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2025 Annual Report

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The National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) is dedicated to ending the exploitation of animals used in science.

Program Areas

Advancing Humane Science

Ending Classroom Dissections

Supporting Rescue

Advocating for Policy Change



Dear Friends of NAVS,

This past year marked a powerful moment of momentum for the anti-vivisection movement. With your support, NAVS challenged entrenched practices, elevated humane science, and brought greater scrutiny to the continued use of animals in research. Innovation is accelerating, alternatives are advancing, and a future beyond animal testing feels closer than ever. This is a transformational time—filled with hope, promise, and undeniable urgency.

Your generosity made meaningful progress possible. Over the past year, NAVS invested directly in ethical, human-relevant research and expanded sanctuary care for animals retired from laboratories—demonstrating that compassion and scientific advancement must move forward together. We also broadened public awareness of animal experimentation and advocated for policies that protect animals and advance better science, contributing to discussions with lawmakers, regulators, and research institutions about the future of research and animal protection. Each of these efforts builds momentum toward lasting progress.

Our Crossroads 2029 campaign reflects the reality of this moment. We stand at an inflection point where rising awareness, scientific innovation, and policy opportunity converge. The path forward is clear—but it requires resolve. We cannot slow down.

Thank you for standing with NAVS at this critical Crossroads. Your commitment fuels the progress we are making today and brings us closer to a future where science no longer depends on animal suffering.

With gratitude,

Sally Draper
Executive Director



Crossroads 2029 is NAVS' roadmap to end the use of animals in scientific research—advancing science without suffering and ensuring care for animals already harmed.



Connecting in Community: A New Chapter in Supporter Engagement

This year, NAVS took an important step forward in how we connect with supporters—by investing more intentionally in in-person experiences that bring people together around shared values of compassion, ethical living, and better science. From Chicago to New York City, these gatherings demonstrated the unique power of face-to-face connection to educate new audiences, inspire advocacy, strengthen relationships, and build a more engaged community.

Cruelty-Free Values, Brought to Life in Chicago

On November 13, 2025, NAVS partnered with Credo Beauty to host a cruelty-free beauty experience at the retailer's Bucktown boutique. Hosted by the newly formed NAVS Woman's Board, the event welcomed nearly 100 Chicago-area professional women for an evening that blended education, advocacy, and celebration.

Guests explored cruelty-free beauty brands and enjoyed mini makeovers, vegan refreshments, professional headshots, and a charitable raffle—while learning about NAVS' mission to advance humane science and end animal testing. The event was made possible through the generous support of Credo Beauty and sponsors Wintrust, Northern Trust, BMO Wealth Management, Selden Fox, and Monique Hanson.

Beyond the experience itself, the event delivered meaningful mission impact:

- **Expanded visibility** through coordinated social media outreach that reached thousands nationwide
- **Activated advocacy**, with more than 50 attendees contacting lawmakers in support of the Humane Cosmetics Act
- **Strengthened grassroots leadership**, resulting in three new Woman's Board members
- **Opened doors to new partnerships** with cruelty-free brands, mission-aligned businesses, and student groups

By connecting everyday consumer choices with humane research advocacy, the event positioned NAVS as a bridge between lifestyle values and ethical science.



At-a-Glance Engagement:

- 99 attendees
- 85 NEW constituents
- 25 FIRST-TIME corporate donors
- 51 advocacy actions supporting the Humane Cosmetics Act
- Effective mission and fundraising impact



What Your Support Makes Possible

Every advance toward humane, human-relevant science begins with people who believe research can—and must—do better. This year, because of donor support, NAVS and our sister organization, the International Foundation for Ethical Research (IFER), accelerated progress across education, leadership, and influence—helping move non-animal science from promise to practice.

