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Curing vision problems in children?

*One of the rare photos of an actual Yerkes' primate.....
pictures an infant Macaque fitted with goggles
to induce an imbalance in the two eyes.*

The infant pictured here was one of eight macaques used for durations of 3 to 24 weeks and was fitted with the goggles shown on the first day of their lives to decorrelate their vision under the claim of studying *infantile esotropia*. Like so many similar experiments in the past, the macaques developed the desired vision problems.



Nothing new there.

The macaques left Yerkes Primate Center at Emory Univ. and were shipped to Washington Univ. in St. Louis, Mo. between 4 to 6 months of age and were trained to perform tasks and were 'rewarded' with food.

Eye coils were implanted at one year of age and all the macaques were tested for 3 to 6 months. These visually impaired infants were required to maintain their eye position within a certain range for up to five seconds to receive a juice reward.

"...scleral search coils were implanted in both eyes and a custom-built, polycarbonate head-restraint device was attached to the skull." ...

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"...The monkey sat in a primate chair in the middle of field coils. The head restraint was locked to preclude head movement and the room was lit with dim background illumination. Eye position was calibrated at the start of each recording session by using a calibration coil and by having the animal maintain eye position within a 2 degree window of target position."

Similar experiments continued to be performed with varying degrees of difficulty but the macaques came to their deaths in the following manner:

"The animals were anesthetized deeply and a lethal dose of pentobarbital was administered, followed by perfusion of fixative through the left ventricle using an electric pump. The cerebral hemispheres and brainstem were then removed from the cranium and immersed in a separate container of fixative. The visual cortex was unfolded and flattened, then cut into 40-um sections on a freezing microtome in a plane parallel to the pial surface."

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The National Eye Institute, with the help of the National Institutes of Health, has funded approximately 52 similar grants for a total of almost \$100 million dollars.

NIH data tells us researcher Lawrence Tychsen was awarded \$2.8 MILLION dollars to perform this cruel experiment. He stole any happiness the primates might have enjoyed in their all too short lives.

These facilities are nothing more than a death-trap for animals and are not producing the cures and treatments American taxpayers have funded and been promised for decades.

Researchers continue to ride the federal gravy train and receive grants but produce no new information. Experiments similar to the one describe here have been performed many times and until we complain LOUDLY to our elected officials, this waste, pain and suffering will never end.

We hope you will consider mailing the enclosed card to Sen. Edward Kennedy who is Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

A link to the full article by [Lawrence Tychsen, MD can be found at www.PrimateFreedom.com](http://www.PrimateFreedom.com)

These eight primates are dead but their siblings remain in the laboratories. Please speak for them.