

AnimalNews

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Action Needed on Wisconsin Puppy Mills WI Legislators Consider Introducing New Legislation to Halt Abuses

Thankfully, the subject of puppy mills has been back in public discussion in Wisconsin this year. It all got started when a Milwaukee news station (TMJ4) did a fantastic two-part undercover investigative report about several puppy mills they visited. (The report is available online at www.allanimals.org).

One of the mills profiled in the story is called Puppyhaven, located in Kingston, WI. Puppies from Puppyhaven live covered in their own feces and even chew off each other's tails and feet from stress. They leave Puppyhaven with a myriad of illnesses such as E. coli, kennel cough, worms, and canine herpes.

Another puppy mill shown in the news story was in Amish country. Most Wisconsin residents are not aware that the Amish and Mennonite population in the state is heavily involved in puppy milling. Housed in tiny wooden boxes, puppies are packed into barns and sold with diseases, physical deformities, and the inability to socialize. In addition, they are sold at too young an age.

Why is the problem of puppy mills especially bad in Wisconsin? Because we don't have enough state regulation requiring oversight of these crowded and cruel breeding

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Statewide Vegan Outreach Day 2007

Regional coordinators for the day needed!

Inspired by a similar event held in Minnesota this spring, the Alliance for Animals is planning a day of vegetarian and vegan outreach activity this fall on college campuses around the state.

On April 23, 2007 the Minnesota-based Compassionate Action for Animals sponsored its first-ever College Leafleting Day. Over 55 volunteers around the state and in the Twin Cities handed out over 9,500 of Vegan Outreach's persuasive leaflets.

We'd like to do the same here! Alliance member and supporter Charlie Talbert will be the coordinator for Southeastern Wisconsin and the Milwaukee area, and the Alliance for Animals will coordinate in the south central Wisconsin region. Please contact Charlie if you can help at charlie_talbert@yahoo.com.

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A Letter from the Director...



Dear friends and supporters,

There was interesting news from the United Kingdom recently. In an email leaked from a vegetarian organization, a government agency stated that fighting climate change would be easier if people adopted a vegan diet. The agency additionally noted that the UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is considering recommending eating less meat as one of "key environmental behavior changes" called for in order to save the planet from global warming. However, the government also suggested that the suggestion for such a change would have to be introduced "gently" due to the "risk of alienating the public."

This development comes on the heels of a United Nations report which concluded that "The livestock sector emerges as one of the top two or three most significant contributors to the most serious environmental problems, at every scale from local to global." Add to that the University of Chicago researchers who found that the average American can do more to prevent global warming by giving up meat than by switching to driving a Prius!

Global warming and climate change are clearly very serious problems that all of us will eventually be confronted with on a daily basis. It's a relief to know that a simple dietary change can have such a great impact on our planet's shift in climate.

The Alliance for Animals is gearing up for a day of leafleting this fall to encourage college students to go vegetarian or vegan. We are doing this because we care about the animals who suffer daily in cramped, cruel factory farms...and because we care about our planet. Please join us in this first-ever statewide vegetarian advocacy event by volunteering to leaflet at your local college campus. We need you! You can always contact us at alliance@allanimals.org or 608-257-6333. Call us with ideas, questions, and especially with your willingness to give some time volunteering for the animals and our amazing planet! ❁

In Honor and in Memory of

Thank you to all those who remembered a special person or animal with a donation to the Alliance for Animals. This is a wonderful way to honor someone special and help animals at the same time.

In Memory Of...

- ❁ **Wayne Noller**; donation given by Anita Weckwerth.
- ❁ **Harry Nelson**, from Bernice Oberbeck.
- ❁ **Sundance**, beloved cat of Susan and Neil and Spencer Krebsbach. Donation given by Diane Iverson.
- ❁ **Kiya**, beloved dog of Marsha and Jon Laundrie and children. Donation given by Diane Iverson.
- ❁ **Klicker**, beloved feline companion of Keri Nitzel. Donation given by Lori Nitzel.



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The Alliance for Animals is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit organization advocating for the rights of all non-human animals by campaigning for humane treatment and educating for change. The Alliance for Animals advances its goals through demonstrations, media outreach, conferences, investigations, legislation, and person-to-person contact, as we strive to fundamentally transform how society views and treats all sentient beings.

