

# **SAEN: Labcorp early development labs abuses another research subject, breaking federal law; watchdog calls for maximum fine**

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MADISON, WI – U.S. regulators have charged Labcorp Early Development Laboratories again for breaking federal law in the severe injury of a monkey in its research program.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture report cited the laboratory for breaking federal law by violating the animal handling requirements of the Animal Welfare Act. The violation was of the more serious “critical” variety.

According to the federal report, a monkey suffered an arm fracture due to the way he was handled by laboratory staff.

See: <https://saenonline.org/news-media-news-2021/Labcorp--Official-Complaint-12-13-2021.pdf>

SAEN, an Ohio-based national watchdog group that monitors U.S. research facilities for illegal activity and animal abuse, has filed a new federal complaint against Labcorp seeking the maximum penalty against the laboratory of \$10,000 per infraction.

The latest injury follows two earlier “critical” violations for precisely the same thing for which Labcorp Early Development Laboratories was issued an Official Warning by the USDA. One of the animal handling violations resulted in the death of a monkey due from a fractured femur.

According to the Official Warning issued against Labcorp Early Development Laboratories on Sept. 9, "If APHIS obtains evidence of any future violation of these federal regulations, APHIS may pursue civil penalties, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions."

"Clearly, the recent USDA Official Warning was ignored by Labcorp. This laboratory has now been issued critical citations three separate times for precisely the same thing and has been officially warned by the USDA," said SAEN Research Analyst Stacey Ellison.