

HUNTINGDON LIFE SCIENCES

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) is among the world's largest contract research laboratories, with facilities in England and East Millstone, New Jersey. Firms hire HLS to conduct animal toxicity tests for agrochemicals, petrochemicals, household products, pharmaceutical drugs and toxins. 70,000 dogs, cats, monkeys, birds, rabbits, fish, mice, and farm animals are heavily poisoned via inhalation, "oral gavage" (forced dosing via tube) and injection. The animals are relentlessly "bled" to monitor allergic reactions. No animal leaves HLS alive. Even placebo-dosed control animals are "sac'ed" (sacrificed). HLS kills an average 500 animals each day for tests "only reliable 5-25% of the time," one HLS record contends. Inside documentation from former employees has revealed Huntingdon's profound incompetence and animal cruelty.

Seven undercover investigations exposed HLS for multiple breaches of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act, the arrest of workers on animal cruelty charges, and over 520 infringements of Good Laboratory Practice in England. HLS also has a criminal record in the UK for failure to file company accounts on time.

In a \$50,000 settlement with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, HLS was charged with 20+ counts of violating anti-cruelty laws, including: Failure to provide sufficient veterinary care; administer painkillers and anesthetics to animals in excruciating toxicology tests; justify the absence of pain relief for dogs utilized in invasive procedures [a one-time HLS employee claims she regularly heard the yelping and coughing of conscious dogs during fatal procedures]; and failure to construct cages that safeguard animals from injury.

In one investigative video clip, a technician repeatedly punches a 4-month-old beagle in the face and flings the dog against a wall. During a supposedly post-mortem dissection, another tech slices into the chest of a convulsing monkey. At the New Jersey lab, snickering technicians are seen squirting ECG lubricant down the throat of a chained monkey. Substantiated accounts depict HLS technicians who shove naso-gastric tubes into dogs' lungs (correct insertion enters stomach, not lungs), causing instant death as the animals drown in toxic materials. Animals observed dangling from slings or cowering in cages are left to seize, vomit and collapse with no vet care.

Brian grabbed a chunk of hair on her upper arm lifting the skin up. Then he began hacking at the arm. His razor knife was dull and he took several swipes before removing a chunk of flesh the size of a lemon. I was so shocked — the primate was still very much alive!



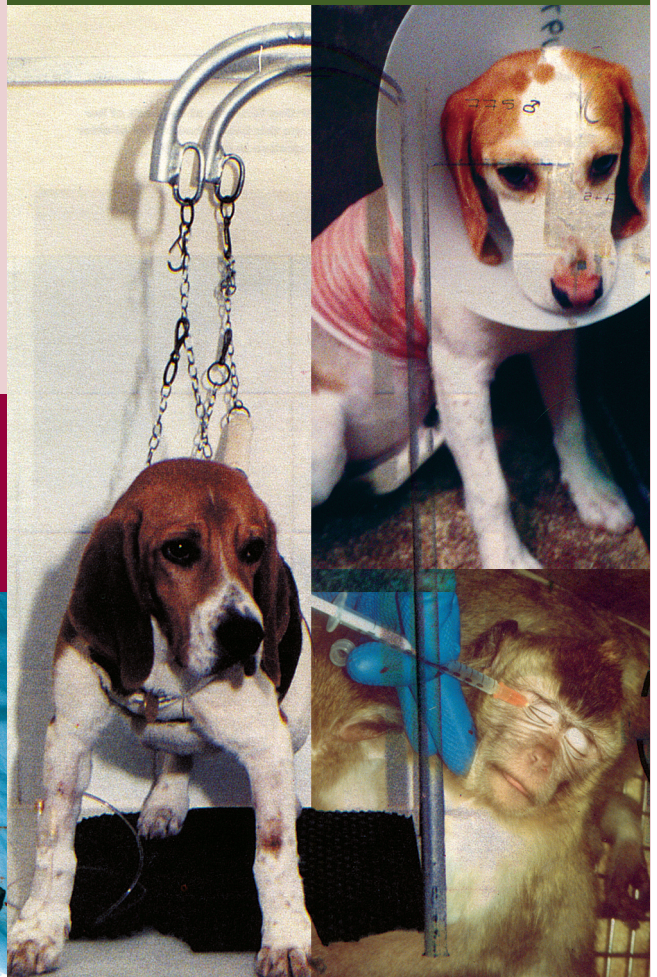
I felt sorry for her waking up with incisions in her back and inner thigh, sores and cuts on her front legs...connected to a foreign box by a loud metal tube attached to and wrapped around her body, dressed in a confining, uncomfortable jacket with a large foam collar around her neck.



