

In Memoriam
Tom
1965 – 2009

Tom suffered for 30 years in a lab.

It was unnecessary.

There are alternatives.

Pass the Great Ape Protection Act, H.R. 1326.

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President's Year End Message

Stepping Into the Next Decade

I am amazed, when I take inventory, at how many years have passed, how much has been accomplished, enjoyed, learned, lost, and gained. As our 2009 Annual Report thresholds a new decade, I would like to do a brief review of the last decade of work to end the use of animals in laboratories and science education. Seeing how far we have come gives us renewed energy, optimism, and spirit because no matter how demanding the journey, we are getting where we need to go.

Since 2000, there have been four World Congresses on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences. Thousands of scientists have met in major world cities to present the latest research on alternatives and discuss progress to refine, reduce, and replace the use of animals in research and testing.

Over the last decade, we have arrived at a full 96% of medical schools no longer using live animals in their training, while 50% of veterinary schools no longer require terminal labs. Animal-friendly science education, for which willingness to hurt or kill animals is no longer a requirement, promises future scientists, physicians, and veterinarians of compassion.

Our review reminds us that in 2000 the precedent-setting Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection (CHIMP) Act was passed, fueling current legislative efforts to finish the job it began (see Great Ape Protection Act, pg. 4). It elevated a species other than *Homo sapiens* to moral and legal consideration by providing for the retirement and lifetime care of chimpanzees no longer "needed" in research and by prohibiting their euthanasia for a lab's convenience.

Over the last decade, the National Center for Research Resources ended funding for breeding chimpanzees for research, making the voluntary breeding moratorium of 1995 permanent. Later, the "Chimp Haven is Home Act" amendment prohibited "retired" chimpanzees in federal sanctuary from ever being returned to research, bringing the CHIMP Act full circle.

As the decade was coming to a close, a "dream team" of bipartisan legislators introduced the Great Ape Protection Act (H.R.1326) — the

first legislation of its kind, which would extend to a non-human species the right to be protected from science by ending invasive research and testing on chimpanzees and retiring them to permanent sanctuary. By the end of 2009, the bill boasted 140+ cosponsors and the support of millions of voting, taxpaying Americans, including physicians, scientists and others taking a stand against cruel, status quo science.

These accomplishments add to our continuum of progress as we slide down that "slippery slope" of compassion that our opponents worry about when even the smallest advance is made to protect animals. They need be warned that animal protection organizations, U.S. citizens, and legislators are showing the world that compassion will prevail.

My list of the decade's accomplishments could include many more examples, but what I have included will hopefully serve you to feel proud to be a part of this good work! I have been with NEAVS since that fateful day in elementary school when I was first introduced to the plight of animals in labs via a NEAVS magazine. I have been proud to serve NEAVS as its president since 1998. During this time, I have prayed for the continued wisdom and energy to do the task at hand. I have sighed in joy and relief after each of the many accomplishments NEAVS has made or been a critical part of. I look back with gratitude for being a part of this great work, this amazing organization, and for knowing some of the most precious people on the planet — you, our supporters, our Board, staff, and friends. And, I have been blessed with knowing hundreds of animals who have benefited from our collective compassion and who have been our teachers.

So to all of you, thank you for a wonderful and successful 2009, and for being there with us as we move into 2010 and our next decade of progress begins!



Theodora Capaldo, EdD

"For it is in giving that we receive."

— Saint Francis of Assisi

NEAVS – Your Organization

One of the oldest animal advocacy organizations in the country, **NEAVS** focuses on ending the use of animals in science, and advocating for the development and use of modern alternatives. You — our members — as well as the Board and staff, are the heart and soul of how **NEAVS'** work gets done.

Leadership

The Board of Directors are animal protection leaders who share a common strength of purpose and character. Brief biography highlights:

- **Theodora Capaldo, EdD, President /Executive Director** (1998–present) — licensed psychologist; past President of Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals; current Trustee of the American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research; and author/co-author of several papers and articles on animal issues (see pg. 5).
- **Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH, Vice President** — licensed psychologist and preventative health educator; founder/director of Serenity Park Sanctuary, an ecotherapy program for veterans who work with rescued parrots, wolfdogs, and horses; and author/co-author of several papers and book chapters on animals and the environment.
- **Sarah Luick, Esq, Treasurer** — attorney who serves as a Massachusetts' Administrative Law Judge; and serves on the boards of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Massachusetts Animal Coalition, and Citizens to End Animal Suffering and Exploitation.
- **Betsy Swart, MSW, Corporate Clerk** — 30-year career history working for several national animal protection and environmental organizations; current Director of the Amboseli Trust for Elephants; and author of several articles and papers on animals, women, and the environment.