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WHAT WENT WRONG?

Information on the Pet Food Recall

by Daniel Birk

In an unprecedented pet food recall action, the FDA has pulled 60 million products from shelves across the U.S. since March, in response to thousands of cat and dog deaths. The recalled pet food items are from over six companies and include major name brands from producers like Del Monte, Nestle Purina PetCare Co., Natural Balance, Royal Canine, USA, and Menu Foods.

People have been frantic in reporting over 17,000 complaints about their purchased pet food. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) had received by late April reports of 1,950 cat



deaths and 2,220 dog deaths by kidney failure. Universal Press Syndicate's PetConnection also reported 14,228 illness complaints with 2,334 cat deaths and 2,249 dog deaths. There is no central database to track companion animal diseases in the U.S.

The answer to the mystery as to why so many companion animals were suddenly developing kidney failure came recently from China. Melamine, a protein filler included in the pet foods, was found to be the chief culprit. An industrial plastic filler not intended for human or pet consumption, the additional chemical additive

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Research Risks Public's Health

by Rick Bogle

I became interested in primate research at the University of Wisconsin in 1997 after learning about some of the research at the Oregon and Washington Regional Primate Research Centers. Since then, I have been a fairly close observer of primate research in the United States.

Among the National Institutes of Health's National Primate Research Centers, Wisconsin stands out for a couple of reasons. Harry Harlow started the lab that bears his name, and he was the first director of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, which sits next door. (In April 2002, the *Regional* Primate Research Centers were renamed *National* Primate Research Centers.)

Many people remember Harlow as the scientist associated with the black and white photos of the baby monkeys clinging to a cloth-covered surrogate mother. Harlow was one of the promoters and architects of the country's current system of publicly funded primate research centers. At Wisconsin, primate research seems homegrown.

Wisconsin's setting is unique. The other primate centers are shielded from public view. Yerkes, Oregon, California, New England, Tulane, and Southwest are located on large acreages and more or less impossible to see from the road, while Washington presents itself as a

single door along one of a labyrinth of hallways in the Magnuson Health Sciences Center (once billed as the largest area under one roof in the world.)

Wisconsin is comprised of two buildings immediately next door to a third monkey lab (Harlow) on the edge of campus. A short street bisects the center; it is sometimes possible to see monkeys being carried between the buildings. At Wisconsin, you can see people working at their desks on the ground floor of one building, although the buildings are otherwise nearly windowless.

All of the centers have closets filled with multiple USDA violations and scandal. But here too, Wisconsin is a stand out. Briefly, they lied in writing repeatedly to the county in regard to their use of protected monkeys at the county zoo; a director was involved in an abusive sex scandal with a graduate student; they paid off a veterinarian to keep quiet about the lack of medical care the monkeys were receiving; USDA inspectors discovered many instances of neglect and lack of oversight.

My observation of the industry has led me to realize that much of what they say publicly is a surreal abstraction of the truth and sometimes has little similarity to reality. I now read anything written by those associated with the

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cyranic acid, found in melamine, was forming crystals in animals' kidneys, thereby shutting down the renal system, according to scientists from U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Louise Murray, of the ASPCA Animal Hospital, in testing affected lab animals, stated "there was no normal stone in the cat's kidney. Instead the ureters were completely full of these melamine crystals." Chronic kidney failure was the veterinary diagnosis.

Until this discovery in early May, no one knew why the cheap protein filler, melamine, would be so toxic to pets. The plastic filler contaminant melamine is basically used to make the protein level appear higher in the feed - boosting the price. Melamine comes in wheat gluten, corn gluten and rice gluten from Chinese plants, penetrating the pet food supply.

Stephen Sundlof, FDA chief veterinarian, said he is looking into the Chinese plants that supplied the contaminant as a "manufacturing control issue."

Meanwhile, the FDA announced on April 18 they will put on hold wheat gluten, corn gluten, rice gluten, corn by-products, soy protein, amino acids and protein hydrolysates imports from China.

WHAT STARTED IT?

