may not have been done at all.

USDA inspections have previously cited OSU for inadequate veterinary care because animals had been denied nail trims for so long they could not stand normally, and for improper outdoor facilities because a horse was forced to stand approximately ankle ( fetlock) deep in mud to eat.

The USDA report also cited OSU for another failure in veterinary care for a cow leaking rumen fluid from a fistula flange. Treatment had been prescribed two weeks before the inspection, but no evidence demonstrated that it had been administered.

SAEN has successfully exposed OSU’s misdeeds with a plethora of news coverage generated by our compelling USDA complaint. In addition to stories by KEZI-TV, Corvallis Gazette-Times, and the OSU student newspaper, Daily Barometer, US News & World Reports even picked up on OSU’s cover-up with an Associated Press article, posting on over 400 news pages. This can be viewed in the Media Coverage section on the SAEN website (www.SAENonline.org).

SAEN is calling for the maximum penalty against OSU of $10,000 per infraction per animal. The potential violations from the illegal surgical procedures performed on sheep alone could result in a penalty of $50,000.

But these were not the only violations! As the investigation of the non-compliant incidents progressed, additional previously unreported illegal surgeries were discovered. The later surgeries had not been disclosed to lab administration, despite requests for exactly this type of information. In other words, lab staff were engaging in a cover-up!

Please contact the USDA to demand action against Oregon State University!

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SAEN exposes Monkey Starvation at Covance Texas Dealer
- Covance Wisconsin Lab also mishandles Monkeys

ALICE, TX / MADISON, WI
- Global conglomerate Covance Research Organization profits immensely from animal exploitation both as a laboratory and as an animal dealer/breeder. Recently, two Covance facilities have seriously violated the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), resulting in primate deaths and suffering.

Covance's Texas-based primate dealer facility paid a $31,500 fine in 2016 for AWA violations in connection to the heat stress deaths of thirteen monkeys. Following this whopping penalty, 25 primates were starved for six days, causing two deaths. Covance claims they just forgot to feed them!

The Covance lab in Wisconsin also recently broke the law by mishandling (abusing?) primates so severely as to cause irreparable bone fractures, leading to two monkeys being euthanatized.

SAEN is pressuring the USDA for maximum enforcement against these perennially criminal facilities, which should result in a six-figure fine!

In the interim, we successfully exposed Covance's primate starvation in an Alice Echo News-Journal story which can be read in the Media Coverage section on the SAEN website (www.SAENonline.org).

SAEN uncovers Max Planck Tree Shrew Suffocation
- Negligent Violation Should Draw Penalty

JUPITER, FL – The Florida-based non-profit lab, Max Planck Institute (MPI), used in 2018 approximately 600 regulated animals of only two species, ferrets and tree shrews.

SAEN's cutting-edge probe of this private facility discovered an illegal tree shrew death in a botched surgical procedure.

This animal asphyxiated when an anesthesia machine was improperly setup, denying the shrew adequate oxygen. Their response to this fatal mistake was staff retraining and adding anesthesia machine inspections to the pre-surgical checklist.

Why does it take an animal death to force a lab to install proper procedures and training — which should have been in place from the first day the facility opened?

In addition to filing a USDA complaint for this unnecessary death, SAEN exposed MPI's recklessness in the Palm Beach Post. “This deserves the maximum fine because of the carelessness of the staff,” said Stacey Ellison, Research Analyst, SAEN.

Join us as we lobby for a penalty against MPI!

Help bring Covance to justice for the primates they torture by contacting both USDA Regional Directors, who have the power to launch prosecutions.

Please contact the USDA to demand ANOTHER fine against Covance (TX) for starving monkeys!

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Please contact the USDA to demand a fine against Covance (WI) for breaking monkeys' bones!

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Please contact the USDA to demand a fine against Max Planck for killing a tree shrew!

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SAEN blows the Lid off of National Epidemic of Fatal Blunders
- Labs from Coast to Coast feel the Pressure of our Spotlight

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. While we strive to include information in The Defender about many of our projects, we cannot possibly include individual articles on every targeted lab. 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 data from multiple sources, including the USDA, National Institutes of Health, and legally-obtained documents from within the labs themselves. SAEN also receives a significant amount of information about some of the most heinous labs from whistleblowers.

Below is a sampling of the animal facilities targeted by SAEN in the past year. SAEN has produced media exposés and/or Official Complaints focusing on:

