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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 animal experiments and replace them with modern alternatives that are ethically and scientifically superior. NEAVS advocates for animals in laboratories and classrooms through its educational programs, publications. legislation. and campaigns.

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#### **President's Annual Message**

Among the many wonderful things about growing older is the wisdom of perspective. When we are young or inexperienced, we may have less than realistic expectations of what can be accomplished. But as the seasons guide us, we soon learn that each accomplishment—like changing the way science does science—will be a long, hard-fought victory. Along the way, our reward for our work is that we can see our footprints moving toward our goal.

First, thank you for your commitment to our work and confidence in our leadership. NEAVS is relatively small in comparison to some other national groups, but we are — like my feisty 20 pound adopted Shiba — much stronger and more capable than our size would suggest. For many of you, our scale is in large part why you trust us. What we do is deeply personal, reflecting the sincere commitment of every one of our staff and Board. This, plus intelligence and good strategic thinking, is a winning formula.

Each year we plan our course according to what strategy is needed next to ensure eventual success. This approach has inspired national attention for ending the use of the first nonhuman species in invasive research, provided the scientific evidence others need to do their job, generated grassroots activism to get legislators to support the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act, published the first papers ever in psychiatric journals on the trauma that chimpanzees endure in laboratories, and myriad other accomplishments.

To be most effective, we extend our reach through partnerships with organizations worldwide, forming national and international coalitions for the most clout. Our coalition work to mandate alternatives and spare millions of rats, mice, and others from the horrors of testing has led to our alternatives petition serving as a model that can collapse industry's dependence on outdated and cruel animal methods.

And each day we serve students all over the world in their pursuit of cruelty-free science education. We celebrate the fact that tens of thousands of students are playing a role in changing the face of science through their simple and courageous act of refusing to dissect, participate in dog labs, or perform any other animal sacrifice for their science education.

As you read our 2010 Annual Report, I hope you will feel as positive as I do about the strides we are making toward a world in which science no longer equates to animal suffering. I hope also that you share our wisdom of perspective. We are all impatient, since the animals' waiting causes them, and us, great pain. But we also know that just yesterday, and today and certainly tomorrow, more and more animals benefit from what we do. That is our promise to them, and my personal promise to every one of you who make our work possible.

Respectfully yours,

Theodora Capaldo, EdD

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#### **NEAVS**—Your Organization's Leadership

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. NEAVS staff works tirelessly under the direction of:

**Theodora Capaldo**, EdD, President/Executive Director—licensed psychologist; author/co-author of several papers and articles on animal issues; Trustee of the American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research.

**Lorin Lindner**, PhD, MPH, Vice President — licensed psychologist and preventative health educator; founder/director of Serenity Park Sanctuary and Lockwood Animal Rescue Center; author/co-author of several papers and book chapters on animals and the environment.

**Sarah Luick**, Esq, Treasurer — attorney and a Massachusetts' Administrative Law Judge; 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, PhD, Corporate Clerk — 25-year career working for several national animal protection and environmental organizations; current Director of the Amboseli Trust for Elephants; author of several articles and papers on animals, women, and the environment.

#### **Advancing Alternatives**

#### **Leaping Bunny**

As a founding member of the Leaping Bunny program, NEAVS is gathering signatures for the Leaping Bunny pledge — a commitment to purchase only products that are certified cruelty-free. Founded in 1996, the Leaping Bunny promotes a unified standard for cosmetics and household products that are 100% free of animal testing. Today over 300 certified companies are listed in our Compassionate Shopping Guide. Help us reach our goal of 100,000 signatures by the end of 2011! Take the pledge at leapingbunnypledge.org.

#### **AFAAR**

NEAVS' sister organization, the American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research



The American Fund For Alternatives to Animal Research

(AFAAR), works with NEAVS to fund programs and researchers committed to developing or using alternatives to animal methods. This year included working toward harmonization of U.S. and EU standards for animal testing.

