Each year in the U.S., approximately 100 million animals are tormented and killed in experiments. Much of this cruelty is supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which allocates 40% of its annual research budget to animal experiments. Based on the NIH’s 2010 budget, this accounts for more than $16 billion in U.S. taxpayer money.

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Your Tax Dollars at Work
Below is just a sample of the many current taxpayer-funded grants at U.S. universities:

- **Ohio State University:** $1.9 million for cruel heart attack experiments on dogs
- **University of Wisconsin–Madison:** $3 million for cruel fighting experiments on mice
- **Oregon National Primate Research Center:** $5 million for cruel obesity experiments on monkeys
- **Harvard University:** $16 million for cruel drug addiction experiments on monkeys

Of the drugs that are shown to be safe and effective in animal tests, 92% fail in human trials because they don’t work or are dangerous.

Of the 8% of drugs that are approved for human use, half are relabeled because of side effects that were not identified in animal tests.

These drugs were deemed safe in animal testing but were later found to be lethal to humans:

- **Vioxx:** 60,000 + deaths
- **Rezulin:** 390 deaths
- **Propulsid:** 300 deaths
- **Oraflex:** 49 deaths

What America Could Do With $16 Billion

- Provide $606 per month to the 2.2 million households in which senior citizens go to bed hungry.
- Hire an additional 380,000 teachers to help educate America’s youth.
- Provide $833 per month to the 1.6 million veterans who are homeless or at risk of losing their home.
- Give back an additional $190 per year in federal income taxes to 84 million households.