Shouldn’t these faces count?

Billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars are spent annually on federally funded research and toxicity testing using animals for experimentation. All warm-blooded animals except mice, rats and birds are protected (at least minimally)—as to their care and handling—under the Animal Welfare Act. Mice, rats and birds, bred for use in research, are not even counted although we know that millions of them are used for often inhumane lab experiments. This article discusses their exclusion from even the most minimal protection and how this can be rectified. With your tax money paying for the medical research, you have the right to demand at least beginning steps be taken to include them in the law protecting all other animals. The first step is simply to count them—put a number to each life. Even if a number is all they get during their brief lives, it counts for something, and so will they.

Since ancient times, societies throughout the world have developed laws and regulations regarding human interaction with animals. Animals fortunate enough to be considered sacred were afforded certain types of protection, but the central purpose of most laws was to protect human “property rights” relating to animals. The use of animals in human medical research dates back at least to the days of the Greek physician, Galen (131-201 C.E.) The term “vivisection” was used to describe his use of live animals in surgical experiments. Until the late 1800s, no laws governed the use of animals in research. The first country to regulate animal experimentation was Great Britain in its Cruelty to Animals Act of 1876. Other European countries followed with implementation of various regulations regarding research with animals.

In the United States there were various state laws enacted during the 1800s that addressed animals, but no federal law until passage of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act (AWA) in 1966. The main stimulus for Congress to pass this legislation was public outcry resulting from magazine articles in Life and Sports Illustrated about cats and dogs, including lost and stolen pets, sold to laboratories for research. Over the years there have been various amendments to the AWA, refining standards of care and extending coverage to...

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BioLEAP rings in the new year with updated dissection alternatives

As winter break ends for schools across the country, many science classrooms turn their focus to biology and anatomy. For many students the new year brings the dread and anxiety of scalpels, formaldehyde and dissection trays. The exciting new semester is burdened with the difficult choice of objecting to dissection in the classroom. This year, make a pledge to help the student in your life avoid this frustration.

The NAVS Dissection Hotline (1-800-922-FROG) offers advice on how to get alternatives into the classroom without compromising students’ science education.

Our BioLEAP alternative lending library is featuring an updated version of the Digital Frog software. The new version brings higher resolution graphics, interactive quizzes and built-in text-to-speech to a CD filled with virtual dissection projects. Learn more about Digital Frog at www.digitalfrog.com.

If your child has access to an iPad, check out the new Frog Dissection app from PunFlay. This program uses the new technologies of the iPad to conduct hands-on virtual dissection. Learn more at http://www.punflay.com/virtual-frog.html.
Announcing Art for Animals 2011!

For more than twenty years, amateur and professional artists have expressed their compassion for animals by participating in NAVS’ Art for Animals. This annual competition solicits the most compelling artistic expressions created by artists on behalf of animals.

This year, NAVS is seeking artwork that answers the question: How do animals inspire you?

Art for Animals 2011 provides an opportunity for animal lovers and artists of all ages to send a creative message about respect, justice and compassion for animals. You may wish to honor an animal who has made a difference in your life; or give a voice to those who suffer silently in the name of science. Whether paying tribute to an animal in your life or animals in your thoughts, your participation can enrich viewers with a fresh perspective or educational message about the value of all living beings.

Your work of art may be chosen to illustrate a NAVS publication, poster, stationery or other media. In addition, NAVS recognizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in three age categories as well as Best in Show—all of whom are awarded cash prizes.

And teachers, professors, instructors and store owners: Art for Animals makes a great class project!

So if you’re an artist, photographer, painter, graphic artist, poet, musician or filmmaker with a passion for compassion and a fate to create, use your talents to express respect and compassion for animals! Enter Art for Animals today! The deadline for submissions is May 6, 2011.

For details, visit www.navs.org where you can also download an entry form and view a gallery of previous winners. To receive an entry form by mail, call 800-888-NAVS (800-888-6287).

NAV’S Automatic Monthly Giving Program is an easy and generous way for you to help NAVS plan our annual programs and activities that benefit animals. With a minimum of $5, you can contribute to NAVS on the same day every month via your credit card or bank account. By taking advantage of this program, you help ensure that we have the necessary, steady funding throughout the year to plan and carry out our mission of eliminating the use of animals in science.

