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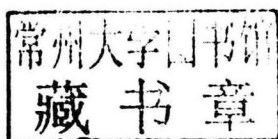
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Preface

Biomedical research using nonhuman primates continues to provide important insights into the pathogenesis and treatment of diseases that impact human health. In recent years, translational research has become an increasingly emphasized area in biomedical research. This emphasis on translating discoveries made in basic research into treatments that are useful to patients requires animal models that allow scientists to predict human responses. Nonhuman primates have long been recognized as important models for translational research due to their phylogenetic proximity to human beings and their similarity in responses to treatment and pathogenesis of disease when compared to patients subsequently observed in clinical trials. For these reasons, the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) recognized the need for an authoritative textbook on the biology, management, and diseases of nonhuman primates used in biomedical research.

The first edition of *Nonhuman Primates in Biomedical Research* was edited by B. Taylor Bennett, Christian R. Abee, and Roy V. Henrickson as part of the textbook series sponsored by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. It was published in two volumes, *Biology and Management* (1995) and *Diseases* (1998). The completion of the first edition required more than 10 years to plan, develop, edit, and publish. It has served as a seminal text in the field because it provided readers with the collective knowledge of experts in veterinary medicine, laboratory animal medicine, comparative medicine, and primatology as these disciplines are applied to the care and use of nonhuman primates in biomedical research. The first edition is no longer in print and used copies have become collector's items selling for more than the original purchase price. This provided the Publications Committee of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine with strong justification to approve the development of this second edition of this important text.

Planning for the second edition of *Nonhuman Primates in Biomedical Research* began in 2006. Although much of the information in the first edition remains useful, there have been major advances in our understanding of the biology, veterinary medical care, pathology, and research

uses of nonhuman primates. Planning for the second edition began with the return of Christian Abee as an editor followed by Keith Mansfield, Suzette Tardif, and Timothy Morris as co-editors.

The editors reviewed the first edition to determine those chapters that should be repeated with careful attention to chapters that required major revisions and those that required less extensive updating. The editors agreed that the text should have a more international perspective and chapters should be added that describe research areas in which nonhuman primates play a critical role. Therefore, this second edition has added chapters that provide a more international perspective on regulatory oversight of the care and use of nonhuman primates and chapters that describe important model systems and research areas. High-resolution color images have been included in this edition that illustrate gross and microscopic lesions characteristic of diseases of nonhuman primates. Color illustrations have also been included of imaging techniques that can be used in both clinical veterinary medical care and research applications.

The editors assembled an outstanding group of chapter contributors with many chapter authors from the first edition contributing once again. Chapter manuscripts were peer reviewed by experts in the respective subject areas. The reviewers of chapters provided a very important contribution by helping to make certain that chapters were accurate and fair in their review of the subject areas. Reviewers are listed in each respective volume, but are not identified with the specific chapter they reviewed.

Nonhuman Primates in Biomedical Research 2nd edition provides a comprehensive and current review of the collective knowledge of the biology, management, diseases, and research uses of nonhuman primates. The information in these volumes will be useful to clinical veterinarians, veterinary pathologists, primate caregivers and colony managers, scientists who work with nonhuman primates, and others who wish to know more about nonhuman primates.

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HUMAN AND NONHUMAN PRIMATES TO 1960

Roots of Modern Primatology

Nonhuman primates probably first became valuable to humans as pets, but they are also the oldest recorded animal subjects for scientific research (Hill, 1977). Nonhuman primate pet trading is known to have occurred in Egypt as long as 5000 years ago (Morris and Morris, 1966); their use for medical purposes came somewhat later, although still in respectably ancient times. Galen (130–200 AD) did anatomical studies on animals including monkeys (Cohen and Loew, 1984) and Vesalius (1514–1564) used barbary apes (*Macaca sylvanus*) in his studies of circulatory anatomy (Morris and Morris, 1966; Kavanaugh and Bennett 1984; Loeb et al., 1989). Ruch (1941) has also documented that monkeys and apes were studied from ancient times through the middle ages by Hanno, Aristotle, Pliny the Elder, Pliny the Younger, Petrus, Candidus, and others.

Darwin's research on evolution and particularly his notes on the behavior of the gorilla established his credentials as one of the first observational primatologists (Darwin, 1871). Also late in the 19th century, the British physician David Ferrier conducted comparative neuroanatomy studies of apes and monkeys (Morris and Morris, 1966). During the same time period, Pasteur discovered that the passage of the rabies virus through monkeys caused it to lose its virulence for dogs (Pasteur et al., 1884a,b). Some 20 years later, poliovirus was isolated by inoculating spinal cord material collected from fatal human cases intraperitoneally into monkeys (Landsteiner and Popper, 1908, 1909). The primatological knowledge that was generated came largely from relatively few behavioral and biomedical investigators working independently. With the institutionalization of nonhuman primate research, a profound change became possible.

