

August 19, 1999

Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
1220 Capitol Court
Madison, WI 53715-1299

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate any information you can give me on a Rhesus Macaque Monkey #R80072-F who is in your care. This monkey was born on April 28, 1980.

Is this monkey still alive? Can you tell me for what purpose this monkey is being used? Is this monkey caged alone or, hopefully, is there a companion? What are the future plans for this poor soul? I would appreciate any information you can give me. I would hope that this monkey has always been treated humanely.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

Sincerely,

Kathy Coulter



[REDACTED]
August 6, 1999

Dr. Joseph Kemnitz
Director of Wisconsin Regional Primate
Research Center

Re: R97065, Female Rhesus Macaque

Dear Dr. Kemnitz:

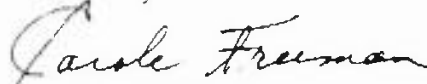
I am writing to request information on the above monkey at your Research Center. Please let me know the following:

1. Is this monkey still alive
2. How is this monkey being used
3. Is this monkey caged alone or does she have a companion
4. What are the future plans for this monkey

Please contact me at the above address if there are any changes in the status of this monkey.

Thank you for your prompt reply to this request.

Sincerely,


Carole Freeman

cc: Dave Sweifel, Editor
Capitol Times Newspaper

From: [REDACTED]
Date sent: Fri, 6 Aug 1999 23:07:20 EDT
Subject: Primates held at Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Pattie
[REDACTED]

August 6, 1999.
For the attention of:
Dr Joseph Kennitz
Director
Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center

Dear Dr. Kennitz,

I am an animal activist, who wears a primate freedom tag permanently around my neck, inscribed with the registration with a monkey which is, or was at some point, a resident of WRPRC.

The identification number on my tag is:

RHA095-M
RHESUS MAQUAQUE
3-AUG-89 WRPRC

I would very much like to know more about my monkey - if, indeed, he is still alive and resident at the center. I do not wish to receive your standard 'form' mailing; what I would like is to know specifically about my own monkey, and receive information pertaining specifically to him. He is/was an individual, and deserves treating as such. He also deserves to experience a full and enjoyable life, and not to be cooped up in some tiny cage, waiting for human beings to decide upon his fate.

I await your response.

Susan Pattie.

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
Attn: Joseph Kemnitz
1220 Capitol Court
Madison, WI 53715-1299

Hello Mr. Joseph Kemnitz,

I am sending you a copy of the first status inquiry letter that I sent on May 22, 1999; concerning a monkey I am sponsoring. I received literally no response to my first letter and am concerned, due to your centers lack of communication. This is my SECOND REQUEST for information concerning this particular monkey.

SPECIES: RHESUS MACAQUE

SERIAL #: R80150

GENDER: MALE

DATE OF BIRTH: SEPT. 7, 1980

I am interested to know the following:

- A. Is this monkey still alive now? What is the current condition of this animal, if alive?
- B. How is this monkey being used? In what procedures and for how long?
- C. What is the hopeful outcome of these procedures; i.e. what is being accomplished by the research being done on this specimen?
- D. Is the monkey caged alone? If yes, is this to benefit the research or due to aggressive behavior? If no, is there a companion/ **If** a companion is present, is this to benefit the research project or for the animals beneficial interaction?
- E. What are long and short term future plans for this monkey?

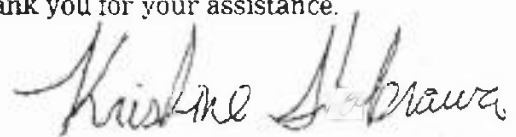
- F. If the research reaches a point of being futile, unproductive, or complete, will this specimen be caged and retired to die of natural causes or euthanized? If retired, what are the surroundings in which it will be housed?

- G. Given the option, could this monkey be "retired" safely or is euthanization the only reasonable option due to extreme negative behavior, disfigurement, health risks, or other?

- H. Is it possible to send me a photo of this specimen?

Please have WRPRC contact me with any changes to the status of this monkey.

