

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 24, 2021

Dr. Anthony Fauci
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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Dear Dr. Fauci:

We are troubled about reports of expensive, deadly and apparently unnecessary taxpayer-funded experiments on dogs commissioned by NIAID.

According to a recent watchdog report and related media coverage, NIAID spent \$424,455¹ to commission ongoing testing in which over two dozen healthy beagles are to be infected with parasites and then killed to test an experimental vaccine for the tropical human disease lymphatic filariasis.^{2,3} Documents released through the Freedom of Information Act show that the dogs were “vocalizing in pain” during this testing, which is scheduled to run until January 2022.

We are concerned that these NIAID-commissioned tests on dogs are unnecessary and wasteful.

The Food and Drug Administration has stated as recently as last month that, “The FDA does not mandate that human drugs be studied in dogs.”⁴ We also understand that this experimental drug has already been extensively tested in animals, including dogs, primates, gerbils and mice.⁵

In light of the above, please provide the following information by August 30, 2021:

- Are these dog experiments ongoing? Are they still slated to end in January 2022?
- How many dogs have been experimented on and killed to date?
- How much of the \$424,455 has been spent to date on these dog experiments?
- Why did NIAID commission testing on dogs specifically for this experimental human drug when the FDA clearly states that testing on dogs is not required?
- Who at NIAID authorized this dog testing to take place?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

¹ https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_75N93020F00003_7529_HHSN272201700035I_7529

² <https://dailycaller.com/2021/08/04/anthony-fauci-niaid-georgia-beagle-experiment/>

³ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/fauci-report-niaid-400k-research-dogs>

⁴ <https://wila.com/features/i-team/animals-drug-testing-fda-labs-animals>

⁵ <https://www.sbir.gov/node/1915749>



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