



# Coalition For Animals & Animal Research CFAAR Arizona Newsletter

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## CFAAR: Who We Are

CFAAR is a nonprofit educational organization which formed in response to activists who were attempting to discredit animal research and animal researchers in 1988. Several local CFAAR chapters have since sprung up across the country. These groups share the following objectives:

- 1) To **organize** students, faculty, and staff at institutions where animal research is performed so effective letter writing campaigns can be initiated quickly.
- 2) To **educate** the public, in general, and the campus, in particular, about the true nature of animal research and animal researchers.
- 3) To **support** responsible and humane use of animals in biomedical research.

The first of these objectives will be the primary function of the group. As legislation is introduced that affects animal research, we need to respond so our representatives know exactly how we, the people, want them to vote. Accordingly, through our newsletter, we will help inform you about legislation and other "happenings" concerning attacks on animal research. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible to contact your Washington, D.C. representatives.

The key to the effectiveness of this organization is you! We need your willingness to write an occasional letter, perhaps talk with a school group and, of course, give a few dollars to cover the cost of printing the newsletter and educational materials.

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## Students Arrested For Protesting Animal Cruelty

Police arrested two students after they protested against animal cruelty at a pharmaceutical company employee's home. Police said Stephanie Wilson, 18, and Donald Antenen, 17, stood in the front yard of Jeff West Tuesday to protest his employer, Forest Pharmaceuticals. According to police, the company pays a notorious laboratory, Huntingdon Life Sciences, to conduct animal tests on products such as anti-depressants.

HLS has been convicted of animal cruelty after investigations uncovered incidents when workers punched 5-month-old beagle puppies in the face, breaking good laboratory practices and falsifying scientific practices.

Animal activists in the Tri-state have been protesting Forest Pharmaceuticals while demanding that the company cut off all business ties with the laboratory. Following the protest, the students were prevented from leaving the neighborhood as a man jumped onto the hood of their car and refused to move.

The students were subsequently arrested and charged with menacing by stalking. Both protestors maintain their innocence, as they believe they took part in legal, first-amendment protected protest.

(Channelcincinnati.com, 1/14/05)

## Teen Gets 2 1/2 Years for Setting BYU Eco-terror Fire

A teenager who admitted setting fire to an animal husbandry building at Brigham Young University on behalf of an animal rights group has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.

Harrison David Burrows, 18, was sentenced Monday but will be allowed to turn himself in Jan. 28 to an institution chosen by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. He could have been sentenced up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to destruction of property by fire for the July 8 blaze at BYU's

Ellsworth Farm on the Provo campus. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

In an earlier statement to the court, Burrows stated, "We started the fires to make a political statement on behalf of the Animal Liberation Front," an animal-rights group that has been linked in the past to other crimes. Burrows admitted he used gasoline to ignite bales of cardboard kept in the recycling area of Ellsworth Farm. "It was a mighty serious business he was involved in," U.S. District Judge David Winder said Monday.

However, because Burrows took full responsibility for his actions and offered "substantial assistance" to law enforcement officials -- especially the FBI -- federal prosecutors entered a motion asking the judge to sentence Burrows to a less than the five-year minimum mandatory. "I would just like to offer my apologies to this court and the community," Burrows said.

A co-defendant, Joshua Stephen Demmitt, also has pleaded guilty to the same charge for the BYU fire and awaits sentencing.

(The Daily Herald , 1/12/05)

### **San Francisco Dogs Have Rights**

In this famously dog-friendly city, dog owners are "pet guardians," the local shelter keeps strays in "apartments" - and, as of Tuesday, man's best friend is entitled to certain perks. A new "backyard dog" law says canines are entitled to a change of water once a day, palatable and nutritious food in a non-tipping bowl, and a dog house with a top, bottom and three sides. Tying up the dog is highly discouraged.

The law, passed by the Board of Supervisors, was modeled after a similar one in Los Angeles, and is aimed at owners who keep their dogs outside, according to a spokeswoman for Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who sponsored the legislation at the request of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. "What it really does is tell these owners what the minimum requirements are if they're going to keep their dog outside," said Carl Friedman, director of Animal Care and Control. He dismissed complaints that the effort is frivolous. "I say, 'Look at some of these abandoned and mistreated animals I deal with and you'll feel differently,'" he said.

