

# Primate Experimentation in the United States:

## University of California, Los Angeles & California Institute of Technology

Primate experimentation in the United States is out of control. 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 over 120,000 of our closest relatives suffering and dying in laboratories during the last two years.**

Repetition is rampant among National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded projects. There are currently 170 NIH projects that study neural information processing in macaque monkeys. 75 separate grants subject primates to cocaine. 70 different experiments study vision in macaque monkeys. These experiments continue for decades wasting millions of tax dollars, and victimizing primates for an entire lifetime.

### California Institute of Technology

**Dr. Richard Andersen has tortured primates at the California Institute of Technology (CIT) since 1987. Coils are implanted near the primates' eyes and restraining devices and recording cylinders are attached to their skulls.**

Conditions at CIT are so terrible that **an anonymous complaint was filed with USDA**, and inspection reports have revealed terrible abuses. One primate (Cecil) had all the experimental devices attached to his head, but CIT staff couldn't even keep them clean and infection free.

### UCLA

**In Dr. Madeleine Schlag-Rey's project at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) restraining devices are bolted to the heads of rhesus monkeys. Coils are implanted near their eyes and electrodes are placed into their brains. They are isolated in restraint chairs for hours at a time.**

**Government inspections of UCLA labs have revealed 82 separate violations of the Animal Welfare Act.** Intelligent primates are chained in excrement filled cages:

*"... non-human primates were tethered with rusted chains that could drop into and be dragged through cage pans containing feces ..."*



One macaque monkey named Bao had a discharge (assumably the result of an infection) coming from around an experimental device (headset) which was affixed to its head. This animal had suffered with intermittent infections for 1 1/2 years.

### **What you can do to help:**

1. Read, copy, and distribute this factsheet.
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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