

Don't doubt for a minute that we are engaged in an all-out war for the hearts and minds of the American public. The animal research industry is waging a frontal assault on the fragile animal care provisions of the Animal Welfare Act amendments.

This summer, when the USDA invited comments on the laboratory animal regulations that ALDF forced them to publish after three years of stonewalling, the research industry unleashed a chorus of complaints calling the proposed regulations "outrageous" and "too expensive" to implement.

What did these "outrageous" regulations call for?

- Exercise for dogs used in research...
- A ban on solitary confinement of monkeys...
- Minimum standards for primate care and well-being.
- In short: minimum standards for humane treatment of animals.

As I write this, ALDF is back in federal court fighting to enforce the Animal Welfare Act and protect lab animals against the greed of the research industry and the government agencies that aide and abet them.

But this is a battle that cannot be confined to the courts of law. We must also prevail in the court of public opinion, and the halls of Congress.

By joining ALDF today with a membership contribution of as little as \$15, you'll support our three-point JUSTICE FOR LAB ANIMALS CAMPAIGN in the courts, Congress and the arena of public opinion.

In Court, you'll help ALDF sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] to force it to immediately issue regulations that would protect all animals under the Animal Welfare Act.

As I said earlier, we won Congressional approval of these provisions in 1985. But the USDA -- under pressure from the research industry -- has refused to enforce them. We think it's time to give the agency a swift kick in the pants!

In Congress, your membership will help ALDF persuade our elected officials to compel USDA to budget existing appropriations for Animal Welfare Act enforcement.

The funding exists, but in an outrageous bureaucratic slight-of-hand, the USDA refuses to ask for it. Indeed, the agency has cut back its staff of veterinarian lab inspectors to only 42 for the entire country!

In the arena of public opinion, your support will help ALDF spread the word about laboratory animal abuse and the USDA's failure to fight it. We will distribute the enclosed public service ad to magazines and newspapers to help raise public awareness.

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