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## B-Dealer Provision Passes Senate

On December 14, the U.S. Senate passed a provision that would prevent random source dogs and cats obtained by Class B dealers from being used in research. The amendment, championed by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI), is part of the Senate version of the Farm Bill and would phase out the practice within the next five years. The House version of the Farm Bill includes parallel language - championed by Representatives Mike Doyle (D-PA) and Phil English (R-PA) - that would phase out the practice within 90 days of the bill's enactment and was unanimously approved in July. A conference committee will make the final decision concerning the details of the provision before the bill moves to President Bush.

Class B dealers and bunchers, the middlemen who supply the dealers with animals, have been documented trafficking in stolen pets, misrepresenting themselves when responding to "free to good home ads," and violating basic Animal Welfare Act requirements for food, water, shelter, and veterinary care for animals they hold before selling them to research facilities. In one high-profile case, the 2006 HBO documentary "Dealing Dogs" brought attention to the fraudulent means that Class B dealer C.C. Baird used to obtain animals and the abuse and neglect endured by dogs held at his facility.

Sources: [The Houston Chronicle](#); [The HSUS](#)

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### Noteworthy

A new book published by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) explores the scientific and ethical issues associated with stress and distress experienced by animals used in laboratory research. *Recognition and Alleviation Of Distress In Laboratory Animals* is the first in a two-part update of the ILAR's original report on pain



## Chimp Haven is Home Act Signed Into Law

The Chimp Haven is Home Act, which eliminates the possibility that chimpanzees retired into the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary System could

be returned to research, recently passed the U.S. House and Senate and was signed into law by President Bush on December 26. The bill was introduced by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) in the Senate and Representative Jim McCrery (R-LA) in the House.

This legislation deletes a clause in the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance and Protection (CHIMP) Act, passed in 2000, that could have allowed retired chimpanzees at the Chimp Haven sanctuary to be used for further research under certain circumstances. None of the chimpanzees in the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary System has ever been returned to research.

Chimp Haven, a Keithville, LA-based non-profit organization, has operated the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary System since the passage of the CHIMP Act and currently houses 123 chimpanzees.

Sources: [Chimp Haven](#); [The Shreveport Times](#)



## Animal Welfare Fine Levied On Pharmaceutical Company

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc was fined \$20,060 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a number of Animal Welfare Act violations that resulted in animal death and/or suffering.

According to a USDA report, a rhesus monkey died in 2004 when Boehringer employees did not see the animal and steam-washed the cage he was in. Later that year, a rhesus monkey found dead in his cage was determined to have died from "self-

and distress published in 1992. The book aims to educate laboratory animal veterinarians, researchers, animal care staff, students, and animal welfare officers. [more>>](#)

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods has issued a report, *In Vitro Ocular Toxicity Test Methods for Identifying Severe Irritants and Corrosives*, which evaluates four ocular toxicity test methods: the Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability test, the Isolated Chicken Eye test, the Isolated Rabbit Eye test, and the Hen's Egg Test - Chorioallantoic Membrane. The report's recommendations, once accepted by the relevant Federal agencies, will lead to a reduction in the number of animals used for safety testing to determine permanent or temporary damage to the eye. [more>>](#)

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inflicted trauma" resulting from the way he was handled. Other incidents involved a beagle dying after becoming stuck between the bars of his cage, a cynomolgus monkey whose digits had to amputated because of an injury caused by "inappropriate use of supplemental heat sources during recovery from anesthesia," and a dog who exhibited "unrelieved distress" after experiments were performed on him. In addition, other violations relating to distress in primates and the storage of animal food were cited in the report.

The Ridgefield, CT company issued a statement that said its "animal handling practices were simply inadequate and the effects on animals were absolutely unacceptable" and that the company has "done a great deal over the past several years to remedy the situation...in an effort to prevent these incidents from occurring in the future."

**Sources:** [The News-Times, November 15, 2007](#); [www.newstimes.com](http://www.newstimes.com)



## EU-US Work Together Ahead of Testing Ban

The governments of the United States and the European Union are working together to ensure that alternatives to animal testing are in place prior to the 2009 E.U. ban on animal-tested cosmetics. The ban will apply to all cosmetics sold in the E.U.'s 27 nations, regardless of where they were manufactured or tested.

Discussions at a November 9 meeting of the European Commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration focused on the development of animal testing alternatives and the need to harmonize regulations to ensure effective validation and acceptance of alternative testing methods.

"The U.S. government and industry must recognize the E.U. Cosmetics Directive that will be implemented in 2009," Sara Amundson, executive director of the Humane Society Legislative Fund, said. "This reality makes the U.S. government's rapid acceptance of E.U.-validated alternatives the only course that will allow U.S. industry to continue to dominate the marketplace."

The U.S. faces losing its spot as the world's largest cosmetics exporter to Europe if it does not have animal testing alternatives in place before the ban begins. U.S. cosmetics exports to Europe amount to nearly \$2 billion each year.

**Sources:** [The New York Times](#); [Cordis News](#); [CosmeticsDesign.com](http://CosmeticsDesign.com);



## Petition Calls For Alternatives Mandate

A petition submitted by several animal protection organizations calls upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to mandate the use of non-animal drug testing methods when available. According to the Mandatory Alternatives Petition coalition, the petition seeks to replace animal tests with methods that have been proven to produce more reliable results and safer, more effective drugs.

By law in the European Union, animal tests cannot be used when scientifically proven, non-animal alternatives are available. No such provision currently exists in the U.S. The petition states that if the FDA does not act within six months, the petitioners will consider legal action.

Members of the Mandatory Alternatives Petition coalition include the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, In Defense of Animals, the New England Anti-Vivisection Society and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. The petition has been endorsed by numerous other animal organizations, as well as physicians, scientists and other experts.

**Sources:** [Mandatory Alternatives Petition](#); [United Press International](#)

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