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When Cruelty Begins at Home

Understanding and addressing the connection between domestic violence and animal abuse

By Emily Christie
Founder, Ahimsa House

It just might be the darkest family secret of all. The specter of domestic violence lurks behind the front door of an astonishing number of homes today, causing untold suffering and destroying lives. And, like other family traits, it is often passed along from generation to generation in an endless cycle of abuse.

The victims of domestic violence—women and children—cross racial, cultural and socio-economic lines. According to the National Council on Violent Crime, 50 women an hour are victimized by their intimate partners. Every 35 seconds, one child is reported abused or neglected.

But it may surprise you to know that women and children are not the only victims. Studies have shown that family violence often begins with the household animal companion being mistreated. In fact, the deadly connection between family violence and animal abuse has been so well documented that human services professionals call it “The Link.”

Sadly, child abuse and pet abuse are almost always present at the same time. For example, a study in which New Jersey families were identified by the state as physically



abusing children showed that pet abuse was present in 88% of them. What we now know is that abusive family members often use the household’s companion animals as a way of controlling, threatening or manipulating other family members.

In an estimated 57% of households where mental and physical abuse takes place, the companion animal is injured or killed when the human victim tries to leave. In fact, concern for a beloved animal’s welfare prevents or delays more than 50% of battered individuals from escaping ongoing abuse perpetrated on themselves, their children or their pet. Likewise, a significant percentage of women leave the shelter prematurely out of concern for their pet.

It’s not difficult to see why this is so. Psychologists have proven that the human-dog relationship is similar to the parent-child relationship. People are apt to consider their

dog as a child substitute and valued member of the family. More than 80% of shelter women reported being “very close” to their abused pet. Women whose pets were abused reported even stronger emotional ties to their pets, supporting the idea that batterers use pet abuse as a form of control. Further, 74% of pet owners found their pets to be “very important” in terms

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of emotional support, making the pet even more vulnerable to abuse. In abusive relationships, the abuser will do anything to destroy a support network of this kind in order to maintain total control over the spouse or partner.

The same is true for children. The majority of primary school-age children regard their pet as being in their top ten most special relationships, and this deep animal-child bond is often exploited by the abuser. Testimonies from child victims of sexual abuse reveal that threats and abuse against a pet are not only effective in gaining control over the victims, these actions ensure their silence by forcing them to decide between their own victimization or the pet's death. With the child silenced, continuation of the abuse is virtually guaranteed, thus paving the way for a physically and psychologically destructive life.

This is how the cycle of violence is carried forward through succeeding generations. Violence—including child, spouse and elder abuse as well as animal cruelty—is taught at home and passed on to children as life lessons. In almost every case of childhood animal cruelty, the child has previously been either a witness to or a victim of abuse.

Researchers have discovered that those who treat animals cruelly go on to treat people cruelly. In one U.S. study of 135 criminals, 118 admitted that as children, they had burned, hanged, and/or stabbed domesticated animals. A study conducted by Northeastern University and the Massachusetts SPCA found that individuals who committed acts of animal cruelty were five times more likely to commit violent crimes against humans. In the 1970s, the FBI discovered that the first common link among serial killers was cruelty to animals.

As a result of these findings, there is now greater awareness of the role animals play in family violence. Many law enforcement



“I am sometimes asked, ‘Why do you spend so much of your time and money talking about kindness to animals when there is so much cruelty to men?’ I answer, I am working at the roots.”

George T. Angell, Founder, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA)

agencies, for example, now train officers to recognize animal abuse as a sign of violence elsewhere in the home. Nearly all states now have felony-level penalties for animal cruelty, which sends a clear message that animal abuse is taken seriously by the courts. Several states require veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse and offer veterinarians who report cruelty immunity from civil and criminal liability. Maine has enacted legislation that allows animals to be included in domestic violence protection orders. And a program in Columbus, Ohio places the pets of domestic violence victims in a women's prison, where inmates care for them.

In addition, there are now more than 100 Safe Haven for Pets programs around the country that are helping both the human and animal victims of family violence escape their abusers and get help to improve their life situation. The programs place pets with foster families who have volunteered their services to help pets and people in need.

Despite the growth of these programs, though, more needs to be done. In the

U.S., few animal shelters have any programs in place to help the animal victims of domestic violence. Only 27.1% of domestic violence shelters report asking about pets during their intake procedure, yet 83.3% of those surveyed observed that abusive homes contained both animal abuse and domestic violence. Few offer any psychological or practical services related to this issue.

Ahimsa House is the only organization completely dedicated to obtaining shelter and aid to animals caught in the cycle of domestic violence. Read more about this organization and the NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant that helped them with some of their veterinary and operational expenses on the next page.

Safe havens, like Ahimsa House, hope to break the cycle of violence through intervention of a nonviolent nature. They believe that by helping animals, we human beings grow in our ways to help each other. By stopping animal abuse, we not only save animals, we can set the right example for the next generation by teaching children empathy for others. 🐾

GOING TO COURT FOR ANIMALS

State legislatures propose protections for companion animals in domestic violence cases.

Escaping the Nightmare of Abuse

Ahimsa House provides a safe haven for animal victims of domestic violence

Ahimsa is the Sanskrit word for nonviolence—and quite an appropriate name for a place that is dedicated to helping the victims of domestic violence flee with their pets. Their motto is to “help humans and animals reach safety together.”

