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## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT

LOS ANGELES, CA—A [report released this morning](#) finds that animal welfare violations are widespread and common in laboratories at University of California schools. The report, *A Pattern of Abuse: Animal welfare violations in University of California laboratories, August 2010 - June 2013* tracks federal citations of the Animal Welfare Act over the past three years.

The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) is a federal law that protects some animals used in experiments. Most animals are not protected under this law; as the report highlights, at least 95% of animals used in experiments in the United States (including mice and birds) are excluded from protection under this law. The animals who do receive protection include cats, dogs, rabbits, and nonhuman primates.

According to Anthony Bellotti, Executive Director of the tax fraud watchdog group White Coat Waste, "Right now, Americans are being taxed to pay for wasteful and cruel animal experiments that directly benefit a small handful of UC professors on the big government dole. This new report exposes a disturbing pattern of waste, fraud, and abuse that we're all forced to pay for. For example, why does Washington, D.C. still need to study the effects of crystal meth and alcohol on mice and monkeys at UCLA? As budgets for air traffic controllers are getting slashed in tough economic times, how can we justify government waste like this?"

Despite the fact that the Animal Welfare Act only protects a very small minority of highly valued animals used in universities, UC schools have nevertheless been found to regularly violate even these minimal protections.

### Study highlights:

- In the past three years, there are 28 confirmed violations of the Animal Welfare Act at seven UC campuses.
- UC Davis, UCLA, and UC San Francisco have received the most animal welfare violations from the federal government.
- UCLA received the most violations in this time period and has a history of violations for not allowing inspections of their facilities and failing to perform internal reviews of animal welfare.
- UC Davis was cited for inadequate sanitation and housing for cats and dogs and nonhuman primates.
- There is an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) on each campus to ensure that all animal experiments avoid the use of animals when possible and adhere to the highest welfare standards. However, over half of the citations received by UC schools in the past three years were due to failures of the IACUC to sufficiently perform its mandated duties.
- There is a pattern of citations for a lack of appropriate veterinary care.

According to report author, Dr. Carol Glasser: "The pattern of animal abuse revealed by these citations is particularly disturbing because it represents violations of basic animal welfare to animals that are culturally valued, such as cats, dogs, and monkeys. If these animals are not being given proper veterinary care or sanitary housing, then the treatment of the other 95% of animals used by our state's universities is likely much worse."

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