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NEAVS is a national animal advocacy organization whose mission is to end the use of animals in research, testing and science education and replace it with scientifically superior and humane non-animal alternatives.

NEAVS advocates for all animals in laboratories and classrooms through education, public outreach, legislation, policy change, and legal action.



Release & Restitution for  
Chimpanzees in U.S. Laboratories



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"Absolute identity with one's cause is the

## President's Annual Message

### You Can Count on NEAVS

Another year of hard work brought major reward, accomplishing things like a precedent-setting decision regarding the lack of necessity for chimpanzees in biomedical research by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the National Institutes of Health's commitment to accepting the IOM guidelines. The stage is better set for our future work. NEAVS spearheaded a campaign seven years ago that is manifesting the accomplishments that we envisioned. While the road has been long and there is still more to do, I hope that you, our supporter, appreciate the perseverance, follow-through, and strategic choices that together are NEAVS' signature.

When I, our staff, and the NEAVS Board of Directors made commitments to helping animals, our individual and collective character compelled us to do "real" work. NEAVS will never try to dazzle you with continual new focus. We will never act as if we are all things to all issues. Our integrity and work ethic will not allow us to do so. It would be easy to engage in one fundraising appeal after another, or just spend all of our time getting on the bandwagon of other groups' efforts. But while we join other campaigns, we will always be an initiator of strategic work and a player who brings substance to that work. You can count on us for that.

You can also count on how surprised people are when they hear about our size. Modest in comparison to many animal protection organizations does not leave us less effective, committed or "a force to be reckoned with" by our opponents. With NEAVS you know intimately what we are doing and that we do so via the most effective routes to dismantling the vivisection industry. With our long history, you know we will be here until the job is done. Our singular focus, insatiable drive, and intelligent work will continue to play a key role in national and international efforts to help animals in labs by ending their use and replacing them with alternatives that lead to the preventions, treatments and cures that we are all waiting for.

I am honored to serve the animals and our 117-year-old organization. I hope you are proud of all you have read in our UPDATES, eNews, websites and eAlerts...briefly summarized in this 2011 Annual Report. Please never forget that it is the confidence, trust, and support of our members that make all this happen. Thank you all so very much for another good year for the animals!

Theodora Capaldo, EdD  
NEAVS President

first and great condition of successful leadership." —Woodrow Wilson

## Leadership

NEAVS relies on expert opinion to bring credible evidence and effective strategies to our hearts' work on behalf of animals in laboratories. Our Board of Directors hold degrees in the fields of law, sociology and psychology. Our Science Director is a geneticist. Our Advisory Boards are composed

of experts in the fields of toxicology, great apes, veterinary medicine and other areas, while our recently appointed Medical Advisory Board consists of dedicated physicians whose life work on behalf of humans is complemented by their work on behalf of animals in research.

### NEAVS Board of Directors

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

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

**Sarah Luick, Esq., Treasurer**—attorney and 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; author of several articles and papers on animals, women, and the environment; current Director of the Amboseli Trust for Elephants.

In the course of our work, we depend on several people to assist with our initiatives. This includes our Boards, staff and other professionals relevant to our needs. In 2011, special thanks go to Gloria Grow, Kathy Meyer, Esq., and Drs. Gay Bradshaw, Marge Peppercorn, Ken Shapiro, Nancy Harrison, Martha Hutchinson, and Richard Jakowski.

## Advancing Alternatives

NEAVS is a co-founder of several national and international efforts that maximize resources, expand expertise, and achieve even greater success for the animals.



**MANDATORY ALTERNATIVES PETITION (MAP)**—NEAVS is a founding member of the MAP coalition to encourage the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to develop better policy guidelines regarding the use of non-animal, *in vitro* testing methods to meet FDA requirements for drug or device approval. As it stands, industry need only "consider" alternatives. Through the goals of MAP, NEAVS seeks to spare the lives of millions of animals each year—with the development and adoption of regulatory language that advocates more effective non-animal testing methods. Visit [neavs.org/campaigns/map](http://neavs.org/campaigns/map).



