



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017



Dear Friends and Supporters of NAVS,

As you read through the pages of NAVS' FY2017 Annual Report, I hope you share my pride in all that has been accomplished over the past year. Know, too, that you also share the credit.

Everything we do to put an end to the cruelty perpetrated on animals inside laboratories—all that we have achieved, and will continue to achieve—is made possible because of your support, your advocacy, your donations and your bequests. What we know about the suffering of animals used in science is heart-breaking, but we remain optimistic because we believe that by working together we will create a world of greater compassion, respect and justice for animals. The confidence that you have placed in NAVS inspires us to move forward with innovative and effective initiatives that are making a real, tangible difference for animals.

Our efforts in support of these initiatives continue to be recognized by charity monitoring organizations such as Charity Navigator. They're the reason we have, in 2017, been once again named as a Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits. They're the reason that we are continually re-accredited by the Better Business Bureau, meeting all 20 of their stringent Standards for Charity Accountability. And this year, we are particularly proud to be recognized as a GuideStar Platinum Participant. This is the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, one of the world's largest and most respected charity watchdogs.

On behalf of the board and staff of NAVS, I thank you once again for helping make our shared vision of a more humane world a reality.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Cunniff".

Peggy Cunniff
Executive Director

SCIENCE INITIATIVES

By promoting innovative, human-relevant methodologies to replace the use of animals in product testing, biomedical research and education, NAVS is advancing smarter science that will provide better answers to human health issues while ending the unnecessary suffering of animals.

International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER)

Since it was founded by NAVS in 1985, IFER has supported the development, acceptance and implementation of innovative scientific methodologies with a focus today on the awarding of Graduate Student Fellowships. By funding early career researchers with an interest in developing innovative alternatives to animal experiments, NAVS and IFER hope to seed the scientific field with talented individuals prepared to integrate scientific discovery with ethics and respect for animals.

Science First

NAVS' free weekly e-newsletter highlights current innovations in science that can help reduce, refine and—ultimately—replace the use of animals with smarter, more humane solutions. "Science First" is also distributed via the NAVS website and social media.

Special Grants

NAVS provided a grant to the Society for In Vitro Biology in support of the Student Initiative and In Vitro Animal Cell Sciences Activity at their annual meeting. NAVS also provided a grant to the Institute for In Vitro Sciences in support of their international efforts to provide effective training programs in non-animal testing methodologies for foreign scientists and members of the regulatory community.

STUDENT AND EDUCATOR OUTREACH

NAVS believes strongly that no student should be forced to harm animals in pursuit of a science education. By encouraging students to pursue innovative scientific endeavors that don't harm animals, NAVS is making a critical investment in the future of scientific research.

Biology Education Advancement Program (BioLEAP)

A comprehensive educational resource for students who do not wish to take part in classroom dissection exercises, as well as for teachers and administrators looking to incorporate dissection alternatives in their schools, BioLEAP aids the integration of today's technology into science classrooms to make the life sciences more exciting as well as more humane.

Intel ISEF

NAVS is the only animal advocacy group offering an award at a national science fair, the NAVS Humane Science Award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, where high school students are rewarded for projects that advance science without harming animals. At the 2017 ISEF, NAVS also presented a workshop to teachers on student choice and the advantages of using animal dissection alternatives.

LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

NAVS provides tools and timely information on pending legislation and animal-related concerns, empowering advocates to easily spread the word and take effective actions that extend greater compassion, respect and justice for animals.

CHOICE Initiative

To ensure that no student is punished for standing up for their right to a humane education, NAVS launched CHOICE: Compassionate Humane Options in Classroom Education, a state-by-state effort to encourage the introduction and passage of legislation giving students the right to opt out of taking part in classroom dissection exercises. In FY2017, student choice legislation was introduced in Hawaii, Maryland and North Dakota.

Adoption of Dogs and Cats from Research

Animals used for scientific purposes—including dogs and cats—are all too often regarded as disposable commodities, killed and discarded when they're no longer "needed." NAVS worked with state legislators all across the U.S. to spur the introduction of legislation making it mandatory that adoptable companion animals be made available for adoption. In FY2017, adoption legislation was introduced in 11 states—Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Texas—and passed in Illinois.

Advocacy Center

Through our online Advocacy Center, NAVS drafts and submits comments on state and federal legislation, proposed federal agency rulemaking and corporate activities that impact animals. Many of these letters are available through the advocacy center for advocates to send on their own behalf directly to decision-makers.

Take Action Thursday

This free weekly e-newsletter summarizes important federal and state initiatives affecting animals. Supporters are encouraged to "take action" by contacting elected officials, policymakers and corporations directly through NAVS' Advocacy Center. Through a special arrangement with *Encyclopædia Britannica*, NAVS' "Take Action Thursday" alerts are also published online each week in their "Advocacy for Animals" blog.

Animal Law Resource Center

The Animal Law Resource Center at www.AnimalLaw.com provides information on relevant laws and legislation for all 50 states and the federal government, along with model laws and case digests.

International Institute for Animal Law (IIAL)

The IIAL receives an annual grant from NAVS to promote legal scholarship and advocacy skills in the field of animal law.

