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Can Science End Animal Suffering?



Science Without Suffering:

Celebrating 10 Years of PETA Science Consortium International



Members of the PETA Science Consortium International team gathered for a meeting in Philadelphia.

As we celebrate the 10-year anniversary of PETA Science Consortium International e.V., we look back on the progress it has made and look ahead to what's next.

The Science Consortium is devoted to replacing tests on animals with scientifically sound and human-relevant, animal-free test methods. Established in 2012, it consists of 25 Ph.D. and master's level scientists in the U.S., the U.K., Belgium, France, Germany, and India who are working to ensure that non-animal tests are developed, accepted by regulatory agencies, and used by companies.

A decade later, PETA scientists are leading the charge to replace tests on animals with non-animal test methods in a way that no other organization can match. With the help

of our supporters, PETA entities have donated millions of dollars toward advancing human-relevant, non-animal test methods, including funding their development and organizing free training opportunities for scientists to learn how to use them.

What Does the Science Consortium Do?

Chemical ingredients used for manufacturing goods, pesticides used by farmers and gardeners, pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, food additives, and other substances are required to be tested to assess their potential toxicity to humans and the environment. Regulatory agencies often require that they be tested on animals.

In these toxicity tests—most of which are many decades old—chemicals are applied to animals' sensitive skin or dripped into their eyes, or the animals are force-fed, injected with, or forced to inhale them. These tests are conducted even though we know that animal and human biology are so different that animal tests can't reliably predict what will happen in the human body.

To help end these cruel and unreliable tests, the Science Consortium collaborates with academics, regulators, and companies to help design and fund the development of non-animal test methods. Along with other PETA entities worldwide, it has contributed millions of dollars toward the advancement of groundbreaking, animal-free research and testing methods.

But researching and developing new test methods that spare animals is just the first step. It also helps bridge the gap between research and legislation to help implement new testing methods.

The Science Consortium is a stakeholder in standard-setting organizations, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the International Organization for Standardization, allowing it to influence internationally used testing protocols. It is also a stakeholder in the European

Chemicals Agency, the European Food Safety Authority, the European Medicines Agency, and other organizations, which gives it the opportunity to help minimize the impact of the testing requirements of these agencies on animals.

In addition, the Science Consortium promotes this progress through outreach and education. It hosts free workshops and online seminars, develops informational materials, publishes papers in scientific journals, and presents at scientific conferences. Through these efforts, researchers are made aware of the option of using reliable animal-free tests instead of testing on animals.

