

PETA's Gift & Estate Planning Club

Augustus club



Ingrid's message

It has been 18 years since PETA stopped hideous head-injury tests that were being carried out on baboons in an underground laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania. It took massive amounts of work. We trudged around Capitol Hill, organized protests, held news conferences, and showed damning videotapes of suffering baboons writhing on operating tables, their heads cemented into crude helmets. In the end, it took 101 of us holed up on the eighth floor of a National Institutes of Health building for four days, refusing to budge, in order to force a change. Imagine, \$1 million a year had been spent on those crude and cruel tests—some of it coming from head-injury charities.

I used to inspect laboratories in the '70s. I saw firsthand what goes on in them. I found dogs lying on the floor with their intestines beside them, chimpanzee infants in cages barely larger than the size of their own bodies, overcrowding that

The Seamy Side of Some Health Charities

Bankrolling animal torture

led to fights to the death, animals with illnesses that had gone unnoticed, a standard of care so low that it would make anyone angry. In one lab, I even found rabbits microwaved for fun. Everything was funded by people who trusted that animals were being used "to save lives" and that no one would abuse them.

Today, terrible things are *still* being done to helpless animals in the name of health research, although from *human* experience, we all know that pregnant women should not drink alcohol, that a cholesterol level over 150 puts us at risk of a heart attack, and that tobacco causes lung cancer. Yet, health charities like the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, and universities funded by cancer charities *still* feed high-fat diets to animals and then induce painful heart attacks in them and *still* make monkey mothers into alcoholics then steal their children from them and cut them up to

examine the effects. Rats and guinea pigs are still being shoved into plastic cylinders so tiny that they cannot move or walk, and then have cigarette smoke blown into their faces, day and night, until they are finally casually dissected by some technician singing along to the radio.

As ethical and kind people, we can actively fight such wasteful use of health money and such unspeakable horrors.

Whenever a health charity comes knocking, through the mail or at the car window, please look it up on our good guys/bad guys list (see our Web site at peta.org/mall/cc.html or write to us for a copy of our health charities guide). If



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Unspeakable Cruelty

Sacrificing lives in the name of science



having nothing to do or touch or see. They are kept in cages that are barely bigger than their own bodies and are often subjected to painful experiments without any anesthetics or pain relief. There is no law in this country that prohibits experiments on animals—no matter how frivolous or painful.

Vivisection commonly infect animals with diseases that they would normally never contract. They force-feed and inject

them with toxic chemicals. They sever animals' spines, break their bones, cement electrodes into their skulls, blow air into their faces, and force them to perform difficult and confusing tasks or receive electric shocks.

The military sickens and wounds animals with radiation, chemical agents, and guns even though the effects of these weapons are already well documented. Psychologists subject animals to maternal deprivation, drug and alcohol addiction, and other torments. Tobacco companies mutilate animals, pump them full of nicotine, and force them to inhale smoke.

Many household-product and cosmetics companies still force their wares into animals' stomachs; rub them onto animals' shaved, abraded skin; squirt

It is termed "vivisection"—the practice of experimenting on live animals—and it is invariably cruel, often scientifically worthless, yet extremely pervasive. Since its inception, PETA has waged a front-line campaign against what goes on behind the closed doors of laboratories. We are combating a giant, but our tireless work to stop animal testing wherever it occurs is paying off.

Imagine Having Your Body Left to Science ... While You're Still in It Every year, tens of millions of mice, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, cats, dogs, primates, sheep, cows, pigs, and other animals are tortured and killed in U.S. laboratories.

Most lead lives of extreme fear; agony, stress, and/or tremendous despair from

them into their eyes; and force animals to inhale them. Crude agricultural experiments are carried out on cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, and turkeys to find ways to push cows to produce even more milk, sheep to produce even more wool, and all animals to produce even more offspring and grow "meatier."

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) poisons thousands—and in some cases, millions—of animals in order to test pesticides and other chemicals that are already known to be toxic.