Thank you for your assistance.



Kristine Stabrawa

cc: The Capital Times

Rosanne L. Tarantolo



May 28, 1999

Wisconsin Regional Primate Center
1220 Capital Court
Madison, WI 53715-1299

Greetings:

On February 13th of this year I sent you a letter requesting information on the condition and status of one of your research primates: rhesus macaque, #R80150-male, DOB 7 September 1980. I requested that you inform me as to the nature of the research you have involved him in and if he was living or had been killed in the research.

I have no idea as to why you are not answering my questions. Please do so as soon as possible. The three months that have passed are more than reasonably needed for you to access your database and files.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Rosanne Tarantolo

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosanne Tarantolo".

Copies:

Dr. Harold Varmus, NIH Director
Governor Tommy Thompson

8-2-99 NO RESPONSE TO THIS
LETTER HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

Dr. Joseph Kramnitz - Director
Jackson Regional Primate Center

Dear Dr. Kramnitz,


My name is Kayla Schramm and I'm 11 years old. I'm writing to you about my female rhesus macaque who I named Angel. Her serial number is R92098 and Angel's birthday is October 12, 1992.

Is Angel still alive, how is she being used? Is Angel all alone in a cage or does she have a friend? If Angel has a friend, I want to name him or her Pat. What are you going to do to Angel in the future?

I am someone who loves Angel and will always care what happens to her. I hope someday Angel can live in peace with others of her kind in a sanctuary free from pain.

Please answer these questions and tell me of any changes. I wrote you before and you never wrote me back.

Sincerely,
Kayla Schramm



August 5, 1999

Mr. Joseph Kemnitz
Director, Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Kemnitz:

As Christians and taxpayers for many, many years, we are very concerned about experimentation using primates. At the Wisconsin Region Primate Research Center, behind locked doors and great secrecy, primates are used in a variety of ways that are extremely questionable. They are questionable in that the experiments hurt the primates, may be unnecessary, and may cause the human experimenters to become callous and to lack sympathy and empathy toward the suffering inflicted on the imprisoned primates.

If what is being done to primates to help people, why is it that the people cannot know of this? Taxpayers should know where their hard-earned dollars are going and for what. Instead, we are told to shut up and let the animal committees and experimenters decide. This is not right, ethical or fiscally prudent.

As sponsors of a Rhesus Macaque primate, #R97110-F, born on December 2, 1997, and is incarcerated at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Center in Madison, Wisconsin, we want to know:

1. Is this female primate still alive?
2. How is this female primate being used and by whom?
3. Is this female primate caged alone or is there a companion?
4. What are the future plans for this female primate?
5. What will happen to this female primate's body when she can longer be used for experimentation?

Since you are using our tax dollars, we want to hear from you regarding these questions, because they are very important to us.

Sincerely,

Peter Stas P.E.
Barbara Stas
Peter and Barbara Stas



[REDACTED]
August 6, 1999

Dr. Joseph Kemnitz
Director of Wisconsin Regional Primate
Research Center

Re: R97065, Female Rhesus Macaque


Dear Dr. Kemnitz:

I am writing to request information on the above monkey at your Research Center. Please let me know the following:

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4. What are the future plans for this monkey

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Thank you for your prompt reply to this request.

Sincerely,

Carole Freeman

cc: Dave Sweifel, Editor
Capitol Times Newspaper

Patricia Wright



January 5, 2000

Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
1220 Capitol Court
Madison, WI 53715-1299

RE: SERIAL NO. R95046-M
SPECIES: RHESUS MACAQUE
DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 19, 1995

To whom it may concern:

Several months ago, I sent you a letter requesting information on the primate listed above. I am aware that this monkey is being held at the Wisconsin center. As I stated in previous correspondence, I am very concerned about the welfare of this monkey and would like to inquire about him. I would appreciate if you would please answer the following questions for me. A response to the address listed at the top of this letter would be greatly appreciated. The questions are as follows:

1. Is this monkey still alive?
2. How is this monkey being used?
3. Is this monkey caged alone, or is there a companion with him?
4. What are the future plans for this monkey?