#### **Mandatory Alternatives Petition (MAP)**

NEAVS representatives, coalition members, and a MAP attorney met with 13 ranking



heads of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to discuss our Mandatory Alternatives Petition. The MAP's goal is to require that existing validated non-animal alternatives be used — an act that would save millions of animals and provide better safety for humans.

#### **ESEC**

NEAVS' educational campaign, the Ethical Science and Education Coalition (ESEC), provides animal dissection alternatives to hundreds of students and teachers throughout the U.S. ESEC submitted testimony in support of dissection choice bills



and awarded students for their humane science fair projects.



Thank you to our members for supporting our work and ensuring that it continues until all animals are out of labs and science classrooms. Make NEAVS a lasting part of your legacy by remembering us in your estate planning. Call 617-523-6020 ext. 12 or email jcampbell@neavs.org for more information.

#### **Strategic Action**

During 2010 the Great Ape Protection Act — now the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (H.R.1513/S.810) — gained cosponsors in the U.S. House

introduced Representatives and was in the U.S. Senate. The bill will end invasive research on chimpanzees and release federally-owned chimpanzees into sanctuary.

NEAVS worked to raise public support for the bill through our national campaign, Project R&R: Release and Restitution for Chimpanzees in U.S. Laboratories:



- ✓ Met with officials from the National Center. for Research Resources (NCRR) to discuss retiring chimpanzees.
- ✓ Met with key legislative offices, including the health advisor for the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **Animal Protection Outreach**

- ✓ Met with sanctuary leaders to discuss strategy for providing federally-owned chimpanzees with sanctuary.
- ✓ Provided in-service workshops at two Florida sanctuaries.

✓ Presented at the Animal Grantmakers Conference. focusing on strategies to end the use of animals in biomedical research and replace them with alternatives.

#### **Professional Outreach**

- ✓ Presented to the Massachusetts Bar Association's Animal Law Practice Group.
  - ✓ Presented on a panel entitled "Great Ape Research and Retirement: Policy, Ethics, Economics and Science" at the 33rd meeting of the American Society of Primatologists.
- ✓ Presented at the Animals. Research & Alternatives: Measuring Progress 50 Years Later conference, focusing on the evidence that even chimpanzees, our closest genetic relatives, are poor models for human disease.

#### **Public Outreach**

- ✓ Gave media interviews, including *Defining Person*, a documentary exploring the international movement to change the legal status of great apes to person.
- √ Mobilized a nationwide network of volunteers to spread the word about the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act.
- ✓ Tabled and presented at natural product expos, shelter benefits, and vegetarian food festivals.
- √ Funded and sponsored newspaper and other educational print and radio ads.

#### **Update on the Alamogordo Chimpanzees**



Robbie









On January 4, 2011, 182 chimpanzees at the Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF), scheduled to be transferred into research, were granted a reprieve.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the transfer is delayed "pending an Institute of Medicine [IOM, the health arm of the National Academy of Sciences] in-depth analysis to reassess the scientific need for the continued use of chimpanzees...."

### ...a reprieve...

NEAVS submitted our science papers as well as an exhaustively vetted list of experts as recommended candidates for the study's committee.

In the interim, we are pressing the NIH to return the 14 chimpanzees already transferred to Southwest and to permanently retire the chimpanzees at APF and all other labs.

the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

#### Research Center

NEAVS/Project R&R is proud to be the leading U.S. expert on chimpanzee research. Through our publications and awardwinning website, releasechimps.org, we serve as a resource for other groups and individuals committed to ending chimpanzee research.

#### 2010 publications

Hepatitis C is one of the few remaining areas where some scientists try to argue a "need" for chimpanzees. Their claims are shown to be unfounded in our two latest publications:

An Assessment of the Use of Chimpanzees in Hepatitis C Research Past, Present and Future: 1. Validity of the Chimpanzee Model,

J. Bailey, PhD, Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA), Vol. 38(5), pages 387-418, 2010.

An Assessment of the Use of Chimpanzees in Hepatitis C Research Past, Present and Future: 2. Alternative Replacement Methods.

