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Congressional Update

Last week, Speaker Pelosi called the House back into session to vote on the Senate approved FY2022 budget resolution. The \$3.5 trillion [budget resolution](#) passed the House by a vote of 220-212. The approved budget resolution sets the stage for congressional committees to craft legislation based on their top-line spending levels. The House and Senate are scheduled to return from summer recess mid-September and are expected to submit legislation by September 15.

A History of U.S. Animal Welfare Oversight: Brought to you by NIH's OLAW

On September 24 from 2-5PM Eastern, OLAW is hosting an online panel discussion about the history of U.S. Animal Welfare Oversight. NABR strongly encourages your attendance at this [free Zoom meeting](#). Understanding the history of research animal welfare oversight is not only critical to regulatory compliance, but also to the development of sound public policy in the future. Distinguished panelists include:

- Patricia A. Brown, VMD, MS, DACLAM, ICARE faculty, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, NIH
- B. Taylor Bennett, DVM, PhD, DACLAM, DACAW, Management Consultant
- Jerry Collins, PhD, (Ret) Yale University School of Medicine
- Ron Dehaven, DVM, MBA, Dehaven Veterinary Solutions, (Ret) USDA, AVMA
- Betty Goldentyer, DVM, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care
- Nelson Garnett, DVM, DACLAM, (Ret) Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, NIH
- Charlie McCarthy, PhD (Ret) Office of Protection from Research Risks, NIH assisted by Amy (Kuei-Lan) Chuang, MS, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Carolyn McKinnie, DVM, ICARE Faculty, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care
- John Miller, DVM, DACLAM, (Ret) Office of Protection from Research Risks, Animal Welfare Division, NIH; AAALAC
- Prentice, Ernie, PhD, ICARE Faculty, (Ret) University of Nebraska
- Susan Brust Silk, MS, ICARE Faculty, (Ret) Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, NIH
- Robert Whitney, DVM, MS, DACLAM, (Ret) RADM, USPHS (will participate in writing

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APHIS has a New Online Process for Licenses and Registrations

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is now accepting online applications for licenses and registrations under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The application process has become more user-friendly and revised as part of "APHIS' commitment to improve customer experience by reducing regulatory burden and offering intuitive, user-friendly digital experiences."

For more information, visit <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/9-sa-04-registration-assistant/9vq1f/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbZQwHnLU7umAnccttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>. To help determine your license and registration needs under AWA, check out <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/LRAssistant-s-/9vq1h/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbZQwHnLU7umAnccttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>.

NIAID Explains the Important Role of Mice, Hamsters, and Monkeys in COVID-19 Vaccine Developments

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease at NIH [reported](#) on its website how the agency's decades-long support helped to develop a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. The agency acknowledged that animal studies will continue to be essential in providing vital information as new SARS-COV-2 variants emerge. Before a vaccine can be tested in humans, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires a vaccine to be tested in animals to ensure safety and effectiveness.

Mice are typically used as they have a well-characterized immune system, defined genome, and rapid reproduction process. By generating mice that expressed the human ACE2 protein, researchers were able to gain insight on information surrounding COVID-19 symptoms and its disease course. Syrian hamsters also are an important animal model used in COVID-19 research

as researchers noticed how older male hamsters developed the disease more severely than young female hamsters. These hamster models have allowed for the further evaluation of investigational COVID-19 vaccine candidates, immunotherapies, and antiviral drugs.

The use of nonhuman primates in the development of a COVID-19 vaccine helped provide advantages for clinical translation. Nonhuman primates are genetically more similar to humans than mice. The similarities in innate immune responses and B- and T-cell repertoires allowed for the use of clinically relevant vaccine doses.

Check out the full report: <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/a-covid-19-vaccine-development/9vq1k/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAnccttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>

ANIMAL EXTREMIST NEWS

DxE Animal Rights Activists Charged for Allegedly Stealing Beagles from Animal Facility

More than 4 years ago, three beagles from a Ridgland Farms animal testing and breeding facility located in Blue Mounds were stolen. This past Wednesday, animal rights activists from out of state were charged for allegedly stealing these beagles, who are valued at \$3,600. The three activists, who are a part of the animal rights group Direct Action Everywhere (DxE) are facing felony theft and burglary charges.

DxE shared a [video](#) and multiple social media posts where they characterized the theft as a “rescue” and displayed the three activists removing the three beagles from Ridgland Farm’s facility. One of the activists shared on Facebook that *“these poor dogs all wanted to be rescued from this life of exploitation. We rescued Julie and two others (beagles) and if anyone on the outside treated them like (Ridgland) Farm did, they would face charges of criminal animal abuse.”*

For more information, visit <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/e7-5f24-9dba-dd1bf20e789d-html/9vq1p/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAnccttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>.

Google Bans White Coat Waste Project Ads that Criticize NIAID-Funded Dog Testing

Last week, the animal rights group White Coat Water Project (WCW) released several Google ads that discuss Dr. Anthony Fauci “*wasting \$424,000 to pay for unnecessary and cruel parasite experiments on beagles.*” Shortly after, the posts were removed by Google and the WCW account has been suspended. No explanation has yet to be released by Google.

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Michigan Lawmakers Send Letter Urging Wayne State University to End Dog Testing

On National Dog Day, a group of Michigan lawmakers sent a letter to Wayne State University in Detroit, urging the university to end biomedical research using canine models. This anti-research campaign coincides with a [bill](#) introduced in June by Senator Wojno “*that would prohibit publicly funded institutions from conducting inhumane experiments on dogs.*” State Rep. Koleszar plans to introduce a similar resolution in September to highlight this effort, which is being backed by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

NABR will continue to update members as we push back against this anti-research campaign.

The letter can be accessed here: <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/download-file-514-0/9vq1t/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAncctdhZTnXNTJkY71m8>.

The Detroit Metro Times article can be seen here: <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/etroits-wayne-state-university/9vq1w/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAncctdhZTnXNTJkY71m8>

Senator Wojno’s Press Release can be seen here: <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/-end-inhumane-dog-experiments-/9vq1y/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAncctdhZTnXNTJkY71m8>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apply for NIH’s Applicant Assistance Program!

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Applicant Assistance Program (AAP) is offering gratis support for for-profit companies *“that are planning to apply for a Phase I NIH Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) award.”* AAP is available to all entrepreneurs planning to develop innovative technology ideas in the health care space. Potential applicants have not previously received NIH SBIR or STTR grants.

Applications are due on Sept. 22, 2021. For more information, a Q&A webinar will be held on Sept. 8. Register for webinar at

<http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/3ksemZl/9vq21/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAncttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>.

The application can be accessed here <http://go.pardot.com/e/858023/gistration-application-packets/9vq23/271265926?h=ubTqqQ4eDCNbzQwHnLU7umAncttdhnZTnXNTJkY71m8>.