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 1985, NAVS has underwritten IFER, supporting 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 (SIVB) in support of the Student Initiative and In Vitro Animal Cell Sciences Activity at their annual meeting. NAVS Science Advisor John Harbell, Ph.D, serves as president of the SIVB.

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. Currently, 16 states and Washington, DC, have statewide laws or policies in place, and in FY2018, student choice legislation was introduced in Hawaii and Maryland.

Adoption of Dogs and Cats from Research
Animals used for scientific purposes—especially 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 FY2018, adoption legislation was introduced in 10 states—Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington—and passed in Delaware, Maryland and Rhode Island.

Advocacy Center
Through our online Advocacy Center, NAVS drafts and submits comments on state and federal legislation, proposed federal agency rulemaking or 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. In FY2018, NAVS advocates sent nearly 74,000 advocacy emails.

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.

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.

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 dissections 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. In FY2018, the NAVS Humane Science Award was offered for the 17th consecutive year to four extraordinary students.
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 valuable 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’ 29th annual art contest received a diverse collection of more than 800 creative pieces of artwork from around the world. Winners were announced on the NAVS website, on social media and in NAVS’ Animal Action.

National and International Conferences
NAVS was active in a wide range of national conferences in FY2018, including the Animal Rights National Conference in Los Angeles, the National Conference of State Legislators in Boston, the 10th World Congress on Animal Use in the Life Sciences Conference in Seattle, and the 3rd Annual Animal Law Summit in Chicago. 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 FY2018, under the direction of NAVS Program Assistant Kimberly Ayala, NAVS provided 32 grants totaling $62,570 to sanctuaries and shelters in 20 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 at www.navs.org/cruelty-free and as a mobile app for iOS and Android.

Miscellaneous 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 (NCAP), a professional association of national animal advocacy leaders; and Faunalytics, which provides research and information to animal advocates.
ALL Expenses

Programs and Education $1,859,248
Fundraising $329,785
Administrative $231,996

TOTAL $2,421,029

Program and Education Expenses

General Education/Public Awareness $950,046
Science $295,398
Legal/Legislative $334,486
Special Initiatives/Cooperative Efforts $185,373
Student/Educator Outreach $93,945

TOTAL $1,859,248

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents $676,527
Accounts Receivable $53,443
Prepaid Expenses $54,809
Accrued Interest Receivable $354
Property and Equipment $46,460

TOTAL $831,593

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accrued Expenses & Net Payable $3,327
Accrued Vacation $47,300
Grants Payable $150,000
Total Liabilities $200,627

Net Assets

Restricted: Special Project (Sanctuary Fund) $434,738
Investment $257,745
Unrestricted $6,604,287
Total Net Assets $7,296,770

TOTAL $7,497,397

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, 2018. A complete audited financial statement can be found on the NAVS website at www.navs.org/financial-information.