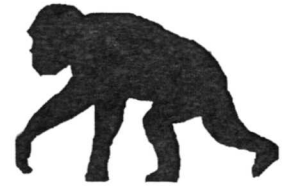


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Speaking Truth to Power

We all know stories like David v Goliath—where seemingly hopeless odds to defeat a stronger, more experienced opponent results in an unexpected win for the little guy. What does it take to stand up to modern-day Goliaths and say you've had enough and take action to change at least a small part of the world? It's not easy telling giants like California Board of Regents to clean up their act.

We have all complained about the failure of government to be transparent and open. What does it say then when an institution of higher education plans to ignore the law? In our last newsletter (now online), we focused on UCLA's lack of response to YOU who have requested information about primates held at UCLA—the lawsuits in play and more.

ScienceMagazine.org of Dec. 07, provides this interesting tidbit:

"Spurred by the attack on Rosenbaum, UCLA also decided not to comply with requests for animal protocols and other research-related materials made via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This and other public record laws are intended to give private citizens access to information held by public agencies, and animal activists use them to gain access to research records. (The Web site of the Primate Freedom Project, for example, contains a fill-in-the-blanks FOIA request letter for research animal records, along with the addresses of several major primate centers.)"

Imagine citizens actually using laws our Congress passed to provide information!

UCLA needs to be responsive to YOU —since YOU are paying their salaries. Please mail in the enclosed card today and speak up for your right to know what's happening to primates inside the laboratories—maybe even what's happening to the primate on YOUR Freedom Tag.

Speaking Truth to Power —what do YOU have to say?

The Fate of cj0223 at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center

cj0223 was a male Common Marmoset, *Callithrix jacchus*, a species native to northeast Brazil. He was born on Oct. 16, 1991 and acquired by WNPRC from the now defunct Laboratory of Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates (LEMSIP) on Nov. 4, 1992. He was killed at WNPRC on Sept. 21, 2001 having spent all of his nearly ten years of life imprisoned at research labs.

At autopsy cj0223 had chronic kidney inflammation as well as inflamed bowels from lymphocytic enteritis and intestinal amyloidosis lesions associated with chronic wasting illness. It seems that this latter condition is epidemic in the marmosets confined at WNPRC. In the wild, marmosets include tree sap as an important component of their diet (sap is probably vital for Common Marmosets), a dietary requirement which research labs have difficulty providing. This deficiency may account for the chronic digestive illness rife among the marmosets held captive in our nation's labs.

While at WNPRC, cj0223 suffered through a variety of research experiments. Four months after his arrival there, the little fellow was part of a study titled "Formation of Social Groups in Marmosets." In the wild, marmosets have a chance to escape from aggressive group members; caged monkeys do not. Shortly after he entered the project, cj0223 sustained bite wounds on his forehead, foot, ankle, fingers, forearm and elbow.

Subsequently, he was a test subject in research investigating "Hypothalamic Mechanisms Mediating Social Suppression of Reproduction." For this a vivisector surgically implanted a catheter in his internal jugular vein which required repeated flushing and two re-suturings after the incision opened. He endured the catheter for nine days. Two months later he was put in the social group study again for seven months.

In mid-1996, he was used in a project titled, "Clinical Blood or Surgery" during which he endured several large blood draws. It was during this time that the eye problems that would plague him for the rest of his life were first observed. The condition was treated repeatedly with antibiotics and steroids but ultimately led to cataract surgery on both eyes and possible blindness before he was killed.

Despite his eye condition, for the next five years vivisectors continued to use him in additional studies like "In Vitro Bioassay for Luteinizing Hormone", "Absence of Estrogen-Depletion Bone Loss in Marmosets", and, "Bone Mass and Aging in Marmosets." Also, he continued to be used in the social group study where he received yet another bite wound, this time to his face and for numerous blood draws including one that was so massive that he had to be treated with iron and fluid replacement therapy.

Between 1997 and 2000, he was placed in WNPRC's marmoset breeding colony and sired 10 offspring - a joy had they been born in the wild, but under the circumstances only continuing the legacy of confinement and pain for another generation of marmosets.

During his nearly nine years of confinement at WNPRC, cj0223 was subjected at least 39 blood draws and was given general anesthesia (ketamine or saffan) 11 times either as part of research projects (once for the removal of cerebrospinal fluid) or to treat illness. Also, WNPRC's records indicate that cj0223 was moved to a different cage at least 40 times inhibiting any chance of enjoying some comfort from familiar surroundings.

The final notation in cj0223's historical record on the date of his death reads "... reluctant to prolong treatment of aged animal with multiple physical abnormalities"

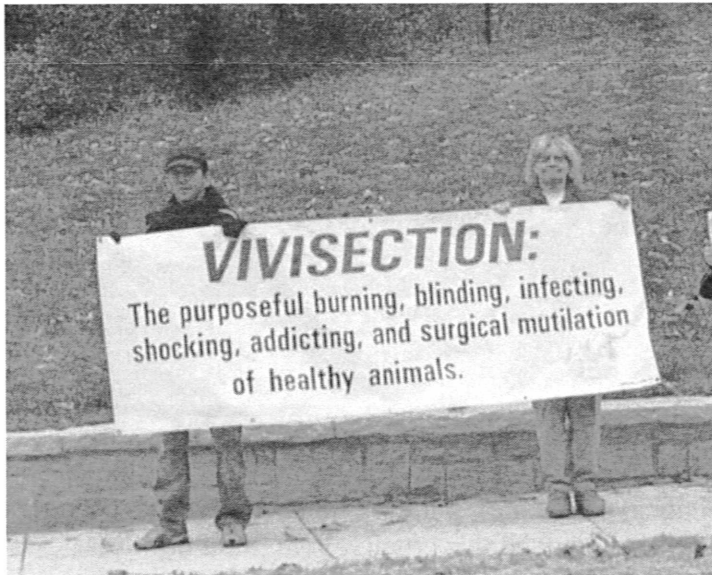
Many medical historians and researchers continue to question the scientific validity of biomedical research using animals. All disease is a disruption of cellular and biochemical processes which vary enough from species to species, even those that are similar externally, so as to make extrapolation to the human condition dangerously misleading. Furthermore, much of the research conducted is repetitive and/or unnecessary except to provide income and notoriety for vivisectors. Is knowledge about "Hypothalamic Mechanisms Mediating Social Suppression of Reproduction" so important that researchers feel justified in imprisoning and harming primates to gain it?

