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## LCA Expose Animal Cruelty in ITR Canada Testing Labs



During summer and fall of 2016, Last Chance for Animals (LCA) conducted an investigation at ITR Canada Ltd., a contract toxicology research facility in the suburbs of Montreal, Quebec that performs laboratory studies on beagle dogs, mini-pigs, and macaque monkeys. Throughout the investigation, LCA documented an ongoing pattern of animal abuse and neglect in clear violation of provincial animal protection laws and animal testing guidelines.



LCA's investigation revealed:

- Animals thrown, slammed, suspended by their ears or limbs, and struck with such force that the impact can be heard on the investigator's recording;
- Open wounds and swollen infections left untreated or inadequately treated;
- Animals subjected to painful and distressing procedures in full view of other animals;
- Beagles and macaques denied any chance of socialization with humans or other animals, and further denied any opportunity to exercise, in some instances for the duration of a nine-month study (at the end of which the animals were killed);
- Macaques denied access to sufficient drinking water;
- Technicians instructed not to take note of hair loss in macaques, despite the hair loss resulting from repetitive behaviors developed through the stress of confinement, and despite guidelines requiring that behavioral well-being indicators be measured;
- Inadequate housing where animals were confined without appropriate bedding or a dry, flat area to rest; where animals were exposed to constant loud noises and harmful levels of gasses due to the build-up of urine and feces behind their cages; and where animals risked being caught in the cages' wire grilling;
- Beagles unable to ever fully turn around because they were constantly tethered with a catheter inserted between their shoulder blades;
- An anecdotal instance of a macaque left unsupervised while restrained in an inhalation device and subsequently suffocating to death. ‘



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