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# **Bob Dunn's Animal Services**

## **Factsheet**

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**Bob Dunn's Animal Services has failed to meet minimal federal standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Bob Dunn's Animal Services for failure to have a current program of veterinary care, unsanitary conditions, failure to maintain facilities, and inadequate drainage for water-soaked cages. One of Dunn's chimpanzees was found living at a poorly run pseudo-sanctuary. Contact PETA for documentation.**

**January 5, 2004:** A PETA investigation found that one of Dunn's chimpanzees, Chubbs, was living at a pseudo-sanctuary called Amarillo Wildlife Refuge. Chubbs, who had been used in the film *Planet of the Apes*, was kept in a dark, barren, concrete pit filled with garbage and was being sustained on a diet of dog food and rotten produce.

**February 5, 2003:** The USDA cited Bob Dunn for failure to have a current program of veterinary care.

**August 17, 2001:** A USDA inspection report listed Dunn's animal inventory as: 20 chimpanzees, 6 orangutans, 4 capuchins, 4 macaques, 1 gibbon, 2 zebras, 3 Belgian hares, 3 prairie dogs, 5 squirrels, and 1 giraffe. A 1988 *Los Angeles Times* article describes Dunn's animal-training complex in Sylmar as being just 1 acre in size.

**March 2, 2000:** The USDA cited Bob Dunn for unsanitary conditions in the chimpanzee nursery and macaque cage, inadequate drainage in a baby orangutan cage and in a chimpanzee cage that contained standing water and wet sand throughout, failure to dispose of expired medications—including Cimetidine HCl (a drug used to treat stomach ulcers), and failure to maintain records of disposition.

**July 30, 1999:** According to the *New York Post*, Dr. Jane Goodall criticized TBS program *The Chimp Channel* for encouraging the use of chimpanzees and other apes in entertainment because the training methods used to make these animals perform are "harsh, if not downright cruel." Bob Dunn's Animal Services supplied chimpanzees for *The Chimp Channel*, including Jacob and Jonah, twins who were born February 15, 1996, at Arbuckle Wilderness in Oklahoma. In February 2000, the USDA filed more than 60 different charges of AWA violations against Arbuckle Wilderness.

**January 12, 1999:** The USDA cited Bob Dunn for failure to provide evidence that the program of veterinary care was approved by a veterinarian who was experienced with primates, unsanitary conditions in a macaque cage and a chimpanzee cage that was being stored in a garage, failure to maintain facilities, and improper food storage.