**LEAPING BUNNY**—NEAVS is a founding member of the program, which provides the best assurance that companies, their laboratories, and suppliers use no animal testing in any phase of product development. Leaping Bunny empowers consumers and helps convince companies to move toward more effective *in vitro* testing methods to protect humans with safer products and to end needless animal suffering. Visit [leapingbunny.org](http://leapingbunny.org).



**The American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR)**—NEAVS' sister organization, provides funding in partnership with NEAVS to researchers and projects worldwide to develop, validate, and implement alternatives to animal use in science.

NEAVS and AFAAR awarded three grants in 2011 through the Björn Ekwall Memorial Foundation and the Dr. Ethel Thurston Scholarship Fund—in support of scientists making significant contributions in the replacement of animal use.



**Ethical Science Education Coalition (ESEC)**—NEAVS' educational affiliate seeks to end the harmful use

of animals at all levels of science education. ESEC works to end terminal labs and other live animal training courses, and to promote alternatives to animal dissection and other harmful animal use. Our nationwide program lends or donates alternatives to students and teachers and helps fund alternative programs at universities and colleges. A recent contribution to the University of Massachusetts purchased interactive computer programs to replace live animals in veterinary training.



## Strategic Action

NEAVS' unique strength and effectiveness come in great part from strategic program planning. In 2011, NEAVS focused on selective and well-placed outreach, including

### FEDERAL OUTREACH

- Testified before the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine Committee and played an influential role in their pivotal decision that chimpanzee use in research is "not necessary"
- Co-petitioned, along with HSUS, the Jane Goodall Institute, and other national organizations, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to "up-list" the status of captive chimpanzees from threatened to endangered
- Commenced background research to hold our government accountable for
  - » Defining, promoting, and enforcing the psychological well-being of chimpanzees and other primates in research
  - » Defining eligibility for chimpanzee retirement from research and release to sanctuary



Tom: Ambassador for Project R&R

### SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- Continued our nationwide work—**Project R&R: Release and Restitution for Chimpanzees in U.S. Laboratories**, spearheaded in 2005, to break the species barrier in science and protect the first non-human species—chimpanzees—from research
- Contributed a unique body of scientific evidence demonstrating that animal research is unnecessary, limited, or dangerous for humans
- Promoted humane alternatives to the harmful use of animals at all levels of science education and training

### PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

- Spoke at meetings of government officials and the general public
- Presented at professional schools on topics including "Animal Research: Is it Good for Your Health?"
- Moderated and presented at national animal protection conferences

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Tabled and presented at events including natural product expos, shelter benefits, vegetarian food festivals, animal coalitions and protection societies through expanded volunteer support nationwide
- Mobilized public support for the **Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (GAPCSA H.R. 1513/S.810)**; garnered legislative sponsorship for the bill and provided updates on other legislative and policy initiatives for the animals

## Our Scientific Research

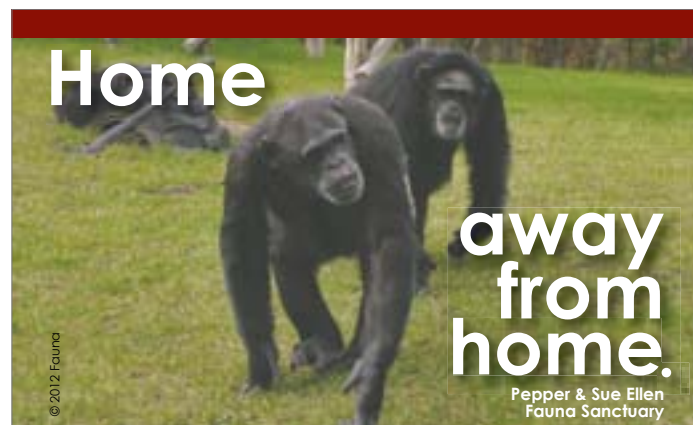
In 2011, NEAVS continued to research and publish science and policy papers, and other articles regarding the psychological and physical effects of research and lab life on chimpanzees. This year saw significant additions to our previous work that examined the economic, psychological and disease-specific implications of chimpanzee use. This entire body of work has been an essential ingredient in national efforts to end the use of chimpanzees in biomedical research. Our research has documented and reinforced the lack of predictive or necessary contribution to human health that comes from using a species even as closely genetically related to us as the chimpanzee. Relied on by others who have joined this groundswell of support to end chimpanzee use in biomedical research, our work has, as importantly, set the stage for arguments regarding the use of all species.