Friedman said Animal Control officers routinely see dogs chained to a fence with no

protection from rain and wind, rodents in their food bowls and tipped-over, empty water bowls. Dogs are often sick, malnourished, wet and cold.

Of the estimated 100,000 dogs in San Francisco, about 100 are in custody at Animal Care and Control at any given time, Friedman said. About 800 dogs are euthanized each year because of severe medical and behavioral problems.

(CBS News.com, 1/12/05)

**Animal Research Saves and Prolongs Human Life: A Real Life Example** *By Becky Altmann, Training Manager, Charles River Laboratories, Discovery and Development Services, Argus Research, Horsham, PA*

I have worked in animal science for almost 10 years now, and I have always believed in the necessity of using animals humanely in research by following Russell and Burch's Three Rs Principles (Reduction, Refinement, and Replacement) to benefit both human and animal life. We have all heard these words, "Thanks to animal research, scientists have discovered ways to save and prolong human life."

Colorectal cancer generally occurs in one out of every 20 individuals at some point in their lifetimes. Approximately 150,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in this country. This is about 15% of the total number of new cancers diagnosed. Colorectal cancer causes about 56,000 deaths a year in the U.S., although this number appears to have declined over the past 20 years. When colorectal cancer is detected early, survival rates are much higher. For example, 92% of patients who receive early treatment are still alive after 5 years. Colorectal cancer metastasizes to other organs (liver, then lung, etc.) and when adjacent organs or lymph nodes are affected, 64% of people survive five years. If the cancer is carried to distant organs, the rate drops to only 7%.

Over two years ago, my 58-year-old father, who I am very close to, was diagnosed with one malignant polyp in his colon. It was removed immediately; six months later he was diagnosed with the cancer in his liver. Within a few months, he went from a stage 1 cancer patient to a stage 4 cancer patient. Stage 5 cancer patients are terminally ill. My father had 50% of his liver surgically removed (up to 85% of the liver may be surgically removed because the liver will regenerate)—a fact scientists discovered when researching rodent, beagle, and

primate livers. Since my father's first surgery, he has had two other surgeries and is currently receiving chemotherapy and radiation at high doses.

Recently, I read in the *Charles River Works* newsletter an article entitled "FDA Approves First-of-a-Kind Cancer Drug." The article talked about Avastin, a colon cancer drug that promises to attack cancer by choking off its blood supply. This drug was tested reproductively at my facility. Avastin can extend the lives of patients with advanced colon cancer (stage 5) by about 5 months, the Food and Drug Administration cautioned. After reading this article, I shared this information with my parents and they talked to their oncologist about it. If my father reaches a stage 5 colon cancer, he will be requesting to have Avastin administered by his doctors.

I always knew what I chose for a career was an excellent choice. Family and friends who know me have always asked, "Why do you do what you do if you love animals so much?" My answer is this: Look at the benefits that animals give to us and look at what we can learn from them. Knowing this, we must treat each research animal with the highest level of respect. It is great to be a part of the science when working with the animals, while at the same time ensuring that the animals are treated in the most humane way possible.

So, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who work with these animals daily and ensure their well-being. Thank you to those who do it well and see its importance just like I do. Thank you to the scientists who have dedicated their work specifically to cancer research. In the past two years I have learned that these words are true: "Thanks to animal research, scientists have discovered ways to save and prolong human life."

(Tech Talk, 10/04)

### **British Government Releases Plan to Protect Scientists and Industry from Animal Rights Extremists** By Moshe Shalev

On 30 July, in a significant and bold move, the UK Home Office and Department of Trade and Industry published a 22-page report entitled "Animal Welfare–Human Rights: Protecting People from Animal Rights Extremists<sup>1</sup>". The report outlines planned legislative actions by the British government to control animal rights activists.

The document praises British companies and individuals that have withstood continual intimidation from extremists; it also highlights the British Government's determination to prohibit extremists from dictating what businesses can and cannot do, and its resolve to ensure that legitimate, legal research that has the potential to alleviate human suffering and pain, should continue without intimidation. The report describes the background of the animal rights extremist activities in England that prompted this publication, the government response to animal rights extremists, and future actions the government plans to take in order to protect British scientists, institutions, and firms from harassment and damage caused by animal rights activists that it has labeled extremists.

