

PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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 themPosted 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 Figueroa, 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

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Guillermo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "G".

Kathy Guillermo
Senior Vice President
Laboratory Investigations
PETA

← Tweet

CL Lantz and 2 others liked



Gilp
@The_Gilp

Rand Paul described my research program as "spraying alcoholic rats with bobcat piss."

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

7 Retweets 4 Quote Tweets 119 Likes



Thierry Alquier @AlquierThierry · 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
😂😂😂

← Tweet



Sable Systems International @SableSys · 14h

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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



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karliswenson @karliswenson · 8h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Gets mice pregnant and high, then kills their unborn babies



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ManE 🇺🇸 @MannyE16 · 13h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Mice running on a homemade Peloton chasing imaginary cocaine



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Matt Weisberg @SuthernSnoflake · 9h

...

that's like every addiction experiment ever done



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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.



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Dr. Kevin Wright @kevinmawright · 15h

...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Deliberately tries to break a mouse's nervous system



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Rocco Gogliotti @RoccoGogliotti · 3h

...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Electrocuting mice and asking if drugs help them remember it



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← **Tweet**



C. Andrew Frank @CAndrewFrank · 15h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Cuts open maggots with surgical tools, then pokes with glass.



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Dr. Adele Seelke @AdeleSeelke · 14h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Watches seahorses fuck. I mean, there is that, but oh so much more.



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Dr Anne Carpenter @DrAnneCarpenter · 5h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Measuring cells in excruciating detail, without knowing what we're looking for

(but sometimes we cure diseases this way, so...)



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Grimm-Lab (with mask) @grimmrad · 1h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Treating misprinted cells with rust droplets

The other stuff he can't even contemplate (imaging with particles traveling at suprelativistic speeds)



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DR. REZNIKOV 🏆 🇷🇺 @leahreznikov · 15h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Studies how k-holes affect the airways after egg white inhalation.



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Dr. Martha Bagnall @MarthaBagnall · 14h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Watching mutant fish roll over.



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Phillip Baker @PhillipBaker2 · 14h

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Replying to @The_Gilp

Forcing rats to climb hills and swim all stressed out



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Tweet



Dr. Robin: 🦋 **New & Improved 2021 Edition** 🦋 @diygeoch... · 26m ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Kills bacteria with hydrogen peroxide. Shakes dirt with water & acid



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Dr. Laura Ornelas @LC_Ornelas21 · 12h ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Rat bartender to traumatized rats



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Jamie E Mondello @jmondello · 13h ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Traumatizing rats but then giving them drugs



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Dr. MadScientistPhD 🦋🦋🦋🦋 @MadScientistPhD · 12h ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Deafens, murders, and mutilates mice



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Tiina Kauppinen @TiinaTmk · 13h ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

trying to control the drama queen of the brain



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John E Hayes @TasteProf · 7m ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

"Here, taste this. Can you taste it? is it gross?"



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Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackler @docismack · 43m ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

That is a badge of honor



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boehninglab @boehninglab · 9m ...

Replying to @The_Gilp

Throwing drugs on irrelevant cell lines to watch them die



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-  **Samantha** @samanthaplas_ · 1h
Replied to @The_Gilp
Gives rats with laser beams trauma and kills them
-  **HaasLab** @LabHaas · 7m
Replied to @The_Gilp
Studying holes in neurons.
-  **Anaclet Lab** @anaclet_lab · 28m
Replied to @The_Gilp
Watching mice sleep.
-  **De Wet Wolmarans** @WolmaransDewet · 5h
Replied to @The_Gilp
Shocking mice which build shocking nests ;)
-  **Aotus parisinus** @PereaJP · 3h
Replied to @The_Gilp
"They monkey around with monkeys, they tinker with tinkle, AND they ponder about poop."
[#primatology](#)
-  **Demosthenics** @demosthenics · 6h
Replied to @The_Gilp
Now I'm curious what you were doing



Tweet



Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h



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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



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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





Tweet



Gilp @The_Gilp · 20h



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



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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



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Jerzy Szablowski



@JerzySzablowski

Replying 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 ;)