NEAVS engaged pathologists and other physicians to conduct an in-depth study of 110 chimpanzee autopsy reports from research facilities and sanctuaries. In **A Review of Autopsy Reports on Chimpanzees in or from U.S. Labs**, Drs. Theodora Capaldo and Marge Peppercorn assessed their physical conditions prior to and their causes of death. The results suggest that labs circumvent their ethical, legal, and scientific responsibility by not retiring chimpanzees who should be eligible because of their deteriorating, severe, and terminal health conditions. It challenges the practice of allowing laboratories sole discretion as to who will go to sanctuary and when. In 2000, the CHIMP Act was passed and "intended to provide a permanent lifetime sanctuary for chimps who have been designated as no longer useful or needed in scientific research...." The study concludes that the HHS/NIH must define and enforce stringent criteria for retirement so that greater numbers of chimps will be retired immediately.



In our recent public policy paper, the **Bioethics of Great Ape Well-Being: Psychiatric Injury and Duty of Care**, Drs. Theodora Capaldo and Gay Bradshaw emphasize that to date the NIH, USDA, and research facilities have failed in their legal duty to protect captive great apes from the trauma of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and other psychological injuries. These arguments take our previous papers on psychological harm and suffering a step further and hold federal authorities accountable for the psychological suffering chimpanzees endure.

In **Lessons from Chimpanzee-Based Research on Human Disease: The Implications of Genetic Differences**, NEAVS Science Director and geneticist Jarrod Bailey, PhD, builds scientific argument that shows that genetic similarity does not result in sufficient physiological similarity for the chimpanzee to be a good model for research to benefit humans. Data from chimpanzees do not translate well to clinical practice for humans and is instead "...highly unreliable... [and]... of little value." Dr. Bailey shows, for example, how the small genetic differences that exist between chimpanzees and humans have major implications for such things as immune function making data from chimpanzees inapplicable to humans.



Help us get chimpanzees out of labs and into sanctuary!

Ask your federal legislators to cosponsor the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (H.R.1513/S.810).

For more information, visit our campaign, Project R&R: Release and Restitution for Chimpanzees in U.S. Labs, at [releasechimps.org](http://releasechimps.org).



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at [releasechimps.org](http://releasechimps.org).



Our Commitment to Sanctuary Care

Through our Sanctuary Fund, NEAVS supports rescue and lifetime care for animals from laboratories. These rescues are opportunities to change the lives of former research victims in an immediate way, as we work toward the day when all animals will be free from vivisection. Our commitment also includes helping bears rescued from bile farming for use in Eastern medicine.

NEAVS awards a range of grants to sanctuaries with bears, monkeys, chimpanzees, and others rescued from research or educational use. In 2011, through your contributions, NEAVS provided support to Animals Asia Foundation, Born Free USA, Chimp Haven, Fauna Foundation, Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society, Save the Chimps, and Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation.

NEAVS provides a lifetime care grant for two chimpanzees. Dana, whom NEAVS adopted in 2002, lives at Save the Chimps, and Pepper lives happily at the Fauna Foundation sanctuary in Quebec. In 2011, NEAVS adopted Shima, a moon bear rescued by Animals Asia from the horrors of bile farming. To learn more about Pepper on the NEAVS YouTube Channel, [youtube.com/neavs1](http://youtube.com/neavs1).