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Beware: Many health charities ask for donations to help people with diseases and disabilities yet spend the money to bankroll horrific experiments on animals—the seamy side of their work is hidden away. The March of Dimes, for example, is currently funding an experimenter at the notoriously cruel Oregon Regional Primate Research Center who tethers pregnant monkeys to their cage walls by wires implanted in their backs.

Scientific Fraud

Although humans and other animals feel pain, fear, sadness, joy, love, and other emotions, physiologically there are vast differences between species. Different

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species of animals have different metabolisms, so their reactions to toxins, diseases, and drugs vary enormously. This means that data from one species cannot be reliably applied to others.

For example, drugs such as thalidomide, DES, and Accutane were tested on animals and judged "safe," yet many people who took these drugs gave birth to children with birth defects.

Dr. Robert Coleman, cofounder of Pharmagene Laboratories (a company that uses only human tissues and computers to develop and test drugs), has concluded that "all animal species are different, and no single species can be regarded as a reliable representative of any other; so if one conducts experiments upon mice, it is important

to understand that the results may be relevant only to that species."

Better Ways

Human clinical and epidemiological studies, autopsy reports, cadavers, and computer simulators are faster, more reliable, and more humane than animal tests. Human cell cultures and tissue studies, *in vitro* tests, and artificial human "skin" and "eyes" mimic the body's natural properties and provide scientists with less expensive alternatives.

Sophisticated computer virtual organs that serve as accurate models of human body parts are readily available. Physiome Sciences, for example, develops computer-based models of human

organs, which exhibit the biophysical properties of both normal and diseased cells, for use in drug testing and medical research.

It is the most tragic of paradoxes that unfavorable animal-test results do not prevent a drug from being marketed for human use. And if the pharmaceutical industry switched from animal experiments to quantum pharmacology and *in vitro* tests, we would have greater protection, not less. As Gordon Baxter, the cofounder of Pharmagene Laboratories says, "If you have information on human genes, what's the point of going back to animals?" It is truly only inertia and "tradition" that



Dog undergoing scabies study at Wright State University

prevent us from making greater use of alternatives.

We Are Making Progress

Thanks to your support, PETA has been able to expose what really goes on in the experimentation **business** and to help countless animals. In fact, PETA's first big campaign was the precedent-setting Silver Spring monkeys case, in which we exposed horrific experiments being conducted on Augustus and 16 other macaque monkeys. **The case resulted in the first arrest and conviction of an animal experimenter in the United States on charges of cruelty to animals, the first confiscation of abused animals from a laboratory, and the first U.S. Supreme Court victory for animals in laboratories.**

Since then, PETA has stopped a Department of Defense "wound lab" in which the military had planned to fire high-velocity missiles into dogs, goats, and other animals. **This led to the first-ever permanent ban on the shooting of dogs and cats in wound labs.**

We released more than 70 hours of graphic videotape footage from the University of Pennsylvania head-injury laboratory, documenting the cruel treatment of primates there. Protests by PETA led the secretary of health and human services to cut off all funding to the laboratory, and **the experiments were stopped after a 14-year history of abuse.**

We uncovered gross mistreatment of dogs and other animals at the City



of Hope laboratory in California. **The government fined the center \$11,000 and suspended more than \$1,000,000 in federal funding to the lab.** We were also responsible for stopping the total isolation of chimpanzees at a Maryland research laboratory called SEMA and foiled a plan by Cedars-Sinai, California's largest hospital, to ship stray dogs from Mexico into California for experiments.

The U.S. government filed 41 charges of Animal Welfare Act violations against Hazelton Research Products, a Michigan company that breeds animals for pharmaceutical laboratories, after PETA investigators revealed that employees beat animals, sometimes to death. And after we unveiled cruel scabies experiments using dogs and rabbits at Wright State University (WSU), **the university was charged with violating the Animal Welfare Act and forced to end the experiments.**

In addition to these and other victories, **hundreds of companies have signed PETA's statement of assurance** pledging that they will not use animals for product testing, and well-known charities such as Easter Seals, Birth Defect Research for Children, the National Children's Cancer Society, and Miracle House have refused to fund animal experimentation.