Investing in the Next Generation of Humane Scientists

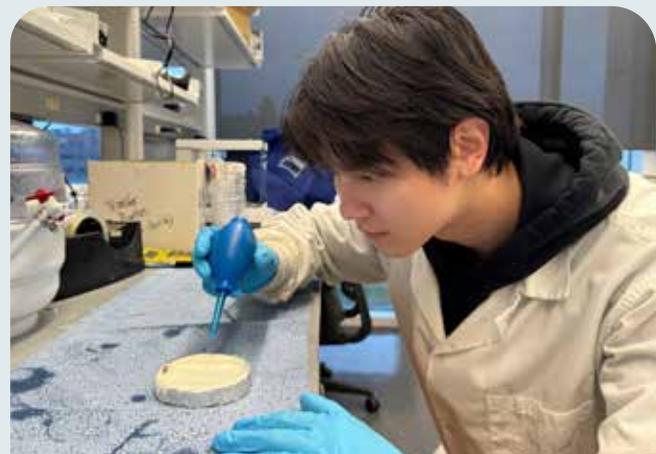
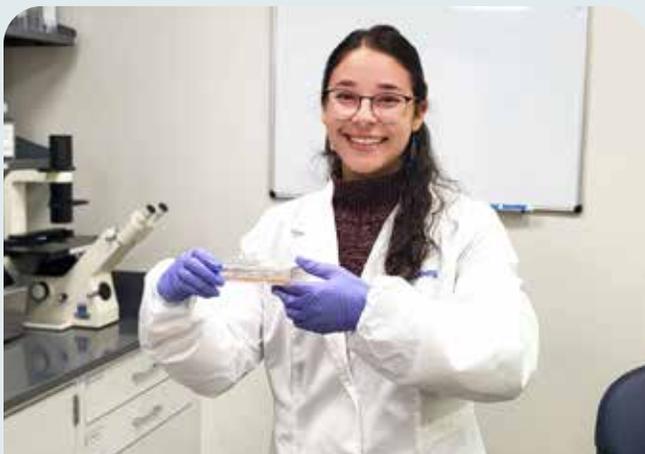
One of the most direct ways donor support advances humane science is through the IFER Graduate Fellowship program. In 2025, NAVS' investment in the program reached a new milestone, expanding for the fifth consecutive year and supporting the largest cohort of fellows in its history.



NAVS' research investment in the IFER Fellowship Program has increased **174%** since 2021

This steady growth reflects a strategic investment at a pivotal moment for biomedical research, as scientific innovation and ethical responsibility increasingly converge. Through the NAVS Crossroads 2029 campaign, expanded support for graduate researchers strengthens the foundation for long-term change by accelerating the development and adoption of non-animal, human-relevant research methods.

Each fellow is actively contributing to this shift. Early career support enables fellows to publish, teach, and assume leadership roles, extending the impact of humane science into laboratories, classrooms, and institutions worldwide.



Ending Classroom Dissections

BioLEAP's Growing Impact

Changing the future of science begins in the classroom. Through the Biology Education Advancement Program (BioLEAP), NAVS empowers educators to replace harmful animal-based lessons with modern, humane, and scientifically relevant alternatives. This year marked a breakthrough moment for BioLEAP—one that reflects both growing need and the powerful role donor support plays in meeting it.

Expanding Access to Ethical STEM Education

Recognizing the urgent need for affordable, innovative, and ethical alternatives to animal dissection, NAVS intentionally prioritized outreach to under-resourced schools this year. This focused effort led to a substantial increase in applications for BioLEAP Classroom Grants. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, NAVS more than doubled the number of grants awarded—directly responding to demand from educators nationwide.

Each BioLEAP Classroom Grant replaces outdated animal-based laboratory exercises with modern, humane alternatives, including virtual simulations, advanced models, and hands-on learning tools. These resources enable students to master rigorous scientific concepts while reinforcing the value of compassion in research and education.

Beyond Science: Ethics and the 3Rs

BioLEAP goes beyond teaching scientific content—it helps students and teachers explore critical ethical questions. Through the program's integration of the 3Rs curriculum (Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement), educators guide students in thinking deeply about our responsibilities toward animals and the ethical dimensions of scientific practice. This approach prepares students not only as skilled scientists, but also as thoughtful, compassionate decision-makers.

Why Donor Support Matters

Every BioLEAP grant awarded represents a direct investment in the next generation of scientists, healthcare professionals, and informed citizens. Donor support determines how many classrooms can say yes to humane education—and how many students learn that scientific progress and ethical responsibility go hand in hand.