First Primate Centers

Soviet Institute of Experimental Pathology and Therapy

According to Held and Gay (1983) and Lapin (1983), the first Commissar of Health in the USSR was persuaded by

Mechnikov, a pioneer of modern Soviet experimental primatology, to establish a primate breeding station in 1923. Located in Sukhumi on the subtropical shores of the Black Sea in the then Soviet State of Georgia, the station was intended to be a quarantine, breeding, and holding center for nonhuman primates and to support a network of 50 medical and biomedical research institutions. It began operations in 1927 when it received the first shipment of hamadryas baboons (*Papio hamadryas*) and chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) from Africa. At first, captive breeding was unsuccessful. However, there was improvement as experience in maintaining and breeding nonhuman primates was gained. Charting a course that has been followed elsewhere, activities of the Sukhumi station's service gradually expanded to encompass initiatives in independent research. In 1957, now under the auspices of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR, the station became the Institute of Experimental Pathology and Therapy (IEPT) in recognition of its status as a full-fledged research institution. By 1990, the IEPT had production colonies of over 7000 animals consisting primarily of baboon and macaque species, a staff of about 1000 people, and research programs focusing on oncology, physiology, biochemistry, infectious diseases, and the biology of nonhuman primates (B. A. Lapin, personal communication, 1990). The institute also served as a principal source of nonhuman primates for the Virology Institute in Moscow and the Russian space program. It was also an international resource with productive research links to medical scientists in the USA and elsewhere (Figure 1.1).

The secession of Georgia from the former Soviet Union and the disturbances associated with the declaration of independence of Abkhazia seriously disrupted continued operations in Sukhumi. These problems forced completion in 1992 of a move of less than 100 miles to a satellite site in Russia near the city of Adler (D. M. Bowden, personal communication, 1993). Despite this adversity, the institute, now the Institute of Medical Primatology of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, remains not only one of the largest nonhuman primate research centers in the world but one of the most enduring as well.



FIGURE 1.1 Drs Boris Lapin and Orville Smith at the IEPT in Sukhumi in 1987. Lapin, who became director of IEPT in 1958 and continued in that capacity after the move to Adler in 2010 had directed a major primate research center longer than anyone else. Smith was a longtime director of the Washington NPRC and studied the behavioral components of hypertension in baboons and collaborated extensively with investigators at IEPT and IMP.

Robert Yerkes and the Primate Laboratory of the Yale Institute of Psychobiology

Robert Yerkes, an accomplished comparative psychologist, had a vision for what the future held for nonhuman primate research and how to realize those dreams (Yerkes, 1916). Yerkes established the Primate Laboratory of the Yale Institute of Psychobiology at Orange Park, Florida, in 1930 (Bourne, 1971; Maple, 1979). His plan was to establish and develop “an institute of comparative psychobiology in which the resources of the various natural sciences should be used effectively for the solution of varied problems of life” (Yerkes, 1932). As early as 1919, he proposed the idea of establishing a nonhuman primate research institute for the systematic study of the “fundamental instincts” and “social relations” of nonhuman primates. Yerkes was a contemporary of other notable early investigators of the time such as Kohler and Kohts who were interested in nonhuman primate research (Maple, 1979). Interest in Kohts’ perceptual and sensory work with chimpanzees in the Soviet Union may have contributed to the initiative for the establishment of the Sukhumi station (Yerkes, 1943).

Yerkes established his Orange Park station in 1930 with funds from Yale University and the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations. He received an initial gift of 13 chimpanzees from a breeding facility belonging to Rosalia Abreu in Cuba (Maple, 1979). The colony was expanded during the next several years with 16 additional chimpanzees from Africa, a gift from the Pasteur Institute.

Laboratory studies were multi-categorical, encompassing neurophysiology, anatomy, pathology, nutrition, growth, and development (Bourne, 1971). Orange Park was the first organization of its kind in the western hemisphere.

In 1965, the laboratories in Orange Park were moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and the animals were re-established in the new Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center of Emory University.

