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MEET THE FACE OF CHANGE:

Advocating for our
Best Friends Stuck
in Labs

in this issue

Updates on Animal Welfare Legislation, EPA Decisions, ISEF 2024,
Rescues, and More!

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Advocacy to end harmful experiments in Michigan

The number of dogs used in research in the US not only slightly grew between 2021 and 2022, but the percentage of dogs that were administered harm or stress during research increased by 20.3 percent. With that being said, we want to draw your attention to an important development in Michigan—Queenie’s Law—and explain why NAVS is closely monitoring and supporting this legislation and others like it across the United States.

QUEENIE’S LAW: A Beacon for Ethical Treatment of Animals in Research

In Michigan, Queenie’s Law (HB 4849) would prohibit experiments that cause pain and distress to dogs and cats in laboratories. Named after a dog who suffered and died in a research facility, the law represents a crucial step toward safeguarding the rights and well-being of animals used in experiments. This proposed legislation aims to establish stricter guidelines for the treatment of animals in research settings, emphasizing transparency, ethical treatment, and the promotion of human-relevant testing methods that spare animals from unnecessary harm.

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Why NAVS Is Paying Close Attention:

1. **Advancing Ethical Research Practices:** Queenie's Law aligns with NAVS's core values of promoting humane and ethical treatment of animals in research. By advocating for guidelines that prioritize the welfare of animals, we support the development and use of more compassionate scientific practices.
2. **Setting a Precedent for Change:** The passing of Queenie's Law in Michigan could set a precedent for other states, encouraging the adoption of similar legislation that protects animals from unnecessary suffering. NAVS believes that every step toward a more compassionate research landscape is a victory for animals and a positive stride toward a humane future.
3. **Raising Public Awareness:** Monitoring and supporting legislation like Queenie's Law allows NAVS to contribute to the broader conversation about the ethical treatment of animals in research. By raising public awareness and engaging in advocacy efforts, we can encourage a shift in societal attitudes toward more compassionate and responsible research practices.

How You Can Get Involved:

1. **Stay Informed:** Keep yourself informed about developments related to Queenie's Law and similar legislation in your state and across the country. Knowledge is a powerful tool, and staying informed allows you to be an advocate for positive change.
2. **Advocate for Humane Practices:** Share information about Queenie's Law with your friends, family, and social networks. Use your voice to advocate for the ethical treatment of animals in research, and encourage others to do the same. Far too few people are even aware that dogs are routinely used in painful experiments.
3. **Support NAVS's Advocacy Efforts:** Your continued support empowers NAVS to actively engage in advocacy efforts, promoting humane science and ethical treatment of animals. Consider contributing to NAVS to support our initiatives and campaigns.

As we navigate the complexities of animal research legislation, your support remains crucial. Visit the NAVS Advocacy Center at navs.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy-center to keep up to date on all legislative and regulatory topics, and to make your voice heard to decision makers. Together, we can make a difference and pave the way for a more compassionate future in scientific research.



NAVS responds to two recent EPA decisions

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently made two decisions that warrant attention from our supporters. As advocates for advancing science without animal harm, NAVS believes it's essential to acknowledge commendable actions while holding agencies accountable for negative impacts on science and animal welfare. We appreciate the EPA's adoption of the "New Chemicals Program Decision Framework for Hazard Identification of Eye Irritation and Corrosion," a significant step toward improving animal welfare and scientific methods by emphasizing alternative testing methods. This move aligns with NAVS' values and promotes safety for consumers by incorporating non-animal testing approaches, reflecting a commitment to progress and ethics. The EPA's transparent and collaborative approach in developing this framework is commendable, ensuring a comprehensive chemical hazard assessment.

NAVS has long advocated for replacing the Draize eye test with humane alternatives and celebrates the EPA's decision as a stride toward compassionate treatment of animals and scientific advancement. However, another EPA decision to remove the 2035 deadline for eliminating mammals from testing and backtrack on the pledge to reduce mammal testing by 30 percent by 2025 is deeply concerning. This regression undermines progress toward ethical testing practices and demonstrates a lack of commitment to innovation.

NAVS firmly opposes such decisions, emphasizing the ethical and scientific inadequacies of animal testing. We urge the EPA to reinstate the 2035 deadline and reaffirm its commitment to reducing mammal testing by 30 percent by 2025. NAVS remains dedicated to advocating for animal rights and collaborating with regulatory bodies to promote ethical research practices. Despite setbacks, we are committed to a future where science aligns with compassion and progress.



Celebrating Humane Science at ISEF: A Recap of Our Inspiring Experience

We are thrilled to share the incredible impact NAVS had at the recent International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)! This year, ISEF brought together more than 2,000 students from 70 countries, alongside 44 special award organizations, including NASA, NOAA, NSA, USAID, the US Air Force, and many prestigious universities. Our annual involvement at ISEF showcases some of the best aspects of NAVS' work and leaves a lasting impression on all who attended.