“The students really enjoyed using the models and showed their excitement by class participation. They were able to move around the classroom to each station where they were fully engaged and eager to learn.”

-Ann Staszewski, Educator,
Vero Beach High School



Sanctuary Care: Healing Animals, Driving Systemic Change

At NAVS, sanctuary care is not an endpoint—it is a catalyst. Providing lifelong care for animals harmed in research is inseparable from our mission to end their exploitation altogether. Every animal who finds safety in a sanctuary represents both a life restored and a system challenged.

For more than three decades, NAVS has been a national leader in supporting sanctuaries that care for animals retired from laboratories. Through our Animal Sanctuary Assistance Program (ASAP)—one of the first programs of its kind—we help ensure that animals used in research are not discarded when experiments end, but instead are given dignity, enrichment, and community.

Today, sanctuary support is a cornerstone of Crossroads 2029, particularly as policymakers and federal agencies acknowledge what NAVS has long championed: animals are not necessary for scientific progress. As legislation advances and agencies announce plans to phase out animal use in research, the need for well-resourced sanctuaries has never been greater. Ending animal experimentation responsibly means ensuring survivors have safe places to go—and that is where your support makes an immediate, life-changing difference.

Your Impact in Action: Featured Sanctuary Spotlight

Chimp Haven: A Partnership Rooted in Commitment

NAVS has a longstanding relationship with Chimp Haven, the nation's only federally designated sanctuary for chimpanzees retired from research. For years, NAVS has stood alongside Chimp Haven to ensure that chimpanzees—whose cognitive and emotional complexity makes their use in research especially indefensible—receive lifelong, specialized care.

In 2025, your support helped make possible:

- **Ongoing care for chimpanzees relocated after the abrupt closure of Wildlife Waystation in 2019**
- **Procurement of a high-capacity ice machine**, essential for hydration, health, and enrichment in Louisiana's extreme heat
- **Enrichment items and furnishings** for 12 new bedrooms and four play yards for chimpanzees finally released from the Alamogordo Primate Facility, encouraging natural behaviors and social engagement

The impact is already visible. New arrivals are forming social bonds and exploring their environments. Chimps like **Al** and **Kamaka** have developed close relationships with their groupmates, while **Pearl**, **Bug**, and **Sherril** can often be found relaxing together in the grass of their new play yard.



A Force for Lasting Change

Through ASAP, NAVS supports sanctuaries at critical turning points—when animals are released from research and when policy finally aligns with compassion. These grants restore lives while helping build a future where animal experimentation is no longer the norm.

Over the last 27 years,
NAVS has awarded:

552 grants to

235 organizations



Crossroads 2029: Our Path Forward

Through **Crossroads 2029: The Shift to Science Without Suffering**, NAVS is advancing a clear, national strategy to move research away from animal use and toward ethical, human-relevant science. This initiative focuses on four interconnected goals: expanding government transparency and accountability; increasing public and private investment in non-animal methods; shifting national attitudes so humane science becomes the societal standard; and ensuring animals displaced by this transition are rescued and cared for responsibly.

Shifting the National Conversation

Changing policy requires changing perception. NAVS meets people where they are through compelling storytelling and accessible education. In 2025, our partnership with Species Unite on the documentary *30,000 Monkeys in Our Backyard* brought national attention to the realities of primate breeding facilities and their impact on animals and surrounding communities. We also amplify educational resources such as Melanie D.G. Kaplan's *Lab Dog*, which offers an intimate, personal lens on a beagle's journey from test subject to companion, fostering empathy and motivating action.

Winning Government Accountability

Decades of sustained advocacy are now yielding concrete federal reforms. In April 2025, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary publicly affirmed that animals deserve respect and that reducing animal testing is a federal priority. The FDA subsequently released a roadmap to transition away from exclusive reliance on animal studies toward human-relevant methods.

In July 2025, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) implemented a major funding reform requiring new grant opportunities that reference animal models to also include human-focused approaches. That same year, additional federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Navy, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), committed to reducing or eliminating animal testing, signaling momentum across government.