Cayo Santiago and the Caribbean Primate Research Center

Clarence Ray Carpenter, a student of Yerkes and an accomplished field primatologist (Maple, 1979), has as one of his most enduring accomplishments the establishment of the Cayo Santiago Colony of rhesus monkeys. Rawlins and Kessler (1986) and Kessler (1989; M. J. Kessler, personal communication, 2007) have provided extensive accounts of the history of the Cayo Santiago Colony. Much of the following historical information is derived from those accounts.

Carpenter formulated plans in the early 1930s for establishing a population of both gibbons and rhesus macaques on an island in the American tropics. The possibility of conducting both behavioral and biomedical research on an island colony was basic to those plans. He interested a number of people, including the staff of Harvard’s Museum of Comparative Zoology, the faculty of Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons,

and the Columbia University/University of Puerto Rico's (UPR) School of Tropical Medicine in San Juan (later to become the UPR School of Medicine), in a planning effort. He selected Cayo Santiago, a 15.2-hectare (approximately 38-acre) island one kilometer off Puerto Rico's eastern coastal town of Humacao that was donated to the university by a wealthy Puerto Rican sugar cane and banking family.

With the help of a \$60 000 grant from a private foundation, Carpenter set off for Indochina and India in 1938. He fared well in collecting the desired number of macaques. Survival of the 47-day sea voyage from Calcutta with the caged animals shipped as deck cargo was a testimonial to the enduring qualities of rhesus monkeys as well as to the care that they received. In late 1938, he released 409 rhesus monkeys, 14 gibbons, and three pig-tailed macaques on Cayo Santiago. Eventually only the rhesus monkeys remained.

Maintenance of the island and breeding were not without problems. Local fruits and vegetables did not provide an adequate diet and malnutrition was overcome only by feeding fox chow, the early precursor to monkey chow. Wells were dug, but the water was brackish. Cisterns and a system for collecting rainwater had to be constructed. A number of monkeys were lost through fighting or being denied access to feed by other animals. Under this pressure, some monkeys even escaped by swimming to the mainland. Various diseases also took their toll, but persistent efforts were successful in eventually eliminating tuberculosis.

Another problem was the lack of dependable financial support. In 1947, the UPR, which had assumed full responsibility for the project, actually offered it free to any institution that would support it. In 1948, a Puerto Rican neuroanatomist from the University of Michigan came to the rescue and succeeded in getting a \$5000 grant to support his research and the colony as well. This was the first of many federal awards and marked the beginning of sustained federal support. In 1956, Cayo Santiago was incorporated into the NIH Institute of Neurological, Communicative Disorders, and Stroke's (NINCDS) Laboratory of Perinatal Physiology. The work of the laboratory focused on finding the cause and cure for neonatal asphyxia using rhesus monkeys as research models.

At the closure of the laboratory in 1970, the Cayo Santiago colony became a part of the UPR Medical Science campus's Caribbean Primate Research Center. The colony on Cayo Santiago has remained a favored site for naturalistic behavioral and noninvasive biomedical research for almost 70 years (Figure 1.2). It has also provided an extensive database on rhesus monkey genetics, thousands of rhesus monkey skeletons in the CRPC's osteological collection, and genetically well-defined animals that have provided founder stock for starting new breeding colonies at the center and elsewhere.



FIGURE 1.2 A male rhesus monkey patrolling his territory on Puerto Rico's Cayo Santiago Island, Caribbean Primate Research Center. Cayo Santiago is the longest standing primate breeding and research resource in the western hemisphere. The monkey is likely a direct descendant of Indian origin breeding stock that was introduced to the island by Ray Carpenter in 1938. (Photo courtesy of R.G. Rawlins@rgrstockphoto.com)

Virological Research in Nonhuman Primates

General

Technically, the modern use of nonhuman primates in biomedical research had its origins in Pasteur's work with rabies and the studies of others with smallpox and vaccinia in the late 1800s. Kalter and Heberling (1971) and Gerone (1974) have provided comprehensive reviews of virological research in nonhuman primates, including work on yellow fever and a variety of encephalitis viruses through the 1930s.

Polio

The Nobel prizewinning achievement of Landsteiner and Popper (1908, 1909) in isolating poliovirus in Vienna provided the real beginning of serious and widespread use of nonhuman primates in biomedical research. The unique susceptibility of nonhuman primates to this relatively new and frightening disease threat clearly established their special importance in research.

The intense efforts to develop a vaccine against polio that followed were unprecedented. They spanned the next 45 years, were international in scope, and involved a host of major investigators. However, it was a complex process that experienced serious setbacks. There were some promising early findings based on nonhuman primate studies using