

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR:

# FACTS ABOUT COVANCE

**Animal-testing conglomerate Covance plans to build a 400,000-square-foot facility in Chandler. In addition to testing drugs, food additives, and cosmetics ingredients on animals, Covance is the world's largest breeder of dogs for use in experiments, as well as the largest importer of primates into the U.S.**

**FACT:** Covance recently had to pay a fine of \$8,750 for serious violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act in order to keep the matter from going to court. The fine represents only a fraction of what Covance might have faced if it had not settled with the government.

**FACT:** In 1989, Covance—then known as Hazelton—imported three shipments of Ebola-infected monkeys. The buildings housing the monkeys were evacuated, the monkeys were killed, and the premises were sealed and sanitized. Built for \$12 million, the facility sat on the market for six years. The asking price plummeted to \$1 million before the building was bulldozed and the land was given away.

**FACT:** According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Covance imported 12,681 primates from Asia in 2005. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) forbids the importation of primates as pets because exposure to imported nonhuman primates "presents potential infectious disease risks, which may include . . . Ebola-Reston, B Virus (Cercopithecine herpesvirus 1), monkeypox, yellow fever, Simian Immunodeficiency Virus, tuberculosis, and other diseases not yet known or identified." The CDC attempted to stop primate imports following the Ebola incident, but pressure from companies like Covance—driven by their drive for cheap lab animals—prevailed, putting public health in peril.

**FACT:** Video footage shot inside Covance shows that workers tormented monkeys, hit them, threw them against cages, and cursed at the terrified animals. Sick and injured monkeys were deprived of veterinary care. Covance does not deny that this footage was shot in its labs, but it did try to stop People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) from showing it. The U.K. judge who presided over the case characterized the video as "highly disturbing."

**FACT:** In 2000, Covance attempted to build a testing lab in Alameda, California, but was forced to withdraw its plans because of a massive public outcry.

Visit [www.StopCovance.com/fact2.htm](http://www.StopCovance.com/fact2.htm) to read [USDA Inspection Reports](#) listing numerous [Covance violations](#). At the same web site, you can also view the [Covance/USDA Settlement Report](#), which also lists violations. To watch a video of [what goes on inside Covance](#), visit [StopCovance.com](http://StopCovance.com).

**CITIZENS AGAINST COVANCE** is a group of concerned local residents volunteering our resources to keep Covance out of our community. For more information, visit [StopCovance.com](http://StopCovance.com).

"I abhor vivisection. . . . [I]t should be abolished. I know of no achievement through vivisection, no scientific discovery that could not have been obtained without such barbarism and cruelty. The whole thing is evil."

— **Charles Mayo, M.D.,  
founder of the Mayo Clinic**

"Currently, nine out of ten experimental drugs fail in clinical studies because we cannot accurately predict how they will behave in people based on laboratory and animal studies."

— **Health and Human  
Services Secretary Mike  
Leavitt (January 12, 2006)**

"There is a growing citizen opposition to Covance for two reasons, cruelty to animals and public health concerns."

— **Sir Paul McCartney in a  
letter to Governor Janet  
Napolitano (March 3,  
2006)**

## YOU CAN HELP

Please contact  
**Mayor Boyd Dunn**  
and the City Council at  
**480-782-2200**  
and ask them to say  
**"No!" to Covance.**

# Citizens Against Covance

[www.StopCovance.com](http://www.StopCovance.com)

*Despite what Covance would have you believe, we are not PETA,  
and we are not radical activists. We are Chandler residents, your neighbors, co-workers,  
and friends, who oppose Covance setting up shop in our community!*