

The Year of the Chimpanzee



2012 ANNUAL REPORT





President's Message

"The IOM's report was no less a song of optimism for a new paradigm in science than was the 'discovery' of gravity, fire, or other moments in human history when something that always was finally became understood, accepted, and celebrated."

Every great movement ...

Pondering 2012, I concluded it was a roller coaster ride of ups and downs, a suspense novel of waiting to see what would unfold, and a river of endless hours of meetings, decisions, writing, and doing. Personally, it was filled with change and loss that compelled closer self-examination and new choices for tomorrow. Socially, it saw tragedy and a nation's divided response – with those advocating stringent gun control for a safer world and those afraid of losing what they see as a constitutional right. The year saw Congress flailing in the widening gulf, rather than merging and helping us emerge as a stronger nation. No matter where I turned – to the news, my own heart, or to a friend or colleague – it appears 2012 was a year of working things out and in the end, a year of great benefit from all that work.

While I want to reflect on what NEAVS accomplished, what new challenges we met for the animals, and what needs to be done next, I cannot do this outside of the wider context. We do what we do, no matter the focused mission, always in the service of a broader compassion, deeper social change, and the righting of injustices that humans – and only humans – are capable of and too often sanctify in laws or are rewarded for in dollars.

NEAVS and all animal protection work is part of a fabric of consciousness that seeks to open the eyes and hearts of those whose eyes are turned inward, whose hearts have hardened. I will always remember 2012 as

the year when, finally, essential pieces of our anti-vivisection work saw the light of day. To hear, at the very end of 2011, the highest scientific body in the U.S. essentially confirm what we have been saying – not for years or decades, but rather for more than a century after Harvard University established the first dedicated animal lab in neighboring city Cambridge – was a moment like no other in my some 40 years of work for animals. The IOM's declaration that "most current use of chimpanzees for biomedical research is unnecessary" was the first penetrating installment of our government getting that animal research is not necessary. Their report was no less a song of optimism for a new paradigm in science than was the "discovery" of gravity, fire, or other moments in human history when something that always was finally became understood, accepted, and celebrated.

From that December 2011 moment on, the ball was in play at the highest government levels. Each new event, study, and hearing led to the next and to the soon-to-be day when the first non-human species will be spared from harmful, invasive, even deadly research. This Annual Report's feature story will share with you that timeline and NEAVS' crucial role in making it happen. Suffice it to know that, in summary, we are seeing in 2012 the truth of a quote I have turned to and sought strength in many, many times in my 17 years as president of NEAVS:

"It is the fate of every truth to be an object of ridicule when it is first acclaimed. ... Today it is considered as exaggeration to proclaim constant respect for every form of life as being the serious demand of a rational ethic. But the time is coming when people will be amazed that the human race existed so long before it recognized that thoughtless injury to life is incompatible with real ethics. Ethics is in its unqualified form extended responsibility to everything that has life."

—Albert Schweitzer, MD

Our work is hard. The hours long. The pressures real. Your support and confidence in us are essential to our spirit and abilities. What we do requires the stamina and commitment to keep standing, all the while feeling often like what we are doing is pushing against strong winds. To then, one day, realize that the wind is now at our back, is a moment not unlike the sun's warming with full rays after days of gray and rain. While there is still much to be done for chimpanzees and all animals in labs, we can take momentary respite in knowing as John Stuart Mill wisely summarized, "Every great movement must experience three stages: ridicule, discussion, adoption." We celebrate that 2012 was the year when so much of our effort came to fruition!

For the animals,

Theodora Capaldo, EdD
President



We bring you NEAVS' 2012 Annual Report – a sampling of what we've accomplished the past year.