To sign up for Automatic Monthly Giving with your credit card, you can use our response device located on page 15, or log on to www.navs.org and select “Donate” in the “Support Us” menu. If you wish to contribute via your checking or savings account, please call NAVS at 800-888-6287.

Please note that Automatic Monthly Giving contributions are donations to NAVS and do not constitute a new membership or renewal.
The Animal Welfare Act is the law that requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to regulate the breeding, transportation and care of warm-blooded animals used in research, teaching, testing and exhibition.

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animals in commerce, exhibition, teaching, testing and research. A 1970 amendment specified that “all warm-blooded laboratory animals” be covered.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which is in charge of administering the AWA, develops rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of the Act. After the 1970 amendment, the USDA used this authority to specifically exclude mice, rats and birds from AWA protection. Despite protests and attempted lawsuits, this remained the state of affairs until 2000, when a federal court found that the exclusion exceeded the authority of the USDA and ordered the inclusion of mice, rats and birds under AWA protection.

But before this determination was implemented, a new law was passed as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. An amendment was added to the bill by the late Senator Jesse Helms (R-SC), specifying that mice, rats and birds bred for research be permanently excluded from any protection under the AWA. The measure passed the Senate without debate and was adopted as part of the final Farm Bill provisions. Once the exclusion became law, the USDA had full authority to continue its policy.

A huge victory for the National Association for Biological Research, this bill essentially gives researchers free rein to subject these animals to excruciating procedures and conditions without providing even the minimal protections—such as pain relief—required for other animals. Researchers need not even keep a count of the number of these helpless creatures used.

The AWA is the only federal law that offers any protection to animals in U.S. laboratories. While there are voluntary guidelines for all animals in research (including rats, mice and birds), they do not have the authority of law nor do they require accountability. By defining “animals” to exclude rats, mice and birds—who make up approximately 95 percent of all animals used for research—the AWA specifically excludes most of the animals who suffer as objects of experimentation.

Created to suffer

Because they are not counted, we do not know how many rats, mice and birds suffer and die each year in U.S. laboratories, although estimates are in the hundreds of millions. Although the term “lab rat” is used as a catch-all term for rodents, it is mice that are predominantly used. This is more “efficient” for labs due to mice being smaller and breeding faster.

Despite abundant evidence that rodents are poor models for humans, experimentation on mice and rats spans virtually the entire field of bio-medical research. Research encompasses genetics, immunology, virology and the behavioral sciences. Recently, scientists announced that they had successfully bred the world’s first mentally ill mouse. Rodents are also used to study the effects of aging as well as exposure to radiation. They are used in research on cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, AIDS, alcoholism, drug addiction, and to test new pharmaceutical drugs before they are tested on humans.

Like mice and rats, birds bred for research are excluded from coverage under the AWA. According to statistics from the United Kingdom, more than 650,000 birds are used annually in the European Union—the third most commonly used animals in science after rodents and fish. Research often includes surgery and prolonged confinement.

Until a few years ago, the mice used in laboratory research were descendants of an abnormal albino species bred under controlled conditions. Today, however, the numbers of “transgenic” animals used in research is growing rapidly. Transgenic mice and rats are genetically engineered animals—mutants that have selected human genes in their bodies or particular genes removed to make them more susceptible to human disease. Some genes also enable these animals to produce certain human antibodies, tissues or even whole organs. Researchers can now select mice and rats intended to mimic specific human diseases and conditions such as diabetes, cancer and obesity.

Breeding and supplying mice and rats to researchers is a major industry. Like so many flavors in an ice cream parlor, different strains of mice and rats are advertised for sale in science journals: as whole animals (inbred, transgenic, immunodeficient [lacking ability to fight infection], “knockout” or germfree), or as spare parts. Other advertisements promote seminars and workshops teaching how to create rats and mice for sale to researchers. The common ingredient in all these “models” is that they are designed to suffer.

Effective or useless science?

NAVS has collected extensive documentation on the inadequacies of other species to predict what is safe and/or effective for humans. A few recent examples clearly demonstrate the time and resources often wasted in a tragic effort to answer human health questions with the bodies of other species:

- The authors of a Research in Translation article published in 2010 in PLoS Medicine concluded: “The value of animal experiments for predicting the effectiveness of treatment strategies in clinical trials has remained controversial, mainly because of a recurrent failure of interventions apparently promising in animal models to translate to the clinic.” It has also been reported that: “Related research, published in PLoS Biology, shows how selective reporting of medical research carried out on animals may be creating a false impression of how effective drugs might be.”