J. Bailey, PhD, Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA), Vol. 38(6), pages 471-494, 2010.

As with our previous papers on cancer and AIDS, these peer-reviewed articles dispute rhetoric with clear facts - like the decline of hepatitis C research involving chimpanzees by almost 70% over the last 20 years, while human-based hepatitis C research increased 80 times over.

Through these and other rigorous investigations, NEAVS has created a body of evidence on why chimpanzee research must end.



ATLA

December 2010

#### 2009 publications

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**Developmental Context Effects** on Bicultural Posttrauma Self Repair in Chimpanzees,

> G. A. Bradshaw, PhD, PhD, T. Capaldo, EdD, L. Lindner, PhD, MPH, and G.Grow, Developmental Psychology, 45(5), 1376-1388.

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**Building an Inner** Sanctuary: Complex PTSD in Chimpanzees,

G. A. Bradshaw, PhD, PhD, T. Capaldo, EdD, L. Lindner, PhD, MPH, and G. Grow, Journal of Trauma & Dissociation, 9(1), 9-34.

An Assessment of the **Role of Chimpanzees** in AIDS Vaccine

Research, J. Bailey, PhD, Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA), 36(4), 381-428.

Chimpanzee Research: An Examination of Its Contribution to Biomedical Knowledge and Efficacy in Combating Human Diseases, and Supplement, J. Bailev. PhD, J. Balcombe, PhD, and T. Capaldo, EdD, visit releasechimps.org.



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Read our science publications at releasechimps.org.



### YEAR END FINANCIALS

Out of every dollar NEAVS spent, 84¢ went directly to our programs to end the senseless cruelty of animal experiments and replace them with humane, effective alternatives.

## NEAVS & You A Successful Partnership

"How much of my donation will go to the animals?" The answer to this prudent question is 80-85%, the amount our budget commits each year to programs.

In 2010 we devoted 84% of our budget to programs and campaigns, 5% to administration and 11% to fundraising, exceeding non-profit standards.

NEAVS is one of the few organizations in the country dedicated exclusively to getting animals out of laboratories. We are committed to keeping our doors open for as long as it takes to accomplish this goal. Our board ensures sound fiscal planning to help us weather financial fluctuations.

The generosity of our supporters, combined with our efficient fiscal planning, makes it possible for us to advance Project R&R, push for federal policy to mandate the use of non-animal alternatives, lead efforts to end cosmetics and product testing on animals, support rescued

animals, and do all our other work. By using your donations wisely and keeping overhead to a minimum, we make your donations as effective as they can be.

83.78% Programs

5.16%

Administrative

11.06%
Development

People who believe that vivisection is wrong — not necessary, not acceptable, but wrong — are still a minority in our society. But in the words of Samuel Adams, a Revolutionary War hero: "It does not require a majority to

prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."

Operating Expenses

You, our members, are the backbone of our work. We rely on your financial support.

We rely on your volunteer efforts and

activism. We rely on your letters to the editor, your calls to legislators, and your pressure on

research institutions.

In short, we rely on you to be the "irate, tireless" voice on behalf of animals. With the force of our members behind us, we are setting brush fires in people's minds that expose vivisection for what it is: a terrible, outdated approach that must be replaced with humane and

30.62%
Contributions

48.68%
Bequests

20.21%
Investment Revenue

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Our deepest gratitude for your continued support.

# "Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, 'Grow, grow."

#### **Our Commitment to Lifetime Sanctuary Care**

— The Talmud







Jasper at Animals Asia

Capuchin at Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

Lolita at Chimp Haven

Through our Sanctuary Fund, NEAVS supports lifetime care for animals rescued from laboratories. In 2010 we awarded grants to: Animals Asia, Center for Great Apes, Chimp Haven, Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest, Fauna Foundation, International Primate Protection League, Jungle Friends, Mindy's Memory, Primate Rescue Center, Save the Chimps, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation.