A Valued Resource

Continuing our legacy of excellence, NEAVS received three new awards in 2012. Our redesigned Project R&R site releasechimps.org and neavs.org site were honored with the *Best in Class* award by the **Interactive Media Awards**. These acknowledgements of content, design, and user-friendliness complement the *Outstanding Achievement* award we received in 2006 for the original releasechimps.org. NEAVS was also honored as a 2011 *Top Nonprofit* by **Philanthropedia**. According to their judges, “NEAVS has been extremely effective in assessing the use of animals in research from a scientific perspective,” “the organization has been quite effective at raising awareness,” “stands out for its strategic thinking,” and is “extraordinarily skilled at tackling issues with a clear, well-thought out strategy.”

NEAVS in the News

NEAVS vigilantly responds to media coverage of our issues and was cited in numerous outlets including:

- ▶ “Group: Send all ex-research chimps to sanctuary” — Associated Press, 9/27/12
- ▶ “NIH chimps: don’t sell sanctuary short” Letter to *Nature*, 11/29/12
- ▶ “‘Ray of light’: Lab chimpanzees to retire to sanctuary” — NBCNEWS.com, 12/19/12




Spreading the Word

Our educational ads appear online and in newspapers, magazines, and other outlets, and spread the word to the public – inspiring both supporters and newcomers to help us end animal use in research, testing, and science education. These and others were placed more than a dozen times in a variety of outlets.

Outlets included:

Politico
Boston Magazine
Best Friends
Beverly Hills Times
Boston Metro
Vegetarian Times
Tails
Utne Reader



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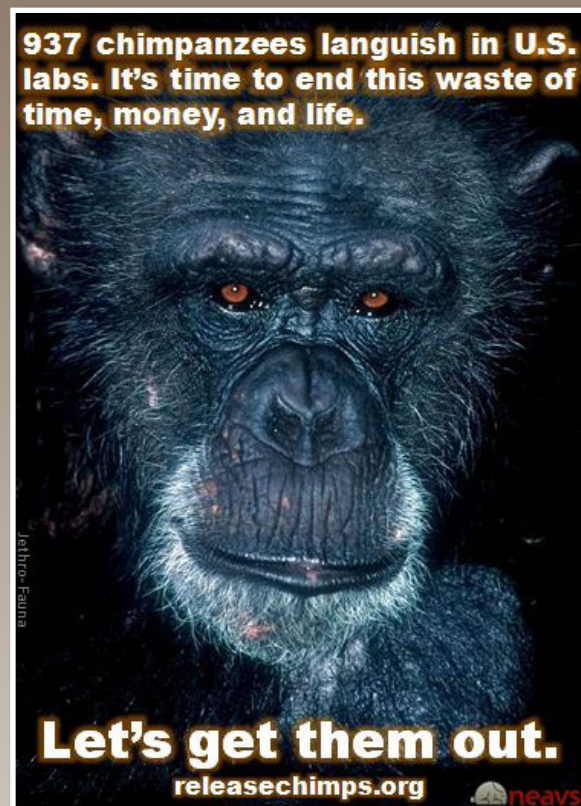
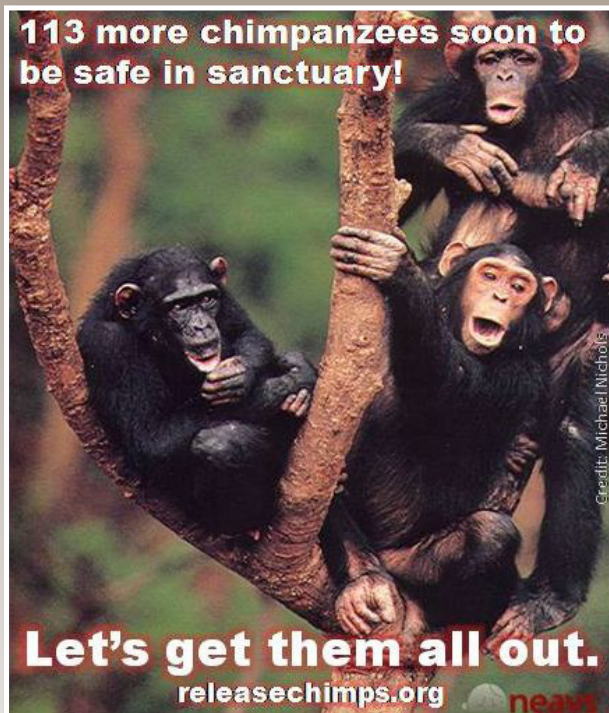


Home away from home.
Pepper & Sue Ellen
Founda Sanctuary

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.