- An article published in The Scientist discusses recent attempts to revise mouse models of cancer, noting that: “Mouse models that use transplants of human cancer have not had a great track record of predicting human responses to treatment in the clinic. It’s been estimated that cancer drugs that enter clinical testing have a 95 percent rate of failing to make it to market, in comparison to the 89 percent failure rate for all therapies.” The article questions whether any animal model can “predict human experiences of toxicity, recurrence, drug resistance, or metastasis.”

- A recent research study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science suggests that research using animal models to study diabetes over the last 30 years has no merit, Diabetologists researchers from the Diabetes...
More Than Just Numbers
There’s much to learn about in the NAVS Financial Report

We invite you to take a look at the Fiscal Year 2009 NAVS Financial Report. It tells the story of NAVS’ many accomplishments during the previous fiscal year. Please take a few moments to look beyond the numbers and learn how prudent investment in our advocacy programs and your continued support of our educational programs has managed to keep up the pace in working to end the exploitation of animals in product testing, biomedical research and education. 🐾
The National Anti-Vivisection Society measures success in terms of the progress we have made toward ending the suffering of animals used in product testing, education and research. As a not for profit educational organization we are mindful of the position of trust that our supporters have in our efforts as advocates for animals and the advancement of humane 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 confidence our members and supporters have placed in us. We are reminded daily of the urgency of ending the suffering of millions of animals in laboratories and classrooms, and remain committed to efforts that advance better, more humane science and condemn acts of terrorism, violence and intimidation perpetrated in the name of our cause.

Our responsibility to be transparent, accurate and honest with our supporters and the public is always taken seriously, but is especially important during difficult times. During fiscal year 2009, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, NAVS was challenged by one of the most disastrous economic downturns in our country’s history. Like so many other charities, businesses, industries and countless families, NAVS was hit hard by the recession. But with continued generosity from our supporters, prudent oversight from the NAVS Board of Directors, and the dedication and creativity of NAVS staff, we weathered what we hope is the worst of the financial crisis. Fiscal year 2009 saw NAVS focus much of our attention on enhancing online resources in order to improve outreach to supporters and the general public. NAVS’ website content, especially in the areas of science, legislation, and cruelty free living, maintained our standards of excellence as an educational resource on the issue of vivisection. NAVS continued to invest our resources in programs that increase awareness of the cruelty and waste of vivisection, in outreach that empowered people to take constructive action on behalf of animals, and in efforts that spared animals from lives of suffering.

NAVS tracked the progress of scientific research in moving to non-animal methodologies. In the area of toxicology, for example, great strides have been made as federal agencies—and the European Union—commit to conducting safety testing without harming animals. In March 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its Strategic Plan for Evaluating the Toxicity of Chemicals. In its introduction, the agency stated that, “The overall goal of this strategy is to provide the tools and approaches to move from a near exclusive use of animal tests for predicting human health effects to a process that relies more heavily on in vitro assays, especially those using human cell lines.” While the EPA’s statement is only one step towards replacing animals used in toxicology, it is definitely a step in the right direction. Even more importantly, it is not the only federal agency making such assertions.

In measuring our progress in ending the suffering of animals used in the name of science, it is important to note that it is never our efforts alone that deserve credit—the work of countless NAVS supporters and other animal advocates who believe in compassion for all creatures, innovative scientists who recognize the limitations of animal models and the promise of more humane methodologies, responsible government leaders and policy makers, private industries that are sensitive to their responsibilities to profit without cruelty to animals, and the media for shining a spotlight on animals and how they are treated in our society—all contribute to the changes in the way science is conducted.

The highlights of our activities and their associated expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 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 Programs

Following is a description of specific programs undertaken by NAVS during FY 2009. 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, are 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—www.navs.org—mass market and specialty publications, radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs), print advertising, TV and radio interviews, letters to the editor, direct mail, conferences, participation in debates and the Internet. Creating and administering our diverse and timely programs demand 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 $831,986. The indirect expenses alone accounted for $335,640. Total expenses for all program activity in this category represented 53.92% of all program expenses.

