

Your Support in Action 2023-24 Annual Report

A Legacy of Progress, A Future of Determination

As NAVS reflects on another year of transformative work, we are reminded that our mission to advance humane science and eliminate the use of animals in research, education, and testing transcends the constraints of a fiscal year or calendar. While this annual report captures the achievements of the past year, our dedication to progress is unceasing, driven by the urgent need to create a more compassionate world.

In 2024, we celebrated NAVS' 95th anniversary—a milestone that invited us to reflect on the rich history of change we've championed over nearly a century. Since our founding, NAVS has been at the forefront of advocating on behalf of the animals used in scientific research and testing, demanding accountability in the treatment of animals, fostering innovation, and promoting the development and use of ethical alternatives. This moment of reflection allowed us to honor the victories that have defined our journey and recommit ourselves to the challenges that remain.

Our anniversary also served as a call to action, inspiring us to build upon the foundation laid by decades of progress. It underscored the importance of resilience and adaptability in advancing our mission. In a rapidly changing world, NAVS remains steadfast, always working, always improving, always hustling to ensure that animals are no longer exploited in the name of science.

Over the past year, we've seen the fruits of this dedication in many forms: the expansion of humane education through our BioLEAP programming, groundbreaking research funded by the International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER), and the life-saving support provided through the Animal Sanctuary Assistance Program (ASAP). All of these efforts reflect our belief that compassion and science are not mutually exclusive but rather essential partners in creating a better future.

As you explore this report, you'll find detailed accounts of our progress in these key areas and learn about the innovative strategies we're employing to amplify our impact. Together with our supporters, NAVS is driving systemic change and paving the way for a future where animals are no longer viewed as tools but as sentient beings deserving of respect and protection.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. With your continued support, we look forward to achieving even greater milestones in the years ahead.



Investing in Humane Science Education: **Expanding BioLEAP**

The Past Year: NAVS continued to champion humane science education through the BioLEAP program, engaging with educators nationwide at major conferences like the National Science Teaching Association and



the National Association of Biology Teachers, and by awarding \$13,000 in Classroom Grants to 21 teachers to purchase and use humane dissection tools.

BioLEAP's resources, including our high school curriculum Animal Use in Science: Exploring the 3Rs and interactive modules, have provided educators with innovative tools to inspire students to reimagine the role of animals in science. These resources emphasize the principles of replacement, reduction, and refinement, showing how humane alternatives not only protect animal lives but also advance scientific learning. By attending national conferences, NAVS showcased these tools to a broader audience, ensuring that educators across the country could access the support they need to implement humane science practices in their classrooms.

We returned to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest international pre-college science competition. We presented five outstanding student projects with \$3,000 Humane Science Awards, the most awards NAVS has ever distributed at ISEF, for their innovative and humane research methods.

Why It Matters: Humane education lays the foundation for future generations to approach science with both innovation and compassion. By replacing traditional dissection and other outdated practices with modern, humane alternatives, we are helping to cultivate a mindset in young learners that prioritizes ethical decision-making and scientific progress. Students who experience humane education are more likely to grow into scientists, educators, and citizens who challenge the status quo and advocate for the ethical treatment of animals in all fields of science.

Looking Ahead: In the coming year, NAVS will build on BioLEAP's momentum through targeted outreach to underserved schools, fostering a teacher advisory board to expand our reach, and utilizing our redesigned website to connect educators with leading-edge humane science tools. By continuing to innovate and engage with educators, NAVS aims to bring humane education to classrooms nationwide, ensuring that all students have access to non-animal learning tools that reflect the future of science.





Empowering Better Science: Supporting Ethical Research through IFER

The Past Year: The International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER) saw a record-breaking year with a 121% increase in fellowship pre-proposals and 12 full proposals invited for submission—the highest number in IFER's history. These grants support groundbreaking advancements, including research in organoid intelligence and other human-relevant methodologies.

With IFER's support, fellows presented their findings at prominent scientific conferences, sharing innovative methods that challenge the reliance on animal-based models. Projects ranged from developing sophisticated organ-on-chip technologies to exploring computational models that predict human responses to drugs more accurately than traditional animal tests. These breakthroughs not only validate the effectiveness of non-animal methods but also pave the way for their broader acceptance in scientific communities.

Why It Matters: Investment in ethical, human-relevant research is crucial to replacing outdated animal-based methods with innovative solutions that are more effective and scientifically valid. Traditional animal models often fail to translate to human outcomes, resulting in inefficiencies, wasted resources, and ethical concerns. By funding aspiring scientists and supporting their pioneering projects, IFER accelerates the transition to non-animal research and ensures that compassionate methodologies gain a foothold in mainstream science. Your generous support helps us empower scientific experts to address the most crucial areas in research.