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NEAVS maximizes our online presence to inform and impassion supporters, and through social media reaches those who may have never thought about the plight of animals in research. Between our NEAVS and Project R&R Facebook pages and Twitter account, we now have over 10,000 online followers – a number growing each week. Help us reach more by liking and following our pages, and sharing our content such as the posts on this page.



► Dec. 15, 2011: The IOM Report

The IOM releases its consensus report *Chimpanzees in Biomedical and Behavioral Research: Assessing the Necessity*, concluding “most current use of chimpanzees for biomedical research is unnecessary.” NEAVS had submitted science papers and comments and NEAVS Science Director Dr. Jarrod Bailey testified at an invited hearing, playing a critical part in the IOM’s deliberations.

► Feb. 1, 2012: Council of Councils (CoC)

NIH’s CoC charges a working group to: implement IOM’s guiding principles and criteria; analyze NIH-supported research using chimpanzees; advise on size and placement of NIH-owned or -supported chimpanzees; and develop a process for considering potential future use of chimpanzees. The Working Group meets throughout the year and visits labs and sanctuaries. NEAVS submits science papers, scientific and ethical arguments, and evidence against chimpanzee use.

2012: The Year of the Chimpanzee

A so-called “surplus” of chimpanzees available for U.S. research resulted from a 1986 National Institutes of Health (NIH) breeding initiative for HIV/AIDS research, as researchers had jumped the gun assuming they would be a magic bullet to finding a cure. Chimpanzees were actually poor models for that and a host of other diseases, offering little to our understanding, treatment, or prevention of AIDS. Still, hundreds have been kept in labs for decades – some for more than 50 years – despite decreasing need or use. NEAVS decided it was critical to all our anti-vivisection work to spearhead focused efforts to end all use of chimpanzees and get them out of labs. Late in 2004, we began our research and by 2005 launched a state-of-the-art website – releasechimps.org – that became the most comprehensive source of information available about chimpanzees in U.S. labs. NEAVS’ body of published scientific papers (see releasechimps.org/resources) in major U.S. and international

Negra (© Chimpanzee Sanctuary NW)

► Oct. 25, 2012: Autopsy Study

NEAVS’ last in a series of chimpanzee scientific papers, “A Review of Autopsy Reports on Chimpanzees in or from U.S. Laboratories,” is published in *Alternatives to Laboratory Animals*. The results show 64% of chimpanzees from the study suffered from significant chronic and terminal illnesses and 69% had multi-organ diseases that should have rendered them too sick for research use – yet many were still held in labs until dying rather than sent to sanctuary. Labs circumvent their ethical and scientific responsibilities by maintaining hundreds whose physical and psychological damage makes them unfit for research. NEAVS submits the study to the NIH, helping create urgency for releasing chimpanzees to sanctuary.

► Dec. 18, 2012: NIRC Chimpanzees

The NIH announces it will retire 113 chimpanzees from New Iberia Research Center (NIRC) to Chimp Haven sanctuary. The decision is a major revision to the NIH’s original plan to send only 10 to Chimp Haven and the rest to another lab. NEAVS had advocated for transferring all to sanctuary and gives \$100,000 to help meet costs. As we go to press, the first chimpanzees arrive at Chimp Haven.

► April 24, 2012: GAPCSA

The Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act is heard in Senate subcommittee; NEAVS submits written testimony, helps prepare Martin Wasserman, MD's testimony for the animal protection community, and lobbies throughout New England and in D.C. GAPCSA passes out of committee, but doesn't make it to the floor and the legislative session ends without it passing. Senators Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) block the bill.

