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New Video Provides an Inside View of Nonhuman Primate Research

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- <u>Americans for Medical Progress</u>, a nonprofit advocacy organization that supports the advancement of human and animal medicine through responsible, highly-regulated animal research, has released a new video highlighting the critically important role of nonhuman primates in research.

The video, which can be found at the <u>Americans for Medical Progress website</u>, provides viewers with an inside look at a primate research facility. In addition to showing monkeys in an actual research setting, the video includes interviews with several people who ensure the ethical treatment of animals in research. These experts include a researcher, the director of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, a research veterinarian and an animal care operations manager. Within the brief video, each participant shares their insights and appreciation for the nonhuman primates they care for daily. They explain their commitment to continuous betterment of animal welfare, their perspectives as to why nonhuman primates are essential for improving and saving lives and their personal connections to animals.

Throughout the video, monkeys involved in biomedical research are shown in both outdoor and indoor housing environments. Viewers also see animals living in social groups and exhibiting natural behaviors within enriched living spaces.

"Too often, public opinion on animal-based health studies is shaded by the frequently inaccurate claims and images circulated by animal rights groups," said Paula Clifford, MLA, RLATG, CVT, Executive Director of Americans for Medical Progress. "Throughout our video production process, we were sincerely moved by the tremendous compassion exhibited by scientists and caregivers alike. We were also impressed by the powerful bonds forged between animals and staff. "

The video is the second in AMP's Love, Care, Progress series, which focuses on the role of animals in research and the tremendous efforts by well-trained staff to care for these creatures. The first Love, Care, Progress video, which can also be found on the <u>Americans for Medical Progress website</u>, sheds light on medical research in canines. It introduces us to the staff who care for dogs involved in studies that benefit humans and animals alike.

AMP's new Love, Care, Progress video can <u>both be viewed and downloaded at Vimeo</u>. It can also be found <u>on YouTube</u>.

About Americans for Medical Progress

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