Ahimsa House is the inspiration of Emily Christie, who, more than a decade ago, lost her cat as a result of an abusive situation. Seeking to help other women who found themselves caught in the cycle of family violence, Emily began Ahimsa House in 2004 with a tiny three-room shelter, and later, two foster homes.

Today, Ahimsa House assists victims of abuse in the Atlanta, Georgia area by providing a safe haven for their companion animals in either a shelter, veterinary clinic or within its growing network of foster homes. The animals are kept safe in a confidential environment, with updates on an animal's well being, visitation and photographs available for the families. Vaccinations, spay/neuter, disease testing and parasite treatments are also performed at no charge.

Ahimsa House maintains a 24-hour helpline, and in emergency situations can pick up an animal at any time of the day or night and bring him/her to a veterinary clinic, boarding facility or foster home. All services are available to any non-aggressive animal whose family has been referred by a domestic violence shelter, law enforcement agency or mental health professional.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Through its network of veterinary clinics, boarding facilities and foster homes, Ahimsa House can provide care for animals for up to 65 days. Under its no-kill policy, animals who are permanently unable to return to their families are placed in a new home through an adoption organization.

Unfortunately, Ahimsa House has recently become a victim as well—of its own dramatic growth. Not long after it began operating, a very special abuse case—a dog, Tiny Tim, whose leg had been broken by his abuser—was brought to Ahimsa House. Emily decided to take Tiny Tim's case to the media and the public to raise funds for surgery and rehabilitation to save his leg. Emily and her volunteers were overwhelmed with phone calls, messages and media attention not just from the Atlanta area, but across the U.S. While they succeeded in raising enough funds to help Tiny Tim, the awareness the case generated caused Ahimsa House to be flooded with clients—almost more than it could handle.

A NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant is helping Ahimsa House with its extensive veterinary expenses, to help ensure that no one should have to choose between their own safety and the safety of their companion animal. 🐾

Since the adoption of laws in Maine and Vermont that would allow courts to issue an order of protection for companion animals in domestic abuse cases, a flurry of bills have been introduced on this issue. An Illinois bill, HB 9, was introduced early this year and passed through the House by a unanimous vote. It is now being considered by the Senate.

Bills have also been introduced in California (S 353), Colorado (HB 1235), Connecticut (SB 284), New Jersey (A 3082 and S 2246) and Virginia (SB 932). Legislators in Utah introduced HB 342, but it was defeated with little debate.

You can make a difference!

If your state has introduced this legislation, call or write your legislator with support for this initiative. It is an important component in breaking the cycle of violence faced by animals and humans in an abusive situation. Go to the NAVS Advocacy Center on the NAVS website at www.navs.org to make your voice heard, or call **800-888-6287** to find out how to contact your representative.

If you would like to see a bill passed in your state that would allow judges to include companion animals in orders of protection, go to AnimalLaw.com to find a “model law” you can bring to your legislator to introduce this year.

Not only do these laws protect companion animals from domestic abuse, they help the thousands of human victims who may be unwilling to leave a violent home for fear that the family pet will be harmed.

A Letter from the President of NAVS

On a cold day in January, while driving down a highway, someone threw a two or three month old puppy out of the window of his pick-up truck. Fortunately, a driver following behind the truck witnessed the event and took the unfortunate creature to a shelter, whose dedicated volunteers sent him to a veterinarian, who mended his broken hind leg, and wrapped it in a purple cast.

The volunteers at the shelter had several theories. One thought that the puppy was the runt of the litter, and his owner couldn't find him a home. Another suggested that the poor creature was the result of a breeding experiment that went wrong. No one will ever know the owner's true motivation.

What we do know is that once my daughter saw that hapless puppy, there was no going back. My daughter has loved the color purple for as long as I can remember. So when she and her mother went to the shelter looking for a new dog, Gabriel's purple cast was like a homing device. My daughter didn't look at another dog, Gabriel, as she would later name him, wouldn't stop jumping—cast and all. When she learned of Gabriel's highway experience, the decision was made. We had a new dog, one with a love for people that belied his early life's experience.

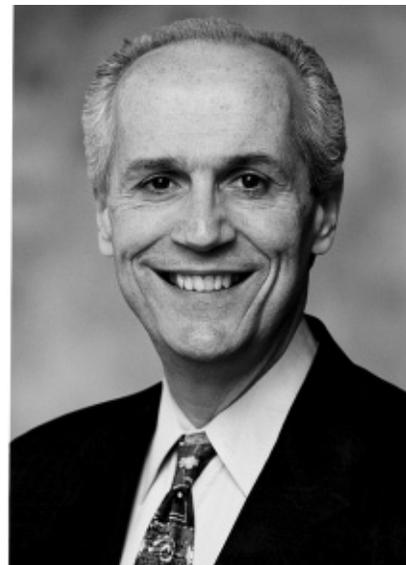
The story of Gabriel's early mistreatment is unfortunately not unusual. The lives of many animals—dogs, cats, rabbits, chimpanzees—can at any moment be transformed to one of chaos and pain. Whether the cause is related to mean-spirited animal abuse, as in Gabriel's experience, or related to the scientist's defense of animal suffering for the greater good, it is always the innocent animal that pays the price.

