

# Circle of Life

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to request your help on behalf of my friends at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). I have learned that while many effective projects focused on public health education and clinical work with women lack funding and while women who suffer distress during their menstrual cycles go without the medical care that they need, millions of dollars are being wasted to fund a horrible project that involves cruelty to animals. Female rhesus monkeys are suffering unnecessary abuse in laboratories at Columbia University, where experiments surgically implant heavy metal pipes into the animals' craniums for the sole purpose of inducing stress to "study the connection between stress and the menstrual cycle"!

Former Columbia veterinarian Dr. Catherine Dell'Orto has revealed that these primates are denied all companionship, mental stimulation, and exercise and are confined to barren cells of metal and concrete. They are subjected to invasive and pointless surgeries and denied post-operative painkillers. These complex and social beings are often so neglected that many die.

Yes, this is an animal rights issue, but it's also relevant to feminists-so please, may I count on you to stand with me and demand an end to these cruel and wasteful experiments by signing the enclosed statement and returning it to me care of PETA? I look forward to our joining hands on this important issue. Thanks!

Sincerely,



Julia Butterfly Hill

P. S. As a woman, I am outraged that other beings are undergoing such outrageous and inhumane torture under the guise of "helping" women. This is absolutely unacceptable to me and thousands of women I interact with every month.