Be a part of NEAVS' legacy of good work by making us a part of your legacy.

To our supporters, thank you for making all that **NEAVS** does a reality and for ensuring that our work continues until all animals are out of labs and science classrooms for good. We invite you to make **NEAVS'** work a lasting part of your legacy by remembering **NEAVS** in your estate planning. Contact Jennifer Campbell, Director of Member Services, for more information at 617-523-6020 ext. 12 or jcampbell@neavs.org.

Advancing Alternatives

NEAVS is a co-founder of various national and international coalitions — maximizing resources, expertise, and greater successes for animals:

- **American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR): NEAVS** and **AFAAR** have worked closely for decades, including jointly sponsoring alternatives development. **AFAAR** currently funds a Dr. Ethel Thurston Memorial Scholarship for doctoral students committed to developing, validating, and using alternatives to animals. **NEAVS** President, Dr. Theodora Capaldo, currently serves as **AFAAR's** Trustee. Visit www.AlternativesToAnimalResearch.org.
- **Mandatory Alternatives Petition (MAP): NEAVS** is a founder of this four-organization coalition that has petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to mandate the use of scientifically proven testing methods that replace the use of animals, which would bring protection to millions of animals who suffer and die as a result of outdated and inhumane testing. Visit www.alternatives-petition.org.
- **Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC):** Through CCIC, **NEAVS**, a founding member, promotes a single comprehensive cruelty-free standard for cosmetic, personal care, and household products via CCIC's internationally recognized Leaping Bunny logo. The logo makes shopping for animal-friendly products easier and assures consumers that the product has met the highest standards.



Have YOU signed the pledge to go cruelty-free?

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The New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS) is a national animal advocacy organization founded in 1895. NEAVS' mission is to end the cruelty and waste of animal experiments and replace them with modern alternatives that are ethically, humanely, and scientifically superior. Through educational programs, publications, legislation, and campaigns, NEAVS advocates for animals in laboratories, product testing, medical and veterinary schools, and public and private classrooms.



“It always seems impossible until it’s done.” – Nelson Mandela

Strategic Action

Setting the Strategy

To dismantle the vivisection industry and end animal suffering at the hands of outdated science, we must set a strategy. Strategic thinking and long-term planning guarantee that today’s actions will lead us to the tomorrow we envision. We owe this professionalism to our supporters whose generosity allows us to do what we do. And, most importantly, we owe this to all the animals who are awaiting our help.

Staying the Course

NEAVS, founder of **Project R&R**: Release and Restitution for Chimpanzees in U.S. Laboratories, has long advocated that the scientific code of ethics for research be expanded to include nonhuman species. One species – the chimpanzee, our closest relative – is in a unique position to lead the way.

As ambassadors between humans and other animals, chimpanzees can open the door to greater compassion for all nonhuman species.

NEAVS is committed to ending research on all animals. **Project R&R** is a major step in this direction.

NEAVS’ Project R&R campaign has led to nationwide support and action for great apes.

2009 Highlights

Federal Outreach

- Submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding proposed revisions to their “Financial Conflict of Interest” regulations for scientific research, encouraging objective, responsible, and transparent publicly funded research.
- Exhibited *The Case to End Chimpanzee Research: Scientific, Ethical, and Economic Arguments* poster at “Exploring the ethical and scientific reasons for Congress to pass the Great Ape Protection Act (H.R. 1326),” a Capitol Hill multimedia exhibit, DC.
- Joined representatives from HSUS and Chimp Haven at a Congressional Briefing, bringing the plight of chimpanzees in U.S. labs front and center on Capitol Hill. The panel included two of the bill’s lead sponsors, Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) and Ashley Wilson on behalf of Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY). The presentations made their mark, resulting in an increase in cosponsors.