Many individuals come to realize the graphic tragedy of this situation. Some do so early in life; others, like me, learn it later. And, in my case it was the fortunate combination of several unrelated experiences. By way of background, I am a Professor of Law at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. One of my areas of expertise involves advocacy and dispute resolution.

Quite by chance, a colleague introduced me to Peggy Cunniff, Executive Director of the National Anti-Vivisection Society. Peggy proved to be quite the advocate. Soon she was explaining why the use of animals in product testing, biomedical research and classroom education was not only needless—cruel to the animals, it was bad science—and even dangerous to humans. In the ensuing years, NAVS and The John Marshall Law School have jointly sponsored programs that focus on advocacy on behalf of safe and responsible alternatives to the use of animals in science.

Today, I have the honor of serving as President of the National Anti-Vivisection Society. As you can see from our Annual Report, NAVS is making a real difference in the fight against animal experimentation—a fight that NAVS has decided to wage along the lines of hard science and education. As a person committed to the power of education and advocacy based upon facts, I am proud to say that NAVS has charted a course that is committed to persuading the world that animal experimentation is not only morally wrong, but also scientifically unsound.

The battle in this arena oftentimes focuses on changing the minds of those individuals who make critical decisions in the scientific and commercial world. Changing these minds can change the world of millions of animals.



Kenneth Kandaras
President, The National Anti-Vivisection Society

I hope that you find reading about NAVS and its work over the last year to be as inspiring as I do. I am proud of the organization's accomplishments, and thankful that we have such a dedicated, professional staff. Also, let me take this opportunity to extend a special note of thanks to our Executive Director. On behalf of myself, and the entire Board of Directors, I would like to thank Peggy Cunniff for 20 years of leadership. Her expertise, commitment to the cause and energetic spirit are a mainstay of the organization.

I often think back to those seemingly unrelated experiences that led me to NAVS. Shortly before I met Peggy, I read an article in our local newspaper about thieves who allegedly sold stolen dogs to research facilities. One of the dogs looked just like Gabriel. And as Peggy talked more about the ills of animal experimentation I realized that the dog in that picture could have been ours. You see: a little education delivered at the right time can make a world of difference. 🐾

National Anti-Vivisection Society

2006 FINANCIAL REPORT & PROGRAM SUMMARY

July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

As a not-for-profit educational organization, NAVS measures success in terms of the progress we have made toward ending the suffering of animals used in product testing, education and research. This past fiscal year, July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, was a time of growth and refinement, as we invested resources in expanding our outreach to new audiences and fine tuning our existing programs to be even more effective. With the launch of the new NAVS website at www.navs.org, NAVS continues to be in the forefront in providing comprehensive, compelling and useful information, such as how consumers can effect change through purchasing products from cruelty-free companies. In an ever increasing environment of mistrust for animal advocacy organizations within the research community and some government sectors, NAVS continued to work positively with scientists, educators and the legal and legislative communities through outreach at science fairs, promotion of dissection alternatives, and support for the development of methods of conducting toxicity testing and research without harming animals. We continue to invest our resources in programs that increase awareness of the cruelty and waste of vivisection, that help to change public attitudes about how animals are used, and that spare animals from lives of suffering in the name of science. We pledge to continue employing the highest professional standards to ensure that our resources are used in the most efficient and effective ways possible in a spirit of gratitude for the trust and confidence our members and supporters have placed in us.

The highlights of our activities and their associated expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 are summarized in the following pages. Some of these programs impact on more than one area of endeavor. As a result, the expenses for these efforts are jointly allocated, as appropriate, between programming and fundraising portions of the budget. A significant portion of NAVS' day-to-day activities, such as responding to telephone and e-mail inquiries and other correspondence, writing letters to the editor, conducting research and attending meetings, are included in the General Education and Public Awareness category, rather than showing a specific line-item expenditure.

NAVS MISSION

The National Anti-Vivisection Society is a national, not-for-profit educational organization incorporated in the State of Illinois. NAVS promotes greater compassion, respect and justice for animals through educational programs based on respected ethical and scientific theory and supported by extensive documentation of the cruelty and waste of vivisection. NAVS' educational programs are directed at increasing public awareness about vivisection, identifying humane solutions to human problems, developing alternatives to the use of animals, and working with like-minded individuals and groups to effect changes which help to end the suffering of animals.

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ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$430,408
Prepaid Expenses	9,543
Accrued Interest Receivable	6,244
Property and Equipment	<u>30,282</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$476,477

INVESTMENTS

Common Stocks—Mkt. Value	3,925,242
Investments—Restricted	221,989
Beneficial Interest in Remainder Trust	<u>131,581</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	4,278,812

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	103,969	
Accrued Expenses	297	
Accrued Vacation	14,405	
Current Portion of Note Payable	<u>23,787</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	142,458	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		142,458
Net Assets		
Restricted:		
Special Project (Animal Sanctuary)	75,337	
Investment	221,989	
Unrestricted	4,183,924	
Charitable Trust	<u>131,581</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>4,612,831</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$4,755,289	

To obtain a copy of the NAVS audited financial statement, please contact us in writing at the address shown below.

The balance sheet for Fiscal Year 2006 summarizes the assets, liabilities and net assets of the National Anti-Vivisection Society.

