

ANIMAL RESEARCH NEWS & ANALYSIS

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**



Demonstration on Live Dog Shows Need for Stronger Law

A physician at the Cleveland Clinic has been barred from performing animal research for two years

following an internal investigation of an incident in which he artificially generated a brain aneurysm in a healthy dog. The physician was conducting an unauthorized demonstration of a medical device to a sales force. About two-dozen salespeople from the device's manufacturer watched the demonstration and at least some participated in the hands-on exercise, a Clinic spokeswoman said. The dog was anesthetized during the procedure and euthanized afterwards.

The Cleveland Clinic reported the demonstration to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on January 11th, 2007, one day after the incident. After its own investigation, the USDA confirmed that the physician performed the procedure under an unapproved protocol and that he "diverted the animal to his use for the training program he was conducting," according to its report. The Clinic's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has recommended that all Clinic endovascular researchers be required to complete a retraining program and that the endovascular researchers group at the Clinic develop formal internal guidelines for animal research

The Animal Welfare Act does not prohibit any type of animal experiments. In the wake of the Cleveland Clinic incident, The Humane Society of the United States is calling on Congress to amend the AWA to bar the use of live animals in sales demonstrations. "The harmful use of animals for a sales pitch is appalling and ethically unacceptable," said Dr. Andrew Rowan,

January 2007

In this issue...

[Demonstration on Live Dog...](#)

[UConn Ends Controversial Primate Experiment...](#)

[POM Wonderful Vows to Give Up Animal Testing ...](#)

[Weatherall Report Endorses Primate Research...](#)

**Subscribe to
Animal
Research
News &
Analysis**

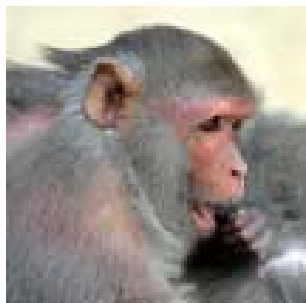


Noteworthy...

The Humane Society of the United States is accepting nominations for the 2007 *Russell and Burch Award*. The HSUS presents the Russell and Burch Award to

executive vice president for operations for The HSUS and a former chairman of a university IACUC.

Sources: [USDA](#) ; [MSNBC-AP](#) ; [Seattle Times-AP](#)



UConn Ends Controversial Primate Experiment

The University of Connecticut (UConn) has ended its controversial experiments

involving brain surgery on rhesus macaques and has reprimanded the researcher in question. UConn's actions came after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) found several Animal Welfare Act violations in the primate lab. The researcher had voluntarily discontinued his research on the monkeys in August 2006, two days after being cited by the USDA for using incorrect drug doses and failing to follow research protocol. A month later, UConn's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) revoked its approval for the researcher's work.

The experiments involved drilling holes into monkeys' heads and implanting coils into their eyes in an attempt to study a type of palsy. Three of the four monkeys used in the research died or were euthanized as a result of the experiments. The UConn Animal Rights Club (UCAR) campaigned to end the experiments and to retire the monkeys from research. UCAR reportedly had raised enough funds to transfer the final monkey, named Mowgli, and had located sanctuaries willing to house him. The school declined UCAR's offer and instead, transferred Mowgli to a research facility in Mississippi

In 2002 UConn agreed to pay the largest fine ever collected from a research facility, \$125,000, for violating the Animal Welfare Act. The USDA also found a variety of violations during four inspections of UConn in 2005 and 2006. Inspection reports cited the researchers for causing bruises around a monkey's eye, face and neck by using a metal collar and pole to train the animal. A USDA investigation of UConn is still pending.

scientists who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of alternative methods in the areas of biomedical research, testing, or higher education. The award will be presented at The 6th World Congress on Alternatives in August 2007 in Tokyo, Japan. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2006. For more information see [HSUS website](#)

The Alternatives Research and Development Foundation is soliciting research proposals. Up to \$40,000 in funding is available to researchers who uphold ARDF's mission to promote the development, validation and adoption of non-animal methods in biomedical research, product testing and education. The application deadline is April 30, 2007. Specific guidelines are available at <http://www.ardf-online.org/>

The "1st Session on Progressive Education in the Life Sciences – Alternatives towards an integral, humane, and modern education" will be held February 26th- 28th 2007 at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. The conference sessions include Ethical Considerations in the Scientific Experimentation with Animals, Alternatives to the Use of Animals in Higher

Source: [Hartford Courant](#) ; [University of Connecticut-Daily Campus](#);

Education, and other related workshops. Interested students and life science teachers should contact Dr. David Avila at davilla@cucba.udg.mx for further information.



POM Wonderful Vows to Give Up Animal Testing

In response to public condemnation of animal testing of its pomegranate juice, POM Wonderful has announced that the company will no longer test the health benefits of its juices and tea blends on animals. Whole Foods, a national U.S. grocery chain, had joined animal protectionists in urging POM Wonderful to end its animal testing, threatening to discontinue sales of POM products in its stores.

Approximately 1,300 chimpanzees currently live in nine biomedical research and testing laboratories around the United States. Despite extensive knowledge of their rich social and emotional lives and their ineffectiveness as models for human diseases such as HIV/AIDS, chimpanzees continue to be subjected to painful and invasive experiments—some individuals for over 40 years now.

The ad was the second full-page ad that The HSUS has run in recent months in the *New York Times*, which is considered the newspaper of record in the United States. An ad on October 25 addressed a number of animal research-related issues.

Source: [LA Times](#) ; [PETA](#) ; [CBS5.com](#)



Weatherall Report Endorses Primate Research

A high-level British working group commissioned to investigate the scientific basis for non-human primate research has concluded that there is a "strong scientific case for maintaining work on non-human primates for carefully selected research problems in many areas studied, at least for the near future." The Weatherall Report, named after the chair of the working group, Sir David Weatherall, was commissioned by the Royal Society, the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust and the Academy of Medical Sciences.

The working group reviewed non-human primate research in the U.K. and internationally. Although supportive of this research, the report emphasized that each proposed use should involve rigorous assessment of welfare costs to the animals, potential benefit, and availability of alternatives. Furthermore, the committee recommended frequent assessment of nonhuman primate research outcomes, improved coordination of activities,

accelerated work to improve housing conditions, continued development of non-animal alternatives (which has already led to progress over the last 10 years), and increased openness to the public, among others.

Michelle Thew of British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection commented, "Although we welcome the report's call for greater openness and a commitment to investment in alternatives, it simply fails to properly address ... whether human benefit is derived from subjecting these sensitive, intelligent creatures to a lifetime of suffering in UK labs. The fact is this outdated research is not delivering the cures we so desperately need."

Source: [Weatherall Report](#); [BUAV Press Release](#); [Times Online](#);

©2007 The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Animal Research News & Analysis is produced by the Animal Research Issues section of The Humane Society of the United States. It is a free, electronic newsletter that provides up-to-date news stories and interpretive analyses on the use of animals in research, testing, and education. To subscribe, or for more information, please visit our [website](#). To unsubscribe, please send an [e-mail](#) including the words, "Unsubscribe: Animal Research News" in the subject line and your first and last name in the body of the message.