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The Honorable Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo
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RE: Inhumane and Wasteful Research on Dogs and Cats

Dear Dr. Marrazzo:

We are writing you about ongoing funding by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for inhumane and wasteful research on dogs and cats that was approved and initiated under your predecessor, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and continues under your leadership.

In light of new information contained in this letter, we request that all active NIAID funding for dog and cat research be immediately suspended until NIAID has reviewed dog and cat research approved by Dr. Fauci to identify and eliminate spending on unnecessary projects before any more taxpayer money and animals' lives are wasted.

As you are no doubt aware, Dr. Fauci has been criticized for years by us and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle for funding disturbing experimentation on dogs and cats in the United States and in foreign countries.¹ Records released through the Freedom of Information Act as recently as last month confirm that NIAID and Dr. Fauci intentionally spread baseless misinformation to deceive the press and public about Fauci's funding for dog testing.^{2,3} Finally, this past June, Dr. Fauci admitted to Congress that he personally signed off on painful experiments on dogs and puppies, including widely criticized testing in which dogs had their

¹ Housman, Dylan. "Bipartisan Lawmakers Demand Answers from Fauci on NIAID's Animal Testing Practices." *The Daily Caller*, 21 Oct. 2021, www.dailycaller.com/2021/10/21/bipartisan-letter-anthony-fauci-niaid-animal-testing/.

² Van Natta, Eireann and Housman, Dylan. "White Coat Waste Calls Out Fauci's Beagle Experiments." *The Daily Caller*, 20 Aug. 2024, www.dailycaller.com/2024/08/20/white-coat-waste-anthony-fauci-beagle-gate-dog-experiments/.

³ "NIH Scrambled After ZeroHedge Report on Fauci Beagle Experiments Was Scrubbed from Database, Then Fed Back False Info." *Zero Hedge*, www.zerohedge.com/political/nih-scrambled-after-zerohedge-report-fauci-beagle-experiments-scrubbed-database-then-fed.

vocal cords cut out and were infested with biting flies.^{4,5}

Dr. Fauci and NIAID researchers he funded have admitted that some of their cruel dog and cat research is wasteful and unnecessary. For instance, with Dr. Fauci's approval, NIAID allocated \$1.8 million to test an experimental drug for seasonal allergies on puppies in painful studies. After criticism from taxpayers and Congress, Dr. Fauci admitted that the dog testing he had signed off on was completely unnecessary and the plan was scrapped.⁶ Earlier this year, it was discovered that a \$400,000-plus NIAID-funded grant approved by Dr. Fauci was going to pay for the resurrection of discredited kitten experiments that were ended by the Trump Administration.⁷ Fortunately, that plan was also canceled after it was exposed and the researchers admitted that the deadly cat experiments they proposed were needless.

We continue to learn about many other inhumane dog and cat experiments funded with tax dollars by Dr. Fauci that are still ongoing during your tenure as NIAID's Director. Records obtained through FOIA requests and lawsuits by government watchdog White Coat Waste Project (WCW) have uncovered current Fauci-funded experiments infecting cats with COVID,⁸ infesting discarded hounds with biting flies,⁹ and covering beagle puppies with hundreds of ticks and withholding all pain relief.¹⁰

Through a FOIA lawsuit filed by WCW against NIAID, we have now become aware of an active \$4,199,188 NIAID contract for "maximum tolerated dose" and other toxicity testing on dogs for experimental human drugs.^{11,12} Maximum tolerated dose tests involve exposing dogs to massive amounts of test compounds until they vomit, convulse, and die. The NIAID contract that runs until April 2025 states this repulsive dog testing is "required to support clinical use in humans" but for years the Food and Drug Administration has explicitly stated that it does not require dog

⁴ Slager, Brad. "Dr. Fauci and the Beagles: 2.5 Years Later, RedState Is Vindicated as WaPo Backtracks on His Defense." *RedState*, 17 June 2024, www.redstate.com/bradslager/2024/06/17/dr-fauci-and-the-beagles-25-years-later-redstate-is-vindicated-as-wapo-backtracks-on-his-defense-n2175596.