- **Allegheny College** – rat pups intentionally killed and thrown in trash can.
- **Alpha Genesis** – 27 monkeys escaped; monkey injured requiring finger amputation; monkey escaped into woods not recaptured; 7 monkeys denied water; 2 monkeys escaped, 1 died; monkey died after being placed into incorrect group; monkey found dead with door cable inside cage; monkey found dead electrocuted; monkey died from exposure; monkey death from asphyxiation.
- **Arizona State U.** – 2 monkeys injured following escapes; chinchillas denied veterinary care for eye, ear and back injuries.
- **Battelle Memorial Institute** – guinea pig killed when left in cage & sent through washer.
- **Baylor College of Medicine** – piglet death, denied nutrition solution from incorrectly set infusion pump; pig subjected to unapproved surgery with unapproved drug; piglet died from lack of veterinary care; 2 rabbits died from botched anesthesia; pig killed in botched surgery with 2 surgical sponges left in abdomen.
- **Boston U.** – 4 mice died from injuries caused by improperly replaced cage lid; mouse starvation death; 600 fish died after power surge; infant mouse cannibalized and mother euthanized following unapproved drug administration; 12 mice denied post-wounding pain relief; 3 euthanized; mouse died following heart rupture; 9 mice starved before blood glucose test; denial of veterinary care to hamsters resulting in at least one death; 4 mice subjected to painful toe clipping.
- **Cleveland Clinic** – pig died due to being trapped within a metal ring; mouse denied post-operative pain relief; staff killed 2 conscious mice by neck breaking; 10 rats denied post-operative medication.
- **Creighton U.** – veterinarian prescribed animal treatments not followed by staff; pig sustained leg fracture requiring euthanasia.
- **Duke U.** – 9 monkeys injured by botched injections; 69 mice denied pain relief; primate escaped resulting in injuries to multiple primates; 4 primates died from toxic food; primate placed in occupied cage resulting in injuries to both monkeys.
- **Indiana U. School of Medicine** – 19 rats denied food and 14 denied water; 4 rats died from food and water deprivation; unapproved ear notching and toe clipping of mice.
- **Johns Hopkins U.** – monkey killed when door was closed on his neck; monkey died while trapped inside an enrichment device.
- Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary – seven gerbils killed in botched surgical procedure.

- Max Plank Inst. – tree shrew killed by inhalant gas overdose.

- Morehouse School of Medicine – hamsters allowed to fight until 2 were so severely injured that they died despite treatment.

- Oklahoma State U. – goat trapped under feeding trough; goat with swollen hock treated without veterinary oversight; steer found dead after slipping off a creek bank; rabbit caught foot in cage door left without veterinary care and chewed the foot.

- Pennsylvania State U. – sheep with surgical complication euthanized after suffering six hours without veterinary care.

- Princeton U. – 20 mice with hind limb paralysis resulting from unapproved procedure.

- Taconic Biosciences – 1,100 mice died from dehydration; 5 animals starved to death; 578 mice deaths from drowning; 39 mice deaths caused by over-crowding; 300 rats euthanized after being found in poor condition in cage wash building; following low temperatures – 15 mouse deaths, 272 missing pups and nine lost litters; 30 rats and mice found dead or dying in cage wash area.

- United Vaccines – 5 mink died of heat stress.

- U. of California, Irvine – 3 rabbits died during surgical procedures; death of a pig under anesthesia; sheep died from internal bleeding caused by drug overdose; 3 sick rabbits died without veterinary care.

- U. of Florida – goat euthanized with broken neck; spiny mice subjected to skin wounds with no post-operative pain relief; rat negligently set on fire and euthanized; 3 animals killed in cage sanitizer.

- U. of Houston – monkey died after severe injury during surgery; monkey starved for 23 days.

- U. of Nebraska – monkey died following botched medical procedure; 2 primates escaped from their cage and fought 2 other primates causing injuries to all four; rabbit died after unapproved medical procedure.

- U. of Washington – monkey strangled to death on improperly installed enrichment device chain; monkey dehydration death; monkey euthanized for severe arm injuries after arm found woven through metal cage mesh; 10 mice dehydrated, 7 died; 2 mice starved to death; mouse found dead in a cage without food or water; 2 mouse pups found alive in carcass freezer; monkey suffered and died from improper surgery prep; monkey bled to death overnight after blood draw hit femoral artery; monkey failed to recover from surgery to repair fracture; monkey died during procedure without anesthetic monitoring.

- U. of Wyoming – multiple sheep died from lack of veterinary care.

- Virginia Tech U. – guinea pig died of anorexia following transportation stress; improperly trained staff, failure to follow protocol, and failed to euthanize animals; botched mouse euthanasia.

- Washington U. – dog died from surgical complications without veterinary care; monkey died from ongoing complications without veterinary care; rabbit died of hypothermia due to failure to monitor; cage of mice died of dehydration.

- West Virginia U. – sheep deaths from botched medical procedures causing high temperatures and seizures; 25 mice developed tail necrosis from botched injections, 6 euthanized; lamb euthanized after being found bloody with mouth sores and not receiving veterinary care; 13 chickens died of hyperthermia; 7 lambs were killed and 11 seriously injured by animal attack; 74 mice given unapproved drugs.
SAEN Founders accept Lifetime Achievement Award
- New Life Sanctuary Honors Budkie Family

LAKE ELSINORE, CA – Last December, SAEN’s founders, Karen, Elyse, and Michael, were honored with New Life Animal Sanctuary’s (NLAS) Lifetime Achievement Award during their It’s a Wonderful Life After Labs soiree.