NAVS earns its revenue in three major ways: funds from operations, which include new memberships, membership renewals, donations and literature sales (\$795,971); non-operation funds such as interest and dividends (\$336,638); and funds from bequests and legacies from our supporters (\$1,792,757).

As a non-profit organization, NAVS' main financial goal is to direct the maximum amount of our resources to our educational programs. The accompanying chart shows how the money was spent: 74.82 percent of our resources were directed to educational programs, 12.29 percent to administrative costs and 12.89 percent to fundraising expenses.

Educational expenses include all of NAVS' programs – the NAVS *Animal Action Report* and other publications, our extensive public awareness programs (which utilize a variety of media), the operation of the Dissection Alternatives Loan Program, and our support of IFER, AFMA and IIAL, all of the programs that keep members apprised of developments in anti-vivisection issues, and accurate, persuasive education programs to acquaint the public with the issues and inform them of how they can make a difference for the animals.

FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

2005 2006

PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

77.69% 74.82%

General Education/ Public Awareness	55.47%
Student/ Teacher Outreach	6.58%
Science Programs	18.95%
Legal/Legislative	13.74%
Special Initiatives/ Cooperative Efforts	5.26%

ADMINISTRATIVE

9.49% 12.29%

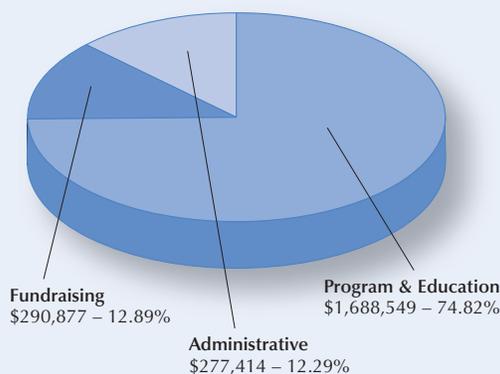
FUNDRAISING

12.82% 12.89%

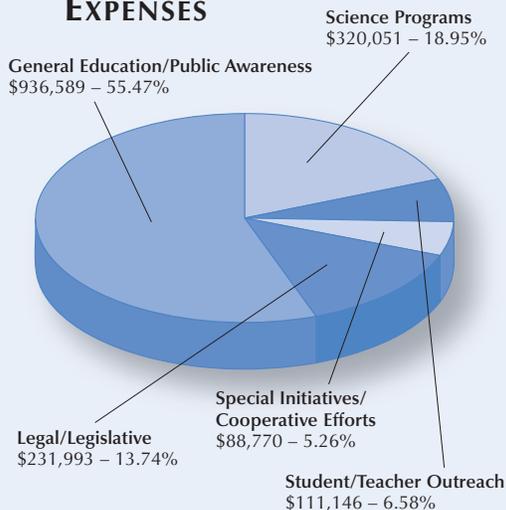
TOTAL REVENUE (2006) \$2,837,111

TOTAL EXPENSES (2006) \$2,287,581

ALL EXPENSES



PROGRAM & EDUCATION EXPENSES



Following is a description of specific programs undertaken by NAVS during FY 2006 as well as the costs (and revenue, where applicable) associated with that activity. These activities are categorized into five general program areas: General Education and Public Awareness, Outreach Programs to Students and Teachers, Science Program Initiatives, Legal and Legislative Programs, and Special Initiatives and Cooperative Efforts. In addition to the direct costs associated with each of the specific programs under these categories, significant general (indirect) expenses have been allocated among the categories based on a determination of how NAVS' time and resources are used. These costs include fixed expenses, such as rent, office equipment, salaries, insurance, telephone and other utilities. Additionally, some educational activities and their costs are associated with multiple program areas, such as research and data processing, fulfillment of requests for information and some meetings, and have been allocated, along with the fixed program expenses, among the five program categories as "indirect expenses." If you have any questions on individual programming, please feel free to contact us directly.

General Education and Public Awareness Programs

The dissemination of general information on the scientific and ethical arguments against vivisection, as well as the development and execution of strategic outreach programs, were the two primary avenues utilized in educating people about the use of animals in science and education. NAVS uses a variety of media to promote its message of compassion, including our website, mass market and specialty publications, radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs), advertising, TV and radio interviews, letters to the editor, direct mail, conferences and the Internet.

Creating and administering our many and varied programs demands the time and expertise of a highly qualified and experienced staff of professionals. The NAVS staff spends a significant amount of time collecting, analyzing and disseminating information to our supporters, the media and the general public. The total program expenses identified with each specific program activity, including indirect expenses for General Education and Public Awareness programs, totaled \$936,589. The indirect expenses alone accounted for \$372,003. Total expenses for all program activity in this category represented 55.47% of all program expenses.

- **Animal Action Reports.** The NAVS newsletter published and distributed in FY 2006 included articles on chimpanzees in research, alternatives to toxicity testing in animals, stem cell research, personalized medicine, how the Sanctuary Fund aided the animal victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, developments in the legal and legislative arenas, as well as information on current programming updates throughout the year. Program expense: \$188,847. Revenue: \$7,669.
- **The NAVS Website.** In FY 2006, NAVS launched its new website, the most comprehensive site available for information on why vivisection is wrong. It presents in-depth information and analysis of scientific issues, full coverage of the Dissection Alternatives Loan Program, fact sheets and articles on issues on all aspects of vivisection, along with a searchable database of personal care companies and products. The new interactive advocacy section allows users to take immediate action by writing e-mails to Congress, federal agencies, local municipalities and others in a position to effect change. Other features include Dr. Greek's Office, and links to additional resources. Program expense: \$52,093.

