

The failing, archaic, disease-ridden University of Washington primate center wants to continue to waste your tax dollars. Don't let it.



For nearly 60 years, the Washington National Primate Research Center has imprisoned thousands of monkeys for painful and dubious experimentation that was supposed to result in vaccines for dreaded diseases such as AIDS, TB, Zika, and malaria. But none of these vaccines have succeeded in human clinical trials. Experiments on caged, distraught, diseased monkeys just don't translate into improved human health.

Public records show that the primate center is deep in debt, is hemorrhaging scientists and other staff, and, by its own admission, is unable to keep the monkeys healthy. Once again, it's under investigation by the USDA for repeated violations of the Animal Welfare Act and possible corruption of UW's animal experimentation oversight committee.

Monkeys have died from strangulation, starvation, dehydration, choking on their own vomit, bleeding to death, and being mauled by other stressed animals.

UW needs to close down this relic and focus its resources on human-relevant, 21st century science. Harvard University shut down its New England National Primate Research Center in 2013 after looking critically at its multiple animal welfare violations, the difficulty of keeping monkeys in laboratories healthy, and the future of its research priorities.

Now it's UW's turn.

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