Looking Ahead: NAVS will continue to strengthen IFER with increased focus and funding, allowing IFER to distribute grants to more students and expand its Scientific Advisory Board, as well as to raise awareness of the impact of IFER-funded projects on the way science can be conducted. By fostering a network of ethical researchers and supporting leading-edge science, we aim to inspire the next generation of innovators to challenge traditional practices and lead the charge toward a more humane and scientifically sound future.

The Past Year: Through ASAP, NAVS provided critical disaster relief and ongoing support to sanctuaries caring for former research animals. This included helping sanctuaries recover from hurricanes Helene and Milton and providing a \$25,000 grant to the Beagle Freedom Project for the conversion of a former testing facility into a sanctuary. Additionally, NAVS' visits to facilities like the Center for Great Apes and Save the Chimps reinforced our partnerships and deepened our understanding of their vital work.

These grants not only addressed immediate needs such as medical care, facility repairs, and relocation efforts but also contributed to long-term sustainability for these sanctuaries. By providing resources that enhance their capacity to care for animals, NAVS ensures that sanctuaries can continue to offer safe havens for animals rescued from laboratories and other exploitative environments. These partnerships are vital to creating a compassionate end-of-life solution for animals who have endured the hardships of research.

Why It Matters: Sanctuaries are a lifeline for animals rescued from research. They provide not only physical care but also an environment where animals can heal and thrive after enduring the harsh realities of laboratory life. Sanctuaries also serve as powerful symbols of hope and change, showing the world that animals used in research deserve dignity, compassion, and a chance to live free from harm.

Looking Ahead: In the coming year, NAVS will prioritize raising awareness about sanctuary success stories, continuing to provide financial assistance to sanctuaries in need, and fostering collaborations that promote the humane treatment of animals. By aligning our support with the growing movement to free animals from research, we will help ensure that no animal is left behind when their time in laboratories ends.



Advocacy is the engine that powers every facet of our work at NAVS, ensuring that our mission to eliminate the use of animals in science is not just a vision but an attainable reality. Through strategic engagement with policymakers, educators, researchers, and the public, advocacy amplifies our efforts and propels meaningful change forward.

In science education, our advocacy focuses on championing student choice laws, ensuring that students have the right to opt for humane alternatives to animal dissection. By working to pass legislation that mandates or encourages schools to adopt more sustainable, cost-effective, and durable materials for dissection, we are helping to modernize classrooms while reducing the reliance on animal specimens. These efforts ensure that ethical education is not only accessible but also practical and beneficial for educators and students alike.

In scientific research, NAVS champions the development and adoption of human-relevant methodologies through legislative advocacy and partnerships with key stakeholders. Our work with the International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER) benefits from these efforts, as we push for policies that fund and prioritize leading-edge research without animal suffering. Advocacy also strengthens collaborations with institutions and researchers, ensuring that ethical standards remain at the forefront of scientific progress. For animal sanctuaries, advocacy underscores the importance of providing lifelong care for animals retired from research. A major focus of our state-level advocacy is the promotion of post-research adoption bills. As of this writing, 16 states have enacted laws that require or encourage the adoption of animals no longer used in research. These efforts save lives and raise public awareness about the realities of animal research and the humane alternatives available. Our outreach to local communities builds support for sanctuaries, further solidifying their role as vital partners in our mission.

Advocacy's impact is perhaps most evident in our legislative victories, such as the passage of laws encouraging humane science and the adoption of animals no longer used in research. Each success story is a testament to the power of collective action and the critical role that advocacy plays in aligning public sentiment, political will, and organizational goals.

Whether through shaping public discourse, influencing policy, or fostering collaboration, advocacy is the thread that weaves together all aspects of NAVS' work. It ensures that our message is heard, our mission is understood, and our goals are achievable. With your continued support, we will keep advocating for a more compassionate and humane future.





2024 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

52,450 copies of NAVS' Animal Action magazine were mailed to supporters.

> **18** opportunities for legislative advocacy were shared with NAVS supporters

International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER) Graduate Student Fellowships for the Alternatives to the Use of Animals in Science were awarded to promising early career researchers.

\$120,000

in fellowships was awarded to IFER recipients.

BioLEAP Classroom Grants were awarded to science teachers who are introducing humane dissection replacement tools into their curricula.

high school students were recognized with the NAVS Humane Science Award at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair for their projects that did not rely on the use of animal models.

grants were provided to aid animals in sanctuaries across the United States.

\$92,200

was given to sanctuaries and other rescue organizations.