Menu Foods, of Streetsville, Ontario became an unintended "celebrity company" when they recalled 91 of its pet foods in the U.S. Their lab testing suspected something wrong on Feb. 27, and on March 3 one of the cats in their lab died mysteriously. They switched wheat gluten suppliers after 35 percent of the cats in their lab died from eating the affected food. On

March 16, they finally recalled their products. Why they did not report their finding for a month is a puzzle to observers and is unforgivable for those whose animals died because of their slow response.

The tainted food was on the shelves for three months, while helpless people continued to feed the food to their sick animals, not knowing the culprit. Menu Foods is being sued for negligence, according to the *National Law Journal*.

The media initially announced that the primary contaminated pet food product was of the canned "cuts and



gravy" style. Further tests showed even dry food, such as that produced by Iams Co. could have been tainted with melamine. Pet food products were hurriedly pulled from store shelves.

Early FDA reports showed about fifteen pet deaths. No one had a clue as to what was making companion animals ill.

On March 28, NBC News featured California veterinarian, Paul Pion, who surveyed 30,000 veterinarians on the National Veterinary Network and found that the numbers of pet deaths were much larger than expected. Similarly, on March 21,

PetConnection reported over 600 cases of illness and 200 deaths. By March 31, they jumped to 2,797 pet deaths. Still, although melamine had been found in the food in late March, no one knew for certain what was causing all the animals' disease and death until the early May discovery by the ASPCA labs.

LAWSUITS FILED

Due to the high number of sudden deaths, litigators across the nation are filing class action lawsuits aimed at Menu Foods to recover monetary and emotional losses to the companion animal guardians. The lawsuits are based on Menu Foods not pulling its affected food products before its March 16 recall.

Since most states consider pets as personal property, litigation awards are not expected to be high. Jay Edelson of Blim & Edelson (Chicago) is attempting to recover damages for Dawn Majerczyk, whose 9-year old cat Phoenix had to be euthanized March 17 due to alleged poison from a diet of Special Kitty Select Cuts. "In terms of real world value, that pet really is priceless," Edelson said adding that 150 plaintiffs will be added to the lawsuit.

Bruce Wagman, of the Chicago law firm Schiff Hardin, expects that the emotional argument that animals are special property will help settle the suits. He said that, to date, emotional distress awards related to pets have been won only in Florida and Hawaii. He is hoping to change the existing law that considers animal companions as *property* only. Menu Foods does not admit any legal transgression on their part in the recall.

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*Menu Foods CFO sold stock before pet food recall: less than 3 weeks before pulling its products, CFO Mark Wiens sold 14,000 units of stock, according to *The Globe and Mail*. "Horrible coincidence," he says...*

RENEWED INTEREST IN NATURAL PET FOODS

More natural foods are coming into view in connection with the manufacturing pet food scare. A mid-Michigan pet food maker, Dr. Randy Wysong, has seen his products widely used since the recall. He states that it's cruel to feed the same meal to your pet every day.

An organic variety of proteins and fats and vegetables will better the health of your companion animal, he suggests. Dr. Wysong believes that there are too many fillers in manufactured food that are of little nutritional value and bad for the animal. Natural foods offer safer and more diet-conscious varieties and thus give your animal companion healthier choices. Organics and other food sources such as homemade diets are all an animal guardian can feel confident about at this crucial time.

If the government makes a safe pet food supply a reality, dogs like Pebbles, a Yorkshire Terrier battling kidney failure at Collett Veterinary Clinic in Los Angeles after eating recalled food, will not have to suffer from poisoned food.

"We need to protect the food supply," Caroline Smith, of the Center for Science and Public Interest said. 🐾

Spring Veggie Dinner

Our spring Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction was a HUGE success, with hundreds of people attending and thousands of dollars raised to help Wisconsin's animals. Thank you for your continued support! Please see page 8 for a list of donors to the silent auction. Be sure to thank them when you patronize their businesses! We'll see you at the Fall Dinner on October 20! 🐾



Right: Vegan Spring Garden Cake with Marzipan Vegetables. One of the many foods served at the Spring Vegetarian Dinner on April 21.

4th Annual World's Largest Vegetarian Brat Fest a Huge Success!