• Animal Action Reports

The NAVS newsletter, Animal Action Report, now also available in an electronic format, featured a comprehensive look at animals in the legal arena. With a look at current case law and federal regulations, the Animal Action Report presented a survey of legislation on many fronts, including animals in the laboratory and horses led to slaughter. Also featured was information on program updates and recent Sanctuary Fund grant recipients with stories from individual sanctuaries about how the NAVS grant helped them rescue animals.

• Up Front with NAVS

A new e-newsletter was launched in 2009, Up Front with NAVS, which was sent to thousands of on-line subscribers to give them up-to-date and cost effective coverage of the current NAVS campaigns and news. These issues included information on the NAVS National Research Library for Animal Advocacy at The John Marshall School of Law, the passage of student choice legislation in Vermont, the availability of Personal Care for People Who Care, the NAVS Humane Science Awards, advances in science, the NAVS Sanctuary Fund and information on the NAVS Art for Animals Classic.
**Personal Care for People Who Care**

The 13th edition of the NAVS book *Personal Care for People Who Care* remains the single most comprehensive source for information on product testing available to the public. The companion *Wallet Guide* was made available free of charge on the NAVS website, in a downloadable format. Outreach to the general public was accomplished through extensive advertising on the NAVS and other websites.

**The NAVS Website**

In FY 2009, NAVS launched its newly redesigned website with a more dramatic appearance and interactive and personalized features. The new format continues to feature extensive and updated information and analysis of scientific issues, full coverage of the BioLEAP program, fact sheets and articles on issues related to all aspects of vivisection, along with a searchable database of personal care companies and products. The updated website separates news items from Advocacy Center items in order to make it easier for advocates to identify new actionable items. Science in the News keeps readers abreast of the latest scientific issues and their impact on animals in research. In addition, features such as “free stuff” and online petitions continue to be available on the website.

**Public Service Announcements**

Ten radio Public Service Announcements produced in 2008 continued to air in fiscal year 2009. These “ads” focused on the *Personal Care for People Who Care Wallet Guide*, the use of dogs in biomedical research, the NAVS newsletter, *Science First*, and the NAVS Sanctuary Fund. These very successful spots resulted in hundreds of calls from people requesting more information from NAVS.

**Google AdWords**

NAVS’ grant from Google was renewed in FY 2009 to include NAVS in the featured links section when searches were made using a large variety of key words selected by the NAVS staff. Searches on Google for words generally associated with vivisection, as well as a large number of words leading to BioLEAP, resulted in a sponsored link to the NAVS website appearing on the right hand side of the search results. More than 3 million individuals saw the NAVS listing since this campaign was launched in 2008 and more than 43,000 individual viewers clicked on the NAVS ad to obtain more information from the NAVS website.

**Internet Eblasts**

NAVS electronic “eblasts” were sent to NAVS members on a variety of issues, including appeals for the Sanctuary Fund and legislative alerts opposing the California Animal Enterprise Protection Act, supporting a federal ban on horse slaughter, urging action on a Connecticut student choice bill, and asking McDonald’s to take a stand against animal cloning. In addition, alerts were issued promoting *Personal Care for People Who Care*, soliciting entries for the NAVS Art for Animals Classic, and informing readers of pet food recalls and an epidemic of canine influenza in Illinois. The timely and cost-effective nature of the e-blasts made it easier for activists to respond to initiatives as they arose, especially as the legislative initiatives contain a link to the NAVS Advocacy Center for further action.

**Art for Animals Classic**

NAVS’ 20th annual art contest received a diverse collection of creative artwork, music, essays and poetry submitted for consideration in FY 2009, including entries from the American Academy of Art in Chicago and the Atanian Art Center in Glendale, CA. The winners were announced on the Internet, along with pictures of current winning entries. Prizes were given in three categories: adult, youth and child; and a “Best in Show” award was also given. Artwork entered in prior years has been used for NAVS greeting cards, holiday cards and posters.

**Social Networking**

NAVS’ online visibility expanded in FY 2009 on the social networking site MySpace (www.myspace.com/navs4animals), as well as posting profiles on Change.org, Facebook, and Twitter. The NAVS’ profile features advances made in science and technology, calls to action on legislative issues, updates on Sanctuary Fund recipients, copies of NAVS advertisements and relevant news stories concerning animals. Each blog and bulletin posting includes a link to the NAVS website. NAVS has jumped into the social networking arena and has seen a tremendous increase in interest through on-line “friends” and hits on Internet postings.

