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Dear Barbara,

We recently completed a thorough review of public documents obtained from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) regarding Iams-funded research conducted by Roger B. Johnson. Unsurprisingly, we came across a glaring violation of Iams' March 1999 terminal-research moratorium.

In a letter to Roger Johnson, the chair of UMMC's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) notes that Johnson's experiment (entitled "Effects of Diet on the Initiation of Gingivitis") "is assigned protocol number 0801 with an approval date of November 16, 1999."¹ According to the "Animal Activity Protocol" for this experiment, the anticipated start date for the study was December 1, 1999—well after Iams' "no-kill" policy took effect.²

We find it disturbing that in item 19 of the "Animal Activity Protocol," Johnson states, "At the end of the experiments, animals will be euthanized." Item 22 of the same document reiterates this statement: "Animals will be euthanized at the end of the test period."

Our conclusion is that Iams was playing games with the public when it implemented its terminal-research moratorium, just as it was when it promised exercise, socialization, and beds for animals used in experiments.

In the event that you are planning to somehow object to our straightforward conclusion that dogs were killed in Roger Johnson's study, I refer you to another letter to Johnson from the chair of UMMC's IACUC, dated October 7, 1999, which states that "in the absence of euthanasia, an obligation from IAMS in writing indicating a transfer/sell plan for the animals and an assumption of all maintenance costs during any interim period must be received before animals are ordered."³

We asked UMMC for a copy of this written obligation and have been informed that no such document exists.⁴ Without this document, Iams clearly cannot argue that dogs in Johnson's experiment were spared from death.

¹ Please refer to the enclosed letter dated November 22, 1999, sent from the chair of UMMC's IACUC to Dr. Johnson.

² Please refer to the enclosed "Animal Activity Protocol" for Dr. Johnson's experiment.

³ Please refer to the enclosed letter dated October 7, 1999, sent from the chair of UMMC's IACUC to Dr. Johnson.

⁴ Please refer to the enclosed letters dated January 4, 2005 (sent from PETA's Shalin Gala to UMMC's Susan Shands Jones), and January 21, 2005 (sent from UMMC's Susan Shands Jones to PETA's Shalin Gala).

May we please hear from you immediately? I can be reached at ShalinG@peta.org or 757-962-8325.
Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shalin D. Gala", written over a horizontal line.

Shalin Gala, Research Associate
Research & Investigations Department

enclosures: Letter dated November 22, 1999
"Animal Activity Protocol"
Letter dated October 7, 1999
Letter dated January 4, 2005
Letter dated January 21, 2005

cc: Mary Beth Sweetland

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November 22, 1999

Dr. Roger B. Johnson
Dept. of Periodontics
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2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216


Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for submitting the additional information requested for your initial submission protocol, *Effects of Diet on the Initiation of Gingivitis*, that was reviewed at the September 1999 meeting of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The subcommittee has completed the review process and your protocol is approved. This protocol is assigned protocol number 0801 with an approval date of November 16, 1999. Please refer to this number when ordering animals or making inquiries about this protocol.

Also, please be aware that approval of your protocol does not necessarily assure timely availability of adequate animal housing space. Please contact the Laboratory Animal Facilities at extension 4-1385 concerning animal housing availability.

My telephone extension is 5-5000 if you have additional questions about your protocol. Enclosed is a copy of the protocol with signatures for your file.

Sincerely,


Chairman, IACUC

DJD/jmg

Cc: 

To Dr. S.
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October 7, 1999

Dr. Roger B. Johnson
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Jackson, MS 39216

Dear Dr. Johnson:

At the September 28, 1999 meeting of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) your protocol, *Effects of Diet on the Initiation of Gingivitis*, was reviewed and classified as pending, approved when modified. Please address the following changes/additions.

- Item #12: Special diet will need to have analysis/documentation of meeting requirements for adequate diet for the species.
- Item #12: Please provide details of specialized cleaning procedures.
- Item #14: Please expand to include "why" necessary.
- Item #15: Please expand information.
- Item #19: The veterinary staff indicated that for the length of the procedure supplemental anesthesia will probably be needed and recommended Isoflurane.
- The veterinary staff indicated that withdrawal of 10 ml of blood from the cat is too much. Can a small volume be utilized?
- Please provide a statement about any veterinary medical problems anticipated and how they will be handled.
- Item #22: Should there be any unanticipated health complications that would require euthanasia of any animal, what method of sacrifice will be used? Additionally, in the absence of euthanasia, an obligation from IAMS in writing indicating a transfer/sell plan for the animals and an assumption of all maintenance costs during any interim period must be received before animals are ordered.

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Dr. Roger B. Johnson

October 7, 1999

After incorporation of this information into your protocol, please deliver the revised original document to [REDACTED] Trailer #4 at your earliest convenience within the next 30 days. With this submission additional copies are not necessary.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chairman, IACUC

DJD/jmg

Cc: [REDACTED]

January 4, 2005

Susan Shands Jones, Staff Attorney
The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)
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1 page via e-mail (sshands@accounting.umsmed.edu) and US Mail

Dear Ms. Shands Jones:

Thank you for sending records responsive to our December 14, 2004 public records request. As requested, we will be remitting \$292.90 to Charles Mullen (UMMC Comptroller) shortly.

Among the documents we received was an October 7, 1999 letter sent from the chair of UMMC's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to Dr. Roger B. Johnson regarding his experiment entitled, "Effects of Diet on the Initiation of Gingivitis" (protocol number 0801). In the letter the chairman notes that "in the absence of euthanasia, an obligation from IAMS in writing indicating a transfer/sell plan for the animals and an assumption of all maintenance costs during any interim period must be received before animals are ordered."

Pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 (Miss. Code Ann. §§25-61-1 to -17), we would like to receive one copy of this written obligation from IAMS.

If you have any questions about our request, please contact me at 757-962-8325 or ShalinG@peta.org. Thank you for your prompt attention in addressing this matter.

Very truly yours,



Shalin Gala, Research Associate
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January 21, 2005

Shalin Gala, Research Associate
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Dear Mr. Gala:

We received your follow-up public records request by mail on January 7, 2005 with your payment of \$292.90.

In response to your inquiry under the Mississippi Public Records Act, we have found no documents responsive to your request.

Sincerely,



Susan Shands Jones,
Staff Attorney

cc: Dr. Roger Johnson