NAVS at ISEF: Inspiring Humane Science

Our presence at ISEF highlighted the growing recognition of humane science within the broader scientific community. We were honored to award five students with our Humane Science Award for research projects devoted to advancing science without harming animals, the most we have ever awarded at ISEF.

Highlights of Our Engagement

On Education Outreach Day, we engaged with thousands of junior high and high school students and their teachers, demonstrating the use of humane dissection and education methods. The enthusiasm and curiosity from these young minds were truly inspiring.

A major part of our experience every year is our one-on-one conversations with young science students about their humane science projects, highlighting their dedication to ethical research practices. It was heartening to see the continued commitment to advancing science while respecting and protecting animal life. When we began going to ISEF in 2017, we saw a body of students where non-animal methods were not at the front of minds. This year, we saw too many amazing projects focused on ethical methods to keep track of, and our five Humane Science Award winners are a display of that growth year-over-year.

A Proud Moment for NAVS

Being part of ISEF is an invaluable experience for NAVS. Our mission to replace animals in research and education is evident in every aspect of our participation year after year. We demonstrate that humane science is not only possible but also a vital and rewarding part of the scientific community.

Looking Ahead

As we wrap up our involvement at ISEF, we are excited to shift our focus to the coming school year and continue promoting humane science education to educators around the country.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a difference and inspiring the next generation of humane scientists.



Good news from the Beagle Freedom Project

While our advocacy work and spreading the word will help countless animals in the future to not have to experience life as lab equipment, we also look for ways to rescue animals subjected to the cruel life of research and give them a chance to experience life in a loving home for the first time with grants from the NAVS Animal Sanctuary Assistance Program (ASAP).



Recently, NAVS provided a grant to the Beagle Freedom Project (BFP) to provide medical assistance to over 200 dogs and cats rescued at “Freedom Fields” in Oklahoma, a sanctuary recently started by BFP in place of a former testing facility. NAVS provided a grant in 2023 to help BFP purchase an RV to make rescue trips easier.



Thanks to your support, we are able to give sanctuaries and rescues the resources to give animals the loving homes and care that they deserve.





2023

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45

opportunities for legislative advocacy were shared with NAVS supporters.

10,356

email messages were sent by advocates to elected officials through the NAVS Advocacy Center.

9

International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER) Graduate Student Fellowships for the Alternatives to the Use of Animals in Science were awarded to promising early career researchers.

\$112,500

was awarded to IFER recipients.

11

BioLEAP Classroom Grants were awarded to science teachers who are introducing humane dissection replacement tools into their curricula.

3

high school students were recognized with the NAVS Humane Science Award at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair for their projects that did not rely on the use of animal models.

20

grants were provided to aid animals in sanctuaries across the United States.

\$114,500

was given to sanctuaries and other rescue organizations

52,450

copies of NAVS' Animal Action magazine were mailed to supporters.



73.7%

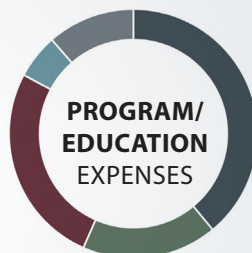
PROGRAMS/EDUCATION

6.7%

FUNDRAISING

19.6%

ADMINISTRATIVE



**PROGRAM/
EDUCATION
EXPENSES**

39%

GENERAL EDUCATION/
PUBLIC AWARENESS

26.2%

LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE

17.6%

SCIENCE

5.8%

SPECIAL INITIATIVES/
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

11.4%

STUDENT/EDUCATOR
OUTREACH

REVENUE

Donations	\$1,072,922
Grants	\$123,850
Legacies and Bequests	\$2,570,098
Investment Income	\$1,304,557
Other	\$279,574
TOTAL:	\$5,351,001

ALL EXPENSES

Programs and Education	\$2,510,469
Fundraising	\$227,603
Administrative	\$668,847
TOTAL:	\$3,406,919

PROGRAM AND EDUCATION EXPENSES

General Education/Public Awareness	\$979,348
Science	\$442,148
Legal/Legislative	\$330,057
Student/Teacher Programs	\$657,675
Special Initiatives/Cooperative Efforts	\$145,611
TOTAL:	\$2,182,851

ASSETS

Investments	\$12,481,776
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$492,428
Royalties Receivable	\$34,148
Prepaid Expenses	\$68,650
Property and Equipment	\$33,306
Operating ROU Asset	\$332,217
TOTAL:	\$13,457,393

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accrued Wages and Vacation	\$48,141
Accrued Expenses	\$227,993
Operating Lease Liability	\$63,130
Total Current Liabilities	\$339, 264

Net Assets

Restricted: Special Project (Sanctuary Fund)	\$327,509
Unrestricted	12,487,888
Total Net Assets	\$12,815,397
TOTAL:	\$13,457,393

The financial statements have been audited by the accounting firm of Selden Fox, Ltd., and in their opinion, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2023. A complete audited financial statement can be found at [NAVS.org/about-us/financials](https://navs.org/about-us/financials).



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