On Memorial Day weekend, vegetarian bratwurst lovers from the upper Midwest came together for one glorious day of soy gluttony for the World's Largest Vegetarian Brat Fest! The Veggie Brat Fest, held on the same day as the World's Largest Brat Fest, is Wisconsin's healthy and humane alternative to the annual public gorging of almost 200,000 meat-based brats (that's 120 million calories, by the way) at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Thanks to Turtle Island Foods (www.tofurky.com), who donated 600 brats, and Whole Foods, who donated space, grills, condiments, and staff, the Veggie Brat Fest was a great success. Many attendees tried their first vegetarian brat ever, and were pleasantly surprised to find that Tofurky vegan brats are a delicious substitute to the high fat meat-based brats they were used to. A number of people went in to buy a pack of Tofurky brats from the store after trying one! Next year, we hope to have an even bigger crowd, although this year our 600 brats were gone within four hours. The Vegetarian Brat Fest is a great way to expose people to vegetarian food at no cost to them. We hope to continue the tradition for many years to come! 🐾



ACTIVIST PROFILE: *Amy Burns*

What compelled you to get involved in the animal rights movement/how did you hear about the Alliance?

I discovered animal rights while in college. I had already become a vegetarian, because it felt very wrong to me to eat animals. I was thrilled to find that there was a ‘movement’, and other people who thought like me. I was introduced to the Alliance by Julie Smith. I was a student at UW-Whitewater, and she offered to be a faculty sponsor for the animal rights group I was trying to start there.

What is your current involvement with the Alliance for Animals? Tell us about what you’ve been doing and will be doing for animals here in Madison.

I try to participate in any Alliance events that my schedule accommodates. I occasionally help the organization out with its membership database. I live in Janesville, so I am involved in animal rights activities and protests there as well.

What issue concerns you the most in the fight for animals’ rights? Why?

I am most concerned with the political climate in this country right now. In the 18 years I have been involved with animal rights, I have never experienced this level of political hostility toward the movement. I’m hoping it’s because we are posing much more of a tangible threat than we did years ago, but I fear that we are now so limited, that affecting change will be even slower and less likely than it has been in the past.

Tell us a bit about yourself before you awakened to the suffering of animals.

I have always loved animals and worked to alleviate their suffering, but strangely enough, I did not connect some of my own activities, like eating animals and wearing their skin as contributing to suffering. In retrospect, I find it strange that I always opposed hunting and fishing (which was not a popular stance in my pro-hunting family), but never thought about eating animals. My awakening started out a bit slowly. I had a pet cockatiel and parakeet who really enjoyed their daily baths. While eating chicken one Sunday with my family, I noticed that the chicken smelled just like my birds when they were wet. That was the last time I ate chicken. You would think that would have set

me on the vegetarian pathway, but I was a little slow. It was another Sunday dinner, a couple of months later when I noticed that the ham I was eating was eerily similar in color and texture to pig flesh. I liked pigs, and that realization stuck in my head—I was eating a pig. At this point (finally), I decided to become a vegetarian. From that point on, I have been unable to ignore the suffering of animals.

Besides activism, what do you like to do in your spare time?

I have two girls (7 & 17 yrs), who I am hoping will be the next generation of activists. I homeschool my youngest, so that takes up quite a chunk of my spare time. I am also mom to two dogs, five cats, a rabbit, a guinea pig, and seven birds. Keeping them healthy and happy takes a lot of time and effort from all four human members of our family. Since none of them are in cages, our house is a constant balancing act with lots of doors, gates, and procedures to keep everybody safely in place. I like to read, blog, garden, and spend time with my wonderful friends in the animal rights community. These activities are all considered quite trivial by my cats, so they don’t like to allow me much time for these pursuits.

Do you have any advice for animal rights or other aspiring activists in Wisconsin?