► July 18, 2012: Rulemaking Petition

NEAVS and co-petitioners submit a Rulemaking Petition "To Set Criteria for Determining when Chimpanzees are No Longer Needed for Research and Must be Retired and Sent to Sanctuary" to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The 2000 Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act could retire hundreds of "not needed" chimpanzees, but "not needed" has never been defined. The Petition asks HHS to stop allowing labs to decide who is released and when.

journals set the stage for substantive scientific and ethical arguments against the continued practice of using and warehousing chimpanzees.

Soon, major U.S. animal protection organizations dedicated their efforts, each significantly contributing to the accomplishments we have seen and continue to make. The Great Ape Protection Act – which would end all invasive research on chimpanzees, the first federal legislation of its kind – was introduced in 2008. Reintroduced in 2010 as the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act, in 2012 it garnered unprecedented support though its fate was in the hands of a Congress that failed to pass and blocked much beneficial legislation. However, significant progress was made nonetheless, increasing momentum that led Congress to call for the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to assess current and future need for chimpanzees in research.

In late 2011 the IOM issued its report, concluding "most current use of chimpanzees for biomedical research is unnecessary." The NIH immediately accepted the IOM guidelines for when and if a chimpanzee should be used in possible future research. NIH appointed a Working Group of its Council of Councils (CoC) advisory to draft recommendations. As we go to print, the CoC, in a 13-0 vote, issued its recommendations – not the least of which was: "The majority of NIH-owned chimpanzees should be designated for retirement and transferred to the federal sanctuary system. Planning should start immediately" (watch for NEAVS' Spring UPDATE for more).

NEAVS and other animal protection groups, along with a growing public and scientific community that understands research on chimpanzees is unsound and unethical, delighted in NIH's fall 2012 announcement it would retire 113 chimpanzees from research. However, initially it intended to send only 10 to federal sanctuary and the rest to another lab. NEAVS and others launched a campaign to get all of them in sanctuary, with NEAVS pledging \$100,000 to help meet costs. By December, NIH had reconsidered and said it would transfer all 113 to Chimp Haven.

With all this progress, 2012 was indeed the year of the chimpanzee. While not completely there yet, we can see there from here! Because of your support, which makes our work possible, NEAVS/Project R&R not only spearheaded this effort, but continues in a major role every step of the way. In our history books, 2012 will prove the turning point for the chimpanzees who are so deserving of the care, respect, and relative freedom that only sanctuaries can provide. Until every last chimpanzee is safe in sanctuary, it is our duty and labor of love to keep working with new and effective strategies. It is our promise to make certain one day ALL chimpanzees who now languish in labs will live surrounded by fresh air, sunlight, trees, and all the comforts sanctuary provides. They are counting on us.

For more info on these milestones, visit releasechimps.org.

► Looking Ahead: CoC Report

As we go to press, the CoC issues its report on how NIH should implement the IOM's recommendations. Notably, it states "Research involving chimpanzees has rarely accelerated new discoveries or the advancement of human health for infectious diseases." CoC recommendations that now await the NIH's approval include:

- Two-thirds of current biomedical research using chimpanzees should end.

- Roughly 90% of 451 NIH-owned or -supported chimpanzees should be retired and sent to sanctuary.
- 50 (number to be reassessed every five years) should be held in the event of future research needs, but should be housed in "ethologically appropriate" environments that include social groups of at least seven, 1,000 sq ft per individual, year-round outdoor access, 20-ft climbing structures, and opportunities for "choice and self-determination."



2012 Highlights

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our friends who died in 2012:

Roger, chimpanzee
Center for Great Apes

Mason, Merv
Chimp Haven

Dar
Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute

Pepper, our beloved
Sierra, rescued mastiff
Fauna Foundation

Megan, Shire mare
Soren, wolfdog
Lockwood Animal Rescue Center

Marti Kheel
Founder of Feminists for Animal Rights

Ubee, pigtail macaque
Mindy's Memory

Gussy, colobus monkey
Lily, Java macaque
Suzie, olive baboon
Primate Rescue Center

Dana, our beloved
Bradley, Dorothy, Gogi, Katherine, Libbell, Stu, Thelma, Thoto
Save the Chimps

... and to all others who passed in 2012.