• **Internet E-Blasts.** NAVS electronic "e-blasts" are now a regular feature for NAVS members, with more than a dozen national and regional blasts sent on legislative issues. These issues included federal disaster planning for pets, horse slaughter, New Jersey student choice, and foie gras and elephant initiatives in Chicago. In addition, e-blasts were sent calling members to support Sanctuary Fund efforts to assist animal victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, providing scientific news updates, and promoting upcoming events. The timely and cost-effective nature of the e-blasts made it easier for activists to respond to initiatives as they arose.

• **Art for the Animals Classic.** The annual art contest had, as always, a diverse collection of creative artwork, music, essays and poetry submitted for consideration in FY 2006. The winners were announced on the NAVS website, along with pictures of current winning entries. Prizes were given in each of three different age categories, and a "Best of Show" award was also given. The artwork from this contest has been used for NAVS greeting cards, holiday cards and posters. Program expense: \$3,644.

• **Personal Care for People Who Care.** NAVS printed and mailed a wallet-sized guide of its 12th edition of *Personal Care for People Who Care* in FY 2006. This condensed volume listing only cruelty-free companies was sent to NAVS members as a supplement to the 12th edition book published last year. The 200-page book continued to be promoted and sold to the general public and updates were published on the NAVS website and in the *Animal Action Report*. Program expense: \$15,020. Revenue: \$96.

• **Sanctuary Fund Brochure.** In FY 2006, a revised brochure for the Sanctuary Fund was printed and mailed to all NAVS members. The brochure highlighted this program that awards grants to help animals in emergency situations. Program expense: \$8,267.

• **Public Service Announcements.** An award-winning series of radio public service announcements (PSAs) began airing across the country. These PSAs entertained listeners while educating them about: (1) how to learn which companies do and do not test their products on animals; (2) alternatives to animal dissection in the classroom; and (3) the use of animals in biomedical research. The spots successfully aired for a period of 12 months and resulted in new supporters and an increased number of calls from people requesting more information regarding animal experimentation.

• **A Better Way.** The NAVS general information brochure, *A Better Way*, was revised and reprinted for distribution in response to requests for general information regarding NAVS' mission and the issues concerning animals used in science and education. Thousands of brochures were mailed and distributed at conferences throughout the year. Program expense: \$14,960.

• **Direct Mail Program.** NAVS conducted a print direct mail campaign designed to educate targeted members of the public about the use of animals in product testing, biomedical research and education. The material developed in FY 2006 emphasized the scientific issue of animals in research and the ongoing tragedy of the lives of these animals. The material also informed readers about what NAVS is doing to advance humane science and, most importantly, to call them to action on behalf of animals. The educational component of producing and mailing this information totaled \$266,065. Revenue: \$124,861.

• **Membership List Rental and Exchange Program.** To offset expenses from direct mail programs and to cooperate with other animal advocacy groups in educating the public on their programs and issues, NAVS rents a selected portion of our database. NAVS continues to exchange names with organizations of a similar nature, while respecting individual donors' requests for confidentiality. Revenue: \$3,950.

• **Targeted Advertising.** NAVS increased awareness of the Society through advertising targeted to attorneys and estate planning professionals in regularly scheduled advertising placed in *Estate Planning* and *Trusts and Estates* magazines. Program expense: \$15,690.

Educational Programs for Students and Teachers

NAVS Student/Teacher Outreach Programs are designed to inform students and educators about the many alternatives to the use of animals in science education. These programs address the educational merits and cost-effectiveness of using non-animal alternatives. More importantly, our efforts in this area are helping to end the needless suffering of animals by promoting humane education. Through our programs, teachers are discovering that non-animal alternatives enhance, rather than compromise, the learning process. And more young people are growing up to be compassionate adults, with the confidence to make humane ethical decisions. By encouraging these students to pursue scientific endeavors, NAVS is

making a critical investment in the future of scientific research. The student/teacher outreach programs (including indirect expenses) accounted for \$111,146 representing 6.58% of the program budget. The indirect expenses for the programs totaled \$77,773.

• **The NAVS Dissection Alternatives Loan Program (DALP).** The NAVS Dissection Alternatives Loan Program continued to grow and now includes more sophisticated models and CD-ROMs to replace the use of cats and dogs in higher education, particularly for pre-med and veterinary schools. NAVS staff attended several national, regional and local conferences for educators promoting DALP, including the Teacher Resource Fair in Chicago, the National Association of Biology Teachers meeting in Milwaukee, and the National Science Teachers Association meeting in Chicago. NAVS also placed advertising for the DALP program in the *American Biology Teacher Magazine*. Program expense: \$16,857. Revenue: \$297.

• **The NAVS Dissection Hotline.** The only national toll-free information and counseling service for students opposed to animal dissection, the NAVS Dissection Hotline continued to be a valuable resource for both students and educators in FY 2006. The Hotline has become a point of contact for assistance for students and teachers in promoting student choice policy, both over the phone and through the NAVS website, and letters were sent to students and administrators in support of instituting school-wide and district-wide reform. Requests for information and advice came from students at primary, secondary, community college, undergraduate, medical and veterinary schools. And many parents who home-school their children contact the Hotline for information.

