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Dear President Young and Dean Green,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide to urge you to adopt out all the dogs who remain imprisoned in Texas A&M University's (TAMU) canine muscular dystrophy (MD) laboratory. We are particularly concerned about Bruno, Ganondorf, Jambi, and Pee Wee, who are afflicted with canine MD, and Lucilla, who carries the gene for canine MD and has been artificially inseminated dozens of times to produce more sick dogs for use in experiments.

These dogs have been caged in cold, barren laboratories for nearly 10 years. They deserve to receive love and care and enjoy life as animal companions for whatever time they have left.

As you know, for nearly 40 years, retired TAMU employee Joe Kornegay bred golden retrievers and other dogs to have painful and debilitating canine MD, but experiments on these vulnerable, trusting dogs failed to produce a cure or even a treatment that could reverse MD symptoms in human patients. While we're relieved that TAMU ended its breeding program last year, records obtained by PETA reveal that the university continues to hold dozens of dogs in its canine MD laboratory.

After four decades of failure, it should be obvious that using these suffering dogs in painful experiments will not lead to any treatment for humans with MD. Records show that from the time of their birth, Bruno, Ganondorf, Jambi, Pee Wee, and Lucilla have suffered from multiple illnesses and for some periods have even refused to eat. Their lives have been characterized by the unmitigated misery of being used as a means to someone else's end. What more is needed for you to make

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the compassionate, wise decision to close the laboratory and put all the dogs up for adoption into good homes?

I urge you to work with local animal shelters and let them find homes for all the dogs in TAMU's MD laboratory or to accept [Pamela Anderson's kind offer to open her home to all of them](#). This could be their last opportunity to experience the love they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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