Campaigns

- Translated into Spanish, the government of Spain formally accepted NEAVS' paper, "The Bioethics of Great Ape Well-Being: Psychiatric Injury and Duty of Care," and delivered it to Queen Sofia.
- NEAVS gives speaking presentations at universities and other venues, helping young minds become aware of why we work to end animal research. Most recently, a Harvard Student Animal Defense Fund talk resulted in an invitation to post on Harvard Law School's Bill of Health blog.
- NEAVS awarded four scholarships to the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance's inaugural training workshop in Tampa, Fla.
- Until no animals are used in research, we work to ensure the Animal Welfare Act has teeth, e.g. that the 95% of animals – rats, mice, birds – it does not include, are included.
- NEAVS works in support of campaigns to end airline transportation of animals destined for labs.

In 2012, UPS, FedEx, Jet, and DHL airlines stopped shipping mammals, and Air Canada and United stopped shipping primates. Now there are only a few airlines left that ship primates.

- NEAVS joined the campaign that successfully saved Animals Asia's Vietnam sanctuary for moon bears rescued from bear-bile farms from being evicted by the government for their land.

Sanctuaries

- NEAVS was the first to provide support (\$100,000) to Chimp Haven after NIH announced it would retire 113 chimpanzees to the sanctuary.
- NEAVS provided \$50,000 to establish a Lifetime Care Fund for Allie, Mari, and Popi, orangutans with research histories, now at the Center for Great Apes.
- NEAVS provided \$10,000 in emergency money to Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest to help with reconstruction after a wildfire.

The Anti-Vivisection Movement

- The inaugural Lush Prize recognized groups and individuals for achievements in non-animal scientific research, testing, and training, and awarded £250,000.
- Experts at an E.U. Parliament international workshop reached consensus that the future of toxicology lies in non-animal techniques.
- U.S. scientists announced a major dengue fever vaccine breakthrough discovered without using animals.
- Washington, D.C. granted students the right to choose learning alternatives and not dissect.



Caring for Sanctuary

NEAVS believes as an animal protection organization, we have a responsibility to support quality sanctuary care for the animals we help rescue. NEAVS is proud to have helped rescue thousands of animals in our history, and to have contributed more than \$4.4 million over the last 30 years alone for their care. In 2012, we supported the outstanding work of the following sanctuaries with nearly \$250,000: Animals Asia, Save the Chimps, Center for Great Apes, Chimp Haven, Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest, Fauna Foundation, Friends of Washoe, International Primate Protection League, Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, Lockwood Animal Rescue Center, Mindy's Memory, Primate Rescue Center, and Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation.

Our support included “adoptions,” emergency relief, and/or establishing lifetime care funds for the following (see photos, ordered from top to bottom as below):

Dana (1960-2012), a chimpanzee at Save the Chimps

Pepper (1970-2012), a chimpanzee at Fauna Foundation

Dante, a Premarin farm-rescued horse at Lockwood Animal Rescue Center

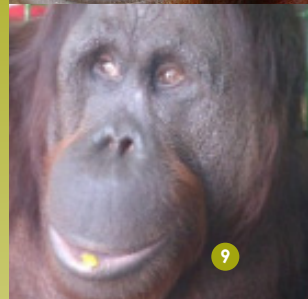
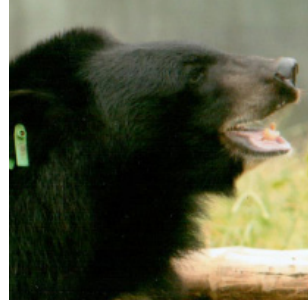
Shima, a bile farm-rescued moon bear at Animals Asia

Allie, Mari, and Popi, orangutans at the Center for Great Apes previously used in research and entertainment

“The road to sanctuary for all animals in all labs is paved with compassion and better science.”