A puppy from 3335 was completely cut open from neck to groin, his ribcage exposed. I saw the dog throw his head back and howl...



Trying to think of something remarkable I could write about them. But there's nothing too remarkable about being locked in a 2-foot cage for 1 full year — getting lonelier and crazier and sicker as the days drag by...





1997: Former HLS employee from East Millstone lab's Histology department observes depressed primates slumped in cages rocking back and forth. Another one-time worker states: "I saw monkeys hunched over in pain after abdominal surgery. One employee doing the surgery told me she had 'no idea what [she] was doing.'"

HLS fails to properly euthanize animals. One investigator sees "a vivisector put a knife into a [presumed dead] beagle and he threw his head back and howled and actually lurched himself down the table... His last howls were when the leg muscles were severed."

9/2000: Verified documents disclose gross incompetence in a series of cross-species organ transplants. Hundreds of monkeys with genetically engineered pig hearts crudely stitched to their necks suffer seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, and oozing wounds. After death from massive organ rejection and hemorrhage, the client cancels the scientifically invalid study. HLS papers call the bungled study a success.

LATE 2005: Two HLS employees from the Beagle Unit leave their jobs distressed over animal suffering seen daily for 12 months. According to tape-recorded testimonial, animals are overdosed on test drugs. Dogs are not fully anesthetized before painful extraction of bone marrow from the chest bone and other invasive procedures.

One employee recalls daily contests to see who draws the most blood before a break. Careless workers transfer blood into the wrong tubes. "One license holder I worked with would go in and out about five times with the same needle, not hitting the vein. Some dogs struggled. I saw co-workers grab them by the scruff, shout and swear at them, swing them by the scruff and slap them... Once a dog had a needle in its neck (to bleed from jugular vein) you had exactly two minutes for blood to be taken and then take that dog back to get the next dog and bleed that one. Necks would be very bruised and swollen and they would still go in and take the blood."

MORE OBSERVATIONS FROM HLS BEAGLE UNIT, 2005:

- If you'd forgotten to write a time you were told to make one up. This is falsifying data.
- I saw blood taken from a dog and put in the wrong blood tube. It was then poured into the right tube without being washed. A new tube should have been used.
- Untrue readings, license holder incompetence. Nothing ever noted, no-one else told.
- Some dogs were put to sleep, and [a worker] had missed taking blood from them. The team leader ran down and took blood from a dog once dead. That blood is NOT a true blood sample.

DEATH: "When a study came to the end everyone seemed happy... There was a kill sheet so you knew which order to take the dogs down in... Every study that I took the dogs down on had to have bone marrow taken. The dog wasn't to be dead, but nearly there. The dog was laid on its back and the bone marrow taken from the chest bone. Two team leaders hadn't given the dog enough anaesthetic and it whimpered and moved. They didn't give more anaesthetic. We had to hold the needle in place so they could inject the rest when the bone marrow was done... One particular team leader didn't clean up the blood between dogs and when the next one was taken in they could smell the blood and anaesthetic and it would panic them. I was always told not to cry, they were doing their job, the dogs bred for a purpose and now they'd done their part and they had to go."