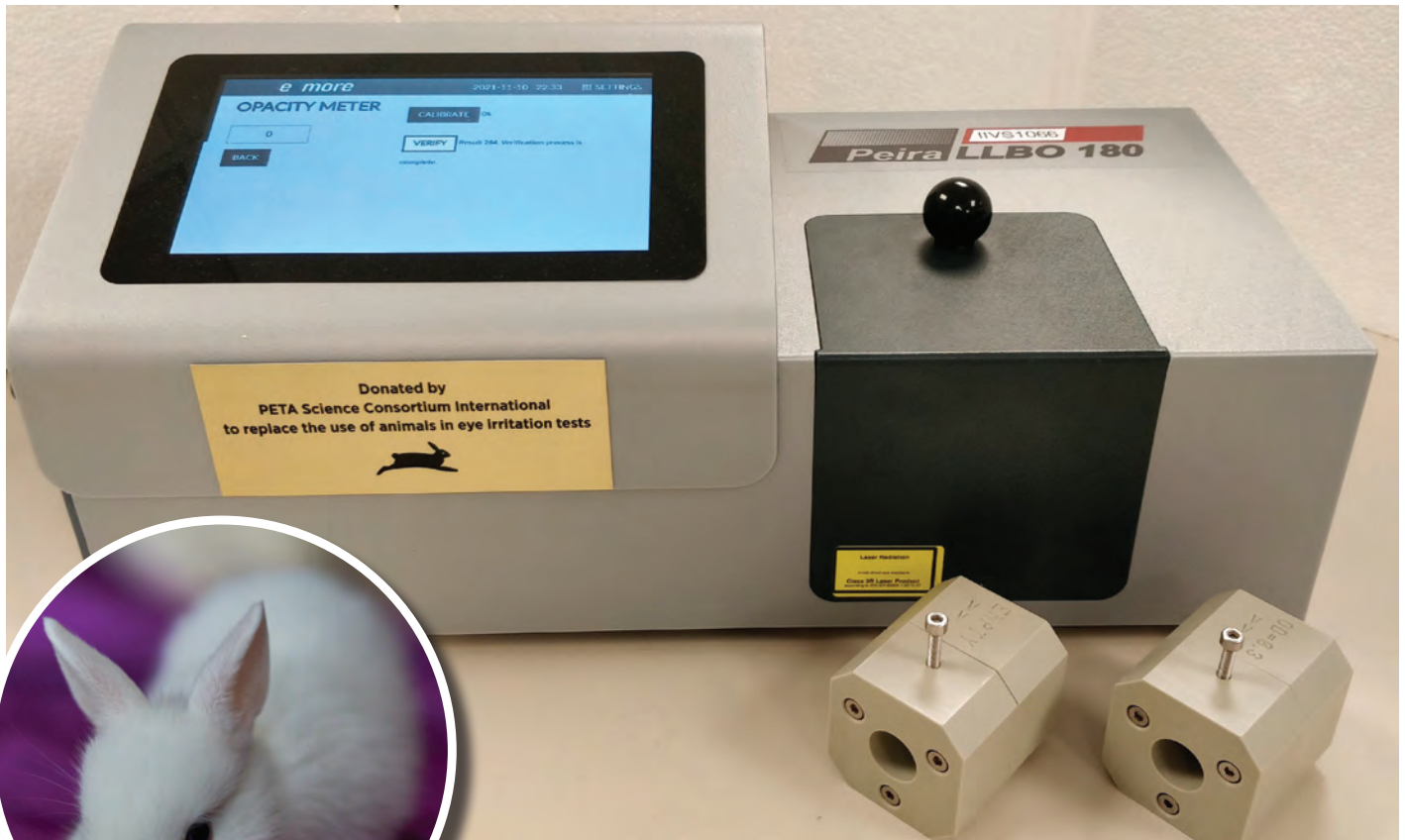
From Research to Results

In the last 10 years, the Science Consortium has made great strides replacing animal tests with more reliable animal-free methods as evidenced by the following examples:

- The Science Consortium helped fund the creation of a first-of-its-kind, commercially available, human cell-based three-dimensional model for studying the effects of chemicals on the deepest part of the human lungs. Together with other non-animal tests, this model has the potential to help reduce the use of approximately *1 million* animals each year in tests in which they're forced to inhale toxic substances before finally being killed.



This device was donated by the Science Consortium and MedTec Biolab to advance animal-free respiratory toxicity testing.



Rabbit: Pablo Martinez/Unsplash

This equipment was donated by the Science Consortium to replace the use of live rabbits in eye irritation tests.

- The Science Consortium funded a project that led to the creation of fully human-derived antibodies capable of blocking the poisonous toxin that causes diphtheria. These antibodies are the first steps toward ending the 100-year-old method of injecting horses repeatedly with the diphtheria toxin and then draining a large volume of their blood in order to collect the antibodies that their immune systems produce to fight the disease.
- When the European Chemicals Agency insisted that a substance used in washing and cleaning products be tested on animals, PETA scientists provided crucial evidence to refute this argument in an appeal case. The agency's Board of Appeal agreed—a decision that spares at least 505 rats and fish from suffering in these tests.
- Following input from PETA scientists, the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission removed the redundant mandate to conduct a lethal test that requires injecting guinea pigs and mice with vaccines. This single change saves the lives of thousands of animals each year.

And there are many, many more examples! Promoting the development and use of state-of-the-art, animal-free testing approaches and replacing tests on animals are critical parts of the Science Consortium's strategy to prevent animals from undergoing toxicity tests.

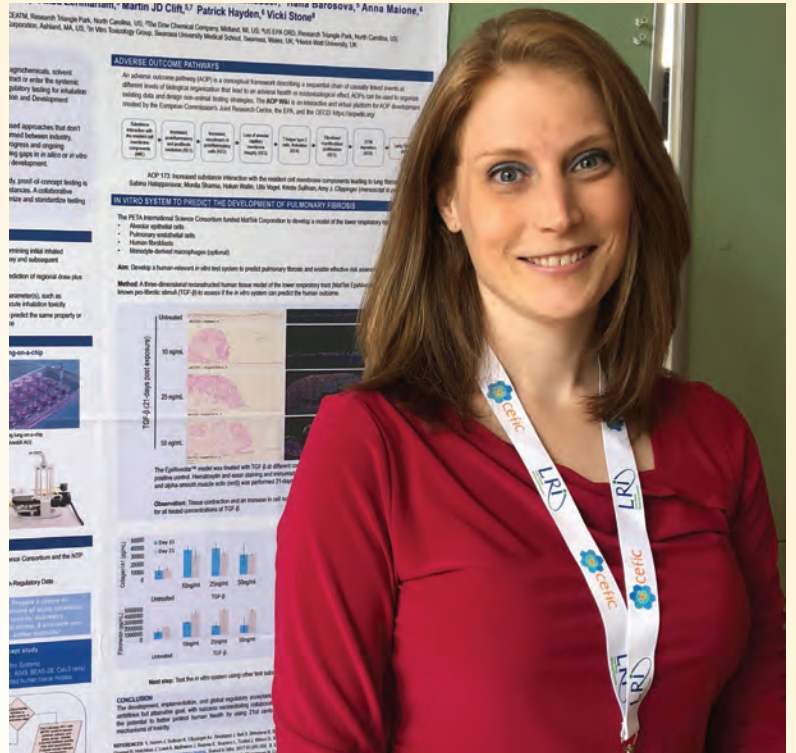
For its work, it has received numerous awards from scientific and other organizations. This recognition has made even more scientists aware of methods to replace tests on animals and led to additional opportunities for collaborative, lifesaving projects.

