

Dear Michael & Karen,

I, too, am shocked and saddened by the suffering of innocent animals. This exploitation must be exposed and **ENDED**.



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SAEN uncovers Abuse in Alabama Lab

-- Cruel Deaths revealed in Federal Report



SAEN has uncovered several incidents of lethal carelessness at a private testing lab in Birmingham (AL).

However, the most shocking part of this story is that the deaths had already been reported to the USDA, who did nothing.

Southern Research Institute (SRI) filed a 2009 annual report revealing a significant number of cruel and unnecessary animal deaths. One monkey died with his/her head stuck in a cage, a second died after blood collection, and a third was found dead the morning after a test chemical was administered. Other animals have died at this facility for no apparent reason. Even though this report was filed with the USDA, this regulatory agency took no action against these blatant cases of abuse.

On December 9, 2010, SAEN contacted the Eastern Regional Office of USDA/APHIS/AC to demand an immediate investigation of this facility relevant to potential violations of the Animal Welfare Act for inadequate veterinary care, improper handling of animals, and unqualified personnel. SAEN also contacted the Office of the Inspector General to ascertain why these issues have gone unnoticed and unpunished.

"The documents which we have recently obtained demonstrate that animals have been unnecessarily killed at this facility," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "Since the USDA had these documents in their possession, why hasn't this been addressed?" SAEN's work generated a major story in the ***Birmingham News***, knocking down the lab walls to publicly expose the ugly truth about SRI.

The resulting USDA investigation not only cited SRI for the death of the monkey but also discovered the negligent deaths of several ferrets. We have kept the pressure on SRI by releasing these new findings to the news media, garnering both another story in the ***Birmingham News*** and a major *Associated Press* story which ran in hundreds of media outlets nationally (see SAEN's website for coverage).

Please contact the USDA to insist on immediate action against this facility's fatal negligence.

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