• **Science Fairs/Intel ISEF.** NAVS continues to take the lead as the only animal advocacy group offering an award at a national science fair. In May 2005, NAVS presented its fourth Humane Science Award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. NAVS Science Advisors Dr. Ray Greek and Dr. June Bradlaw, chair of the International Foundation for Ethical Research's Scientific Advisory Board, judged the projects in Phoenix, Arizona and awarded three high school students prizes for experiments that did not rely on the animal model. Program expense: \$12,297.

• **Local and National Science Fair Initiatives.** NAVS expanded our support of science education by offering a Humane Science Award at additional science fairs. As a result, NAVS sponsored an award at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science fair and became a sponsor of the American Junior Academy of Science (AmJAS). NAVS science advisor, Dr. June Bradlaw, was a keynote speaker at the opening of the AmJAS program attended by students and their chaperones in St. Louis. Program expense: \$3,952.

Science Initiatives

In FY 2006, NAVS continued to research and disseminate the most authoritative and persuasive evidence available to advance scientific arguments against the use of animals in science. We also continued to invest in the development and validation of alternative methods to the use of animals in product testing, biomedical research and education. Science initiatives accounted for \$320,051, representing 18.95% of the program budget. The general expenses for these efforts totaled \$130,051.

• **International Foundation for Ethical Research.** IFER was founded in 1985 by NAVS to support scientists who are developing alternatives to the use of animals in product testing, biomedical research and education. As a result of NAVS' support, IFER was able to provide grants for basic research projects for the Graduate Student Fellowship program, and for the dissemination of information on alternatives through conference sponsorships and publications. Program expense: \$95,000.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2006 and 2005, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2006 and 2005, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Selden, Fox, Ltd.
Certified Public Accountants
July 27, 2006



- **Science Advisor.** Dr. Ray Greek, President of Americans For Medical Advancement (AFMA), continues to serve as Science Advisor to NAVS. In FY 2006 Dr. June Bradlaw, chair of the IFER Scientific Advisory Board, also joined NAVS as a Science Advisor. Both Dr. Greek and Dr. Bradlaw represented NAVS' perspective on science issues at professional conferences throughout the year and helped draft comments to federal regulatory agencies and letters to science journal editors. Dr. Greek also authors the science sections of the new NAVS website and contributes to the on-line feature "Dr. Greek's Office."

- **Americans For Medical Advancement (AFMA).** A grant was made to AFMA to further promote its educational campaign on the scientific invalidity of the animal model. AFMA's abstract on the invalidity of the animal model was accepted for oral presentation at the New England Complex Systems Institute's meeting this coming summer. AFMA also had educational booths at large meetings of medical and scientific organizations in order to enlist the support of like-minded professionals, including the American Association of Cancer Researchers, the American Association of Clinical Researchers, and the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, and took part in a debate at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Greek was published in *The Scientist* and co-authored an op-ed piece with Dr. Jane Goodall that was published in *The Boston Globe*. Program expense: \$95,000.

Legal/Legislative Efforts

Through our greatly expanded legal and legislative programs, NAVS continued with efforts to use the power of the democratic process on behalf of animals. Working at the local, state and federal levels of government, we enhanced our visibility and leadership within the legislative arena through professional education programs and advocacy efforts. These programs focused on the constructive use of the legal system to effect positive and long-term improvements in seeking justice for animals. Legal and legislative programs accounted for the total of \$231,993, representing 13.74% of the program budget. The indirect expenses for these programs totaled \$128,248.

- **AnimalLaw.com website.** AnimalLaw.com, an on-line resource providing laws and legislation for 50 states and the federal government, continued to grow in FY 2006. The website is used by advocates, law students and attorneys to track state-by-state legislative efforts, as well as to review the specific laws applicable in any one jurisdiction. Research began to add a case law section to the website, and additional model laws were posted. Program expense: \$5,789.

- **International Institute for Animal Law.** The International Institute for Animal Law (IIAL) received a grant from NAVS to continue with its promotion of legal scholarship and advocacy skills in the field of animal law. IIAL expanded its outreach through sponsorship of conferences and distribution of educational material. IIAL also co-sponsored a symposium at the Chicago Bar Association along with the CBA's Animal Law Committee. Total program expense: \$95,000.

- **Law Conferences.** The International Institute for Animal Law and NAVS presented material at two animal law conferences in 2006, at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in Chicago and at the Illinois Solo and Small Practice Committee meeting in St. Charles, Illinois. A brochure was developed for distribution at these meetings and both NAVS and IIAL material was offered. Program expense: \$2,956.

Special Initiatives and Cooperative Efforts

NAVS remained committed to supporting a variety of special initiatives, both within our organization and in cooperation with other animal advocacy groups, which help save animal lives while paving the way for long-term and positive change for animals. Special initiatives and cooperative efforts accounted for \$88,770, representing 5.26% of the education budget. The amount attributed to indirect expenses for these cooperative efforts totaled \$46,995.

