

National
Association *for*
Biomedical
Research
(NABR)

Sound Public Policy
SCAW 2024

UNITED APPROACH

National Association for Biomedical Research

- 501 (c)(6)
- Founded 1979
- Legislation
- Regulation
- Legal
- Crisis Planning
- Only organization handling all aspects of policy



Foundation for Biomedical Research

- 501 (c)(3)
- Founded 1981
- Communication
- Public Relations
- Public Education
- Crisis Communication

Opposition Assets

Total top players = Over \$1.1 BILLION in total assets

- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (\$508M)
- Humane Society of the United States (\$418.7M)
- Foundation to Support Animal Protection* (\$34.1M)
- American Anti-Vivisection Society (\$33.8M)
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (\$25.1M)
- Animal Welfare Institute (\$19.5M)
- Animal Legal Defense Fund (\$16.8M)
- Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (\$11M)
- National Anti-Vivisection Society (\$10.8M)
- Humane Society Legislative Fund (\$10.5M)
- Beagle Freedom Project (\$3.5M)
- Nonhuman Rights Project (\$3.1M)
- White Coat Waste Project (\$2.2M)
- Humane Society International (\$1.8M)
- Stop Animal Exploitation Now! (\$1.3M)
- Animal Wellness Action (\$1M)
- International Foundation for Ethical Research** (\$.8M)
- Direct Action Everywhere (\$0.3M)

*=PETA's Foundation

**=AAVS and NAVS joint foundation

*Data received from IRS Form 990



Opposition Funding

Total top players = Over \$830,200,000 in annual revenue

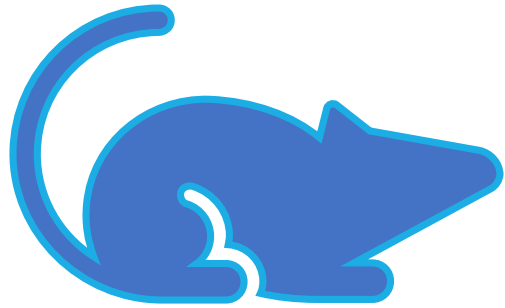
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (**\$389M**)
- Humane Society of the United States (**\$259.5M**)
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (**\$68.2M**)
- Humane Society International (**\$23M**)
- Foundation to Support Animal Protection* (**\$22.9**)
- Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (**\$16.3M**)
- Animal Legal Defense Fund (**\$15.1M**)
- Humane Society Legislative Fund (**\$14.3M**)
- Animal Welfare Institute (**\$7.4M**)
- National Anti-Vivisection Society (**\$3.5M**)
- White Coat Waste Project (**\$3.1M**)
- Beagle Freedom Project (**\$2.6M**)
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- Animal Wellness Action (**\$1.2M**)
- Direct Action Everywhere (**\$0.6M**)
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Threats to Animal Research

Local and State Bills

Federal Legislation

Regulatory Pressure

FY25 Appropriations (Government Funding)

Long-Tailed Macaque Issue

Local and State Initiatives

- Targeting of Breeding Facilities
- Local Ordinances Opposing Animal Research
- MD Bill SB761: licensing and regulations for entities using animals in research
- VA LAW: requires the Virginia Dept. of Agriculture to convene a Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities
- OR LAW: requires OHSU to annually publish online information including the number of primates in the facility and how many were bought or sold, born and used for research or breeding
- Animal Personhood Cases at the State Level



Federal Legislation

118th Congress- Federal Legislation

Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary
H.R. 7248	FDA Modernization Act 3.0	This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a process that supports nonclinical testing methods for drug development that do not involve the use of animals.
H.R.5041/S.2555	Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.
H.R.208	Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2023	This bill revises requirements concerning the sources of dogs and cats used by research facilities.
H.R.574	Protecting Dogs Subjected to Experiments Act	Prohibits any federal funds made available to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to be used for the purposes of conducting biological, medical, or behavioral research involving the testing of dogs.
H.R.1465	Violet's Law	Amends the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the adoption or non-laboratory placement of certain animals used in Federal research, and for other purposes.
S.707/H.R.5244	Animal Freedom from Testing, Experimentation, and Research (AFTER) Act	A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the retirement of certain animals used in Federal research, and for other purposes.
H.R.1788	Goldie's Act	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to increase enforcement with respect to violations of that Act, and for other purposes.
H.R.1624	Puppy Protection Act of 2023	Requires the Department of Agriculture to expand standards that govern the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals to include new requirements for commercial dog dealers.
H.R.2878	CARE Act of 2023	Requires research facilities that use companion dogs, cats, or rabbits for research purposes and receive funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to offer such animals for adoption after completion of such research, and for other purposes.
H.R.1024	HEARTS Act of 2023	Establishes a center within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and requires other activities to promote alternatives to using animals in research and testing.
H.R.3859	Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act	To amend the Animal Welfare Act to increase protections for animals, and for other purposes.
H.R.4757	Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas (CARGO) Act of 2023	To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the National Institutes of Health from awarding any support for an activity or program that uses live animals in research unless the research occurs in the United States
S.2397	Worldwide Animal Testing Compliance and Harmonization Act of 2023 (WATCH)	Requires foreign laboratories to meet the same animal welfare requirements as domestic laboratories to qualify for NIH funds. Foreign labs must submit to quarterly site inspections to ensure their continued compliance with animal welfare requirements
H.R.5020	Accountability in Foreign Animal Research (AFAR) Act	This bill prohibits the National Institutes of Health from conducting or supporting research that involves testing on vertebrate animals in China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other countries determined to be a foreign adversary.



