Nearly half of all research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—$17.6 billion—funds cruel and wasteful experimentation on dogs, rats, monkeys, mice, and other animals.

At the NIH Maryland campuses alone, more than 568,000 animals are imprisoned or used in experiments.

National Institutes of Horrors

Failing to Comply with Minimum Animal Welfare Laws and Guidelines

Failing Science, Failing Human Patients

3,272 used in experiments
477 imprisoned, but not used
383 used in painful procedures, but denied pain relief

At least 221 animals injured or killed because of NIH staff incompetence

Overhead lights left on continuously in a room of caged monkeys for 5 months

Serious violations of federal animal welfare guidelines in NIH’s Maryland laboratories from January 2018 to October 2019

Number of times monkeys in NIH’s Bethesda laboratories will ever go outside: zero.

90% of preclinical studies, most of which involve animal experiments, fail to lead to treatments for humans.

95% of pharmaceutical drugs test safe and effective in animals, but fail in human clinical trials.

89% of animal studies can’t be reproduced, a crucial step in research.