**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 2009 focused on the scientific issue of animals in research and the on-going tragedy of the lives of these animals. The material informed readers about what NAVS is doing to advance humane science and, most important, to call them to action on behalf of animals.
• 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 the individual donors’ requests for confidentiality.

• 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. This year each copy of the January Estate Planning magazine included an insert of the NAVS brochure “Taking Action for Animals” for distribution at a major conference for estate planning professionals.

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. NAVS believes strongly that no student should be forced to harm animals in pursuit of a science education. 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 innovative scientific endeavors that don’t harm animals, NAVS is making a critical investment in the future of scientific research. The student/teacher outreach programs (including indirect expenses) accounted for $67,857, representing 4.40% of the program budget. The indirect expenses for the programs totaled $50,917.

• The NAVS Biology Education Advancement Program (BioLEAP)

FY 2009 concentrated on increasing awareness of BioLEAP, a program that combines student and teacher counseling with promotion of NAVS’ extensive library of dissection alternatives. NAVS staff members monitored and answered questions on Yahoo Answers related to dissection issues. While actual demand for alternatives from BioLEAP was down this year, the overall use of alternatives has increased within the schools as more schools have purchased their own models and software. Ten states now require students to be given an alternative to dissection if they request one. NAVS’ BioLEAP was promoted with a “banner” ad on numerous websites devoted to products and services for science teachers, including the National Association of Biology Teachers website, Edutopia.com and eSchoolNews.com. Advertisements also appeared in the print publications American Biology Teachers and in the National Science Teacher Association Reports.

• National Science Fairs

NAVS continues to take the lead as the only animal advocacy group offering an award at a national science fair. In May 2009, NAVS presented its eighth Humane Science Award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nevada. NAVS science advisor Dr. Eugene Elmore, along with NAVS staff, judged the projects and awarded four high school students prizes for experiments that advanced science without harming animals. This year NAVS awarded two students the third place prize because of the excellence of their projects. NAVS again supported the American Junior Academy of Sciences annual meeting, this year held in Chicago. NAVS sponsored a student break at the meeting in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting and was able to meet with students, teachers and program organizers to promote science that does not rely on harming animals.
Science Initiatives

In FY 2009, 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 $273,401, representing 17.72% of the program budget. The general expenses for these efforts totaled $81,779.

• 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. Drs. Ray Greek and Niall Shanks finished writing their book entitled *FAQs About the Use of Animals in Science*, which was published by University Press of America. This book is meant to be an easy-to-read informational guide for those who do not have a scientific background—yet want to know more about the “science” behind using animals in research. Its question and answer format makes the book inviting and less intimidating. Ray Greek spoke to a class at the California Western School of Law in February on why animals are not valid models in scientific experimentation. He also had an article published in *Philosophy, Ethics and Humanities in Medicine* on the lack of predictability of animals in experimentation. Dr. Greek also gave radio interviews, wrote letters and recruited support from other professionals opposing the reliance on animals for human medical research. Grant total: $95,000.

• Science First

A free e-newsletter, *Science First*, authored by NAVS Science Advisor Dr. Ray Greek, provided cutting edge scientific news of the week to subscribers. Feedback on this project has been very positive as supporters appreciate the opportunity to better understand scientific issues and to forward this information to others.

• Science Advisors

Dr. Ray Greek, President of Americans for Medical Advancement (AFMA), continued to serve as Science Advisor to NAVS, along with Dr. Eugene Elmore, Dr. Bernard E. Rollin and Dr. Sherry Ward. These science advisors 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 authored the science sections of the NAVS website, including “Science in the News,” the on-line feature “Dr. Greek’s Office” and the new weekly e-blast “NAVS Science First.”

• International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER)

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, the Graduate Student Fellowship program and for the dissemination of information on alternatives through conference sponsorships and publications. Grant total: $95,000.

• Panel Discussion

Peggy Cunniff was invited by the University of California Santa Cruz to participate in a panel discussion on the use of animals in research. Recent acts of violence at the University had polarized both the student body and faculty and it was their hope to defuse the tensions and begin a constructive dialogue.