In addition, animal species routinely used in research have the capacity to feel pain, to enjoy pleasure, to think and act purposefully, and to prepare for future events. In short, they have degrees of self-awareness and lives that are important to them beyond any utilitarian purposes they may have for us. To incarcerate them and subject them to painful research, even if such research may afford some benefit to humans, is unethical and immoral. If we are willing to subject innocent creatures to pain and agony in an attempt to improve our health, are we worth the effort?

Rest in peace cj0223.

This accounting of cj0223's life was written by Bob Tintle. Mr. Tintle wrote to WNPRC for cj0223's records and brought his story to light. The Primate Freedom Project is thankful that Mr. Tintle and other concerned citizens are gathering information about the primates imprisoned in the nation's labs and calling attention to their misery. Such stories underline the fact that suffering-filled lives are the norm within these institutions.

Read more life stories at www.PrimateFreedom.com



Outside Emory University, home of the Yerkes Primate Center, two activists inform the public about the dirty business of vivisection.

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H.R. 801 is now in the House Judiciary Committee but it needs to be resoundingly squashed long-before it gets out of committee. The bill is intended to reverse legislation requiring open access to NIH funded research — as if it's not difficult enough to get info now! The sponsor is most likely hoping to attach it to legislation that won't come up until fall 2009. We need to make sure the Judiciary Committee knows this bill is TERRIBLE and also, let your own US House rep know to vote against it. **Michigan's John Conyers** (202-225-5126) is the sponsor. Cosponsors are:

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| Rep. Robert Wexler [D-FL] | fax: (202) 225-5974 |
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H.R. 801 

To find out who represents you in Washington, visit: <http://www.votesmart.org/> or just call your county courthouse and they can direct you to the right department. Then let your US House rep know how you feel about transparency in research and government. Please mail in the enclosed card to the House Judiciary to stop HR801!

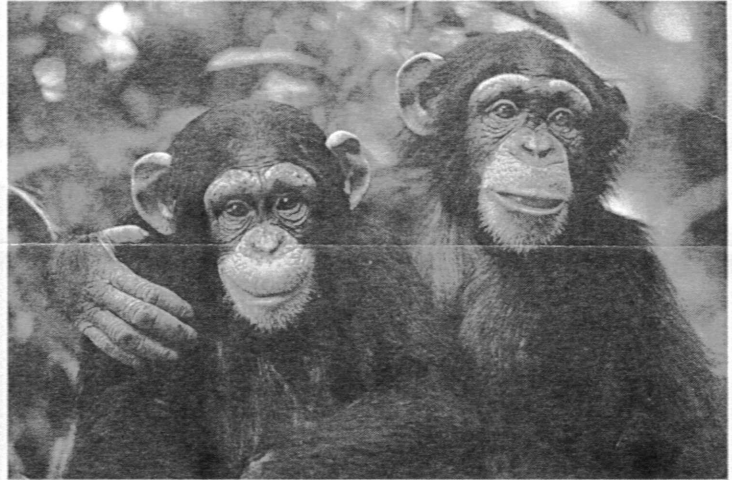
immoral use of nonhuman primates in laboratory experiments. Contributions are tax deductible.

The Great Ape Protection Act — HR 1326

Passage of this important legislation would help hundreds of Great Apes in laboratories finally get a chance to live a better life. We cannot wait on primate experimenters to develop a conscience so our voices are urgently needed to make the ACT a reality.

Enclosed is a card to send to your US Representative. To find the name of your US Rep. please visit <http://www.votesmart.org/> Encourage your Rep. to be a cosponsor of HR1326 and thank him/her if they've already signed on.

Wenka Chimpanzee has been in Emory Univ.'s Yerkes Primate Center for 54 years. Help Wenka and others have a real life before it's too late.



they are waiting...

Nearly sixty thousand monkeys are used in basic research each year in the United States alone, and their numbers are growing. Private pharmaceutical companies, publicly funded universities, and the United States government have formed a coalition to defend this cruelty. With their limitless resources, control of the media, and ability to jail dissenters, resistance can seem futile.

But now you have a way to act which will have immediate and long-term impact.



Each Primate Freedom Tag is a unique permanent record stamped into stainless steel. This record contains the serial number of a monkey or nonhuman ape being held for experimentation in one of our nation's Primate Research Laboratories. This record includes the date of birth, gender, species, and location of a prisoner.

Each Tag is packaged in an informative mini-booklet which explains how to contact the primate center where your adopted prisoner is held along with questions to ask about the primate on your Primate Freedom Tag. Wearing a Primate Freedom Tag will be a constant reminder that you are one primate's hope. Go to www.PrimateFreedom.com to read more about Freedom Tags or write us at: Primate Freedom Project, P.O. Box 1623, Fayetteville, Ga. 30214.

Their freedom begins with you...