Professional Outreach

- Presented *The Case to End Chimpanzee Research: Scientific, Ethical, and Economic Arguments* at Taking Action for Animals, Washington, DC, the largest annual U.S. animal conference.
- Presented poster of *The Case to End Chimpanzee Research: Scientific, Ethical, and Economic Arguments* at the Seventh World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences, Rome, Italy.
- Presented *Animal Research: Is It Good For Your Health?* at the NY Capital Region Vegetarian Expo, Saratoga Springs, reaching thousands of attendees.



Tom, **Project R&R**’s ambassador © Fauna (tribute back cover).

Public Outreach

- Distributed thousands of educational brochures and postcards to legislators, universities, and laboratories.
- Shared up-to-the-minute legislative and campaign actions through timely and regular eAlerts (sign up at: info@neavs.org).
- Updated and expanded our award-winning releasechimps.org — the most comprehensive website on the issue of chimpanzee research in the world.
- Expanded our online presence through social networking sites (visit releasechimps.org for our Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, and Twitter links).
- Continued building national and international awareness of our work via media outreach and press releases.



Image of Regis in Times Square, heralded **Project R&R**’s publications (see page 5).

Doing our Homework

Through research published in peer-reviewed journals, **NEAVS/Project R&R** exposes the harm, suffering, and scientific ineffectiveness of chimpanzee research. We continue to build a library of scientific data — in 2009, two more important papers were published (see below). In addition to our papers, **NEAVS/Project R&R** submitted information to leading media outlets, including “**Project R&R**’s Complete Response to Hepatitis C Drug,” submitted to the LA Times as a Letter to the Editor in December, and others.

The response to our scientific work has been far-reaching. **Project R&R** and the authors receive worldwide requests for copies/abstracts, inspire doctoral students to focus their own research in similar areas, motivate other animal protection organizations to undertake their own studies into the inefficacy and harm associated with chimpanzee research, and field a myriad of requests to present our papers at varied venues.

Thanks to our science team, we are reaching not only the caring public, but the scientific community itself.

Research Center

2009 publications:

- “An Examination of Chimpanzee Use in Human Cancer Research,” Jarrod Bailey, PhD, *Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA)*, 37, 399-416.
- “Developmental Context Effects on Bicultural Posttrauma Self Repair in Chimpanzees,” G. A. Bradshaw, PhD, PhD, Theodora Capaldo, EdD, Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH, and Gloria Grow, *Developmental Psychology*, 45(5), 1376-1388.

2007/2008 publications:

- “Building an Inner Sanctuary: Complex PTSD in Chimpanzees,” G. A. Bradshaw, PhD, PhD, Theodora Capaldo, EdD, Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH, and Gloria Grow, *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, 9(1), 9-34.

- “An Assessment of the Role of Chimpanzees in AIDS Vaccine Research,” Jarrod Bailey, PhD, *Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA)*, 36, 381-428.
- “Chimpanzee Research: An Examination of Its Contribution to Biomedical Knowledge and Efficacy in Combating Human Diseases,” and “Supplement,” Jarrod Bailey, PhD, Jonathan Balcombe, PhD, and Theodora Capaldo, EdD, visit www.releasechimps.org.

2010 preview:

- “An Economic Analysis of Chimpanzee Use and Maintenance in U.S. Laboratories and Sanctuaries.”
- “An Assessment of Chimpanzee Use in Hepatitis C Research Past, Present and Future.”



To view our science publications, visit releasechimps.org.

Science Education

NEAVS’ educational affiliate, the **Ethical Science and Education Coalition (ESEC)**, provides expert resources on dissection choice and alternatives to harmful animal use at all levels of science education. **ESEC** fields requests by parents, students, and educators from across the U.S. for alternatives, fact sheets, online resources, and literature. By providing hundreds of free loans, **ESEC** helps ensure that compassionate students today will become tomorrow’s compassionate scientists.



Alternatives help animals and compassionate students.



2009 “You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

NEAVS & You A Successful Partnership

NEAVS' financial accountability – our pledge to you

Amidst the troubled economy and widespread concern about government spending, **NEAVS** is proud to shine a light on our finances. We run a fiscally responsible, transparent organization – using your donations as wisely, effectively, and efficiently as possible. In 2009, **NEAVS** devoted 84% to programs, 11.5% to fundraising, and 4.5% to administration. In line with previous years, **NEAVS** consistently dedicates 80-85% of our budget to our programs – meeting and exceeding non-profit standards.