Among the actions the British government will take are the following:

- Allow police to arrest people for home demonstrations, ban protestors from targeted homes for three months, and strengthen anti-harassment laws designed to protect the scientific community from animal rights activists;
  - Give police new powers to tackle protests outside homes more effectively and to help stop the harassment of employees of companies;
  - Propose legislation that will make it illegal to protest outside homes in such a way that causes harassment, alarm, or distress to residents. The proposal would not affect the right to picket peacefully at a workplace;
  - Limit the number of repeat offenders by amending section 42 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act of 2001 to make it illegal for a person who has been officially warned by police to return to the vicinity of the premises within 3 months for the purposes of pressuring the resident to comply with their wishes;
  - Extend the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 to cover harassment of two or more people who are connected (e.g., employees of the same company) even if each individual is harassed on only one occasion; and
  - Coordinate legislation, policy and action by industry, the police, Crown Prosecution Service, and others to deal effectively with problems associated with the hosting of sensitive material (e.g., home addresses or other personal information) on animal extremist websites. Law enforcement will seek to identify individuals responsible for the writing and posting of material on websites where it is associated with an offense, and take action including, where appropriate, criminal prosecutions.
- The report also details a number of existing provisions that can be used to prosecute animal

rights extremists in the UK. These existing laws include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The “Public Order Act 1986” aims to prevent threatening or harassing speech, displays, or actions;
- The “Malicious Communications Act 1988” makes it illegal to send threatening emails and faxes, or make phone calls intended to cause distress or anxiety;
- The “Terrorism Act 2000” targets individuals who commit violent acts for the purpose of advancing a political, religious, or ideological cause.

UK scientists welcomed the Government’s proposals, but also noted potentially serious gaps. Of particular importance is how the report focuses solely on industry and does not address the security needs of universities and other private institutions<sup>3</sup>. Animal rights activists complained that the proposed laws were too general and might be used to prevent legal protests.

(**Lab Animal**, October 2004)

### **Canine Cancer Survivor Volunteers in Pet Visitation Program**

As his name implies, Henry Arthur Cole is no ordinary dog. It’s not just that he dutifully volunteers as part of the pet visitation program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, or that he has lifted the spirits of countless patients, visitors and staff at the hospital for the last five years. No, what sets Henry apart is the fact that he now continues his volunteer work as a cancer survivor, faithfully visiting numerous patients and their family members every other week when he and his owner, Adrienne Cole, don their turquoise colored uniforms and report for duty.

Seven-year-old Henry, a 75-pound Golden Retriever, began “volunteering” at the hospital when Adrienne found out that Cedars-Sinai had a volunteer pet visitation program for patients called POOCH. Henry’s calm and happy disposition made him perfect for the job, as he is not bothered by all the activity and will enter the room of any patient no matter how sick, who needs cheering-up. But little more than four years into his duties, Henry was to experience what so many patients know all too well – cancer.

In June 2004, Adrienne felt a little swelling in Henry’s neck just prior to his usual veterinary check up. Her vet put him on an antibiotic and took a blood test to check for anything suspicious. But

the blood test came back abnormal and Henry had to undergo a biopsy, which showed that he was positive for lymphoma. Henry was immediately started on weekly to bi-weekly infusions of chemotherapy. “Henry has been really lucky, he’s experienced very few side effects beyond throwing up once and losing some of his fur,” said Adrienne. “Because he’s done so well, he hasn’t needed to take a break from his volunteer work even though he’s still getting chemotherapy.”

Now in remission, Henry is one of 45 dogs who volunteer with Cedars-Sinai’s POOCH program, along with their human owners. POOCH, which stands for Pets Offer Ongoing Care and Healing, was first developed in the Rehabilitation Unit at Cedars-Sinai in 1992. In 1995, Barbara Cowen, L.C.S.W., introduced the program in the HIV/AIDS unit and it expanded to both the medical and surgical cardiology units. By 2000, child-life specialists at Cedars-Sinai were using the POOCH volunteers in the pediatric unit as well. “I know how calming it is for me to be around an animal and felt that visits from the dogs would really benefit our AIDS patients. It’s so wonderful for patients to have that unconditional love and affection,” said Barbara Cowen, a volunteer coordinator at Cedars-Sinai. “It is well documented in the literature how unconditional love and affection can lessen a patient’s fears and loneliness, which are feelings often associated with hospitalization. The animals are non-threatening and non-judgmental – and we’ve seen patients with slower heart beats and lowered blood pressure after a visit.”