- **NAVS Sanctuary Fund Grants.** In FY 2006, the following organizations were awarded grants for emergency assistance under the terms of the NAVS Sanctuary Fund: Black and Orange Cat (OH), Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary (MS), Equine Advocates (NY), Houston SPCA (TX), Humane Society of Southern Mississippi (MS), Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary (FL), Lafayette Animal Aid (LA), Mindy's Memory Primate Sanctuary (OK), and Pasado's Safe Haven (WA). Program grants totaled: \$34,500. Revenue: \$48,109.

- **Miscellaneous Small Grants.** Grants were awarded in FY 2006 to the Humane Education Committee in New York City for continued support of its humane education awards for observational animal projects at the New York City Science Fair. In addition, a small grant was made to Animal Protection New Mexico for their Milagro Awards. Program expense: \$4,475.

- **Summit for the Animals.** NAVS executive director Peggy Cunniff continued to serve on the executive committee of the Summit for the Animals, an annual meeting of animal protection organizations held in California in Spring 2006. This past year saw new initiatives for this organization, with incorporation as an independent association, drafting of by-laws, and planning an agenda for the coming years. The new association is called the National Council for Animal Protection (N-CAP). Program expense: \$2,800.

Leaping into the Future of Humane Science

Students and educators can call or click into the BioLEAP program to learn about—and act on—their options about dissection.

Ever since its inception more than 15 years ago, the NAVS Dissection Hotline has been all about choice—a student's right to choose a non-animal alternative without penalty when they object to dissection. And the NAVS Dissection Alternatives Loan Program has provided the alternatives to ensure that those students have the best learning experience. Now, these two programs are united under the name of BioLEAP, where students and educators can obtain the assistance they need to make one step for animals—and, as our new motto says—take one giant leap for humane education.

BioLEAP—which stands for Biology Education Advancement Program—takes advantage of the electronic age to provide this valuable service, responding to the needs of students and teachers whether they call our toll-free number or e-mail us. In fact, the majority of inquiries are now coming through e-mail! So whether it's a "call" or a "click," the NAVS staff is always ready to offer support. We are happy to counsel students on how to approach their school about their objection to dissection, provide information to teachers about non-animal alternatives, or make school administrators aware of the advantages of accommodating these requests.

Two requests for assistance that came into the Hotline in December illustrate some of the many ways we help students explore and act on their options. Both requests involved students who didn't want to dissect in a high school biology class, and their preliminary inquiries to the teachers about a non-animal alternative did not sound promising.

The first came in as a telephone call—from a student in Virginia who requested that we contact the school about the recently passed state law that gives students the right to work



on an alternative to the dissection without penalty. Because the student was concerned about preserving anonymity, we sent a letter to the school's administration—with a link to the state law—without giving the student's name. Our letter was acknowledged with an assurance that the school will follow the state law in providing an alternative to any student making such a request.

A similar request came in through e-mail, this time from a student in West Virginia, where there is no state law giving students the right to use an alternative. Again, the student had been rebuffed by the teacher and was concerned about preserving anonymity. So we sent a letter to an administrator—but not with a link to any law. Instead, we included information on the advantages of providing alternatives to students requesting them. In his response, the school administrator thanked us for our concern and assured us that the school had a policy in place to accommodate such requests.

Because students and teachers do not always know their options relative to state law and internal school policies, the NAVS BioLEAP program is here to help, just like we did in the two requests mentioned above. By contacting the Hotline, students, teachers and administrators can also learn about the resources available through BioLEAP, the NAVS lending library of non-animal alternatives.

We invite students, educators and administrators to contact the BioLEAP program by calling **800-922-FROG** or by e-mailing us at navs@navs.org. Remember, we're just a call or click away! 



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THE NAVS MISSION

The National Anti-Vivisection Society promotes greater compassion, respect and justice for animals through educational programs based on respected ethical and scientific theory and supported by extensive documentation of the cruelty and waste of vivisection. NAVS' educational programs are directed at increasing public awareness about vivisection, identifying humane solutions to human problems, developing alternatives to the use of animals, and working with like-minded individuals to effect changes which help to end the suffering of innocent animals.

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**NAVS Sanctuary
Fund grants bring
more emergency
help to animals in
desperate need.**



TO THE RESCUE!

Our compassionate—and generous—donors and supporters have come through for the animals once again. And, once again, we thank you with all our hearts for giving us the opportunity to respond wherever there is the most urgent need.

The NAVS Sanctuary Fund has been quite busy the last couple of months, awarding several grants to worthy organizations. While some of them have received our support in the past, some are new. But all of them are deserving of your support. Here is the most recent list of those who have benefited greatly from your kindness, in addition to Ahimsa House, whose story appears on page 3:

Our utmost concern is always for the ongoing health and well-being of animals that have been placed in sanctuaries. Because we know that you would want us to be there for the animal residents as **Primarily Primates, Inc.** transitions its management, the NAVS Sanctuary Fund has provided the sanctuary a substantial grant for major restoration and rehabilitation projects while it is under receivership.

