

Evanna Lynch

Ronald J. Daniels
President of The Johns Hopkins University

Dear President Daniels,

I was saddened and upset after my friends at PETA told me about a cruel experiment being conducted at Johns Hopkins University. Owls play a large part in the *Harry Potter* series, and I have tremendous respect for these magnificent animals.

In the laboratory of Shreesh Mysore, experimenters cut into barn owls' skulls, insert electrodes into their brains, restrain them, put headphones on them to force them to listen to sounds, and record their brain activity. I am deeply saddened by this vicious treatment of these birds and am urging you to shut down this laboratory immediately.

In nature, these majestic nocturnal birds have territories that span several miles. At Johns Hopkins, they live under fluorescent lights in an enclosure the size of a walk-in closet. They're eventually killed so that their brains can be removed and examined. There can be no ethical justification for this grotesque cruelty.

These experiments are done with the intention of understanding attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, but there is overwhelming evidence that the results of most experiments on animals can't be applied to humans. There are better ways to study this condition.

Please end these brain experiments on owls. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Evanna Lynch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Evanna" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lynch".

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