National Association for
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RESEARCH**

Threats to Animal Research (2024)

NABR compiles information on local, state, and federal legislation/government actions that could negatively impact the biomedical research community. Below is a summary of potential threats moving into the 118th Congress as well as individual states' 2024 legislative session. This is a working document that will be updated regularly as threats to biomedical research emerge.

Federal

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- [\(S.2555/H.R.5041\)](#) Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023
 - This bill modifies enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act, including by allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring civil actions against violators of the act for appropriate relief, such as removing animals, revoking violators' licenses, or issuing civil penalties.
- [MOU](#) USDA and DOJ- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, THE USDA OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION ON CIVIL JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
- [\(H.R.208\)](#) To amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally
- [\(H.R.574\)](#) Canines in NIH funded research
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- [\(H.R.1024\)](#) Humane and Existing Alternatives in Research and Testing Sciences Act
- [\(AFAR Act\)](#) Accountability in Foreign Animal Research Act
- [\(CARGO Act\)](#) To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the National Institutes



Federal Legislation

- FDA Modernization Act 3.0
- Better CARE for Animals Act
- PRIMATES Act
- CARE Act (cold-blooded)
- ~~Mace Amendment to House Passed National Defense Authorization Act~~
- HELP PETS Act



Regulatory Issues

- Inspection and Enforcement Actions
- DOJ and USDA Memorandum of Understanding
- Weaponization of FOIA





FY25 Appropriations

- **Support research with animal models** in biomedical research and **correcting false narratives surrounding alternatives**
- Success with **positive NHP language** over the last few cycles
- Fund **national primate research centers** and support research with non-human primates.
- Senate Bill: **\$30 Million**, House Bill \$0
- Reduce **investigator burden** at agencies.
- Reverse FY24 Mil-Con VA language ending animal testing w/ dogs, cats, NHPs at the VA by 2026
- Push back on **redundant** enforcement language impacting USDA

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ADVANCING RESEARCH TOGETHER

Long-Tailed Macaque Issue

- **NABR's Involvement:**
 - Challenged IUCN "Red List" – Partial Victory!
 - Assisted CITES countries with pushback – Victory in Progress!
 - Organized House Oversight Hearing – VICTORY!
 - Opposed PETA's Petition to List LTMs as Endangered under ESA – VICTORY!
 - More fallout from DOJ Indictments – stay tuned
 - Will address more USFWS issues – stay tuned

The Fish and Wildlife Service Gone Wild: Examining Operation Long Tail Liberation

*Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Oversight Hearing*

September 10, 2024, 10:30 am ET



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Robert Kennedy, Jr.

- There is little information to suggest RFK, Jr. intends to promote an animal rights agenda while in office. With a lifelong love of falconry, plus a couple of recent media smears over a dead bear and a whale carcass, it's hard to imagine Kennedy fitting the typical animal rights activist profile. However, this pick is a wild card in more ways than one.



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Dr. Jay Bhattacharya

- Bhattacharya's position on animal research and testing is relatively unknown at this time, but NABR wonders if he hasn't at least toured Stanford's animal labs.



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner (FDA): Dr. Marty Makary

- Little to no information suggesting Dr. Makary intends to pursue an animal rights agenda at FDA, earlier this week White Coat Waste's Justin Goodman expressed pleasure about Makary's nomination in a social media post stating the nominee had previously supported the groups and Rep. Nancy Mace's efforts to "defund dog testing" at the NIH.



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

Centers for Disease Control (CDC): Dr. Dave Weldon

- NABR's review suggests Weldon is not well-loved by the animal rights community. The 2009 Humane Scorecard issued by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), available for the last year Weldon served in Congress, gave him only an 8 out of 100 for their issues.



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

US Department of Agriculture (USDA): Brooke Rollins

- If confirmed, NABR suspects Rollins' deep roots with Texas A&M University, Future Farmers of America, 4H, and her children's cattle shows likely means there will be little room for the animal rights agenda at the USDA.
- Possible exception: dogs in research



Former Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

US Department of Justice (USDA): Pam Bondi

- While she appears not to fall under the category of animal activist, she has suffered at least one media-worthy animal controversy of her own: The St. Bernard
- According to NPR, one of her “main passions has long been dogs and finding homes for rescue animals.”



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): TBD

- Consequential pick for anyone concerned about NHPs in drug development
- As well as ALL research NHPs given activist intent surrounding the Endangered Species Act



NABR Analysis of Executive Nominations

Department of Government Efficiency (D.O.G.E.): Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy

- Developing list of areas to cut federal spending. NIH funding is on the table. Entire agencies are on the table.
- Estimated 441 agencies currently, DOGE stated goal of 99
- Advisory Commission, not an Agency
- Likely to face enormous challenges from the Hill



What Can I Do?

- It is more important than ever to ***work together*** to combat anti-research campaigns.
 - **Engage** with policymakers
 - Opportunities given possible trade war with China
 - **Educate** the movable middle on the benefits of animal research
 - FBR Qual/Quant Analysis on Public Opinion
 - **DONATE:** www.fbresearch.org/give
 - **Use NABR and FBR as your resource!**



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