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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Negligence Kills, Abuses Hundreds of Research Subjects - Animals Cooked/Boiled Alive, Starved, Dehydrated, Drowned, According to Nat'l Watchdog's Audit

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Hundreds of animals were negligently killed and abused at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), according to an audit by a national watchdog group, who called the results "shocking."

SAEN, an Ohio-based nonprofit that monitors U.S. research facilities for violations of law and animal abuse, said its audit of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's animal experimentation program, revealed – according to internal correspondence – that over 115 animals were negligently killed or abused in a year.

SAEN said causes of death included boiling alive, drowning, heat stress, starvation, and dehydration. Animals were also denied required pain relief.

Nine CHOP letters obtained by SAEN admit wrongdoing and negligence to a federal funding agency and were never intended to be made public.

SAEN said its contacted CHOP's Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Bryan A. Wolf, to insist on an independent investigation and the termination of staff who are responsible for the negligence and abuse.

SAEN claims that CHOP's research administration has failed to do its job in a rush to approve grants and bring in funding, having acquired over \$35 million in federal grants.

"This is shocking. And the reality is that Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has been more interested in attracting federal grant money than keeping animals alive," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., SAEN executive director and co-founder.