

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



**“Knowing is  
not enough;  
we must apply.  
Being willing is  
not enough;  
we must do.”**

**–Leonardo  
da Vinci**





Dr. Capaldo and her rescued Shiba Inu, Kibou

## President's Message

**"Compassion is a necessity, not a luxury.  
Without it, humanity cannot survive."**

**-Dalai Lama**

### The Highest Law in the Land

As I reflect on all we accomplished in 2014 – the changes we created and set in motion, and the care and safety we offered rescued animals – the new year overwhelmed Boston with snow. But this paled in comparison to a major media outlet's report of a newly exposed area of animal abuse. The accounts caused us to double in pain and sorrow from the rage that comes when one bears witness to unspeakable cruelty. But they brought to light animal research hidden and too horrific to think possible – in meat production – funded by our tax dollars.

This horror reminded me that while some believe change is only possible through legislation, genuine protections for animals can only happen when the law of human decency is entrenched in our social and personal fabric – as it is at NEAVS. Instead, the law of human decency has been weakened by greed and adrenaline-driven aggression. Unless each one of us commits to empathy, compassion, and reverence for all – humans, animals, trees, mountains, oceans – the slippery slope we are on could continue on an accelerated decline.

We must hold legislators and government agencies accountable to this ultimate law. We must never accept the excuse for inactivity or lack of leadership,

"it is not in the law." We must remember there is a higher ethic than man-made laws. That there is a better way than blindly following the profit-driven language of most laws, put in place by lobbyists for the financial interest of industries benefiting from animal use and abuse. If everyone was committed to the law of human decency, change would come in a swift wave – not laboriously through painfully slow incremental steps.

In 2015, I am committed to a 'no more nonsense' attitude. I am committed to continuing to challenge motivations and decisions that harm the animals we serve. I am at that point in my life – an age-anointed right – where the convictions of my youth, and lessons and wisdom of my maturing years, can be stood upon without apology.

This is my promise to you. We will continue our work by every means society allows. We will do so without ever backing off or being thwarted by those who try to block the caring path we pave. Stay with us...in so many ways, our battle has just begun.

For the animals,

Theodora Capaldo, EdD  
President



### NEW ENGLAND ANTI-VIVISECTION SOCIETY

333 Washington Street, Suite 850  
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-523-6020

Fax: 617-523-7925

Email: [info@neavs.org](mailto:info@neavs.org)

[www.neavs.org](http://www.neavs.org)

Founded in 1895, the New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS) is a Boston-based, national animal advocacy organization dedicated to ending the use of animals in research, testing, and science education. Through research, outreach, education, legislation, litigation, and policy change, NEAVS advocates for replacing animals with modern alternatives that are ethically, humanely, and scientifically superior.



## Photography

Courtesy of  
Jo-Anne McArthur

**Cover photo:** NEAVS provides lifetime care funding for Shima, our adopted moon bear living in a Vietnam sanctuary. She was rescued by Animals Asia from a bear bile farm, where bears have their bile painfully extracted for use in traditional medicine – despite the existence of alternatives.

NEAVS UPDATE published by the  
New England Anti-Vivisection Society

Subscriptions are available  
by becoming a NEAVS member  
for \$30 a year.

2015 Series • Vol. 16 No. 1

Copyright © 2015 NEAVS



# Thank You to Our Supporters



Curtis Reynolds and Melodie Bishop with Rocket, rescued by the Beagle Freedom Project

NEAVS' message over the past year remains consistent: a clarion call for perseverance! We must stay the course, with all our will and fortitude, continuing the campaign to end animal research and testing. When we hear about egregious infractions to the law of human decency, suffered by non-human animals, we must be equally heartened by the acts of kindness these atrocities ignite in those who care and work tirelessly to end them.