Moreover, after PETA provided March of Dimes corporate sponsors Jamba Juice, M.A.C. Cosmetics, Kmart, Publix, and the Sara Lee Corporation with information about cruel animal tests

funded by the March of Dimes, **the companies all agreed to earmark their future donations strictly for non-animal programs.**

And we are, of course, "hounding" the EPA (and its counterparts in Canada and the European Union), which requires more animal-based chemical toxicity testing than any other U.S. governmental agency. We are now reviewing all test plans submitted by companies under the EPA's high-production volume chemical-testing

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program, presenting our comments, and pressuring those companies that are proposing to test on animals to withdraw their plans. **Already our efforts have saved more than 2,000 animals since PPG Industries and AmeriBrom withdrew their proposals.**

We are also working at the international level to push the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)—a multinational alliance representing 30 nations that works to promote international consistency in the testing, labeling, and regulation of chemicals—away from animal testing and toward the acceptance of more reliable and humane



non-animal tests. PETA, along with animal protection organizations from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Japan, has formed the International Council for Animal Protection in OECD Programs, now an officially recognized affiliate of the OECD and a much-needed balance to animal-testing industry pressure groups.

There can be no doubt that we have made enormous progress in our battle against vivisection, but we still have many, many fights ahead. We are asking everyone who wants to help to refuse to purchase products from companies that test on animals and to stop donating to charities that fund animal experiments. We are also asking donors to some environmental organizations, including Environmental Defense, the World Wildlife Fund, and Natural Resources Defense Council, to stop supporting these groups because, believe it or not, these organizations have been strong supporters of the EPA's cruel and absolutely unnecessary animal-test campaigns (for more information, check out our Web site at peta.org/feat/greenwash/index.html).

Please visit our Web site **StopAnimalTests.com** or call our hotline **1-888-TEST-KIND** for information on cruelty-free companies and charities, including a free guide that lists charities that do and that don't fund animal experiments. And please make animals' voices heard by contacting your representatives in Congress to demand that humane alternatives to animal experiments be used.

REAL HEROES SAVE BOTH THEIR LIVES!

Walk Away From March of Dimes Cruel Animal Tests

PETA MarchOfCrimes.com

Putting Retirement Assets to Work for Animals



A simple yet significant gift to animals that has become increasingly attractive to many is a gift of retirement assets to PETA.

Millions of people participate each year in qualified retirement plans, either individually or through their employers. These plans, which include Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), 401(k) plans, and Keogh plans, typically offer tax incentives at the time that funds are contributed to the plan and allow the funds to build tax-deferred until they are withdrawn.

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It is common for retirement plan holders to designate loved ones to be the beneficiaries of their plan's assets. However, many people do not realize that by doing so, they may be subjecting their retirement assets to several types of taxes, including federal and possibly state estate taxes.

That is because, despite being nonprobate assets, retirement assets are generally included in the taxable estate.

And although they are frequently the largest assets in an estate, because they are not subject to probate it can be easy to overlook them when estimating the total value of an estate. Therefore, if left to an heir who is not a spouse, retirement assets may unexpectedly cause the value of an estate to rise above the estate tax-exemption levels.

Additionally, when a beneficiary receives the balance of the plan after estate taxes, income tax will be due, and this can reach 40 percent or more, depending on state income taxes and other factors. Taken together, income and estate taxes could conceivably consume 70 percent or more of the value of retirement assets left to loved ones.

