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Kevin Guskiewicz  
President  
Michigan State University

Dear President Guskiewicz:

Greetings from Lady Freethinker, a non-profit organization committed to ending animal suffering. I hope you are well. I'm writing today regarding Michigan State University's cruel experiments on beagles, in which puppies and young dogs are killed to have their eyes dissected. As the new president of MSU, you have the opportunity to set the standard that animal abuse will never be tolerated, and I urge you to ban experiments on dogs immediately.

For years, experimenters at Michigan State University have been killing beagles – many of whom have been bred to have glaucoma, a painful disease that damages the eye's optic nerve and can cause blindness – in cruel, outdated animal tests.

One dog named Uranus, also known as #21-046, was killed a day after he turned two. Log notes state that he was bright, alert, and responsive five days before his death.

Experimenters note that the procedures will involve pain and distress for the animals, and that many of the beagles have their eyes held open with speculums and sutures in invasive eye surgeries, or when experimenters inject drugs into their eyes.

These horrific and fatal experiments – which have also consumed at least \$1.3 million taxpayer-supported dollars since 2022 – are being conducted on defenseless dogs even though there are already medications and surgeries known to successfully treat glaucoma to date.

Dogs deserve better. We urge you to take a strong stance against animal cruelty by stopping these cruel, unnecessary experiments, securing adoptive homes for the surviving dogs, and banning animal tests for good.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks and best wishes,

Nina Jackel  
President, Lady Freethinker