NEAVS' multi-faceted approach to our anti-vivisection mission maximizes impact. Our campaigns and programs, along with those of our affiliates, target areas in need of the powerful touch of human kindness – and the intelligent sword of fact to dispel myths and half-truths. Our patrons know in making a gift to NEAVS you can be confident your philanthropic support directly translates to advocacy for animals in an intelligent, compassionate, and scientifically sound manner. Please remain steadfast in your support of NEAVS by considering the following ways to help:

## Outright Gifts

- Cash, check, or credit cards are always accepted. No gift is too small!
- *Do It Once-A-Month!* A once-a-month gift, automatically made through credit or debit card, is easy and demonstrates your sustained support of our work. You can stop at any time.

## Planned Gifts

- *The Gift That Costs Nothing During Your Lifetime:* A bequest to NEAVS in your will provides future support and is assurance your commitment to animals is part of your legacy.
- You can also make a gift of stock, honorarium, IRA, or life insurance, or establish a Charitable Remainder Trust.

**Questions?** Please contact Ray Pasciuto, Director of Development and Member Services, at 617-523-6020, ext. 12 or [rpasciuto@neavs.org](mailto:rpasciuto@neavs.org). As always, we recommend you contact your tax, financial, or legal consultant to help you determine which gift choice is right for you!

## Year-end Financials\*



### 2014 Operating Expenses

Programs .....	80.54%	\$721,582
Development .....	15.25%	\$136,630
Administrative .....	4.21%	\$37,717
		<u>\$895,929</u>



### 2014 Contributions and Income

Bequests .....	62.75%	\$1,001,585
Investment Income ..	25.36%	\$404,824
Contributions .....	11.86%	\$189,381
Other.....	0.02%	\$398
		<u>\$1,596,188</u>

\*Audited financials for 2014  
available May, 2015



# Perseverance and Progress: 2014

Looking back at 2014, we are amazed by the accomplishments. NEAVS' work isn't always making headlines – much is behind-the-scenes efforts – but tally it up and it is impressive.

NEAVS' current focus, our **Common Ground** campaign, highlights the inherent connection between animals, women, and the environment – linking compassion, empathy, and social justice into a common bond.

Our scientifically focused strategy depends on perseverance. None of this could have happened without YOU and 2014 highlights include:

- More than 100 chimpanzees made it from labs to sanctuary in 2014! But despite the 2013 NIH decision to retire almost all federally owned chimpanzees from research, a major victory for NEAVS' **Project R&R**, we are still working diligently to ensure the hundreds still languishing live the rest of their lives in the safety of sanctuary (not forgetting those privately owned and languishing in labs).
- The **Humane Cosmetics Act**, which would end U.S. cosmetics animal testing, was introduced in Congress and with NEAVS' help gained 56 co-sponsors. The U.S. must follow the E.U., India, and others that have mandated more accurate and humane non-animal testing methods. As a founding member of the **Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC)** and its **Leaping Bunny** brand certification program, we have for decades promoted the proof there is never any need for animal testing. Making certain ALL U.S. cosmetics are cruelty-free is our next giant "leap"!

- As part of our **Animal Research is Hazardous Waste** initiative, NEAVS published an innovative and first-of-its kind study showing the detrimental environmental consequences of using millions of animals in labs and disposing their bodies and other contaminated materials. Presentations at the World Congress for Animals in Labs in Prague and the Cosmetic Compliance Summit in New Jersey were well-received.
- NEAVS' inaugural **Fellowship Grant for Alternatives to Animal Research in Women's Health and Sex Differences** was awarded to Serom Lee, PhD, of Rutgers University. Her research on skin sensitivity contributes to the ever-expanding array of non-animal product safety tests. The Fellowship is a joint project with NEAVS' affiliate, the **American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR)**.
- NEAVS' **What About Monkeys?** initiative builds on our successful chimpanzee work – the first non-human species to be afforded protection from research. If the NIH says humans' closest relative is unnecessary for research, why would monkeys be? Our strategy includes petitioning the USDA to establish guidelines for the psychological well-being of monkeys in labs, and publishing a landmark study by our science advisor, geneticist Jarrod Bailey, PhD, showing genetic differences between monkeys and humans are, like chimpanzees, enough to make them inappropriate as research models.
- NEAVS collaborated with renowned animal photographer **Jo-Anne McArthur** on a visually stunning project commemorating