Together, these actions show that transparency empowers the public to demand accountability and drives measurable change. Federal agencies are not only acknowledging the limitations and harms of animal testing; they are actively replacing it with more ethical and effective approaches.

Ongoing Transparency and Public Sentiment

NAVS continues to hold institutions accountable through the Laboratory Animal Care Audit (LACA), which analyzes inspection and compliance data nationwide to illuminate conditions inside research facilities and pressure improvements in animal welfare standards.

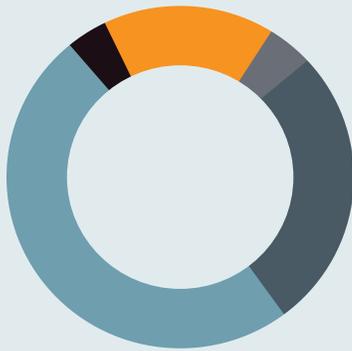
Public attitudes are shifting as well. Recent Gallup polling shows that only 47 percent of U.S. adults now consider medical testing on animals morally acceptable, down from 65 percent in 2001. An equal 47 percent say it is morally wrong, marking the lowest level of support since polling began and underscoring a growing national consensus that animal testing is ethically problematic.



NAVS ended fiscal year 2025 in a strong financial position, reflecting careful stewardship of resources in support of our mission to advance science without harming animals.

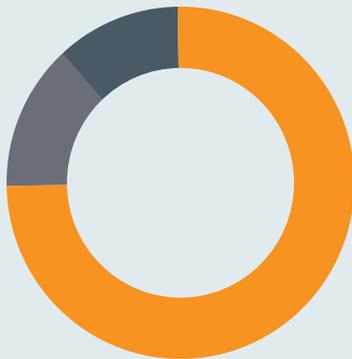
Independent Audit

NAVS’ financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025 were audited by independent accounting firm Selden Fox, Ltd., which issued an unmodified opinion affirming that the statements fairly present NAVS’ financial position and results of operations in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



Total Revenues

Donations:	\$1,096,711	16.6%
Foundation Grants:	\$235,898	3.6%
Legacies and Bequests:	\$1,971,074	29.9%
Net Investment Income:	\$3,123,721	47.3%
Other:	\$172,550	2.6%
	\$6,599,954	100%



NAVS’ mission investment in Programs and Education reflects its continued emphasis on directing the majority of expenditures toward programs that raise public awareness, advocate, and promote replacements to animal use in science.

Total Expenses

Programs and Education:	\$2,717,669	74.2%
Management & General:	\$566,980	15.5%
Fundraising:	\$377,474	10.3%
	\$3,662,123	100%

Financial Position at 6/30/25:

Total Assets:	\$27,954,292
Total Liabilities:	\$402,369
Total Net Assets:	\$27,551,923

Full audited financial statements are available at navs.org/about.

Recognition Built on Trust, Transparency, and Results

In 2025, NAVS once again earned the **Top-Rated Nonprofit Award** from **GreatNonprofits**, a distinction based on our organization's receipt of consistently positive, verified reviews from donors, volunteers, industry professionals, and members of the public. The award is based entirely on the authentic voices of those who engage with NAVS' work firsthand and is a testament to the trust placed in us by a growing community of supporters who believe science can advance without cruelty.

"NAVS represents ethical, humane and compassionate innovation. A future without animal testing that delivers more accurate research and better cures... This is a best-in-class organization that everyone should keep their eyes on." – Donor, 2025

NAVS' GreatNonprofits status is reinforced by equally strong ratings from the nation's leading nonprofit evaluators, including Charity Navigator, Candid GuideStar, and America's Best Charities. Together, these independent assessments affirm NAVS' fiscal responsibility, transparency, and programmatic effectiveness.

"I trust information from this organization and make donations every year. They have 4 stars on Charity Navigator, and the information there validates my confidence." – Donor, 2024

NAVS' mission to end the use of animals in research while advancing superior scientific replacements resonates deeply with scientists, educators, and advocates who understand both the ethical and scientific stakes.