Before a prospective canine volunteer can actually join the POOCH program, the dog is carefully screened by veterinarian, John Young, V.M.D, M.S., Director of Comparative Medicine at Cedars-Sinai, who evaluates not only the dog’s health, but also their behavior to determine how well she or he interacts with patients and hospital staff. “It takes special dogs to be canine volunteers. They need to have the right personality, be very outgoing to strangers and be quite stoic in a sometimes, hectic environment. It also takes selfless owners because they rarely get as much recognition from the patients and staff as the dogs do,” said Dr. Young.

Once a dog becomes a volunteer, they must be on a flea control program and have a bath within 24 hours of coming to the hospital. They must also have a fecal analysis every six months to make sure that they don’t have any parasites or bacteria that could contaminate anything in the hospital.

With Adrienne at his side, Henry has become an encouragement to many of the patients with cancer that he visits at the hospital. Adrienne recalls one young gentleman with lymphoma who was so sick that he couldn't speak very well. "But when I told him that Henry also had lymphoma, he was very touched and tears started streaming down his face. We were able to just sit with him and let him express his grief," she said.

On another patient visit, Adrienne says that a man with lymphoma shed his self-consciousness and took off his knit cap to show her and Henry where his hair had started growing back only after she had shown him where Henry had lost some fur around his tail from the chemotherapy.

But unlike many cancer patients who are in remission, Henry will undergo weekly chemotherapy treatments for the rest of his life – and even though he's now in remission and doing very well, he's not completely out of the woods. "We've been told that his cancer could come back and the doctors don't really know what his prognosis will be," said Adrienne. "The good news is that Henry doesn't even know that he is sick and his bout with cancer seems only to have encouraged patients all the more because they can identify with him."

(Newswise.com, 1/5/05)

### **Animal Group Suspected of Attacks on Los Angeles Worker**

The home and car of a city employee were vandalized Friday, and police say the group possibly responsible is on the U.S. Justice Department's list of domestic terror organizations. "ALF eyes on you" was spray-painted on the home of Jackie David, spokeswoman for the city Department of Animal Services, police said.

The acronym stands for Animal Liberation Front, a radical animal rights group that authorities have accused of attacking restaurants in California and other states. The group is suspected of attacks on Los Angeles-area fast-food restaurants and a Hollywood Hills home in November.

In those attacks, vandals shattered windows and spray-painted "ALF" at two McDonald's and threw a smoke bomb into the home of an executive of a company that uses animals in drug testing, police said. "Some people think that by doing this they are helping the animals," David told KCBS-TV. "They are sorely mistaken."

The vandalism Friday may have been carried out by the group, but it did not immediately claim responsibility, said Jerry Vlasak, spokesman for the Canoga Park-based North America Animal Liberation Press Office. "Typically, these acts occur when the normal channels are not successful and people become frustrated," he said.

(Mercury News, 12/25/04)

### **Animal People's Annual Who Gets Money List**

As in previous years, the December issue of *Animal People*, edited by animal rights journalist Merritt Clifton, contains financial information on 160 animal charities, based on his analysis of the groups' IRS reports for FY 2003.

Below are the figures for some of the key animal rights groups that work in the research animal issue arena, as presented in *Animal People*. (Note some other anti-research groups are not organized as non-profit entities and thus do not file tax records).

While most groups on this list had relatively stable budgets, PETA and PCRM grew sharply. In past years, the Animal People report indicated that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) should be considered collectively because of its joint partnership in Foundation to Support Animal Protection (FSAP). That changed in 2003 – PCRM received no money from FSAP. Instead it created The PCRM Foundation whose sole activity, in the words of the *Animal People* article, "appears to have been receiving a 'donation' of \$4,000,153 from PCRM." PCRM president Neal Barnard remains on the FSAP Board.

But as in past years the paper notes, "The chief role for FSAP in 2003 appears to have been concealing the true extent and nature of PETA spending and assets. If FSAP and PETA were seen as a single fundraising unit, they raised 23.3 million; spent \$17million; spent \$11.4 on programs; declared overhead of \$5.6 million, 33% of their budget; and their overhead, counting the cost of all mailings containing fundraising appeals, came to \$8.5 million: 50% of budget. Their total assets were \$22.9 million, 67% held by FSAP, including 75% of the cash and securities. Their combined payroll was 4.7 million, of which FSAP was paid 1.5 million: 32%.