## In Memoriam

*In loving memory of friends who passed in 2014...*

**Oliver**, brown bear  
*Animals Asia*

**Clover**, beagle  
*Beagle Freedom Project*

**Igor**, gibbon  
*International Primate Protection League*

**Dalton, Jack, Mary Jane, Roman, Scotty & Spock**, chimpanzees  
*Save the Chimps*

**Dr. Mel Richardson**,  
veterinarian

**Dr. Geza P. Teleki**,  
primatologist



animals rescued from research (see photos in this report, on our website, and in future UPDATES). Jo captures the unique personalities in her subjects, channeling inspired energy into our mission. Our partnership launched with NEAVS screening the Boston debut of the film ***The Ghosts In Our Machine***, in which she is featured, with appearances by McArthur and director Liz Marshall.

- New England became **100% Dissection Choice** with New Hampshire's 2014 decision to support the right of K-12 students to choose alternatives to animal dissection. NEAVS worked diligently educating why students deserve cruelty-free education – they learn as well or better without using animals. Work was done through our **Ethical Science Education Coalition (ESEC)** and will continue until all states are Dissection Choice!
- While NEAVS works to end animal suffering in labs, we remain committed to those lucky few who make it out. In 2014 we established a Lifetime Care Fund at **Jungle Friends** for capuchins from a University of Georgia lab; helped establish a Lifetime Care Fund at the **Center for Great Apes** for orangutans Popi, Allie, and Mari – all born in a lab; propelled **Fauna Foundation** to its \$1 million Lifetime Care Fund goal with a grant; and continued lifetime care funding for our adopted moon bear Shima (rescued from a bile farm by **Animals Asia**) and adopted horse Dante (rescued by **Lockwood Animal Rescue Center** from the pharmaceutical industry). **Since 1980, NEAVS has contributed nearly \$5 million to sanctuaries.**

**"It is so inspirational for young people to know that professionals beyond classrooms, like NEAVS, are involved in and support education."**

**-Cindy P., supporter**



# Continued Hope and Hard Work in 2015

It's inspiring to evoke NEAVS' abiding commitment to our mission – ending the use of animals in research. For 120 years, our goal has not wavered. As 2015 takes hold, there is an increasing groundswell of support for our vision propelling us forward to our inevitable success. It is this purpose-driven resolve from NEAVS and our donors, and others within the animal movement, which will make a better world for animals.

In many ways, progress made in 2014 laid the groundwork for the year ahead. Our challenge will be to persevere regardless of any obstacles. Some of what to look forward to:

- As part of our Common Ground campaign and ongoing efforts to promote passage of the Humane Cosmetics Act, which will end the use of animals in cosmetics testing in the U.S., NEAVS will host a 'Cruelty-Free Beauty Day' series. These events will foster awareness around the unnecessary use of animals in the cosmetics industry and its negative environmental impact. The U.S. must follow the lead of the E.U., India, and Israel, which have already deemed cosmetic testing to be inhumane and unsustainable.
- We have seen major accomplishments for chimpanzees used in research – but, the struggle continues – NEAVS won't stop until they are all released into the safety of sanctuary. We will continue working to compel the NIH to retire all federal chimpanzees to sanctuary and not leave them languishing in labs. We will not tolerate the lack of NIH accountability, its wasteful spending, and refusal to submit a clear action plan for retirement of all federally owned chimpanzees.
- NEAVS will leverage momentum from the chimpanzee campaign in our "What About Monkeys?" initiative. If chimpanzees, humans' closest genetic relative, are considered a poor predictive model to study human health, how can monkeys, or other non-human animals, be suitable?

Progress takes time, as NEAVS' 120 years of accomplishments attests. Our strategic goals for 2015 will converge to create sustained change for a more humane future. As a member, your involvement plays a vital role – for that you have our heartfelt thanks. We could not do it without the tens of thousands who have pride in and a commitment to our work. In 2015 and beyond, NEAVS will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all the animals we serve. We will do so with the highest of ethics and integrity that you expect.



