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Regulatory Agencies and District Attorney Parrish:

I'm shocked by findings from nine months inside Professional Laboratory and Research Services Inc. (PLRS) in Corapeake, North Carolina. According to an undercover PETA investigation at this research laboratory, from December 2009 to September 2010 hundreds of animals suffered flagrant cruelty.

In light of this investigation, I understand that PLRS will close and surrender some 200 dogs and dozens of cats. This is fantastic news. Still, the abuse that occurred was so sadistic it warrants criminal charges.

PETA's footage shows diseased and injured dogs, cats and rabbits. Their sores fester in waste encrusted cages. Some are showered in abrasive chemicals and bleach when staff clean enclosures with the animals inside them. The investigator recorded PLRS staff cursing animals as they kick, toss, drop and drag dogs. Employees brutally haul rabbits around by their ears and smash cats into cages.

I respectfully ask District Attorney Parrish to investigate allegations of animal abuse at PLRS. If arrests are made, please advocate maximum incarceration and fines. In North Carolina, "intentional deprivation of necessary sustenance" and the "malicious torture" of any animal is now a Class H felony (per Article 47. Cruelty to Animals. S 14-360. Cruelty to animals; construction of section - AMENDED 2010).

In one experiment, a test chemical seeps into the necks of 57 cats who seize and hemorrhage from their noses and mouths. Their intolerance to the substance is obvious. Yet, they are dosed a second time on the very same day. Medical care, for all intents and purposes, is fictional at PLRS. A veterinarian apparently stops by for just one hour most weeks.

I hope a USDA-APHIS investigation results in penalties for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Clearly, PLRS provided insufficient veterinary care and hygiene, and mistreated animals in their care.

I encourage regulatory agencies and law-enforcement authorities to take a hard look at PETA's video and investigative journals. Malicious abuse, neglect and torture of any animal merits punitive action. I look forward to your updates in this disturbing case.

Thank you,