As a not-for-profit, we are committed to thrift in keeping the office running (administration), to efficiency in raising ongoing funds needed for our programs (fundraising), and above all, to fulfilling our mission (programs) by insuring our dollars go to direct work for animals.

Your support – the key to our success

A few years ago we received a letter that made a lasting impression: “Enclosed please find a check for \$365 for my annual membership dues. I would consider it a huge remiss on my part if I could not find simply \$1.00 a day to support such a worthy cause as **NEAVS**. Thank you for caring for those who have no voice.”

This letter encapsulates why every member is special: because every gift, whether it's \$10 or \$10,000, comes from the heart. Whether large or small, each gift makes a difference.

NEAVS' members include everyone from children to seniors – students, doctors, scientists, housewives, animal advocates of every kind. They support us in a variety of ways, from annual dues to workplace giving, matching gifts, monthly pledges and including **NEAVS** in their will or estate plans. In addition, so many donate time and energy by volunteering, getting our radio PSAs played and our print ads posted, writing and calling legislators, tabling, and distributing our literature.

One thing all of our supporters have in common is a shared passion for **NEAVS'** work for animals. We are grateful to each of you, and thank you sincerely for making our work possible.

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We apologize if you were not individually listed. Please contact Jennifer Campbell, Director of Member Services, at (617) 523-6020 ext. 12 or jcampbell@neavs.org with any corrections so that we may recognize you properly in the future.

Results

NEAVS' Commitment to Care

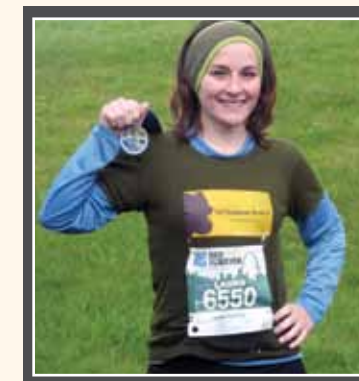
It is vital that sanctuaries for animals rescued from research receive the support they need in its many varied forms. Sanctuaries provide a life that includes fresh fruit and vegetables, social interaction, enrichment activities, access to the outdoors, and housing and care determined by their residents' needs and best interests. Sanctuaries need our support more than ever. Throughout 2009, **NEAVS** supported the work of many sanctuaries with animals from research via grants, enrichment items, featured articles in our UPDATES, and ongoing collaboration.

2009 included:

Association for Parrot C.A.R.E.
Center for Great Apes
Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest
Chimp Haven
Chimps, Inc.
Fauna Foundation – *our lifetime care for Pepper*
Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary
Mindy's Memory
Primarily Primates, Inc.
Primate Rescue Center
Save the Chimps – *our lifetime care for Dana*
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation
Wildlife Waystation



Pepper enjoying sanctuary life © Fauna



Supporter Laura Heggs ran last year for **Project R&R**, raising awareness and over \$3,350! Thank you to all our supporters for running with us!

From the NEAVS' Mailbox

“I'm impressed with the point you make that since cancer research on our closest genetic relative (chimpanzees) has failed, it is no surprise that it has failed in other species. ... I show my friends your informative letters and they suddenly become aware of the cruelty involved in outdated animal research.”

“Without my exposure to [**NEAVS**], we would have never visited sanctuaries and would not be so involved on a personal level with the chimpanzees in three US sanctuaries.”

“I am impressed by the number of different battles **NEAVS** is waging.”

“**NEAVS** is doing work that impacts me viscerally as well as in my shared status as an advocate for animals. I'm privileged to support this work.”

“I abhor animal testing of any kind and feel great to be involved in working to stop it rather than looking the other way....”