Be active! Wisconsin seems to be full of people who support our ‘causes’, or claim to be vegan/vegetarian/animal rights sympathizers—yet they never participate in any form of activism. Everyone in this country is too busy. None of us has a surplus of time just waiting to be filled; you have to make the time for activism. If you’re not a protest person, then write letters. If you’re not a letter writer, call politicians. If you’re not good with people, get involved in animal transport. There are endless ways that one can contribute to animal rights. We need BODIES. Remember that, while going to a protest on a Saturday may not be convenient or it may cut into your “down” time, it is **never** convenient to be one of the suffering animal victims that we are trying to help! Sitting at home thinking about and hoping for improved circumstances for animals will never bring anything about. You must act!🐾



Congress Passes Tough Legislation Against Animal Fighting

by Clare Bartholomew

On May 3rd of this year President Bush signed into law a bill that places felony penalties on interstate commerce relating to animal fighting activities. The law will help end the transport of fighting animals and fight-related weapons across state lines, as well as halt the export of fighting animals to other countries. Each violation of the federal law may now result in up to three years of jail time and hefty fines of as much as \$250,000.

Despite dog fighting being illegal in every state and cockfighting being legal only in Louisiana, animal fighting is a prevalent underground industry, and a lucrative one to those involved. Animals are bred and trained to be as aggressive as possible toward one another. In the fighting ring, animals maul each other until one or both are unable to continue. It is common for one or both animals to die in the ring, or to die hours or days later from untreated injuries sustained during the fight.

Pit bulls are most commonly used as fighting dogs because it is easy to exploit their intense loyalty and protective nature and use it to promote aggression. It is not uncommon

practice to train them using other animals as live bait. The "bait" can be anything from birds to rabbits to cats to small dogs, which in some cases are stolen pets. Outside of the ring, fighting dogs are barely provided with the basics they need to survive. They live in isolation, unchained only during a fight.

Roosters naturally possess congenital aggression towards other males over territory, but in nature this very rarely leads to serious fights or injury due to the establishment of a pecking order. Roosters bred and trained for cockfighting are intended to be killing machines, and are often given vitamins and steroids to amplify their aggressive tendencies. During a fight, roosters' legs are fitted with sharp steel blades so they may inflict more damage on their opponents. Fatalities are common, as are deep lacerations, broken bones, and eye wounds.

When illegal animal fighting is uncovered by the police, the people involved often escape with little more than a slap on the wrist. However, fighting animals continue to suffer.

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Betsy's Banter

Noise phobias are common in animals, but there is help!

Dear Betsy,

We have a 14-year-old Jack Russell Terrier mix that we recently adopted. Daisy is terrified of thunderstorms. She starts breathing heavily, pants, cries, and is very stressed. What can we do to help her weather these storms?

Her loving companions, Pam & Lucie

Dear Pam & Lucie,

Thanks for your question. Noise phobias are common in animals. The most common fear-evoking noise stimuli are thunder, fireworks, and gunshots. Other factors including changes in atmospheric pressure, changes in illumination, and the presence of olfactory stimuli (e.g., ozone), may be as/more important as sound, especially with thunderstorm phobias.

The following behavior modification techniques are the suggested course of action by Dr. Susan Krebsbach, veterinarian and owner of Creature Counseling, located in Oregon, WI.

First, try to desensitize the animal to the noise. Do this by using audiotape/CD or video (with audio) of a thunderstorm, starting at a very low volume and slowly increasing the volume. Next, retrain the animal to respond to verbal commands and/or



sound/visual cues while hearing the noise. Use rewards to retrain in controlled circumstances. Reward with highly-motivating rewards/treats. By repeatedly associating strong reinforcers such as food with obedience commands such as sit-stay, down-stay, while the fear eliciting stimuli occurs, you should see improvement in behavior.

Do not tell your pet that it is OK when it is not OK, as you do not want to reward undesirable behavior. No abnormally fearful response is OK. If the actual fearful situation should arise during re-training, and your pet responds fearfully, you should go about your business as if nothing is wrong (instead of inadvertently rewarding fearful behavior by trying to comfort your pet). If your pet calms down or is sufficiently distracted, they should be lavishly praised or rewarded. Do not punish your dog--no exceptions. Punishment will only worsen the situation and make the pet more fearful and possibly even aggressive.

In some extreme cases anti-anxiety medications may be helpful. If your pet is profoundly fearful, these drugs may help you implement the above behavior modification techniques. Drugs alone are not the answer. Hope this helps! 🐾

Betsy Munro is the president of the board of directors of the Alliance for Animals, and is also a board member of Dane County Friends of Ferals. E-mail her at bmunro4animals@yahoo.com if you have an animal-related question and she may give you your answer in the next newsletter!

