What is NABR?

NABR guides *public policy* and has served as the voice of humane animal research in Washington for more than 35 years!

- Federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act
- Rats, Mice and Birds
- Overall defense of animal research
The AETA

- AETA enacted in 2006
- Provides law enforcement with tools to combat animal rights extremism
- Fed District Court Challenge, Appeals Court Challenge, SCOTUS request DENIED
- Beat 2 attempts to gut the law at the ABA
Results of the AETA

Number of Illegal Incidents to Date

- 2004: 35
- 2005: 40
- 2006*: 15
- 2007: 10
- 2008: 5
- 2009: 1
- 2010: 1
- 2011: 1
- 2012: 1
- 2013: 1
- 2014: 1

NABR
National Association for Biomedical Research
Our Opposition

➢ More than 250 animal rights organizations in the U.S.

➢ Approximately 20 groups’ mission is to end the use of animals in research
What We’re Up Against

• Politically, the animal rights movement is well-funded, highly vocal, and has large numbers.
  – HSUS: $160 million budget; 11 million members
  – PETA: $37 million budget; 2 million members
  – PCRM: $11 million budget; 9k physicians, 120k lay persons
Regulatory Pressures

• On behalf of members, NABR addresses proposed regulations and policies affecting animal research

• 2 recent regulatory filings at USDA
  – PCRM Petition to USDA to Define “Alternatives”
  – NEAVS Petition on “Ethologically Appropriate Housing” for NHPs
Regulatory Burden

- Regulatory burden has become a problem for basic research.
  - 42% of PI’s time is spent on admin burden, not actual research?

- Opportunity?
- Help us identify the TOP 3 AWA regulations that should be adjusted to make research more efficient.
- Help us quantify the costs.
FOIA: Why You Should Care

• AR groups consistently use federal FOIA and state open records laws as a means to hamper research
• All open records laws are not created equal
• Staff don’t always adhere to best practices
• University counsels don’t always know what tools are available/why they should be used
A Wolf in Beagle’s Clothing

• Beagle Freedom Project (BFP) is a new animal rights, anti-research group masquerading as an animal rescue org.

• After several dogs donated to BFP were used as props in public relations campaigns to vilify animal research, many research organization cut ties with the group.

• BFP-backed state bills typically require any publicly funded university, one receiving tax exempt status, or anyone contracting with one, to offer dogs and cats “no longer needed in research” to an animal rescue organization.

• Legislation signed by governors in MN and NV; CA likely next
Familiar Face, New Tactics

- Founded by Animal Rescue Media Education (ARME), Kevin Chase (a.k.a. Kevin Kjonaas) is BFP’s Vice President.
  - Kjonaas is a convicted felon, prosecuted under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (18 USC § 43) for his role in a lengthy campaign of harassment and threats against researchers, their family members and those who conducted business with research organizations. (See *United States v. Fullmer*, 584 F.3d 132 (3d Cir.2009).

- BFP has launched the “Identity Campaign” to “virtually adopt” lab animals for fundraising and intel.
  - “How You Can Adopt an Animal Imprisoned in a Lab”
  - [www.IdentityCampaign.org](http://www.IdentityCampaign.org)

- BFP uses these adopters to request additional info on their behalf to gain intel on animal research studies.
Some Good News

• NABR worked with stakeholders to improve laws in New York and Florida to better protect researchers from animal rights extremists.

• Florida: personally identifying information of researchers, veterinarians and lab techs is now protected.

• New York: release of any research info that could cause harm to the institution or employees can be redacted.
Keep Fighting the Good Fight

• The research you facilitate is noble.
• We all play a small role in finding cures for the world’s worst diseases.
• You are fighting to help everyone (animals and humans) live a longer, healthier, happier life.
• You owe no one an apology. Stand for what you know is right!
• If your institution is not a NABR member, please join the nearly 370 institutions helping us protect necessary basic research with animal models.
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