We look forward to the next 10 years and beyond as the Science Consortium helps transform the outdated toxicity testing paradigm into one that's ethically and scientifically sound and makes the world a safer place for humans and animals. With your help, we're persuading scientists to embrace non-animal test methods and keeping more animals from ever seeing the inside of a laboratory cage.

Meet PETA Staff Member: Dr. Amy Clippinger

Dr. Amy Clippinger is the managing director of PETA’s Regulatory Toxicology Department and the president of PETA Science Consortium International e.V. In her decade-long tenure at PETA, she’s proud to have led a team of 25 scientists into a new era—one in which they collaborate with—and impress—experts who haven’t always taken animal rights issues seriously.

After earning a doctorate in cellular and molecular biology and genetics and completing a postdoctoral fellowship in the cancer biology department of an Ivy League university, she joined PETA. Now, she collaborates with regulatory agencies to promote non-animal toxicity testing—in other words, promoting tests that don’t involve poisoning animals.



Dr. Amy Clippinger poses with her 2022 Society of Toxicology Enhancement of Animal Welfare Award.



Clippinger is not only a well-known expert within PETA, she’s also considered a trailblazer in the scientific community. She was especially honored recently to be presented with the Enhancement of Animal Welfare Award by the Society of Toxicology—the largest toxicology organization in the world, which represents more than 8,000 experts. During her time at PETA, she’s also helped increase the number of Fortune 500 companies that voluntarily meet with us.

Her compassion for animals extends beyond PETA as well, such as in her work rescuing greyhounds. She also rescued Joey, a goat she found tied up outside an auto body shop. She recalls, “I saw Joey from the road. One day, I stopped to ask if I could help, thinking I could drop off straw for him. Instead, the guy asked if I could take him! [He’d] had Joey for years—since he was a baby—but he’d never been socialized or neutered.” Clippinger was able to help move Joey into a sanctuary that cared for him for the rest of his life. Even though she’s making an impact for animals on a larger scale, she demonstrates in her daily life that every act of kindness matters.

PETA's Legacy of Kindness Challenge

This year, a small group of generous PETA donors pooled \$500,000 to create the Legacy of Kindness Challenge fund. They want to ensure that in the decades ahead, we have the resources necessary to rescue animals, shut down entire industries that are based on animal exploitation, empower the next generation of activists, and stamp out speciesism, cruelty, and indifference.

If you aren't already a member of the Augustus Club, you can join the challenge today. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Name PETA as a beneficiary of your will or trust, retirement account, donor-advised fund, or life insurance policy or of another financial account.

Step 2: Share your intentions with us and a few details about the gift you have planned for PETA.

Step 3: Your future gift will unlock an immediate gift of \$1,000 to PETA from the fund!

You can also choose to designate your matching gift to support one of three programs: the Investigations & Rescue Fund, the Global Compassion Fund, or our new Science, Technology, and Innovation Fund.

Even if you're already a member of the Augustus Club, you can still participate in the Legacy of Kindness Challenge in the following ways:

- **Let us know about an additional gift for PETA in your estate plans.** For example, if you already notified us of a gift in your will but have recently added PETA as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement account, your new beneficiary designation will activate a match.
- **Create a life income gift to benefit PETA.** You can establish a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust to create reliable fixed income for yourself while also triggering a matching contribution and creating your own legacy of kindness.

To tell us about your gift or learn more about the Legacy of Kindness Challenge, visit [PETA.org/LegacyChallenge](https://peta.org/LegacyChallenge).



Or scan this code with your smartphone to visit now!



About the Three Funds

Investigations & Rescue Fund

PETA's Investigations & Rescue Fund program exposes cruelty and saves animals from abuse, neglect, and death. PETA U.S. has carried out more undercover investigations than all other animal protection organizations combined.

