

Primate Experimentation in the United States

Emory University

The National Death Toll

Primate experimentation in the United States is out of control. **In the last ten years the number of primate experiments funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has increased by 76%.** Statistics based on data published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reveal that **primate experimentation in the U.S. has reached an all time high with 60,000 of our closest relatives suffering & dying in laboratory experiments every year.**

Government Waste

Repetition is rampant among NIH-funded projects. There are currently 170 NIH projects that study neural information processing in macaque monkeys. These useless experiments waste over \$49.5 million in federal tax dollars every year. Many of these projects continue on for decades wasting millions of tax dollars each and victimizing primates for an entire lifetime.

Emory Experiments

In Garrett Alexander's experiments at Emory University **restraining bars are attached to the heads of macaque monkeys with steel screws. Holes are cut into the skull and recording chambers are placed over the opening. Electrodes are advanced through the chamber into the brain.** Coils are also implanted near the left eye. Electrodes are also implanted in the muscles of the primate.

The monkey is confined to a restraint chair and forced to perform behavioral tasks for juice rewards. **In these experiments the monkeys are denied access to water,** except during the experiment itself.

When the experiment is concluded the unfortunate primates die horribly. They are anesthetized, and then injected with chemicals similar to formaldehyde, essentially embalming them while still alive. Garrett has been torturing primates in this way at Emory for over a decade, and his current project is funded through 2003 at \$195,000 per year.

Other experiments at Emory subject primates to confinement in restraint chairs and addictive drugs like cocaine and morphine. This type of experimentation at Emory wastes over \$600,000 a year.

Recent USDA reports have exposed terrible conditions at Emory. Expired drugs are routinely used. Cages are not adequately cleaned, and primates are improperly housed. In some instances the monkeys have begun to exhibit stereotypical behavior, a sign of severe

stress, if not madness.



What you can do to help

1. Read, copy, and distribute this fact sheet.

2. Write to your federal legislators to request a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded primate experimentation.

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