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## 401 Animals from the University of Iowa Liberated

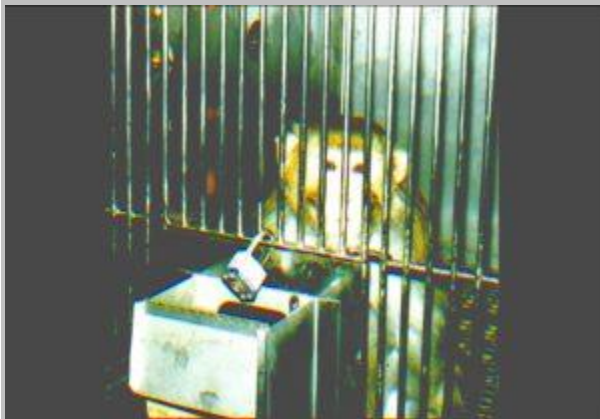
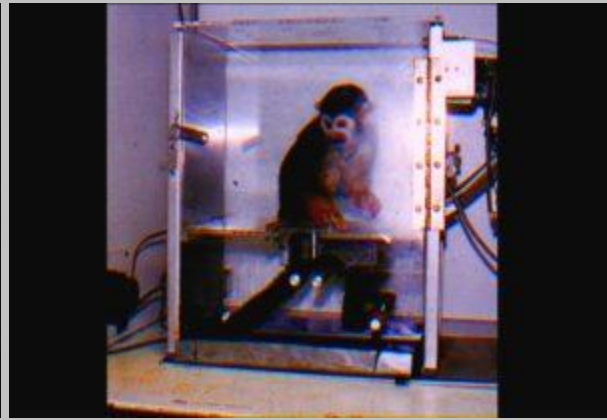
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Communiqué from ALF activists

Date: November 18, 2004

Institution targeted: University of Iowa's Department of Psychology

received anonymously:





These graphic photographs, removed from laboratories during the recent raid on the University of Iowa, have recently been obtained by the Press Office and are available as larger files upon request. Shown are non-human primates used at UI in deprived psychological experiments.

“The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the liberation of 401 animals from the University of Iowa in the early hours of November 14th, 2004. All animals on the third floor of the UI psychology department — 88 mice and 313 rats — were removed, examined and treated by a sympathetic veterinarian, and placed in loving homes.

Additionally, two animal labs and three vivisector’s offices were entered and all contents relating to animal research were destroyed.

These are:

4th Floor – Spence Labs:

Vivisector Ed Wasserman’s lab entered. Dozens of computers and devices used in experiments on live pigeons were destroyed.

Basement – Spence Labs:

Lab of vivisector Mark Blumburg and others entered. Surgical equipment and small animal stereotaxic devices, as well as “shock boxes” and other instruments of torture destroyed.

4th Floor – Seashore Hall

Primate researcher Joshua Rodefer’s office entered. Computer discs, hard drives, paperwork and photos showing Rodefer’s work confining drug addicted primates in small glass boxes

removed. The remaining paperwork detailing his monstrous work addicting primates and rats to narcotics was soaked in acid and the computer destroyed.

#### 1st Floor – Seashore Hall

Primate researcher Amy Poremba's office entered. Computers destroyed, documents removed, and the remainder soaked in acid.

This raid was carried out to halt the barbaric research of the UI Psychology Department's 7 primary animal researchers: Professors Poremba, Freeman, Blumburg, Johnson, Robinson, Rodefer and Wasserman.

This was not thoughtless vandalism but a methodical effort to cripple the UI psychology department's animal research. Only equipment in rooms where animals were confined and tortured were targeted. Only computers belonging to or used in the work of vivisection were destroyed. Only documents of animal researchers were doused in acid. The acid was a deliberately chosen paper dissolving agent. Our goal is total abolition of all animal exploitation. Achieved in the short term by delivering the 401 animals from UI's chamber of hell. And in the extended term by shutting down the labs through the erasing of research and equipment used in the barbaric practice of vivisection. The entire raid was a careful and deliberate 5-pronged assault on UI's animal research.

