

POUND SEIZURE CAMPAIGN 2007

BETRAYAL OF TRUST! SPCAs Supplying Dogs and Cats for Vivisection.

The Canadian Council On Animal Care is part of peer-review system that monitors the use of animals in research laboratories. Lifeforce asked the CCAC the following questions:

1. Are "random source" dogs and cats all from pounds? If not what are other sources?

Their response: "Random source animals are not all from pounds. Some are animals of clients or students and they are used for teaching purposes.

2. What pounds release animals (AB, MB, SK and Quebec)? Are all released animals from pounds for acute non-survival studies?

Their response: "It could be any of the local SPCAs. Most animals from pounds are used in teaching protocols. Some animals are used for non-invasive procedures (for fundamental or medical studies)."

The Secrecy

In order to determine the culprits of this violation of trust between companion animals and humans, we ask the public to supply any information about the pounds/SPCAs in their areas. If you do not know please contact them. You could get any city contract that should outline all methods of disposing of animals. Please forward the information to Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton at lifeforcesociety@hotmail.com

Lifeforce investigations of labs was instrumental in stopping Pound Seizure* in some Canadian and American cities. Our videos and photos depicted the suffering of animals in scientifically fallacious experiments. The use of "animal models" wastes health care funds – there are numerous hospital cutbacks but vivisectors continue to receive lucrative grants from government and health "care" organizations.

*Pound seizure is a term commonly used to describe the practice of taking lost, homeless and abandoned dogs and cats from municipally-funded pounds for use in experimentation (research, teaching and testing). Because pound seized animals are easily accessible and cheap, they are the researchers favourite choice.

Background

In the 80s, The Vancouver SPCA vehemently denied ever giving animals to UBC and denied any agreements with UBC. However, Lifeforce found that in the 50s there was a Vancouver Medical Agreement between SPCA and UBC in which they agreed to supplying 200 dogs a year. UBC took 200 dogs within the first 6 months. Only the SPCA representative and friend of UBC Medical School head was allowed into the labs. Some SPCA directors opposed this and formed another organization. We do not know when this agreement was terminated. In the 90s the SPCA held dogs from the Vancouver Pound so they could not be seized by UBC.

Pound Seizure in British Columbia

According to the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), British Columbia- is one of 4 provinces making up Western Canada. CCAC statistics for 2005, shows that researchers in Western Canada used a total of 1 704 dogs and 700 cats. Further analysis of these statistics indicate that there was an increase in dog (1 449) and cat (690) use since 2004. As the CCAC does not break down their statistics, it is impossible to determine how many of these animals came from pounds in British Columbia.

Over 170 Canadian research facilities have access to impounded animals for use in experimentation—close to 9,000 lost and abandoned dogs and cats are used each year across Canada.