February 4, 2021

The Honorable Rand Paul
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Paul,

On behalf of PETA and our 6.5 million members and supporters, I wish to thank you for your refusal to mince words when describing an animal experiment. According to @The_Gilp, whom we believe is Nicholas Gilpin, professor of physiology at Louisiana State University, you described his animal studies as “spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss.” This has inspired a tweet storm of confessions by animal experimenters, including these:

Forces monkeys to become tweakers and then kills them

Posted by David Jentsch, SUNY Binghamton

Deafens, murders and mutilates mice

Posted by “Mad Scientist PHD” who may be Mike Kasten, University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Traumatize teen rats and feed them comfort foods to death

Johnny Figuroa, Loma Linda University

This rare glimpse of truth-telling by those who imprison and harm animals in laboratories—despite the failure of 90% of basic research to lead to treatments for humans—is a rare and self-revelatory glimpse into a very secretive world. As it’s a world largely funded by American taxpayers, we certainly have the right to know what’s being done in our name and with our dollars. These descriptions are also alarming as we struggle in a pandemic. The need for medical research that doesn’t waste resources is evident. We have the COVID vaccines because companies, while conducting some animal studies, were
allowed to bypass the years-long animal trials that are normally required.

Perhaps you will find the attached list of shockingly honest descriptions useful. While the experimenters were asked to “incorrectly summarize” their work as they imagine you would, we know from our research into their published papers and public records that these experimenters are admitting what they do behind closed laboratory doors.

We urge you to keep telling it like it is and do all you can to redirect funds from animal studies to superior animal-free methods. Toward that end, we invite you to review our strategy for this transition, which you can see here.

With respect,

Kathy Guillermo  
Senior Vice President  
Laboratory Investigations  
PETA
Rand Paul described my research program as "spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss."

How would he incorrectly summarize your research program in 10 words or less?

8:33 PM · Jan 4, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

7 Retweets 4 Quote Tweets 119 Likes

Thierry Alquier @Alquier Thierry · 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
« play with brain glitter glue to tilt the scale »

Dr. Bates, Mask Wearer @BatesPhysio · 1h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Giving things diseases and not curing them already!

Drug Monkey @drugmonkeyblog · 1h
“Who knew drugs are bad for you, geez”

Dr. Becca, PhD @doc_becca · 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
shocks lady rats until they run away

Romy Wichmann @RomyWichmann · 14h
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Sable Systems International @SableSys · 14h
Replying to @The_Gilp
"Working out how ants pass gas". This is how one of my NSF grants, studying gas exchange in small arthropods, was actually described in Congress many years ago.
Congress has actually gotten worse since then which is impressive

karliswenson @karliswenson · 8h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Gets mice pregnant and high, then kills their unborn babies

MannE @MannyE16 · 13h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Mice running on a homemade Peloton chasing imaginary cocaine

Matt Weisberg @SuthernSnoflake · 9h
Replying to @The_Gilp
that's like every addiction experiment ever done

Katherine Meckel @OfMiceAndMinds · 12h
Replying to @The_Gilp
I have a lawyer friend who is still convinced after several years that I 'feed' rats cocaine and collect their poop. So probably something along that line.

Dr. Kevin Wright @kevinmawright · 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Deliberately tries to break a mouse's nervous system

Rocco Gagliotti @RoccoGagliotti · 3h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Electrocuting mice and asking if drugs help them remember it
C. Andrew Frank @CAndrewFrank - 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Cuts open maggots with surgical tools, then pokes with glass.

Dr. Adele Seelke @AdeleSeelke - 14h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Watches seahorses fuck. I mean, there is that, but oh so much more.

Dr Anne Carpenter @DrAnneCarpenter - 5h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Measuring cells in excruciating detail, without knowing what we're looking for
(but sometimes we cure diseases this way, so...)

Grimm-Lab (with mask) @grimmarad - 1h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Treating misprinted cells with rust droplets
The other stuff he can't even contemplate (imaging with particles traveling at supratherelativistic speeds)

DR. REZNIKOV 🧟‍♂️ @leahreznikov - 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Studies how k-holes affect the airways after egg white inhalation.