-Theodora Capaldo, EdD
NEAVS President

- The NIH awarded \$70 million through 17 grants to create artificial organs for drug screening.
- A new “lung-on-a-chip” model – a miniature, artificial version of the real thing – was successfully used to test drugs.
- NIH called for new bio/tissue-chips to reduce animal testing and the average 14-year, \$2 billion process to develop drugs.
- U.K. veterinary regulators launched a database of products that do not need animal tests.
- The Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research awarded almost \$1 million for research into Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, cancer, and toxicology testing.





Lolita and Rita (© Chimp Haven)

NEAVS is a member and/or co-founder of national and international coalitions that maximize resources, expand expertise, and achieve even greater success for animals.

Mandatory Alternatives Petition



NEAVS co-founded the MAP coalition to encourage the FDA to develop better policies regarding non-animal testing. As it stands, industry need only “consider” alternatives despite the existence of testing methods that give superior

results and replace the use of animals. MAP asks the FDA to mandate alternatives where they exist. In response, the FDA signaled intent to develop guidelines clarifying animal use is not required.

Leaping Bunny



NEAVS is a founding member of the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC) and its Leaping Bunny certification program, your best source for assurance that companies and their suppliers

use no animal testing in any phase of product development. Leaping Bunny empowers consumers and convinces companies to go cruelty-free. Highlights in 2012 include: Urban Decay cosmetics being re-certified after deciding not to sell in China where animal testing is required, and the launch of partnerships with drugstore.com and Vitacost.com who added a feature for shoppers to view only Leaping Bunny-certified products.

The American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research



NEAVS' sister organization AFAAR provides funding to researchers

and projects worldwide to develop, validate, and implement alternatives to animal use in science. Since 1977, AFAAR has advanced superior scientific methods that end the cruelty of animal experiments and is currently developing a program to fund and advance post-doctoral work in alternatives.

Ethical Science Education Coalition



Using animals in cruel and unethical ways turns compassionate students away from science

careers. NEAVS' educational affiliate ESEC affirms the right to cruelty-free learning, and provides support and hands-on options for students denied this right by being refused alternatives. ESEC seeks to end the harmful use of animals at all levels of science education, including dissection, terminal labs, and all harmful live-animal training.