Any kind of cruelty is wrong and the research being conducted in the NIH funded primate laboratories is unquestionably cruel. It is my purpose to give the victim noted above representation. My desire is to see all harmful experimentation on nonhuman primates ended. Being kept in captivity is lonely and highly stressful for any animal, especially primates. Companionship is extremely important for any species. Monkeys are very social creatures and companionship is a vital part of their existence. In the wild they live in very social groups, interacting much like humans do. If this monkey is being kept alone, I urge your facility to please show some compassion and provide him with a companion. In addition, I would ask that you please contact me of any change in the status of this monkey. Thank you for time concerning this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia M. Wright".

Patricia M. Wright

c: Honorable Senator Frank Lautenberg
Honorable Senator Robert Torricelli
Honorable Representative Robert Andrews
Coalition to End Primate Experimentation ("CEPE").

[REDACTED]
April 4, 1999

Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
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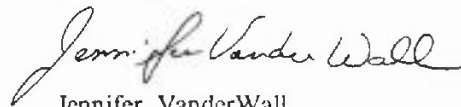
Dear WPRC Staffperson:

I am wearing an ID tag as a reminder of the plight of one of the animals being held at your institution (Rhesus macaque, # R90085-F, dob 2-Jul-90). Obviously, my end goal is to see this monkey transferred to a primate sanctuary where s/he can have a more normal life, appropriate for one of his/her species. In the interim, I would like some information on her/his condition.

What type of experiment is this monkey being used for? Is s/he living alone, or does s/he have others of his/her kind for companionship? What will her/his ultimate fate be, once this experiment is over? I would appreciate you keeping me aware of the status and health of this animal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jennifer VanderWall

From: [REDACTED]
Date sent: Wed, 4 Aug 1999 19:50:16 EDT
Subject: freedom Tags
To: [REDACTED]

Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
(WRPRC)
1220 Capital Court
Madison, WI 53715-1299

I'm looking for information about a monkey that you have in your research lab. She is a female Rhesus Macaque monkey she was born August 5, 1989 her serial number is R89122. I would like any information that you have about her. I would like to know if she is still alive and what kind of research is she being used for? Is she in a cage by her self or are there other monkey(s) with her? What are the future plans for her? I would also please contact me if there are any changes in the status of this monkey.

Thank you for your time,
Kate Gill

Kate Gill
[REDACTED]

Date sent: Thu, 5 Aug 1999 17:16:09 -0500
To: [REDACTED]
From: Suzanna Hermans [REDACTED]
Subject: letter to WRPRC [REDACTED]

Here's my letter:

Dr. Kemnitz,

I would like to be sent information about the status of the Rhesus Macaque #R89107-M at your research center.

Please also release this macaque to a primate sanctuary. It is 10 years old and deserves to live out the rest of it's life in peace and happiness.

Thank you,

Suzanna Hermans [REDACTED] "The greatness of a nation
[REDACTED]'s moral progress can
[REDACTED] be judged by the way it's
[REDACTED] animals are treated."

Dr. Joseph Kremnitz – Director
Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center
1220 Capitol Court
Madison, WI 5375-1299

August 6, 1999

Dear Dr. Kremnitz,

I am writing you to inquire about a female Rhesus Macaque that is held captive at WRPC. Her serial number is R87091-F and her date of birth is August 1, 1987. I am wearing a Freedom Tag from CEPE and I applaud their efforts to educate the public about the plight of primates used in research. When speaking about R8709-F, I would prefer to call her by name, which is Kayla. I have named her Kayla, after my daughter, who was born in 1987 as well.

I have been following the problems at WRPC since the escapade with the Henry Vilas Park monkeys. I am concerned about what experiments Kayla has had to endure. Would you inform me of the experiments Kayla has endured? What plans you have for her in the future? Also, is Kayla alone in a cage or does she have a cellmate?