Dr. Martha Bagnall @MarthaBagnall - 14h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Watching mutant fish roll over.

Phillip Baker @PhillipBaker2 - 14h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Forcing rats to climb hills and swim all stressed out
Dr. Robin: 🎨 New & Improved 2021 Edition 🎨 https://t.co/diygeoch... · 26m
Replying to @The_Gilp
Kills bacteria with hydrogen peroxide. Shakes dirt with water & acid

Dr. Laura Ornelas @LC_Ornelas21 · 12h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Rat bartender to traumatized rats

Jamie E Mondello @jemondello · 13h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Traumatizing rats but then giving them drugs

Dr. MadScientistPhD 🗿️ 🌟 @MadScientistPhD · 12h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Deafens, murders, and mutilates mice

Tiina Kauppinen @TiinaTmk · 13h
Replying to @The_Gilp
trying to control the drama queen of the brain

John E Hayes @TasteProf · 7m
Replying to @The_Gilp
“Here, taste this. Can you taste it? Is it gross?”

Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackier @docismack · 43m
Replying to @The_Gilp
That is a badge of honor

boehniglab @boehniglab · 9m
Replying to @The_Gilp
Throwing drugs on irrelevant cell lines to watch them die
Samantha @samanthaplas_ 1h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Gives rats with laser beams trauma and kills them

HaasLab @LabHaas 7m
Replying to @The_Gilp
Studying holes in neurons.

Anaclet Lab @anaclet_lab 28m
Replying to @The_Gilp
Watching mice sleep.

De Wet Wolmarans @WolmaransDewet 5h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Shocking mice which build shocking nests ;)

Aotus_parisinus @PereaJP 3h
Replying to @The_Gilp
“They monkey around with monkeys, they tinker with tinkle, AND they ponder about poop.”
#primatology

Demosthenics @demosthenics 6h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Now I’m curious what you were doing
Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h
Rand Paul described my research program as “spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss.”

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Stephen Maren @StephenMaren

Replying to @The_Gilp

Using electricity to freeze rats

4:12 PM · Jan 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

7 Likes
Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h
Rand Paul described my research program as “spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss.”

How would he incorrectly summarize your research program in 10 words or less?

Michael Miles @mfmiles

Replying to @The_Gilp

Getting mice drunk to study their jeans.

2:53 PM · Jan 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

3 Likes
Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h
Rand Paul described my research program as “spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss.”

How would he incorrectly summarize your research program in 10 words or less?

49 replies 22 retweets 166 likes

Christopher Albin-Brooks @BrooksAlbin

Replying to @The_Gilp and @TedPavlic

Spraying wax at ants to see how well they smell.

3:50 PM · Jan 5, 2021 · Twitter for Android

2 Likes
Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h
Rand Paul described my research program as “spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss.”

How would he incorrectly summarize your research program in 10 words or less?

Jerzy Szabelowski @JerzySzabelowski
Repeating to @The_Gilp

subjecting mouse heads to very loud noises.

4:50 PM · Jan 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App
Jonathan Fadok @The_Fadoktor · 3h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Trains mice to fly

Dr. Johnny Figueroa @fig_neurolab · 11h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Traumatize teen rats and feed them comfort foods to death

Prof Felice Jacka @FeliceJacka · 11h
Assess whether a salad can cure mental illness

Samantha @samanthaplas_ · Jan 5
Replying to @The_Gilp
Gives rats with laser beams trauma and kills them

De Wet Wolmarans @WolmaransD... · Jan 5
Replying to @The_Gilp
Shocking mice which build shocking nests ;)}
Hungry Bikini @HungryBikini · 16h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Giving premature babies anabolic steroids

Shallee Page @ShalleePage · 15h
Replying to @The_Gilp
For a doctor, he’s awfully anti-science

Neil Fournier @FournierLab · 17h
Replying to @The_Gilp
Screwing up rat brains with electricity and drugs

Tweet

David Jentsch 🇺🇸 #BlackLivesMatter
@jdavidjentsch

Replying to @The_Gilp
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13 Likes