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Via email: ugaopenrecordsrequest@uga.edu

Dear Mr. Taylor,

This is a request for public records made on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act § 50.18.70.

PETA requests one copy of the following records between March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, that are related to animals euthanized as a result of any and all circumstances and/or impacts related to COVID-19—with the animal euthanasia occurring either at the employees' discretion or at the direction of University of Georgia (UGA):

- All protocols, and their corresponding animal euthanasia records;
- Federal and/or state grants related to aforementioned protocols;
- Photographs and/or videos;
- Correspondence, e-mails, reports, memoranda, directives, letters, and meeting notes and/or minutes.

The records we seek do not include those wherein animals were killed or otherwise disposed of in COVID-19-related research.

A document titled “Responsive C.pdf” included in a set of responsive public records we received from the University of Georgia on May 26, 2021, indicates that the records that we have requested from the University of Georgia do exist. Specifically, in an email correspondence we received titled, “Confidential: care of animals during an emergency,” on page 41 of the aforementioned University of Georgia document, Richard Keith Harris states, “PIs and labs should be doing anything they can to minimize URAR workload. Don’t plan to order animals. *Cull rodents you do not need.*” [*Emphasis added.*]

PETA is a non-profit public interest animal protection organization. As such, we request that all fees associated with our request for public information be waived. PETA has no commercial interest in the records

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requested, but seeks them strictly in an effort to ensure the public is fully informed about the use and care of animals in laboratories and applicable law (an issue of well-established public importance). If the foregoing request for a fee waiver is denied, and fees are expected to exceed \$50.00, kindly notify me by email to this effect before this public records request is processed.

To conserve resources, please provide the requested records, to the extent possible, via e-mail attachment to KaylieF@peta.org. If you have any questions about our request, please contact me by e-mail. Thank you for your time and effort in promptly addressing this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaylie Flaughner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kaylie Flaughner
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