While NEAVS does not accept grant applications, we provide funding for organizations whose work complements our program focus and yet is outside the scope of our own capacities. In that light, we are committed to helping sanctuaries with their enormous financial responsibility to provide quality care for someone’s lifetime. (We also match their love for their residents with ours!) Donations to our Sanctuary Fund make this possible. Thank you to all the sanctuary directors and staff who make the world a better place for thousands of animals.

Accomplishments

NEAVS continues our 117 years of accomplishments toward ending the use of animals in science. 2011 was a notable year for chimpanzees and the anti-vivisection movement. With science, ethics, imminent policy change, and legislation, the stage is set for 2012.

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182 chimpanzees at the Alamogordo Primate Facility scheduled to be transferred to research were granted a reprieve.
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The Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (GAPCSA H.R.1513/S.810) was reintroduced. By year’s end, 151 Representatives and 13 Senators were co-sponsors. Thank you for taking action.
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A rulemaking petition was filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) requesting that the agency “up-list” the status of captive chimpanzees from threatened to endangered. FWS found “[the petition] ... presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing all chimpanzees ... as endangered may be warranted.” Thank you, HSUS, for your leadership on this.
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The IOM determined that the use of chimpanzees in research is not necessary and that any future use must meet stringent criteria. NIH committed to follow IOM recommendations, suspended new grant applications and convened a Council to examine existing chimpanzee use.
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NEAVS provided comments for a joint submission to the EU Coalition Government from the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments and the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection in an effort to make permanent the EU ban on chimpanzee use in the UK.

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.” —Wolfgang Goethe



Capuchin at Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation.



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Shima was rescued from the horrors of bile farming.



Pepper was rescued from the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery In Primates.



Dana was rescued from US Air Force air and space research.

You Make the Difference

NEAVS is one of the few organizations in the country dedicated *exclusively* to getting animals out of labs. We are committed to keeping our doors open for as long as this takes.

You, our members, are the moral fiber of our work. We rely on your financial support to advance our campaigns, undertake new initiatives, and maintain our office. Your volunteer efforts and passion to engage in and spread our mission to educate the public motivate us to work even harder. We rely on your calls to legislators, responses to action alerts, and on-going commitment to help us end the use of animals in research. You made it possible for us to launch Project R&R, push for federal policy change to mandate the use of non-animal alternatives, and lead efforts to end cosmetics and product testing on animals.

NEAVS leadership is stringently fiscally responsible keeping overhead to a minimum and applying your donations to needed programs. **In 2011, we devoted 84.5% of our budget to programs and campaigns, 11.1% to fundraising, and 4.4% to administration.** We consistently exceed criteria and national standards for non-profit organizations.

**To all of you and to our colleagues across the nation and throughout the world, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your own hard work and continued support of our work!**

We also want to thank our vendors and consultants who help in so many ways: Posternak, Blankenstein & Lund, LLC; Wells Fargo; Leonard, Mulherin & Greene, P.C.; NPV Corporation; Tinetrix, Inc.; Peter van Winkle; MARKITECT Communications; Smith Print; eBree Design; Modern Creative; and Zayko.

We extend a special heartfelt thank you to the **Arcus Foundation** for their support.

From the NEAVS Mailbox

“I donate to people I trust. I know what you do for animals... Wow. Leading edge work...Congratulations...” **Preferred Anonymous**

