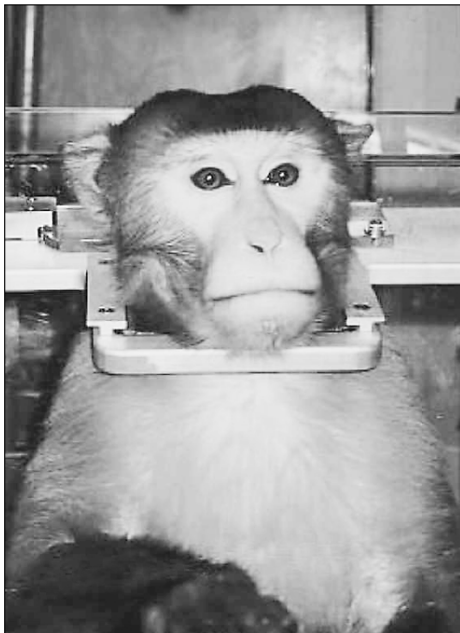


Is Animal Research at UW-Madison Really Pain Free?



Monkey with head immobilized in a restraint device (facility unknown).

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

UW-MADISON REPORTED to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 1996–1998 that its researchers used nearly **400,000 animals in medical experiments** and *none* experienced **pain or distress**.¹

In one case, **rhesus monkeys** exposed to the Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (monkey AIDS virus) **suffered from eventually fatal chronic diarrhea, severe weight loss, and anorexia**. Another project involved **restraining monkeys in chairs for 104 straight hours**. Does it sound like these

animals didn't experience any pain or distress?

In 2001, UW-Madison received approximately 280 government grants totaling **\$77 million to carry out research on dogs, cats, monkeys, rabbits, hamsters, and many other animals**.² Available grant information and research publications suggest that **at least 40 percent of the grant projects on mammals involved pain and distress**, making UW-Madison's previous reporting on pain and distress questionable, at best.

Researchers at your university are either failing to file accurate reports or failing to recognize signs of pain and distress when they see them. It's that simple.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

OFFICIALS HAVE DISMISSED OUR CONCERNS. Maybe they'll listen to you. Please contact President Lyall and Dr. Timothy Mulcahy, Chair of the UW-Madison's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Ask them what UW-Madison is reporting to the USDA for the current year about pain and distress in research animals. If the university continues to claim that no animals have suffered pain and distress, ask how it can use so many animals without causing any. And ask what the university is doing to minimize pain and distress to laboratory animals during experiments, as *required* by the federal Animal Welfare Act. Contact:

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And please share any replies that you receive with The Humane Society of the United States. E-mail us at ari@hsus.org or call 301-258-3043 for more information.

UW-Madison is a great institution. But it can do better for the animals—and for you.

Promoting the protection of all animals

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¹These are the most recent years for which such information is available.

²Current information on research funding is more readily available than USDA statistics.