The grant will be used for such projects as:

- Construction of new or completion of chimpanzee tunnels
- Repair of all doors in chimpanzee enclosures
- Veterinary care to provide vasectomies on male chimpanzees
- Installation of a commercial washer and dryer
- Purchase of welding equipment
- Upgrading the electrical system
- Replacement or repair of radiant heating units in the chimpanzee, parrot, langur and squirrel monkey facilities
- Construction of tunnels on monkeys' corn cribs
- Construction of raised and functionally designed night boxes to replace the existing rotted housing structures
- Installation of transfer cage doors on existing chimpanzee enclosures
- Purchase of a chimpanzee transfer cage unit
- Construction of a chimpanzee tunnel between towers and other cage
- Construction of a new chimpanzee enclosure

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STATE CHARITABLE REGISTRATIONS

The address and telephone number of the National Anti-Vivisection Society may be found on page 9. You may obtain a copy of NAVS' annual financial report by writing to us. In addition, residents of the following states can receive copies as follows. In Arizona: A copy of the official registration may be obtained from the Secretary of State, State of Arizona, State Capitol, 1700 West Washington 7th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808 or by calling toll-free 800-458-5842. In California: A copy of the official financial statement may be obtained from the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 903447, Sacramento, CA 94203-4470 or by calling 916-445-2021. In Los Angeles: Information card on file with Los Angeles Police Commission. In Florida: A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (#SC-03423) AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-435-7352, WITHIN THE STATE. In Kansas: Kansas registration number is available upon request. A copy of the financial report is on file with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office, Capitol - 2nd Floor, Topeka, KS 66612. In Maryland: Upon request, Maryland residents may obtain a copy of the current financial statement of the charity from the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 or from the charity directly. In Michigan: The charity's Michigan registration number is available upon request. In 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 201-504-6215. **In New York: Upon request the latest annual report may be obtained from the charity directly by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the charity's address or by writing to the Office of Charities Registration, Department of State, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231.** In North Carolina: A COPY OF THE LICENSE TO SOLICIT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR SPONSOR AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE LICENSE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE SOLICITOR MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SOLICITATION LICENSING BRANCH, BY CALLING (919) 733-4510. In Pennsylvania: A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, 800-732-0999. In Virginia: A financial statement is available from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209 or by calling 804-786-1343. In Washington: Financial information is available from the Secretary of State, State of Washington, Olympia, WA 98504-9000. In West Virginia: Residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. In Wisconsin: A copy of the charity's financial statement disclosing assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenue, and expenses for the preceding fiscal year will be provided upon request by writing to the charity's name and address. **REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.**

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Making the Case for Animals

AnimalLaw.com launches new case law feature.

In addition to providing a complete listing of laws and legislation on animal law issues in all 50 states and the federal government, the website **AnimalLaw.com** has expanded its coverage to include case law digests. This new feature provides summaries of current case law broken down by topic on a variety of animal law issues, including animal cruelty, custody, veterinary malpractice, valuation of companion animals and other topics.

The website's expansion into case law is important because it provides animal advocates with a better understanding of how the law is being applied in many different areas of practice. While the law section spells out the statutory law, the case law section demonstrates how the courts are applying that law, presented state-by-state within each category.



To check out this new feature, go to <http://www.animallaw.com/Caselawtopicalindex.htm>.

As with legislation, new cases are being added on a regular basis, so check back often for the latest developments in animal law. And while you're at it, check out legislation in your state and the federal government, or go to the NAVS Advocacy Center at www.navs.org to see what new initiatives need your support. 🐾

SPECIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITY FOR DONORS

IRA Rollover Bill offers innovative way to support your favorite charities.

In August 2006, Congress passed into law the IRA Rollover Bill, which allows individuals to make direct transfers from their IRA to qualified charities of their choice without tax implications.

This new law, which will be in place until December 31, 2007, can help you meet your required minimum distribution, reduce your Social Security wage, and reduce the phase-out of itemized deductions—all while you support the work of your favorite charities.

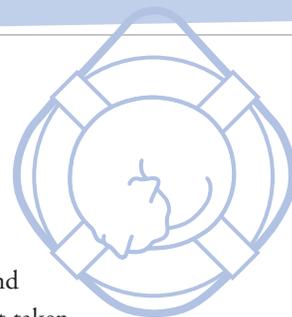
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Shepherd's Green Sanctuary provides rescue, lifetime care and other assistance to abandoned, abused, neglected, homeless and otherwise endangered pigs in Cookeville, Tennessee. They had just taken in 163 pigs from another sanctuary when Hurricane Katrina struck. To help with the staggering financial burden created by the newly-arrived residents and the flooding caused by the hurricane, a NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant is providing the necessary funds to help feed the pigs of Shepherd's Green during the harsh winter months.



You may remember that we featured **Dalhart Animal Welfare Group & Sanctuary (DAWGS)** in an earlier issue of the *Animal Action Report*. DAWGS is a no-kill shelter run primarily by grade-school children working under the supervision of their teacher and other parents. By participating directly in the rescue and adoption of unwanted animals, the children of DAWGS are learning important life lessons about responsibility and compassion, as well as the rewards of community service. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, DAWGS had to pack up their facilities and relocate. Thanks to a NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant, DAWGS has 50% of the funds needed to build a barn for mothers, puppies, elderly and sick dogs.

Late in 2006, when over 300 domestic bunnies were found dumped in an area of a California park that catches overflow from a nearby lake, the **Bunny Bunch** hopped right to it, taking in the entire hapless group. A NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant enabled the Bunny Bunch, which is dedicated to providing safe shelter, food, medical care and love to abandoned and unwanted rabbits, to provide veterinary treatment, including spay/neuter, to all of the rescued bunnies. 🐾