Behind the laboratory doors we found drug addicted rats, rats subjected to stress experiments involving loud noise, rats undergoing thirst experiments, unanesthetized rats with protruding surgical staples and oozing wounds, and mice and rats affixed with grotesque head implants. Inside the labs of UI's Psych Department, we found a bloody torture chamber showcasing the cruelest whims of our earth's sickest minds. Professors Freeman, Poremba, Rodefer, Johnson, Robinson, Blumburg, and Wasserman are monsters. Tonight 401 animals are spared their reach.

Our deepest sadness is reserved for the animals on the 4th Floor kept from our arms, those we were unable to save, including hundreds of mice and rats, pigeons, guinea pigs, and 8 primates.

No animals were released into the wild. All 401 were placed in comfortable, loving homes.

We acted as operatives not only of compassion, but good science. Animal research is not only cruel but hazardous — as data derived from the animal models is not applicable to humans and therefore dangerous.

Our bypassing of UI's sophisticated, key card-access, 4-walled security system (perimeter, elevator, corridor, animal room) should be interpreted as a two-fold message:

- 1) Our utter seriousness in achieving animal liberation.
- 2) If you torture animals and we not be stopped from liberating them.

On the ears of these monsters who know only profit and blood, who hide behind unjust laws, our breath has been wasted. Justice for the victims of vivisection will be achieved not by the blows of boycott nor protest — but of our sledgehammers to laboratory doors.

Let this message be clear to all who victimize the innocent: We're watching. And by axe, drill, or crowbar — we're coming through your door.

Stop or be stopped.

A.L.F.

Addendum 2.0

Because of the established link between violence towards animals and that towards humans, we offer as a public safety measure the home addresses of UI Psych Dept. vivisectionists:

Mark S Blumburg  
xxx S Summit St  
Iowa City IA  
Spouse: Jo McCarty  
354-7339  
Office: E232 SSH  
Lab: 315 Spence Labs

John H Freeman  
xxx Red Oak Park Rd.  
Tipton IA  
886-1289  
Spouse: Elizabeth Freeman  
Office: E224 SSH  
Lab: 307 Spence Labs

Kim A Johnson  
xxx Bristol Dr  
Iowa City IA  
338-5617  
Spouse: Marlene  
Office: E20 SSH  
Lab: 318 + Basement B13 Spence Labs

Amy Poremba  
xxx Highland Ave  
Iowa City IA  
354-26xx (home)  
319-594-10xx (cell)  
Spouse: Mark  
Office: E124 SSH  
Lab: 4th Floor, Spence Labs

Scott Robinson  
xxx 10th st.  
Coralville IA  
351-9455  
Spouse: Karen  
Office: E234 SSH  
Lab: 317 Biology Building

Joshua Rodefer  
xxx Normandy Dr  
Iowa City IA  
339-98xx (home)  
331-34xx (cell)

Spouse: Pamela Keel  
joshrodefer@myrealbox.com

Edward Wasserman  
xxx Oakes Dr.  
Iowa City IA  
354-9785

Spouse: Mary Losch  
Office: E222 SSH  
Lab: 4th Floor, Spence Labs

Tuyet Nguyen  
(assistant to Rodefer)  
xxx 12th Ave  
Corallville IA  
319-339-78xx (home)  
621-36xx(cell)

Lab Assistants to Rodefer:  
Lindsey Guynn 350-208xx  
Josh Fillinger 319-430-97xx  
Gina Huss 563-299-34xx  
McCabe Kenny 319-431-36xx  
Violet Lucca 319-431-36xx

Lab Assistants to Poremba:  
Imelda 621-30xx  
Bethany 337-82xx  
Christina 708-334-95xx  
Damon 358-29xx”