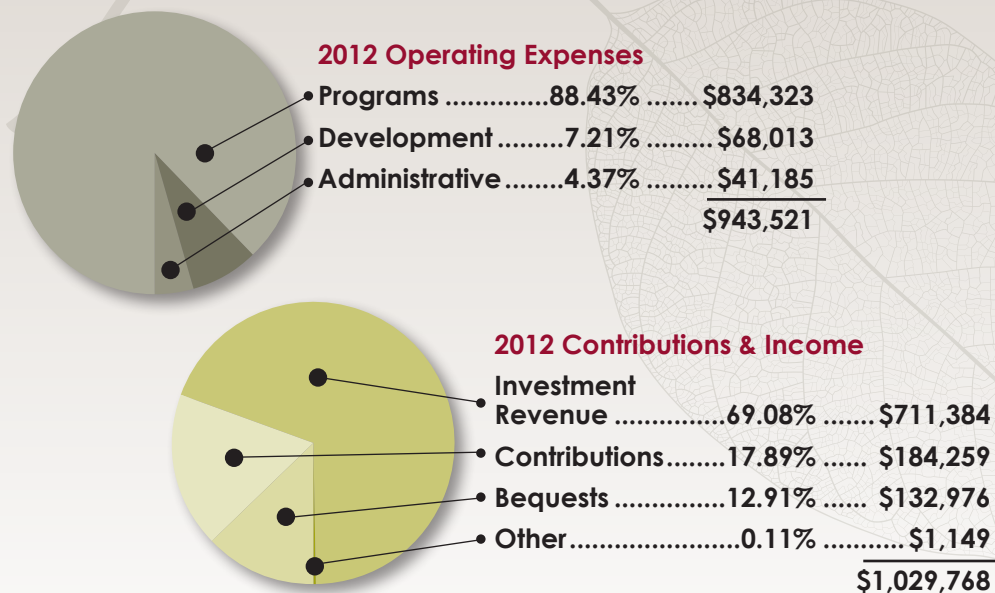
Thank You to Our Supporters

Your 2012 support made a world of difference for the animals that NEAVS works to protect. 113 chimpanzees are now being transferred out of a lab to sanctuary and because of *you*, NEAVS was first to step up with a substantial donation for construction and care. We know 2013 will see more major accomplishments in ending all invasive research on chimpanzees in U.S. labs. NEAVS is committed to strong advocacy on behalf of not only chimpanzees, but for all animals. As our closest genetic relative, the chimpanzee helped us bring our ethical and scientific arguments together in an undeniable and compelling manner that bodes a shift for **all** animals in research.

In the coming year, NEAVS will tackle a variety of vital and new issues sure to have major impact on our mission and continuing successes. Our strategies will be laser-sharp, well-documented, and well-executed. Just as our work for chimpanzees initiated what are now national efforts, our upcoming campaigns will inspire and motivate not only those who stand up for animals, but those who protect the environment, are concerned about women's rights, and are passionate about other social issues. You, our valued supporter, can always count on us for campaigns backed by facts, logic, and our profound commitment to ending the suffering and deaths of millions of animals every year. Via our UPDATE newsletter, eNEWS, and eALERTS, we will continue to provide you information as we roll out our 2013 campaigns (be sure you are signed up at neavs.org).

The new year brings new challenges we are prepared to meet. But we can only do it with your help. Your support and ongoing donations keep NEAVS strong and our accomplishments growing. NEAVS is saving animals and changing attitudes, policies, and laws ... but we can't do it without you. ***Thank you for all you did to help us help them in 2012.*** For 2013 please consider making a monthly pledge, joining our Leadership Circle, or including NEAVS in your legacy. Your support tells us you are proud and confident you are part of an effective organization committed to being here as long as the animals need us. **Donate today and help us make 2013 as unforgettable a year as 2012!**

Year-end Financials*



*Audited financials for 2012 available May, 2013

Leadership

NEAVS leadership is comprised of experts in genetics, law, sociology, psychology, toxicology, great apes, veterinary medicine, and other areas. We bring credible evidence and effective strategies to our hearts' work on behalf of animals in laboratories. For information on our NEAVS and Project R&R advisory boards, visit neavs.org and releasechimps.org.

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A sampling of gratitude for NEAVS

Thank you for all that you have been doing. ... We wouldn't be where we are without your diehard commitment and hard work!

-Lori Gruen, PhD

NEAVS actions, along with others ... have helped to change the tide! ... We are grateful for your continued support in advancing policy, of the chimpanzees and the sanctuaries."

-Linda May
Arcus Foundation

Words cannot express how grateful we are. Knowing that we must care for [the orangutans] for decades ... makes your gift to start a legacy fund even more significant.

-Patti Ragan
Center for Great Apes

I am overwhelmed by your generosity and dedication.

-Linda Brent, PhD
Chimp Haven

Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. Dana touched a lot of people. ... Thank you for supporting her for so many years, and for continuing to support the other chimps in her memory.

-Jen Feurerstein
Save the Chimps

Dante [rescued from the Premarin industry] will benefit greatly from your generous gift. ... I'm just so thankful and I know Dante would say so too!

-Lorin Lindner, PhD
Lockwood Animal Rescue Center

... You have been an important part of our miracle.

-Gloria Grow
Fauna Foundation

After 35 years of this work it is great to be able to count you as a friend and inspiration.

-Lyn Cuny
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

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