⁵ Cox, Hannah. "Don't Let Dems Gaslight You—Fauci Absolutely Tortured Beagles." *The Daily Caller*, 5 June 2024, www.dailycaller.com/2024/06/05/cox-fauci-hearing-dog-kitten-torture-experiments-taxpayer-funded/.

⁶ Kredo, Adam. "NIH Nixes Painful Puppy Experiments After Free Beacon Report." *The Washington Free Beacon*, 5 July 2022, <https://freebeacon.com/latest-news/nih-nixes-painful-puppy-experiments-after-free-beacon-report/>.

⁷ Taylor, Scott. "Deadly kitten experiments funded by NIH at UC-Davis halted after White Coat inquiry." *WJLA*, <https://bit.ly/4cIz5Bd>.

⁸ "WCW Investigation Reveals Fauci-Funded COVID Experiments on Cats." *White Coat Waste Project*, 7 June 2024, www.blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2024/06/07/wcw-investigation-reveals-fauci-funded-covid-experiments-on-cats/.

⁹ MacDonald, Cassandra. "EXCLUSIVE: Fauci's NIAID Funding Painful Experiments on Discarded Dogs at the University of Iowa." *Timcast*, 15 Feb. 2023, www.timcast.com/news/exclusive-faucis-niaid-funding-painful-experiments-on-discarded-dogs-at-the-university-of-iowa/.

¹⁰ McKinney, Roger. "White Coat Waste Project Objects to University of Missouri Animal Research Funding." *Columbia Daily Tribune*, 8 Jan. 2024, www.columbiatribune.com/story/news/education/2024/01/08/white-coat-waste-project-objects-university-missouri-animal-research-funding/72118988007/.

¹¹ NIH FOIA Case No. 57648; *White Coat Waste v. DHHS*, Nos. 22-cv-3426

¹² "AWARD TASK ORDER D-04 "TOXICOLOGY SERVICES," *USAspending.gov*, https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_75N93019F00133_7529_75N93018D00001_7529.

testing for human drugs.¹³ Even Dr. Fauci acknowledged to Congress in 2022 that dog use to test the toxicity of human drugs is unnecessary.¹⁴

Dr. Fauci also sent tax dollars to unaccountable animal labs in foreign countries, and not just the Tunisian lab that tortured beagles and the Wuhan lab where experts believe COVID was created.

A 2023 Government Accountability Office audit determined that under Dr. Fauci, NIAID “funded the largest number of foreign animal research projects in fiscal years 2011 through 2021.”¹⁵ The GAO found that, under Fauci, NIAID was responsible for over \$1.8 billion of the \$2.2 billion NIH spent in foreign animal laboratories from 2011-21. The GAO also wrote, “officials at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases...told us that they did not conduct foreign site visits for animal welfare purposes during that period.”

We are alarmed by NIAID’s obfuscation and wasteful spending on unnecessary dog and cat research. In addition to suspending funding for these projects, we request detailed responses to the following:

1. List all active NIAID-funded grants involving dog and cat research that were approved under Dr. Fauci’s leadership
2. List all active NIAID-funded grants involving animal research in foreign countries that were approved under Dr. Fauci’s leadership
3. Is Dr. Fauci still involved in any capacity in any NIAID-funded animal research? If so, please explain.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter. Please abide by all rules and regulations when fulfilling this request.

Sincerely,



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¹³ Taylor, Scott. "Animals Used in Drug Testing at FDA Labs Under Scrutiny." *WJLA*, 11 July 2021, www.wjla.com/features/i-team/animals-drug-testing-fda-labs-animals.

¹⁴ “Beagle Gate Victory: NIH Cancels Fauci’s ‘Runny Nose’ Experiments Following WCW Campaign.” *White Coat Waste Project*, 5 July 2022, <https://blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2022/07/05/beagle-gate-victory-nih-cancels-faucis-runny-nose-experiments-following-wcw-campaign/>.

¹⁵ *U.S. Government Accountability Office*. "Animal Use in Federal Research: Agencies Need to Assess and Report on Their Efforts to Develop and Promote Alternatives." 17 Aug. 2023, www.gao.gov/products/gao-23-105736.



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