*Animal People* provides notes and analysis on many of the 160 animal groups it lists. Its website is [animalpeoplenews.org](http://animalpeoplenews.org) (AMP does not provide live links to activist websites. Add www. to the front of the URL and paste in your browser if you wish to

access. The list is not yet online, but there is information on receiving a mail copy of the article.) Note that comprehensive financial information on individual non-profit organizations, including tax records, is now available online at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org), which is a fabulous resource.

FYI, *Animal People* also provides information on seven "animal rights opposition" organizations, of which Americans for Medical Progress is one. Here are our numbers for FY 2003, which stand in stark contrast to those of the animal rights organizations you will read about below.

**Americans for Medical Progress/AMP**

budget \$329,281  
programs 268,151  
overhead 101,130  
Net assets 189,389

**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals/PETA**

budget \$21,484,419  
programs 18,442,816  
overhead 3,041,603  
net assets 7,632,195

**Foundation to Support Animal Protection/FSAP**

budget \$2,610,200  
programs 13,830  
overhead 2,596,370  
net assets 15,299,586

**Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine/PCRM**

budget \$7,175,448  
programs 6,612,956  
overhead 562,492  
net assets 2,865,026

NOTE: These figures do not include \$4,000,153 given to The PCRM Foundation.

**American Anti-Vivisection Society/AAVS**

budget \$1,377,752  
programs 1,075,578  
overhead 302,175  
net assets 16,082,609

**Animal Legal Defense Fund/ALDF**

budget \$3,120,780  
programs 2,462,761  
overhead 658,019  
net assets 2,763,306

**Animal Welfare Institute/AWI**

budget \$1,169,280  
programs 989,124  
overhead 180,156  
net assets 3,090,519

**Doris Day Animal League/DDAL**

budget \$2,740,123  
programs 2,104,393  
overhead 635,730  
net assets 799,045

**Fund for Animals/FFA**

budget \$7,604,874  
programs 6,006,552  
overhead 1,598,332  
net assets 19,903,029

**Humane Society of the United States/HSUS**

budget \$69,548,619  
programs 47,635,118  
overhead 21,913,501  
net assets 99,997,471

**In Defense of Animals/IDA**

budget \$2,731,478  
programs 2,263,970  
overhead 467,508  
net assets 2,819,164

**National Anti-Vivisection Society/NAVS**

budget \$2,356,404  
programs 1,781,208  
overhead 575,196  
net assets 3,363,047

**New England Anti Vivisection Society/NEAVS**

budget \$ 733,403  
programs 590,559  
overhead 142,844  
net assets 6,670,746

(AMP News clip 12/21/04)

**The Southwest Association for Education in Biomedical Research - SwAEBR**

The progress of biomedical research is threatened by the growing scientific illiteracy of the public and, in particular, our young people. Opinion polls have shown that most adults do not understand the process of bringing basic research into applications that directly benefit their health and

well-being. Biological science education is in serious trouble as indicated by the rapid decline in numbers of college students graduating with degrees in biomedical science. Education of the general public, our young people and their teachers is of vital importance to the future of science and biomedical research.

Science teachers in the elementary, middle and high schools must be provided information on the relevancy of animal research and the roles that animals play in scientific and medical progress. At all levels of society, the facts concerning the process of medical discovery must be instilled. Without exposure to the truth concerning research, many of our next generations will be deceived into believing that biomedical research, particularly that involving animals, is unnecessary.

**Mission** - SwAEBR has been formed with the specific mission of developing and implementing a strong proactive campaign to educate school children, as well as the general public, in the vital role biomedical research plays in their everyday lives. The Association will disseminate information necessary to improve the public's understanding of how responsible and humane animal research has led to significantly improved health care for man and his animal companions.

**Friends of SwAEBR:** Individuals may support the Association through honorary membership known as Friends of SwAEBR. Friends are not required to pay dues, not entitled to vote, and have access to all services and programs sponsored by the Association.

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- \$50 sponsors a game for a class of students
- \$100 thanks teachers for getting their students involved in the essay contest
- \$250 helps pay for videos to be used by in classrooms
- \$500 sponsors awards for one of the regional science fairs
- \$1100 sponsors a student in the summer internship program

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### How Will Your Company Benefit?

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\*Satisfaction of contributing to the education of promoting biomedical research.

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Share your story online: [www.Living-Proof.us](http://www.Living-Proof.us) or write to Living Proof at P.O. Box 360, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0360

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