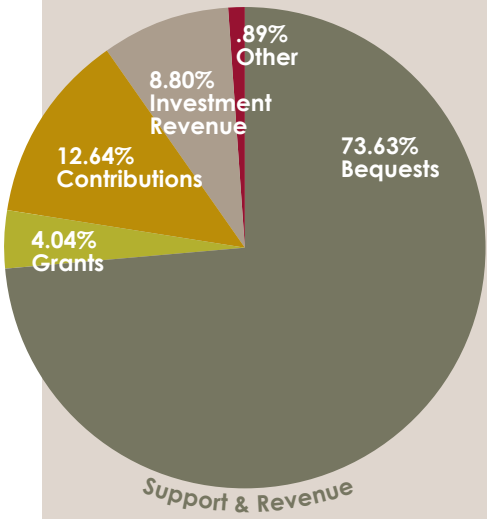
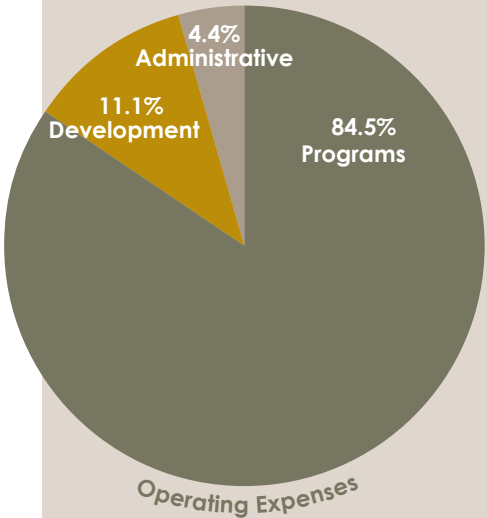
“The work that you are doing is beyond amazing. The commitment and passion you bring to helping save the chimpanzees is truly good.” **Carolyn, MA/Canada**

“...a couple of years ago upon first receiving email from NEAVS, I was a little skeptical associating with potentially a controversial protesting rights group...I see that NEAVS is much more than what I thought, and am humbled by your efforts. NEAVS is well-lead, well-educated, well-spoken.” **Big fans, Rich & Joan, New Jersey**

“I hope you feel very pleased with yourself...what you have cultivated and honed over the years to create such an incredible force for the chimpanzees. It is beautiful in content and people. I have not seen the likes...so kudos.” **G.B., Oregon**



YEAR END Financials



In Tribute

In loving memory of our animal friends who died in 2011:

**Grub, Sam**  
Center for Great Apes

**Teresa, Gay, Terry**  
Chimp Haven

**Kimie**  
Chimps, Inc.

**Pougi, Frank, Lucy, Agnes, Willie, Shamus**  
Fauna Sanctuary

**Cheetah**  
Palm Harbor

**Booger**  
Primate Rescue Center

**Ted, Damien, Bubba, Deanna, Lou, Nuri, Peggy, Ron**  
Save The Chimps

**Booie**  
Wildlife Way Station



We also want to remember some of the others who represent the plight of so many animals. In their memory, we implore society to stop capturing, caging, and killing animals out of fear, ignorance, selfishness, cruelty and greed.

In memory of the 2011 Ohio exotic animals killed by authorities:

- 18 Bengal tigers
- 17 lions
- six black bears
- two grizzly bears
- three mountain lions
- two wolves
- one baboon

Annual and financial reports available upon request to NEAVS. Resident of New York, contact the Office of Charities Registration, 162 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231. Residents of Virginia, contact the State Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209 or call 1-804-786-1343. RESIDENTS OF NEW JERSEY: INFORMATION FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS CHARITABLE SOLICITATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY CALLING (202) 504-6215. The official registration and financial information of NEAVS may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Residents of Florida: A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free, within the state 1 (800) HELP-FLA. Arizona: Financial information filed with the Secretary of State is available for public inspection or by calling toll-free 1-800-458-5842. Maryland: For the cost of copies and postage, Office of the Secretary of State, Statehouse, Annapolis, MD 21401, 1-800-825-4510. Mississippi: The official registration and financial information of NEAVS may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling 1-888-236-6167. North Carolina: FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION AND A COPY OF ITS LICENSE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE SOLICITATION LICENSING SECTION AT 1-888-830-4989. Washington: Charities Division, Office of the Secretary of State, Olympia, WA 98504-0422, 1-800-332-4483. West Virginia: Residents may obtain a summary from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement or recommendation of any state.

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