Spring Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction: Another Tremendous Success!

Once again, the generosity of many wonderful businesses and individuals contributed to another successful silent auction at our April Veggie Dinner. *Businesses:* Donating to our popular silent auction is a great way to get your name out to the public. *Customers:* Be sure to patronize these generous establishments and let them know you appreciate their donation to the Alliance for Animals! 🐾

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Next Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction:

Saturday, October 20, 2007

5-8 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Center

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facilities. The most recent attempt at enacting legislation to help curb the abuse and cruelty in puppy mills occurred in 2003-2004. The "Pet Facilities Law," received overwhelming support, with hundreds of contacts made by animal protectionists who called and wrote legislators and attended hearings. However, this legislation was strongly opposed by dog breeders and Republican politicians, and after numerous revisions and committee hearings, the bill died without having reached a vote.

After the TMJ4 news story this year, interest was rekindled and public forums discussing the issue have sprouted up around the state. Throughout the past eight years, the puppy mill effort has been expertly led by Eilene Ribbens Rohde and her Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project (see www.nowisconsinpupmills.com). She continues to lead by doing media interviews and assisting with the forums, so far held in Washington County and Eau Claire.

The good news is that legislators are responding to Wisconsinites' concerns and are considering introducing legislation this year to stop puppy mill abuses. We urgently need everyone to contact their state legislators with their support for laws to regulate and stop puppy mills!

Please call both your Senator and Assemblyperson right away. To find out who your representatives are, please call 1-800-362-9472 or 608-266-9960 or go to the following website: <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/>.

Again, please call as soon as possible! Your comments are essential for the support needed to get this legislation through once and for all. The dogs and puppies suffering in these dirty, cold, and tiny wooden boxes are counting on you! 🐾

Chain Off 2007 Held on June 30 in Madison

As part of the nationwide "Chain Off 2007," organized by the nonprofit group **Dogs Deserve Better** (www.dogsdeservebetter.com), at least ten Madison residents collared and chained themselves to dog houses on Saturday, June 30 from 9-5pm on Madison's east side. Dogs Deserve Better is dedicated to freeing the chained dog, and bringing our 'best friend' into the home and family.

Held near the corners of Atwood Ave., Eastwood Dr., and Division St., 2007 Chain Off activists suffered through a sultry summer day for one purpose: to educate the public about the terribly sad existence for dogs who live their entire lives on the end of a chain or enclosed in a small pen.

Regrettably, Madison and its surrounding communities are home to dogs in this very situation, said Alliance for Animals director Lori Nitzel. "Every week, I get phone calls at the Alliance for Animals from concerned resi-

dents about neglected dogs.

These dogs are either chained up for many hours at a time, or they live their whole lives on a chain or in a small pen. Unfortunately, in



Madison and most of Wisconsin it is still legal to treat a dog like this. Remember – your dog is a social, pack animal. She wants nothing more than to be with you."

Laws against chaining dogs for life are a growing trend in America,



with California passing a law in late 2006 limiting tethering to 3 hours a day, and over 100 cities and counties nationwide winning laws limiting or banning tethering in the past five years. In Wisconsin, only Racine and the town of Linn limit the chaining and tethering of dogs. 🐾

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Wisconsin animal labs with a skepticism born from their history of lying to the public to protect or promote their own interests.

So I was primed to doubt much in the featured article in the UW alumni magazine (*On Wisconsin*) about Yoshiro Kawaoka and his research; especially because he had just made national news by demonstrating that exposure to the reconstituted previously extinct 1918 Spanish flu quickly leads to an agonizing death in monkeys.

The risk associated with the 1918 Spanish flu is unlike the risks associated with any other infectious agent. Let me repeat that: *The risk associated with the 1918 Spanish flu is unlike the risks associated with any other infectious agent.*

When the disease first appeared, the United States government was well prepared for an epidemic. Medical experts knew that disease, at that time in history, accounted for more losses during a time of war than did the fighting itself. As the country geared up to fight the Great War, military doctors and public health experts put procedures in place that they felt would be needed when disease broke out, as they knew it would.

