

*Yes - Animal*

September 18, 1974

Mr. John J. O'Neill  
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Many thanks for your letter of August 28th concerning S. 3559, a bill which would prohibit the use of dogs in research and experiments conducted by departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the United States when such use is likely to result in needless ~~an~~ excessive suffering by such dogs.

I was also a co-sponsor to Senator Humphrey's amendment to the Military Procurement Bill which stated that "No funds appropriated pursuant to the Act may be used for the purpose of carrying out research, testing and/or evaluation of poisonous gases, radioactive materials, poisonous chemicals, biological, or chemical warfare agents upon dogs." This amendment was modified substantially by the House-Senate Conference Committee, but was adopted in limited form.

As you may know, my bill, S. 3559, as well as other pieces of animal welfare legislation is pending before the Senate Commerce Committee. Unfortunately, it does not seem that any substantive piece of animal welfare legislation will be reported from that Committee prior to the end of the Session. Since I am not a member of that Committee, there is little I can do to speed up the hearing process, but you may be assured of my continued interest in this field, and that I will do everything possible to insure proper treatment for our domestic and wild animals.

Thanks again for writing -- appreciate knowing of your support.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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August 28, 1974

The Honorable Robert Dole  
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Dear Senator Dole:

Re: S. 3559

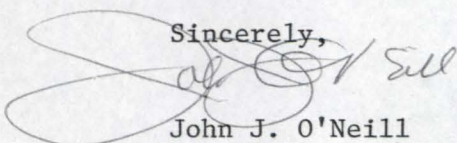
The introduction and support of your bill, S. 3559, "prohibiting the use of dogs in research and experiments conducted by departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States when such use is likely to result in needless or excessive suffering by such dogs" is vigorously backed by the members of this Society, its Board and staff. S. 3559 and the accompanying letter to our President showed a heartwarming concern for the well-being of domestic animals and an awareness of the lack of enforced guidelines for humane treatment in laboratories.

The short term goal of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society is to reduce the number of animals being used for experimentation. The eventual goal of the Society is to eliminate the practice of vivisection. However, we would be deluding ourselves if we believed this could happen overnight. We are not against progress in medicine and science but we do object to the often unnecessary laboratory experiments. Many doctors and scientists have recognized that much of the experimentation on live animals is unnecessary and we urge all men of science to consider more humane alternative methods of research.

The staggering number of beagles being used by our military in poisonous gas tests is cruel, assembly-line animal torture. There are informed scientists who will acknowledge that more sensitive and accurate results are available through the use of computers, spectro-analysis and other techniques that do not involve helpless animals.

S. 3559, if passed, will force our government research departments to establish better treatment of animals in their laboratories, and, to a good extent, be responsible for decreasing the sum total of suffering of experimental animals. It's a very good beginning.

Sincerely,

  
John J. O'Neill  
President

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