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Public Policy and Animal Research at Your University

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What is NABR?

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

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



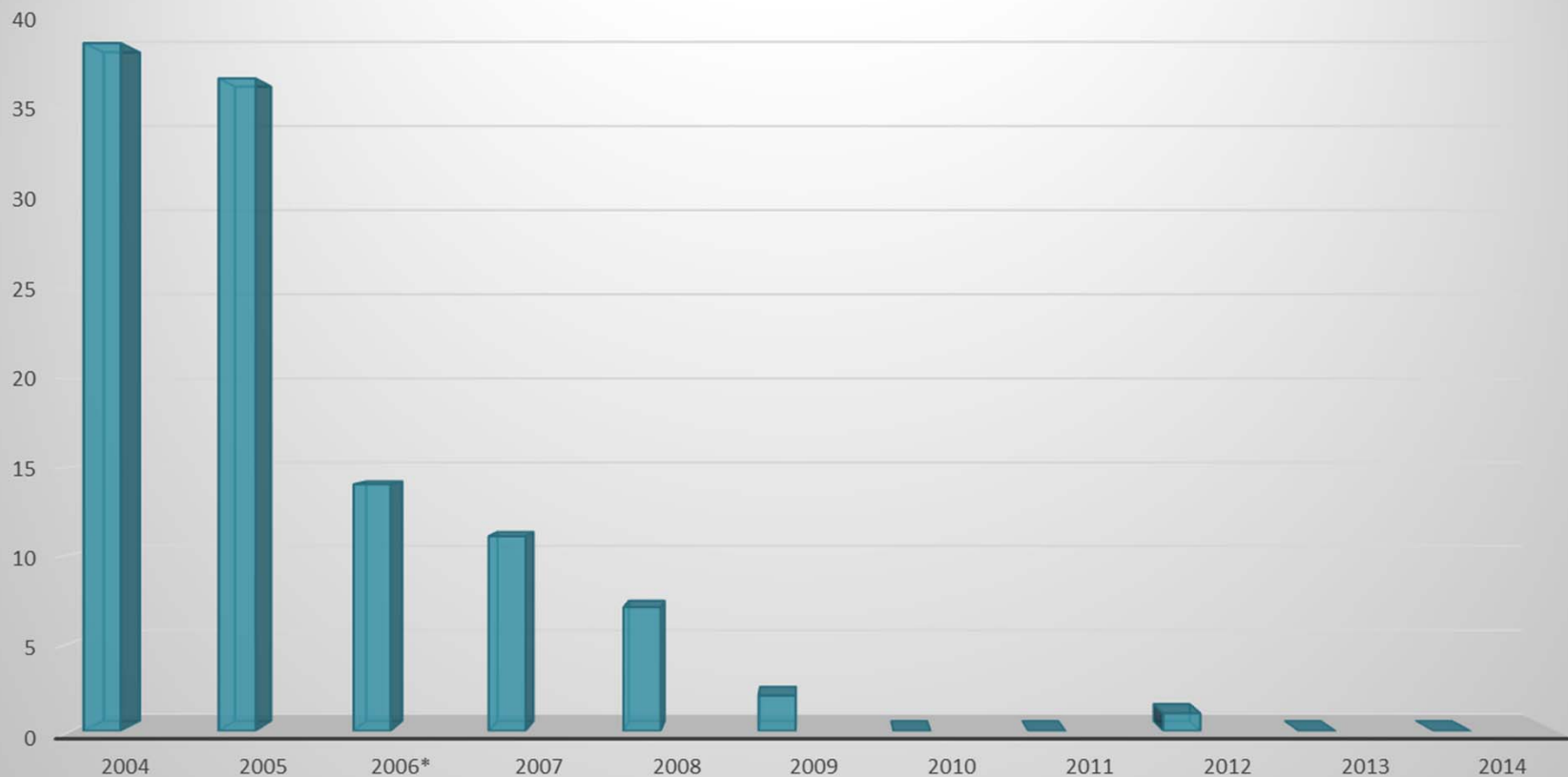
The AETA

- 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



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



Animal Legal
Defense Fund

NEGOTIATION IS OVER!



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**



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Defending Animal Rights Today & Tomorrow

PCRM

PHYSICIANS
COMMITTEE
FOR
RESPONSIBLE
MEDICINE

PETA

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!

S. A. E. N.

"Exposing the truth to wipe out animal experimentation"

Resources and Links

HOW TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS FROM
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



nabr National Association for
Biomedical 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
 - PCRMR 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

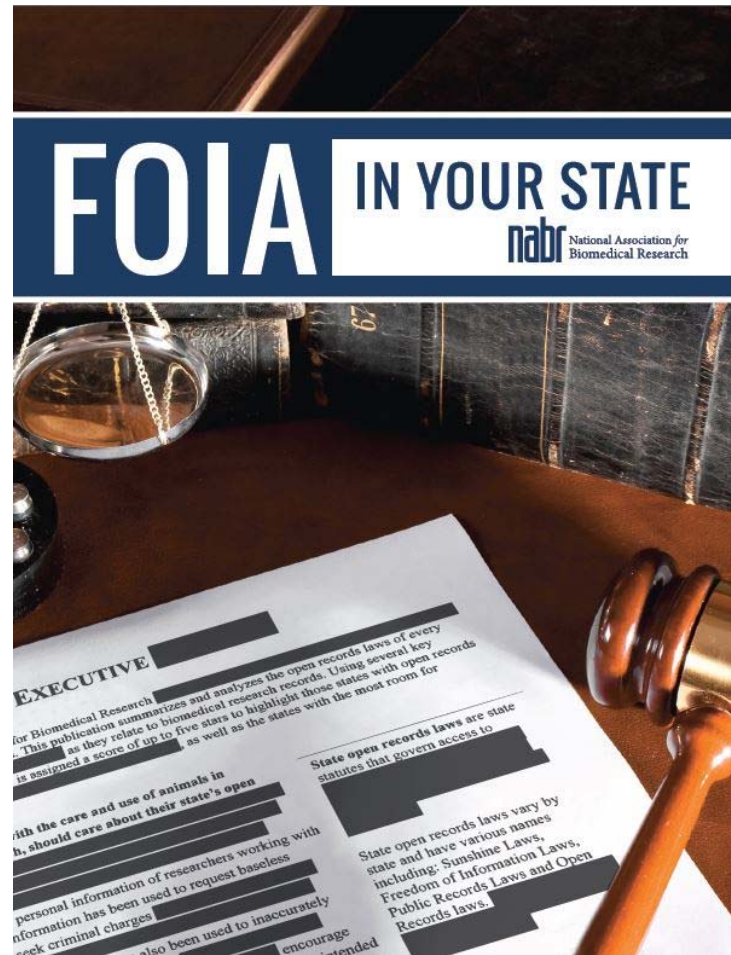
- Beagle Freedom Project (BFP) is a new animal rights, anti-research group masquerading as an animal rescue org.
- After several dogs donated to BFP were used as props in public relations campaigns to vilify animal research, many research organization cut ties with the group.
- BFP-backed state bills 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
- BFP uses these adopters to request additional info on their behalf to gain intel on animal research studies.



NABR's FOIA In Your State



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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