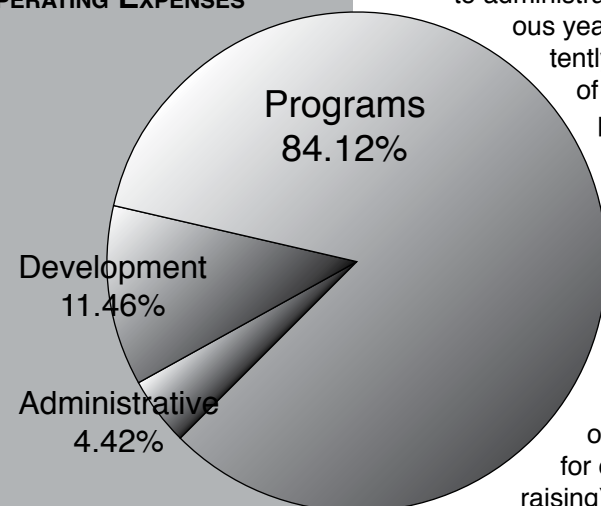
“I cannot thank you enough for the fabulous treats. ... The monkeys are [loving] the fun of opening each one. ... I know how many people worked hard to pull it all together. Believe me, it was worth every minute!”

“I can't tell you how thankful I am to you and all the amazing people at **NEAVS** for the difference you make in the chimps' lives.”

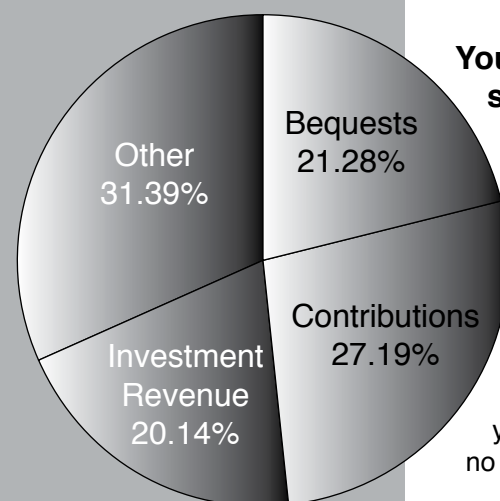
YEAR END FINANCIALS*

Out of every dollar **NEAVS** spends, 84 cents goes directly to our programs to end the senseless cruelty of animal experiments and replace them with humane, effective science.

2009 OPERATING EXPENSES



2009 SUPPORT & REVENUE



*Audited financials will be available in May 2010

in tribute

NEAVS mourns the loss of our human and animal friends who died in 2009.

Puddin: 31, one of the first residents at Chimp Haven. He had just celebrated his 31st birthday.

Carmen: 53, Primarily Primates, rescued from research at the Buckshire Corporation.

Josam: 47, **Jumping Jack:** 36, **Shelley:** 32, Alamogordo Primate Facility.

Dorothy: 49, Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Center. Her death made world news when a photo showed fellow chimpanzees gathering in reverential silence.

Travis: 14-year-old "pet" chimpanzee, shot by CT police after attacking a visitor.

Timmy: 9-year-old "pet" chimpanzee, escaped from his MO home and was shot by authorities.

Odin: Elder cotton-top tamarin, rescued from research by Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary.

Dr. Jumble: 16, first Blue Cross of India therapy dog, certified by Animals Asia Foundation's Dr. Dog program.

Baxter: 19, San Diego Hospice. After a puppyhood of abuse, Baxter provided comfort to humans at the end of their lives.

Tom: 44, Fauna resident and **Project R&R's** Ambassador on behalf of all chimpanzees in laboratories. Tom spent three decades in research during which he was infected with HIV; endured over 369 knockdowns; 56 punch liver biopsies; and open liver wedge, lymph node and bone marrow biopsies. At Fauna, he inspired everyone who met him as well as the millions who met him through the documentary *Chimpanzees: An Unnatural History* and our **Project R&R** programs and ads (see cover). All of us will miss our dear friend. Tom's spirit and sudden passing will be a constant reminder that our work on behalf of all chimpanzees not yet safe in sanctuary is vital and urgent.

Dr. Carole Noon: 59, Founder / Director of Save the Chimps (STC), and **Project R&R** Advisory Board Member. An icon of commitment, care, and leadership, Dr. Noon will be remembered for her intelligence, passion, wit, and work on behalf of captive chimpanzees. Dr. Noon established STC (originally the Center for Captive Chimpanzee Care) in 1997. It is the largest and one of the finest sanctuaries for chimpanzees rescued from research and other areas of use and abuse in the world (full story in 2009 Fall Update).



Tom © Fauna



Dr. Noon © NEAVS

**Born of the sun, they
travelled a short while
toward the sun and left
the vivid air signed with
their honour.**

– Stephen Spender