Global Compassion Fund

PETA's Global Compassion Fund supports rapid-response and relief programs—including providing animal victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, wars, and other crises with urgent veterinary care and supplies—and powers worldwide spay/neuter and animal advocacy campaigns.

Science, Technology, and Innovation Fund

The newly created Science, Technology, and Innovation Fund helps us use game-changing innovations to prevent millions of animals from suffering. With the support of this fund, our scientists will develop and promote the use of more modern, human-relevant research methods that will keep animals out of laboratory cages.

You Are PETA: Bob and Judy Clark, Augustus Club and Vanguard Society Members

Bob and Judy Clark enjoy spending time together traveling the world, staying fit, playing and listening to music, being out in nature, caring for their cats Max and Miss Mew, and supporting animal rights.

“There was a compelling moment in my life which caused me to stop eating animals and pledge my effort to help all animals in whatever way I could,” says Bob. “While I was driving on a highway in Toronto on an extremely cold day, a truck packed with cattle passed me, and I could see that several of them had their tongues and lips frozen to the steel walls of the truck. I could also see the look of pure terror in their faces. That was the turning point for me.”

Both Bob and Judy are dedicated supporters of PETA as members of the Vanguard Society and have made a commitment to our future by becoming part of the Augustus Club.

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“PETA is one of a few animal rights organizations that we feel are well run,” they explain. “PETA’s executives are incredibly knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated to their work.”

Bob and Judy like to direct their annual support toward PETA’s efforts to stop vivisection. They say, “Of all the



horrors to which people subject animals, we believe that using animals for experimentation, safety testing, new drug development, and teaching and training is the most egregious. We greatly admire the work of PETA Science Consortium International. We also strongly support PETA’s Research Modernization Deal, which is now being discussed with regulators and legislators around the world.”

The couple’s passion led them to decide to include a gift to PETA in their estate plans. Bob says, “While we have made some meaningful progress in advancing the rights of animals, it is clear that we will not have accomplished all that is needed before Judy and I are gone. Therefore, it is incumbent on us and on all of those who care about animals to leave money in their wills for animals so that PETA can continue this critically important work.”

Augustus Club and Vanguard Society Members: Leaders in the Movement to End Animal Suffering Now and Into the Future

Augustus was a real monkey whose true story is told in *Free the Animals*, Ingrid's newly released 30th anniversary edition. The **Augustus Club** was created in his honor to recognize the exceptional individuals who make animal protection a part of their legacy by including a gift to PETA in their will or trust or by naming PETA a beneficiary of an IRA or a retirement account, life insurance policy, donor-advised fund, or other financial account. With a deeply meaningful pledge for the future, they give animals the chance to experience life as it was intended: free from abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

If you would like to learn more about the ways in which your legacy can help make a difference for animals, please contact us or visit our website. Our staff is always ready to answer your questions and assist you in creating your legacy.

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The **Vanguard Society** is named after a little rescued dog whose story is also told in *Free the Animals*. It recognizes supporters who are at the leading edge of PETA's vital work to end the suffering, abuse, and neglect of animals. They have turned their compassion into action by generously making an annual gift of \$500 or more in support of all PETA's life-changing efforts in behalf of animals suffering in laboratories, on farms, in the global clothing trade, in circuses, in breeding mills, and anywhere else they're abused, neglected, or mistreated.

To learn more about the Vanguard Society, whose members are at the forefront of the movement for animal rights, please contact us:

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Together, through the power of our Augustus Club and Vanguard Society communities, we can continue to usher in a new world of freedom and respect for all animals and ensure that every animal's voice is heard—now and in the future.

Fixed Income for You With a Gift of Compassion



When you create a charitable gift annuity with PETA, you can make your retirement more secure and provide yourself, a spouse, or a loved one with dependable income for life.

Here's how it works: You make a gift of \$10,000 or more to PETA and receive an immediate income tax deduction for it. And, during the Legacy of Kindness Challenge, your gift will activate an immediate matching contribution of \$1,000. You then receive annual payments in return at a fixed rate—the older you are, the higher your rate will be. After your lifetime, the balance of your gift remains with PETA to help make the world a kinder place for animals.

For more information or to request a personalized illustration of what your payments would be, based on your age and gift amount, visit [PETA.org/Annuity](https://peta.org/Annuity) or contact PETA Vice President of Legacy Gifts Tim Enstice at 757-962-8213 or Legacy@peta.org.

Resources to Help You Get Organized

Gathering all the items you'll need to create or update your estate plan can seem like a daunting task—especially when you already have so much else on your plate. Our workbook *Getting Organized* will help you locate and organize all your important documents, giving you peace of mind and ensuring that your wishes and legacy will be honored.



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