NLAS is unique in that they provide sanctuary for hundreds of animals released from labs, including dogs, cats, rats, mice, rabbits, pigs, cows, llamas, goats, sheep, and several other species.

It’s a Wonderful Life After Labs highlights tours of the sanctuary, an auction, and the crowd-favorite pumpkin smashing to feed the pigs. NLAS’s Gottingen mini-pigs are a breed specifically developed for labs. SAEN’s founders are especially attached to two of the pigs, Margie and Gerri, named after their aunts.

While presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award, Gina Lynn, NLAS’s founder, said she was astonished that the Budkies, in their 30+ years of effective anti-vivisection activism, had never before been publicly recognized.

The award recognized the Budkie family’s accomplishments occurring both before and after the founding of SAEN, including:

- Closure of Santa Cruz Biotech’s California facility, Harvard’s Primate Research Center, U. of Oklahoma’s Baboon Research Program, and Cimcool’s animal lab
- Project terminations at U. of Cincinnati, U. of Toledo, and Pennsylvania State U.
- Instrumental in four of the five largest fines ever levied against U.S. labs
- Leader in animal lab investigations & media exposés

However, their crowning achievement is their huge impact on influencing public opinion through hundreds of extensive media articles. The most recent public opinion polls show that 52% of American adults are now opposed to animal experimentation.

Award-winning author Robin Lamont, hits another home run with her latest suspenseful page turner, The Experiment. It is the third book in The Kinship Series, a creative fictional series where each book educates the reader about animal exploitation. The first two books, The Chain and The Trap, focused on animal agriculture and wildlife management, respectively.

Robin effectively weaves the reality of animal research by interspersing compelling facts within her storyline without overwhelming the reader. SAEN was a resource for background data about the processes and trauma of dogs in experimentation. In her acknowledgements, Robin writes “Many thanks to Michael Budkie, who for decades has worked hard to protect animals in laboratories.”

The Experiment is a fast-paced, suspenseful, eye-opening novel that is a real page turner. Don’t let the backdrop of animal experimentation stop you from enjoying her latest addition that ends with a cliffhanger, leaving us hungry for the next in the series! Available @ SAENonline.storenvy.com
SAEN Successfully prosecutes Emory University

- But this Bungling Lab still can’t Get It Right!

ATLANTA, GA – While SAEN files many Official USDA Complaints against criminal labs, not all of them are successful. Though many draw citations, a smaller percentage result in full-fledged prosecutions.

One of our most recent successes is the prosecution of Emory University which resulted in a federal fine for non-compliances occurring over a span of several years. Unfortunately, even this penalty has not forced this recalcitrant lab to follow the law.

In late 2018, SAEN received confirmation that Emory University had paid a federal fine of $10,500. In turn, we successfully publicized Emory’s confirmed criminality with a hard-hitting exposé in the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

The federal documents obtained by SAEN revealed that Emory was fined for three separate incidents. The first offense listed in the report occurred in 2015:

"Emory failed to handle a macaque in a manner that did not cause trauma or physical harm to the animal. A male macaque underwent surgery on December 7, 2015, and became ill within days. The animal's condition continued to worsen and it was euthanized on December 14, 2015. A necropsy determined that a piece of sterile gauze used during the surgery was left in the abdomen of the macaque, causing adhesions and intestinal obstruction, resulting in illness and euthanasia."

The second violation, also in 2015, leading to Emory’s fine involved their failure to perform the required search for alternatives to performing an experiment on animals.

The third violation, a repeat of the first, stemmed from the same type of incident as two years earlier:

"Emory failed to handle animals in a manner that did not cause trauma or physical harm to the animals. In August 2017, a NHP (non-human primate) underwent a planned donor nephrectomy and seven days later was referred for surgery again to remove a gauze sponge from its abdomen."

When a laboratory is fined by the USDA, our scrutiny of the facility ramps up! Once a lab has been penalized, the USDA is more inclined to impose additional and even more severe enforcement actions.

Our enhanced scrutiny of Emory was rewarded, but their offense, we unearthed, was almost unbelievable – this lab had already been cited for the exact same misdeed, TWICE!

A 2018 report filed by Emory with the NIH’s Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare states:

"An animal underwent a clinical emergency cesarean section surgery for a placental abruption in February 2018. The animal recovered uneventfully and we returned her to the social group... on routine examination in June 2018, the veterinarians examining her suspected that she might have a retained surgical sponge. The animal underwent surgery, a sponge was removed..."

One would think that after committing the exact same fatal violation twice, and being fined for those infractions, Emory's surgical staff would have made absolutely certain to account for all surgical sponges.

Since Emory has now repeated exactly the same infraction a third time, it is patently obvious that the fine levied for the first two occurrences was woefully inadequate to push this facility to end their reckless lawbreaking.

Please contact the USDA to demand ANOTHER fine against Emory University!

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Classic Potato Salad

2 lb red skin potatoes
2 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 med sweet onion, chopped
20 green olives, halved
3 tbsp vegan mayo
2 tbsp sweet relish
1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
1 tsp olive juice
1/2 - 1 tbsp dill
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