



Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!

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2/24/14

Dr. Gibbens,

I am writing to you today to file another Official Complaint against the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (74-R-0003).

As you know, a USDA inspection report dated 1/29/14 cites the Texas Biomedical Research Institute for yet another primate strangulation death. This incident follows similar incidents which killed two other primates in a 12 month period. These incidents were reported in a USDA report dated 1/24/13.

As you also know, I have previously filed a complaint (January of 2014) for the strangulation deaths of two baboons, and the euthanasia of a chimpanzee subsequent to a severe infection which occurred following a surgical procedure.

Overall, these incidents have taken the lives of 6 primates due to negligence in just over a year. Clearly, the level of negligence at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute is severe, and in many instances fatal.

Therefore, I hereby file a third Official Complaint against the Texas Biomedical Research Institute for failure to handle animals properly. I must insist that your office institute an immediate investigation.

I know that your office considers major violations of the Animal Welfare Act to be very serious in nature, especially when these violations kill or seriously injure animals. Since the Texas Biomedical Research Institute has a long history of animal abuse which has led to multiple animal deaths, I must insist that you take the most severe action allowable under the Animal Welfare Act and immediately begin the process of issuing the maximum fine allowable against the Texas Biomedical Research Institute at the completion of your investigation -- \$10,000 per infraction, totaling \$40,000.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future about the fate of this facility.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T.,
Executive Director, SAEN

Attachments: USDA Inspection Report