**"Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere."**

**-Robert Louis Stevenson**





## The Many Faces of NEAVS

NEAVS is the “home base” from which we launch diverse campaigns within our anti-vivisection mission. When you see these logos, recognize us as NEAVS!



Project R&R: Release and Restitution for Chimpanzees is NEAVS’ national campaign to end chimpanzee use in research and provide them homes in sanctuary.



NEAVS’ sister organization AFAAR provides funding to researchers worldwide to develop, validate, and implement superior alternatives to animal use in all areas of science.



NEAVS’ educational affiliate ESEC affirms the right to cruelty-free science education, providing students at all levels support for their right to non-animal alternatives.

NEAVS is a founding member of the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC) and its Leaping Bunny program certifying cruelty-free products.



## Leadership

NEAVS 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 labs. For information on NEAVS and Project R&R’s boards and advisors, visit [neavs.org](http://neavs.org) and [releasechimps.org](http://releasechimps.org).

## Board of Directors

Theodora Capaldo, EdD  
*president*

Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH  
*vice president*

Sarah Luick, Esq., *treasurer*

Anita Robertson  
*corporate clerk*

Betsy Swart, MSW, PhD

## Medical & Science Advisors

Jarrod Bailey, PhD

Marjorie Cramer, MD, FACS

Marge Peppercorn, MD, FAAP

## Staff

Theodora Capaldo, EdD  
*executive director*

Anne Mola, CPA  
*finance director*

Ray Pasciuto  
*director of development and member services*

Nancy Finn  
*senior communications and marketing specialist*

Jaclyn Leeds, Esq.  
*senior program specialist*

Nate Leskovic  
*communications associate*

Molly Lansdowne  
*program and research assistant*

Lindsay Vanderhoogt  
*operations and program assistant*



# Dorothy Fairweather: A heartfelt devotion to all animals

As a lifetime animal advocate, Dorothy Fairweather has spent over 20 years helping animals in need – which includes her longstanding commitment to NEAVS. Her concern about the plight of carriage horses led to rallying against their inhumane treatment and use, which was when she first met Dr. Theodora Capaldo – who is now NEAVS' president. A friendship emerged that has lasted years after they bonded as they walked side-by-side in the historic 1990 March for Animals in Washington, D.C.

After leaving State Street Corp. as V.P. of Correspondent Banking in the International Division of Commercial Banking, Dorothy became involved in the Newburyport community, serving on the boards of local organizations such as the YMCA, the Historical Society, and the Maritime Museum. However, her heart always remained with the animals – a passion that led to becoming a founding member and the first president of Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society (MRRFS), on whose Board of Directors she continues to serve. Her compassion for all living beings drew her to the work of Dr. Albert Schweitzer – theologian and world-renowned teacher and philosopher. “Dr. Schweitzer has been and continues to be perhaps the greatest influence in my life...his philosophy, ‘Reverence for Life,’ is my guide,” says Dorothy.

Dorothy's feline companion, Elmo, now 21 years old, was a feral kitten. Found with three of his brothers at about six weeks old, she remembers the sweet kitten who fearlessly stood toward the front of the rescue cage purring loudly. “Elmo was just a very different cat and not afraid at all,” says Dorothy. “I brought all four of them home...I ended up keeping Elmo and one of his brothers, Ombra, which means shadow in Italian. I think those two chose me.”

Her devotion and unyielding dedication manifests itself through her ongoing patronage of NEAVS, MRRFS, and other animal protection organizations. Ever since meeting Dr. Capaldo over 20 years ago, Dorothy has been a strident and vocal supporter of NEAVS' mission. And, her relationship with the



Dorothy and Elmo

**"I have unwavering trust in NEAVS  
as one of the finest organizations  
in the country..."**

**-Dorothy Fairweather, member**

organization remains steadfast and strong. As she states, “If you care about animals at all, we have a moral obligation to help them and I have unwavering trust in NEAVS as one of the finest organizations in the country to do just that.”

She adds, “I am not just a cat person – I am an animal person – I love them all.”