National Research Library for Animal Advocacy

In partnership with The John Marshall Law School, this collection

of animal law scholarship is available to law students and professors around the country through the law school's inter-library loan program.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMS

As a respected and credible source of information and perspective, NAVS increases awareness, changes attitudes and implements positive solutions to end the exploitation of animals in society.

Animal Action

Published three times a year, NAVS' *Animal Action* newsletter provides a comprehensive overview of current issues regarding vivisection—including progress and challenges in advancing humane science and proposed and approved animal protection measures—as well as achievements made possible by NAVS programs.

NAVS Website

The NAVS website (www.navs.org) is a comprehensive, credible and timely educational resource, as well as a powerful tool for taking action in support of animal-friendly changes to laws and policies. The website includes an interactive cruelty-free product search, opportunities to take action for animals through our Advocacy Center, digital versions of NAVS publications, and analysis of scientific issues and their impact on animals in research.

Social Media

NAVS maintains a consistent presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, facilitating productive and engaging real-time conversations with fellow animal advocates, and providing opportunities for advocacy and engagement. Our weekly science blog, "Science First," is shared on LinkedIn, and all NAVS videos—including first-person narratives by NAVS/IFER-funded scientists—are housed on our YouTube page and on the NAVS website.

Art for Animals

NAVS' annual art contest received a diverse collection of more than 100 creative pieces of artwork from around the world. Winners were announced on the NAVS website, on social media and in NAVS' *Animal Action*.

National Conference Participation

NAVS was active in a wide range of national conferences in FY2017, including the Animal Rights National Conference in Los Angeles, the National Conference of State Legislators in Chicago, and the Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference at Harvard Law. NAVS is proud to take part in these national conversations that are helping to shape the future of animal protection efforts in the United States.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

NAVS is 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 today while paving the way for long-term and positive change for animals.

NAVS Sanctuary Fund Grants

Through the Sanctuary Fund, NAVS provides emergency financial assistance to support animals retired from laboratories, as well as those threatened by natural and human-made disasters, such as hurricanes and flooding. In FY2017, NAVS provided 23 grants totaling \$114,790 to sanctuaries and shelters in 16 states.

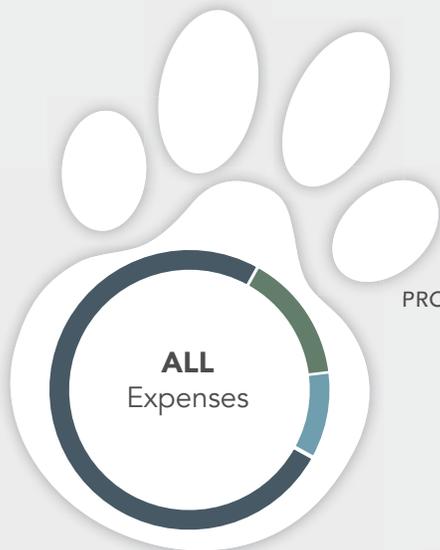
Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics

NAVS is a proud member of the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics and its internationally-recognized Leaping Bunny program, which provides assurances to consumers that no new animal testing is used in any phase of product development by a company, its laboratories or its suppliers. A searchable cruelty-free product guide is available on the NAVS website at navs.org/cruelty-free and as a mobile app for iOS and Android.

Miscellaneous Small Grants

NAVS continues to support the efforts of like-minded organizations whose work reflects the mission of NAVS, including the National Council for Animal Protection, a professional association of national animal advocacy leaders.





75.2%
PROGRAMS/EDUCATION

10.5%
ADMINISTRATIVE

14.3%
FUNDRAISING

48.1%
GENERAL EDUCATION/
PUBLIC AWARENESS

13.9%
LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE

26%
SCIENCE

7.9%
SPECIAL INITIATIVES/
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

4.1%
STUDENT/EDUCATOR
OUTREACH



**PROGRAM/
EDUCATION**
Expenses

Revenue

Funds from Operations	\$826,457
Non-operation Funds	\$1,166,391
Bequests and Legacies	\$896,681

TOTAL \$2,889,529

Investments

Common Stocks Mkt. Value	\$6,316,145
Restricted Investments	\$267,457

TOTAL \$6,583,602

ALL Expenses

Programs and Education	\$2,029,875
Fundraising	\$387,259
Administrative	\$282,486

TOTAL \$2,699,620

Program and Education Expenses

General Education/Public Awareness	\$976,524
Science	\$528,286
Legal/Legislative	\$282,121
Special Initiatives/Cooperative Efforts	\$159,365
Student/Educator Outreach	\$83,579

TOTAL \$2,029,875

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$276,906
Accounts Receivable	\$30,644
Prepaid Expenses	\$57,358
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$216
Property and Equipment	\$63,020

TOTAL \$428,144
BEFORE INVESTMENTS

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accrued Expenses & Accounts Payable	\$3,584
Accrued Vacation	\$48,719
Grants Payable	\$250,000
Total Liabilities	\$302,303

Net Assets

Restricted: Special Project (Sanctuary Fund)	\$340,915
Investment	\$267,457
Unrestricted	\$6,101,071
Total Net Assets	\$6,709,443

TOTAL \$7,011,746

The financial statements have been audited by the accounting firm of Selden Fox, Ltd., and in their opinion, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2017. A complete audited financial statement can be found on the NAVS website at www.navs.org/financial-information.