Legal/Legislative Efforts

NAVS continues with efforts to use the power of the democratic process on behalf of animals through our continually enhanced legal and legislative programs. Working at the local, state and federal levels of government, we expanded 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 $236,837, representing 15.34% of the program budget. The indirect expenses for these programs totaled $137,940.
• Take Action Thursday

A new feature advancing animals and the law was launched in FY 2009. Take Action Thursday is a free, weekly e-mail alert that summarizes federal and state initiatives affecting animals and asks subscribers to “take action” by contacting their legislators through the NAVS Advocacy Center. The Legal Roundup section includes important court decisions, federal agency rulemaking and other topical issues of importance. In addition, some issues have resulted in more in-depth articles on the NAVS website dealing with horse slaughter, humane euthanasia and Internet hunting. Feedback on this weekly alert has been very positive and the readership continues to grow through a sign-up on the NAVS website. This feature has been picked up by the Encyclopedia Britannica, which reprints each week’s alert on a portion of their website devoted to “Advocacy for Animals.”

• AnimalLaw.com Website

AnimalLaw.com, an on-line resource providing laws and legislation for 50 states and the federal government, continued to grow with an expanded selection of model laws and a new weekly update of news stories from around the world. The website is used by animal 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. The case law feature contains case digests arranged topically and jurisdictionally for easy use.

• International Institute for Animal Law (IIAL)

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 continued its joint sponsorship of conferences and distribution of educational material, including a full-day multi-disciplinary program with DePaul University School of Law on “Companion Animal Hoarding” in October 2008. Grant total: $95,000.

• National Research Library for Animal Advocacy

NAVS renewed its commitment with The John Marshall School of Law to the National Research Library for Animal Advocacy in FY 2009, pledging additional support for the noteworthy collection of publications on animal law and animal advocacy. This collection, which is housed at the law school, began in 1995 with several hundred publications and has grown over the years as the field of animal law expanded. Importantly, this collection of animal law resources is made available to law students and professors around the country through the law school’s inter-library loan program. NAVS and The John Marshall staff met to reconcile the inventory and pledge additional funds to maintain and grow the collection in the future. Program expense: $2,000.

Special Initiatives and Cooperative Efforts

NAVS remains committed to supporting a variety of special initiatives, both within our organization and in cooperation with other animal advocacy groups. These efforts help save animal lives while paving the way for long-term and positive change for animals. Special initiatives and cooperative efforts accounted for $132,931, representing 8.62% of the education budget. The amount attributed to indirect expenses for these cooperative efforts totaled $50,106.

• NAVS Sanctuary Fund Grants

In FY 2009, the following organizations were awarded grants for emergency assistance under the criteria of the NAVS Sanctuary Fund: Animal Friends Humane Society (TX), Animal House Jamaica (Ochos Rios), Animal Rescue Foundation of Louisiana (LA), Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest (WA), Contented Critters Animal Sanctuary (MN), Dalhart Animal Wellness Group (TX), Denham Springs Animal Shelter (IL), Etosha Rescue and Adoption Center (TX), Felines, Inc. (IL), Habitat for Horses (TX), Hope for Animals (LA), Houston SPCA (TX), Humane Society of Missouri (MO), Joplin Humane Society (MO), Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary (FL), Mindy’s Memory Primate Sanctuary (OK), Mt. Graham Safe House (AZ), Ouabache Valley Felines & Friends (IN), Peace River Refuge and Ranch (FL), Peaceable Primate Sanctuary (IL), St. Francis Animal Rescue (SC), and West Hancock Canine Rescue (IL). The NAVS Sanctuary Fund grants were received with heartfelt appreciation to the supporters of our Sanctuary Fund, where 100% of every donation goes to emergency rescue efforts. Program grants totaled: $81,825.

• Miscellaneous Small Grants

A grant was awarded in FY 2009 to Equine Advocates for a full page ad in the program of their annual fundraising gala. Program grants totaled: $1,000.
Independent Auditor’s Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, 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 the National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, 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.

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The National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) is dedicated to abolishing the exploitation of animals used in research, education and product testing.

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work here. The sheer number of rats, mice and birds works against them. Accounting for them (which begins with counting them), setting standards for their care and housing, and inspections of additional research facilities (that use only rats and mice) involves efforts that the USDA and many, but not all, researchers prefer to avoid.