In addition, NEAVS provided a start-up grant to the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance, formed by the leaders of seven chimpanzee/primate sanctuaries to unify standards and quality at primate sanctuaries across North America. NEAVS also made a matching gift to the Fauna Lifetime Care Fund to benefit chimpanzees rescued from the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates, now at Fauna and other sanctuaries.

#### **2010 Victory Highlights for Animals**

- √ NASA cancelled plans for space radiation experiments on monkeys.
- Scientists at the Wyss Institute at Harvard University created a "lung-on-a-chip" — a non-animal alternative for testing environmental toxins and drugs.
- √ 182 chimpanzees at the Alamogordo Primate Facility, scheduled to be transferred into invasive research, were granted a reprieve.
- ✓ The Great Ape Protection Act gained 161 cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and was introduced in the U.S. Senate.
- √ 16 chimpanzees were retired from laboratories and brought to sanctuary at Chimp Haven.
- √ 30 moon bears were rescued from bile farms and brought to sanctuary at Animals Asia.
- ✓ The Medical College of Wisconsin ended the use of pigs in its first-year physiology course.
- ✓ The College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State
  University ended the use of dogs in surgery training.
- √ The University of California Irvine replaced the use of rats and frogs with computer simulators in their neuroscience course.
- ✓ The Ontario Veterinary College ended all terminal surgery labs on animals.
- ✓ Utah and Washington, D.C. repealed pound seizure laws, ending the requirement that state pounds relinquish dogs and cats to research institutions.

- √ The U.S. Food and Drug Administration established a committee to develop guidelines for alternatives to animal testing.
- √ 48 new 100% cruelty-free companies were added to the Leaping Bunny Compassionate Shopping Guide.

#### From the NEAVS Mailbox



"My husband is a physician and he and I both support your work wholeheartedly. He can still remember the dogs used in medical school and how disturbing that was. Please keep up the good work!"

"Dear friends, Wish this could be more, but I am on Social Security. Thanks for all you are doing. As a boy I stood out in front of the State House in Boston collecting pennies (nickels & dimes) for your cause!"

"I have also explored the [Leaping Bunny cruelty-free shopping guide] and passed several along. I own a cleaning company and use many chemicals that I am going to replace with something not tested on animals. I abhor animal testing of any kind and feel great to be involved in working to stop it rather than looking the other way."

#### In Tribute



Lady, NEAVS' office companion, came to us from a staff member who did cat rescue and needed a "short-term" place to foster her. Eleven years later, she was still with us. Beloved by our staff, Lady

tucked herself behind us on our chairs while we worked. During meetings, she supervised from the middle of the conference table. She passed away last autumn, but is forever in our hearts.

#### **Ruth Seppala**

A NEAVS supporter for over 30 years and longtime board member of the American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR), Ms. Seppala helped NEAVS revitalize AFAAR after founder Dr. Ethel Thurston's death.

#### Cole McFarland, Jr.

A longtime animal advocate, Mr. McFarland's career included serving as Executive Editor of *The Animals Voice*. He lost his own leg while saving his dog, Noble, from an oncoming train.

### In loving memory of our animal friends who died in 2010:

Alamogordo Primate	Chimp Haven Derma	Chimps Inc. Katia
Research	Kevin	
Facility*	Lolita	Fauna
Maxwell		Foundation
Von	Save the Chimps	Pinkie
Chiquita	Marty	Mr. Puppy
Adam	Carlos	Norman
Vince	Juan	Sweet Papa
Andy	Mack	Bubunikins
E.T.	Wes	Jethro
Scooter	George	Sully
Caitlin	Carmen	Curly
Lira		Babe
*Records obtained	Center for	Auntie
through Freedom of	Great Apes	
Information Act (FOIA).	Sammy	IPPL

Full records of deaths

in labs are unattainable even through FOIA.

... and to all the others ...

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