When the first cases showed up, quarantine was almost immediate. But by the time people showed any symptoms, they had been infectious for a few days and had already spread the virus. Pre-planned and vigorous quarantine had little effect on the spread of the disease.

John M. Barry, in his book *The Great Influenza* says:

“Although the influenza pandemic stretched over two years, perhaps two-

thirds of the deaths occurred in a period of twenty-four weeks, and more than half of those deaths occurred in even less time, from mid-September to early December 1918. Influenza killed more people in a year than the Black Death killed in a century; it killed more people in twenty-four weeks than AIDS has killed in twenty-four years.”

Over half of those who died in the 1918 pandemic were in their 20s and 30s, in the prime of their lives.

A 2004 article in *New Scientist*, titled “Experts fear escape of 1918 flu from lab,” describes Kawaoka’s work reconstructing the virus and his transfer of it from a Canadian lab to a lab at UW-Madison where safety precautions for lab workers are less stringent. The article stated, “If [the virus] escaped from a lab today, the death toll could be far higher. ‘The potential implications of an infected lab worker – and spread beyond the lab – are terrifying,’ says D. A. Henderson of the University of Pittsburgh, a leading biosecurity expert.”

Public conversation about the reconstitution of the 1918 Spanish flu should have occurred prior to giving Kawaoka the go-ahead to do so. The UW-Madison recently announced that it will build Kawaoka a more secure lab on campus so that he doesn’t have to take his research elsewhere. Again, public conversation should have occurred prior to the university promising to build him a new more secure lab. Telling the public what *was* done and decided *after the fact* is just more gross arrogance by university officials who seem to believe that their neighbors are too stupid to notice the spin.

The university is generally loath to entertain much public conversation about matters having to do with its

animal experimentation. It is also uninterested in much discussion regarding its research into highly infectious diseases. In this instance, these two controversies — hurting animals and conducting controversial and suspect highly dangerous infectious disease experiments — combine to create a situation that they understandably don’t want to address in depth. 🐾

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Additionally, we are looking for coordinators for all other parts of the state. The job of coordinator will be quite simple, since this is a one-day event; volunteer recruitment and brochure ordering will be the main tasks. And if you’ve never leafleted, we can help you prepare!

Please contact the Alliance at 608-257-6333 or alliance@allanimals.org if you can assist. The actual date of the event will be announced shortly, and will likely be in September or early October. 🐾



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Confiscated fighting dogs, which are often very friendly to people, are almost always euthanized due to their trained aggression toward other animals. Confiscated roosters suffer the same fate. Death is often a fighting animal's only escape from the ring.

The Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act will make it much more difficult for criminals involved in the animal fighting industry to continue their operations, as well as reduce the drug trafficking, illegal gambling, and violence that it parallels.

This important step in the animal rights movement has only come about after years of pressure on the US government to pass legislation against animal fighting. It is a glimmer of hope in the fight for animal rights, a sign that the fight against the exploitation and suffering of animals is worthwhile, and that changes are being made. 🐾

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🐾 **Volunteer Coordinator** (must have a computer and like to receive and respond to email!)

🐾 **Campaign Coordinators** (current needs: Fall Vegan Outreach, Vegetarian Starter Kit Stands)

🐾 **Graphic Designers** (brochure design and web design)

If you would like more information about any of the above opportunities, please contact us! We'd love to hear from you. Either call the office at 608-257-6333 or email us at alliance@allanimals.org. 🐾

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Additionally, our active committees on farm animal cruelty, animal research, and other animal issues meet frequently.

Updated information on committee meetings can be obtained at www.allanimals.org.

Every Tuesday
of each month:

AFA Primate Freedom Project Meetings
6:30-8:00 p.m., 122 State St., 4th floor, Madison

2nd Monday
of each month:

AFA Monthly Membership Meetings
7:00-8:00 p.m., 122 State St., 4th floor, Madison

September 29:

4th Annual Vegan Chili Cook-off
Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave., Madison

October 20:

Fall Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction
5:00-8:00 p.m., Wil-Mar Center, 920 Jenifer St., Madison



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