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**USDA Cites Colorado State University for Unnecessary Horse Death;  
Watchdog Group Calls for Huge Federal Fine**

**FORT COLLINS / DENVER, CO** – Recently obtained federal reports document botched animal experiments at Colorado State University (CSU) which used too many animals and unnecessarily killed a horse. Other CSU failures may have subjected dogs and cats to unnecessary experiments involving unrelieved pain.

SAEN, an Ohio-based national watchdog nonprofit that investigates animal abuse and illegal activities in U.S. research facilities, said CSU has a history of breaking government regulations – it has been cited for violating exactly the same regulation in four consecutive USDA inspections, impacting over 500 animals.

CSU is also cited for failing to justify withholding pain relief from dogs and cats in experiments.

With the latest inspection, dated 12/12/17, CSU has now piled up thirteen pages of federal violations in just over two years.

SAEN, has filed an official complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, calling for the maximum federal fine of \$10,000 per infraction/per animal, which could generate a multi-million dollar penalty.

"It is unconscionable that Colorado State University staff are so utterly inept that they don't even know how many animals they are supposed to experiment on or how many they are supposed to kill," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN, adding: "With CSU's multi-year history of animal abuse, the USDA should throw the book at them."

Colorado State University has a history of significant Animal Welfare Act violations dating back to the 2011 payment of a \$23,821 federal fine.