Call for change

While we speak of these small creatures in terms of mass numbers, each experiences its pain as one individual, one helpless being. Can’t they at least be given the protection originally intended for them under the AWA? We must demonstrate respect for these animals whose lives are sacrificed in the name of science. At the very least, the scientific community must be made accountable for the animals they use. And let us be clear: NAVS is firmly committed to ending the use of animals—all animals—exploited in research, testing and education. Regulating the industry is not our objective. Yet we are pragmatic enough to recognize that our opposition is extraordinarily powerful and their interests are often protected by government, as evidenced by the 2002 Farm Bill changing the definition of “animal.” To make the changes necessary to end the use of animals in science we need to know how many animals are used, which species, and for what kind of research.

The Farm Bill is revisited by Congress every five years for updates/revisions as needed, and the House Agriculture Committee has already begun work on the Farm Bill of 2012. Now is the time to write the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK). Letters should include your concern that all animals (including rats, mice and birds) be included under the Animal Welfare Act and that all institutions using animals be inspected with regularity. Please send your letters to the NAVS office, using the envelope provided here. We will coordinate all letters and present them to Congressman Lucas. If you prefer, you can go to the NAVS website at www.navs.org and sign a pre-written letter to Congressman Lucas located in our Advocacy section.

Please, let the life of every animal count! 🐰

Intent of the Animal Welfare Act

The exclusion of rats, mice and birds from protection under the AWA goes against the intent of its congressional legislators. Congress specifically amended the AWA in 1970 to ensure that “all warm-blooded species” used in experiments would receive adequate housing and veterinary care. Former Senator Bob Dole has stated, “As someone deeply involved with the process of revising and expanding the provisions of the AWA, I assure you that the AWA was meant to include birds, mice and rats. When Congress stated that the AWA applied to ‘all warm-blooded animals,’ we certainly did not intend to exclude 95 percent of the animals used in biomedical research laboratories.”

Senator Dole’s comments get to the heart of the injustice at

Reports from Great Britain in 2010 revealed that genetically modified animals now represent the majority of animals used in experimentation.

1. PloS Medicine is a peer-reviewed open access journal published by the Public Library of Science. It contains original research and analysis relevant to human health.
3. The Scientist, April 1, 2010, volume 24, issue 4, page 34.
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nimal advocacy takes many forms: asking legislators to pass animal protection laws, choosing cruelty-free products, and contributing hard-earned funds to aid animals whose “life stories” you may never know.

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SHEPHERD’S GREEN SANCTUARY
(Cookeville, TN) suffered severe flood damage this past summer—including washed-out access roads, destroyed reservoirs and washed-away pond embankments—leaving the pigs in their care without access to fresh water and the caregivers without access to several buildings on their property. A NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant helped them rebuild and recover from the damages.

THE ANIMAL HOUSE JAMAICA
(Ocho Rios, Jamaica) suffered great damage during Tropical Storm Nicole this past fall. The sanctuary escaped serious damage, but a twenty-foot section of the perimeter fence was destroyed. NAVS provided funds to repair the fence, allowing the dogs to safely roam the sanctuary grounds.

PRIMARILY PRIMATES
(San Antonio, TX) houses, protects and rehabilitates various non-native animals and currently houses several hundred, primarily primates. NAVS awarded a Sanctuary Fund grant to help fund the transfer and habitat of two vervet monkeys, Pretzel and Gus (pictured), relocated from Wild Animal Orphanage.

MINDY’S MEMORY PRIMATE SANCTUARY
(Newcastle, OK) provides a home for primates needing a healthy and safe environment. The sanctuary also educates the public on the humane treatment and care of primates. A NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant was awarded to transfer four macaques, including Pike, from Wild Animal Orphanage.

FOR THE LOVE OF PETS
(Streator, IL) provides pet owners in dire financial straits with food, veterinary care, medications and other monetary assistance for pets. A NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant provided funds for a desperately needed van to pick up supplies donated by pet stores and deliver them to families needing help caring for their pets.

THE JUNGLE FRIENDS PRIMATE SANCTUARY
(Gainesville, FL) received a NAVS Sanctuary Fund grant to help construct a habitat as part of their expansion project. In addition, they also received a grant to help fund the habitat and maintenance of 25 capuchins, including Mochi, transferred from Wildlife Animal Orphanage.