"...Someone from necropsy was boasting about cutting the head open and sawing through the bone to get to the brain and how the smell of blood made them hungry."

2009, EXPOSED AGAIN: Animal Defenders International releases a 2008 report/film following the primate research trade across South America, Asia, and into the United Kingdom — where monkeys who scream when ripped from trees and families in

• Vietnam rainforests are squashed in cages for 30-hour treks to Huntingdon Life Sciences in Cambridgeshire. They're dropped off under pitch-black skies (the last they'll see) to live out their days in commercial testing at HLS in the UK.

• ADI's undercover investigator logs monkeys thrashing while belted into restraint chairs and forced to inhale toxins. During his year-long stint, he notes primates confined in 1 cubic metre cages (approx. 39.37 inches) who workers pull out for oral gavage dosing (tubes lodged in throats/noses to overdose animals on test drugs or chemicals). He documents their daily life in cramped, filthy cages where animals "go crazy," gnawing fingers and toes to the bone. One primate is force fed after self-inflicted wounds leave her face too damaged to eat.

• International brands sub-contract HLS to safety-test their products. Cambridgeshire may house 550 primates at one time. ADI's investigator witnesses 217 monkeys killed in five studies, for customers like GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), AstraZeneca and the MoD. ADI's 'Save the Primates' is the first comprehensive report to tie primate research with the global primate trade and show animal-free technology that could be used instead. **ADI REPORT/VIDEO, Inside HLS 2008:** www.savetheprimates.com/primateban/news



RESOURCES / ACTION: Customers, suppliers, and financiers that keep HLS in business change constantly. Investors divest. Market makers bail and customers pull out. Visit sites below to get campaign updates about who to write, phone, fax, email or visit.

- **Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC-UK):** www.shac.net
- **Current Targets:** Updated contact information on HLS customers, suppliers, financial supporters: www.shac.net/action/current_targets.html
- **Win Animal Rights (W.A.R.):** www.war-online.org
- **HLS EXPOSED (AGAIN & AGAIN):** www.shac.net/HLS/exposed.html
- **Who Is Huntingdon Life Sciences? Downloadable Fact Sheet:** www.kinshipcircle.org/fact_sheets/default.html
- **INSIDE/OUT: DIARY OF MADNESS:** Booklet with graphic images from HLS protests and investigations. www.kinshipcircle.org/store/#books
- **America's #1 Terrorists, a film by Tim Gorski of Rattle The Cage Productions:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=NptK0z2Zouo

**BIG BUSINESS TRUMPS FREE SPEECH AND ANIMAL CRUELTY
The Arrest And Imprisonment Of SHAC-USA**

Their crime? Operating a website that reports civil disobedience, lab animal rescue, vandalism and similar tactics of OTHER animal rights activists. Known as the "SHAC 7" for their ties to the nonprofit organization **Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC-USA)** — none were accused of these crimes. They were arrested for a website that "conspires" to close Huntingdon Life Sciences, an animal testing laboratory cited for research fraud and multiple animal welfare violations. After criminalizing formerly legal methods of protest, a judge issued prison sentences in federal court (2006):

- ▶ **Kevin Kjonas:** 72 months
- ▶ **Lauren Gazzola:** 52 months
- ▶ **Jacob Conroy:** 48 months
- ▶ **Andrew Stepanian:** 36 months
- ▶ **Darius Fullmer:** 12 months, 1 day
- ▶ **Joshua Harper:** 36 months

The court ordered all (penniless) defendants to pay \$1,000,001 in restitution. Each defendant received 3 years of supervised release after prison, (with conditions they not violate any laws) and be subjected to government computer monitoring.

- **SHAC-USA APPEALS, UPDATES, PRISON SUPPORT:** <http://shac7.com>
- **The SHAC 7, the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, and the Future of the Green Scare, by Will Potter:** www.greenisthenewred.com/blog/2006/08/15/ar2006-pleinary