

Ally Sheedy

July 16, 2004

President Lee C. Bollinger
Office of the President
Columbia University
202 Low Library
New York, NY 10027

Dear Dr. Bollinger:

I am writing with regard to some very serious allegations of cruelty to animals, with which you are undoubtedly familiar, brought to my attention by Dr. Catherine Dell'Orto, a veterinarian at Columbia University who has since resigned from your staff.

The photos and undercover video footage that I've seen of monkeys and baboons are extremely troubling, and I'm writing to ask that you please suspend three experiments in accordance with Dr. Dell'Orto's requests: the nicotine experiments on pregnant baboons, menstruation-stress experiments on monkeys, and stroke experiments on baboons. These animals were left in horrible conditions without any painkillers and denied euthanasia when they should have been put out of their misery.

As a proud New Yorker and neighbor to the Columbia campus, I urge you to do everything in your power to address these allegations promptly. They cast a dark shadow on the face of Columbia and on our great city.

If you'd like to discuss this matter further, please contact PETA's senior vice president, Mary Beth Sweetland, at 757-622-7382, extension 8334, or via e-mail at MaryBethS@peta.org. Thank you for your careful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ally Sheedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

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