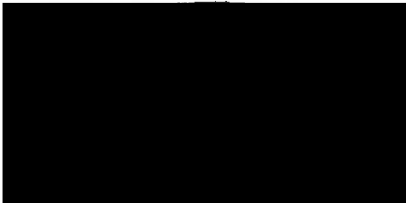
Dr. Kremnitz, it is my greatest hope that Kayla can be released to a safe sanctuary so she can live the remainder of her life in peace. Kayla starves for something she will never-ever be able to enjoy at WRPC – her freedom. Her life has been stolen from her but at a sanctuary, she will at least be able to be with her own species and see the sun rise and set.

I look forward to hearing from you about Kayla. Information about her is of paramount importance to me. Thank you in advance, for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Saucy Shirley

Cassandra "Saucy" Shirley



From: Jordana Lenon <jlenon@primate.wisc.edu>
To: MBDOC@email.msn.com <MBDOC@email.msn.com>
Cc: jacobsen@primate.wisc.edu <jacobsen@primate.wisc.edu>
Date: Thursday, September 02, 1999 3:12 PM
Subject: tags

Dear "MBDOC@email.msn.com" (Sorry, I didn't get your name):

Read

We are not responding to individual "Primate Freedom Tag" inquiries with the information requested as these tags are being sold by individuals responsible for or condoning animal rights demonstrations that recently resulted in unfortunate illegal activity and damage to our center. We have no interest in catering to the specific requests and demands of such individuals or to those who support them; demands either for public forums, which have not proved productive in the past, or for further, redundant accountability regarding the status of individual monkeys, when these animals already have numerous competent animal care staff, veterinarians, compassionate researchers, campus care and use committees, and federal animal care officials assuring their proper use and care under the Federal Animal Welfare Act. Many people have chosen careers in animal welfare and are making a difference in how animals are treated, from day to day, and year to year.

I sincerely respect your interest in all our monkeys, if that be the case, and in our animal care policies and the research we conduct. Please don't hesitate to give me your phone number and I'll give you a call, or please contact me at the telephone number below. Our Web site also has detailed information about our research and animal care. I can direct you to specific sites. We also have public reporting requirements set by the National Institutes of Health, and you can request an annual report from the NIH if you are interested in specifics, number of animals used, pathology reports, etc. We have already produced plenty of informative, comprehensive documents for public accountability purposes and are happy to share them.

Public access to our animal housing areas is restricted. The animals know and trust their caretakers, but too many strangers in the animal areas can stress the monkeys, affect their health, and impede both animal care activities and research data collection. In addition, rhesus monkeys and humans can carry illnesses that, while often dormant or easily treatable in the carrier, can be extremely dangerous or even fatal if contracted by the other species. Our center veterinarians and animal caretakers are highly trained to prevent both themselves and the monkeys from transmitting such diseases.

Sincerely,

11/21/99

From: Jordana Lenon <jlenon@primate.wisc.edu>
To: mb doc <MBDOC@email.msn.com>
Date: Monday, November 15, 1999 10:50 AM
Subject: Re:

>jordana,
>we sent an e-mail quite some time ago inquiring about our little boy
>#r90118-m born sept. 1 1990 his name is Freedom. we would like to know
>how he is and what's being done to him. why has no one responded to our
>first e-mail? it makes one wonder if there is something to hide.

Nothing to hide about how we care for our monkeys--please call me and I'll tell you all about our animal care and research. Also, we have some new fact sheets about animal care that I will soon be putting up on our Web site to answer frequently asked questions about our monkeys. But we are not in the "adopt an animal" business and there are potential legal issues regarding Primate Freedom tag requests and other requests for specific information about individual monkeys. We've turned these requests over to University of Wisconsin-Madison Legal Dept.

Read

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*Lynn Pauly,
As per my E-mail to you, these
are the responses I've gotten to
my inquires on my little
guy. Shame on these people,
they have a lot to answer for.
What can we do to get answers
& change things?
Sincerely,
Karu Tangora*

Jordana Lenon

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