"Animal experimentation has outlasted its technical and moral validity... NAVS is leading the way in a movement to bring us out of the dark. Science, morality, and even financial sustainability and the cost of healthcare are all at stake." – Scientific Professional, 2024

"By recognizing young scientists through Humane Science Awards and Fellowships, NAVS is leading the way to a new, humane future and positively changing the course of science." – Student Award Recipient, 2025

NAVS' impact is further amplified by a diverse community united by shared values. From long-time followers to first-time volunteers, NAVS' community is bound by a shared belief that animals deserve protection and that progress is possible.

"NAVS empowers volunteer leaders to contribute ideas, take on projects, and genuinely shape the work being done. I'm proud to be part of this organization." – Volunteer, 2025

"Many of us wish we could do more to help animals but don't know how or aren't brave enough. NAVS does this work for us." – Community Member, 2025

NAVS is deeply grateful to our community of supporters whose trust and partnership make our work possible. Our charity ratings reflect a shared commitment to integrity, accountability, and meaningful progress, and strengthen our resolve to continue advancing science without suffering.

If NAVS has inspired your compassion for animals and dedication to humane science, we'd be honored if you shared your own story on GreatNonprofits. Please visit our profile page at <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/national-anti-vivisection-society> or by scanning the QR code.



A Legacy of Compassion

Dorothy Lou Denne

Dorothy Lou Denne (1936–2025) lived a life defined by determination, resilience, and an unwavering devotion to animals.

From a childhood marked by hardship, including contracting polio at age three and losing both parents by eighteen, Dorothy grew into a woman whose strength was matched only by her kindness. After earning degrees in education, including two doctorates, she spent more than three decades teaching and inspiring students.

According to her trustee, Robert Sanderson—whom Dorothy affectionately called her “heart son”—her compassion for animals was shaped early in life. “Dorothy grew up on a farm through the 1950s, and animals were part of her world,” Sanderson shared. “Later, when diabetes prevented her from having children, animals became her passion.”

Dorothy and her beloved husband, Bob, shared a deep affection for cats in particular, always keeping their home filled with rescued feline companions who were, in every sense, their children. But her commitment to animals extended far beyond home. In retirement, she became an active volunteer and supporter of numerous animal organizations in her California community, including the Wildlife Waystation and Pasadena Humane Society. She also helped establish and fund the Arcadia Police Foundation, resulting in the launch of the department’s K-9 program, and ensuring the special protection and care of its service dogs.

Dorothy’s values aligned seamlessly with the mission of NAVS. “She was always deeply concerned about the abuse of animals in research,” Sanderson explained, “and she strongly believed in practical solutions that reduce suffering, especially spay and neuter programs for cats.” For Dorothy, compassion and science were not at odds. She believed progress should never come at the expense of cruelty.

That belief ultimately guided one of the most meaningful decisions of her life: leaving a bequest to NAVS. Her legacy gift reflects her deeply held belief that every animal deserves dignity and kindness. Sanderson hopes Dorothy’s example will inspire others. “One person with passion and a lifelong focus on animals,” he said, “combined with thoughtful financial planning over decades, can make a tremendous difference. Dorothy wanted her love for animals to live on, and this was her way of ensuring it would.”

Dorothy’s legacy is one of courage, generosity, and a boundless love for all living beings – a love that NAVS is honored to carry forward in her memory.



Make 2026 the Year Your Values Shine Forward

As we reflect on the impact of the past year and the lives touched through the generosity and care of the NAVS community, we are also looking ahead to the opportunities before us. Dorothy’s story reminds us how powerful it can be to turn compassion into lasting impact through a legacy gift. That is why NAVS offers our supporters access to Giving Docs—a free, secure, and easy to use platform where you can create your estate plan in just minutes. Giving Docs is trusted by thousands of people who understand that a will isn’t just a document. It’s a reflection of your values and love for the people and causes that shaped your life. This year, you have the power to shape a legacy that protects animals for generations to come.

Giving Docs

Create your legacy of compassion today. Scan the QR code or visit www.givingdocs.com/navs.





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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 2025 and look ahead to the opportunities of 2026, we invite you to stay engaged with our mission in the following ways:

Make a Difference Today

Your donations directly support critical programs like advancing humane science, ending classroom dissections, supporting rescue, and advocating for policy change. 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.

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