74.3% Programs/Education

5.9% Fundraising

19.8% Administration

All Expenses

Programs/Education:	\$2,455,797
Fundraising:	\$244,107
Administrative:	\$418,930

Total: \$3,118,834

Program/Education Expenses

General Education/Public Awareness:	\$961,522
Science:	\$579,710
Legal/Legislative:	\$463,798
Student/Teacher Programs:	\$334,335
Special Initiatives/Cooperative Efforts:	\$116,432

Total: \$2,455,797

Assets

Investments:	\$24,326,506
Accrued interest receivable:	\$29,166
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	\$257,100
Royalties Receivable:	\$34,598
Prepaid Expenses:	\$63,850
Property and Equipment:	\$57,681
Operating ROU Asset:	\$272,091

Total: \$25,040,992

Liabilities and Net Assests

Accrued Wages and Vacation:	\$52,034
Accrued Expenses:	\$72,134
Operating Lease Liability:	\$66,662

Total Current Liabilities: \$190,830

Restricted: Special Project (Sanctuary Fund):	\$185,309
Unrestricted:	\$24,428,783

Total Net Assets: \$24,614,092

Total: \$25,040,992

PROGRAM/ EDUCATION EXPENSES **39.2%** General Education/ Public Awareness

13.6% Student/Teacher Outreach

18.9% Legal/Legislative

23.6% Science

4.7% Special Initiatives/ Cooperative Efforts

Revenue

Donations:	\$818,662
Grants:	\$295,878
Legacies and Bequests:	\$11,469,167
Investment Income:	\$2,155,924
Other:	\$177,898

Total: \$14,917,529

The financial statements have been audited by the accounting firm of Selden Fox, Ltd., and in their opinion, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Anti-Vivisection Society as of June 30, 2024. A complete audited financial statement can be found at NAVS.org/about-us/financials.

Why We Fund Programming the Way We Do

At NAVS, our approach to prioritizing and funding programs is driven by a single guiding principle: freeing animals forced to spend their lives as lab equipment while paving the way for better science. Every dollar we allocate is thoughtfully directed to initiatives that advance our mission, amplify our message, and inspire meaningful change.

Strategic Spending for Progressive Change

NAVS takes a strategic and measured approach to our programs and financial decisions. By focusing on projects that align with our long-term goals, we ensure that our resources are used effectively and sustainably. This includes identifying initiatives that address the root causes of animal exploitation in science while simultaneously fostering innovation and collaboration.

High-Impact, Donor-Funded Initiatives

The generosity of our supporters empowers NAVS to implement initiatives that make a tangible difference for animals. Recent examples include:

- **BioLEAP Classroom Grants:** Providing humane dissection tools to schools across the country, equipping educators with alternatives to animal use, and fostering a culture of compassion among students.
- Laboratory Animal Care Audit: Shedding light on regulatory violations in research facilities, this groundbreaking resource has sparked conversations about accountability and transparency in animal care.
- Animal Sanctuary Assistance Program: Supporting sanctuaries like Kindness Ranch and the Center for Great Apes that provide rescued animals with safe and enriching environments.

These programs exemplify how strategic spending can lead to immediate and far-reaching outcomes for animals.

Focused on Long-Term Solutions

NAVS remains committed to advancing **sustainable**, **long-term solutions** for humane science and animal welfare. Our support for IFER and its programs, including its fellowships, ensures that the next generation of scientists is equipped to lead the transition away from animal research. Similarly, our advocacy for legislation like the FDA Modernization Act 3.0 helps to create systemic change that benefits both animals and humans.

By balancing immediate needs with long-term objectives, NAVS ensures that our investments today will yield lasting progress tomorrow.

Partnering for a Kinder Future

Through the unwavering support of our donors, NAVS continues to build a world where animals are no longer exploited in research, education, or testing. Together, we are driving meaningful change and creating a brighter future—for animals, for science, and for humanity.

All of our work reflects our shared commitment to compassion, innovation, and a kinder world. Thank you for making this work possible.

NAVS: Recognized for Excellence

achieve our mission.

Charity Navigator: 4-Star Rating

NAVS holds a prestigious 4-Star rating on Charity Navigator, a

GreatNonprofits: Top-Rated Nonprofit

Candid GuideStar: Platinum Seal of Transparency

As a recipient of the Platinum Seal of Transparency, NAVS ranks largest source of nonprofit data. This recognition demonstrates

America's Best Charities: Seal of Excellence

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/// Join Us in Creating a Kinder Future

At NAVS, none of our progress would be possible without the steadfast support of our donors and advocates. Your partnership fuels every initiative, every victory, and every step toward a world where animals are no longer exploited in science.

As we reflect on the achievements of 2024 and look ahead to the opportunities of 2025, we invite you to stay engaged with our mission in the following ways:

Make a Difference Today

Your donations directly support critical programs like BioLEAP, IFER fellowships, legislative advocacy, and sanctuary assistance. Together, we can continue to drive the development and use of innovative, non-animal solutions and fight for better laws and regulations to protect animals.

Be an Advocate

Help amplify our message by sharing NAVS' work with friends, family, and colleagues. Whether it's through social media, email, or conversations in your community, your voice can inspire others to join our cause.

Stay Connected

Sign up for our newsletters, follow us on social media, and participate in our action alerts to stay informed about the latest developments and opportunities to make an impact.



Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to get involved further, please reach out to us. We're here to support you and work together to achieve a kinder world.

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Together, we can build a future where compassion and innovation lead the way. Thank you for your continued partnership in this vital work.