This heavy taxation can be avoided by making PETA the beneficiary of retirement plan assets and utilizing other less-taxed assets to provide for loved ones. Naming PETA as the beneficiary of a retirement account means that PETA will receive 100 percent of your retirement plan proceeds free of all taxes. Although the proceeds will be included in the taxable estate, they will be completely deductible as a charitable gift. And because PETA is exempt from income taxes, there will be no income-tax liability.

Naming PETA the beneficiary of your retirement plan is very simple. Generally all that is required is the completion of a beneficiary change form, which will ask for PETA's full name (People for the

Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc.), permanent address (P.O. Box 42516, Washington, DC 20015), and federal tax identification number (52-1218336).

An alternate option is to use your retirement assets to create a practical "pocket" from which to make annual gifts to PETA. At age 59½, withdrawals can be made from most retirement plans without having to pay an early withdrawal penalty. However, taxes will still be due on the amounts withdrawn. By withdrawing amounts each year just sufficient to fund charitable gifts, those taxes can be offset by the charitable tax deductions. This can result in a "wash" for tax purposes and is an excellent way to continue to benefit PETA during your lifetime.

Unfortunately, current law does not afford a means of rolling funds out of an IRA or other retirement account during your lifetime directly to PETA. However, legislation is being considered by the U.S. Congress that would allow for the tax-free transfer of funds from an IRA or other qualified retirement plan directly to a charitable organization.

If you would like more information about ways that you can benefit PETA and animals through your retirement plan assets, please contact **Tim Enstice**, PETA's planned gifts manager, at **757-622-7382, extension 1610**, or via e-mail at **TimE@petaf.org**.

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that charity does not carry the humane seal of approval, please don't support it. But do take a moment to drop the charity a line, explaining that you will not give until it stops animal tests. And if you feel that you absolutely must donate to an organization that happens to support animal tests, please do so with the written caveat *on your check* that your donation NOT be used for any of its work related to animal testing.

Few of our neighbors, friends, family members, and coworkers realize that they have a choice when they give and that they can help people with illnesses more effectively if they give to health charities that use their funds in sophisticated ways: not blinding cats, but

giving eye treatments to those without insurance, and not feeding known toxins to pregnant primates, but setting up a birth-defect registry.

Please give everyone you know a PETA pamphlet and an education. Let them know that there are always *alternatives to cruelty to animals*, including charities that don't promote animal testing, like Easter Seals, and that need and deserve their support. The tide is turning in favor of the animals, but it will only truly happen if more of us take the time to speak up about all forms of cruelty to animals—including cruelty under the guise of promoting human health.

J. Garcia

Britches, whose eyes were sewn shut in a university laboratory, with his adoptive mother after his rescue.



Another Great Augustus Club Recipe

In the last issue, we whetted your appetite with the recipe for "Mama's Mock 'Meatloaf'" from Russell Simmons. Now, to put a vegan finish on any meal and to erase the doubts of any nonbelievers at your table, here is another offering from The PETA Celebrity Cookbook and a fellow Augustus Club member. Buen provecho!

Rue McClanahan's Extreme Dream Cheesecake

For the Crust

2 cups vegan graham-cracker or cookie crumbs
 1/8 cup sugar
 1/4 cup margarine, softened

For the Filling

2 8-oz. containers plain nondairy cream cheese (such as Tofutti Better Than Cream Cheese)
 1 cup sugar
 Juice of one whole lemon (or 2-3 Tbsp. pure lemon juice)
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Fresh raspberries or canned cherry pie filling

For the crust, combine the graham-cracker crumbs, sugar, and margarine and mix well. Transfer to an 8-inch pie pan, and use a big spoon to press the dough firmly against the sides and bottom of the pan. Chill for 30 minutes in the refrigerator.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Blend together the nondairy cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice, and vanilla and pour into the graham-cracker crust. Place the filled pie shell on a cookie sheet (to catch spills) and bake for 60 minutes. Allow to cool. Cover the top of the "cheese" cake with the fresh raspberries or cherry pie filling and chill several hours.

Makes 8 servings

