

Dear reader,

We are proud to announce our 49th website, "[Should Animals Be Used for Scientific or Commercial Testing?](#)" Your support has helped to fuel more than 300 hours of research involving over 100 sources on this new website. We also have a related state-by-state guide to how many animals and which ones are used in testing.

We also want to announce our [Dec. 2, 2013 charity golf tournament at the Calabasas Country Club](#). This fundraiser will bring together many celebrities, golf pros, business leaders, and the ProCon.org supporters who want to play alongside them at one of the best golf courses in Southern California. Please consider playing or telling a golfer you know to join us.

A special thank you to all our readers who wrote reviews of ProCon.org at GreatNonprofits.org. Thanks to your support we have earned their coveted "Top Rated Nonprofit" designation for the third year in a row.

See more highlights below from our latest research on other topics.

ANIMAL TESTING

NEW ProCon.org Website! - [Should Animals Be Used for Scientific or Commercial Testing?](#) - An estimated 26 million animals are used every year in the United States for scientific and commercial testing. Proponents say that animal testing has enabled the development of many life-saving treatments for both humans and animals and that there is no alternative method for researching a complete living organism. Opponents of animal testing say that it is cruel and inhumane to experiment on animals and that animals are so different from human beings that it often yields irrelevant results.

[Number of Animals Used for Testing, by Species](#) - 21,578 cats, 64,930 dogs, 145,895 hamsters and 71,317 primates were used for research, testing, and education in the United States in 2010. See statistics for these and other animals, nationally and by state.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - PLAYERS WANTED

On Monday Dec. 2, 2013, ProCon.org along with the Rehabilitation Foundation for Disabled Persons (RFDP) will be holding a [charity golf tournament](#) in Calabasas, CA organized by the Canada California Business Council.

We are trying to raise money to expand ProCon.org with new topics, new features, and keep advertising off the site. Even if you don't play golf, please tell a golfer you know about our charity event.

Participants get two free practice rounds AND a food/drink credit AND a golf cart rental usable prior to Dec. 2nd. You also get breakfast, lunch, gala dinner at the awards ceremony, and unlimited open bar all day. Plus, you get a gift bag (\$250 value), a \$750 tax-deductible receipt, and a rare opportunity to spend a day with ProCon.org staff, celebrities, pro golfers, business leaders, and other ProCon.org supporters. Purchase a foursome and get even more benefits and a discount.

We are really looking forward to the event, and we hope to see you there. **To register or get more information, please visit www.rfdp.ca/LAgolf**

COLLEGE EDUCATION

[College Cost & Debt](#) - Average college costs for four years increased from \$68,764 in 2003-2004 to \$111,660 in 2010-2011. Average student debt rose from \$17,580 in 2003-2004 to \$24,854 for the 2010-2011 school year. See all these statistics from 2003-2011.

[State-by-State College Statistics: How Do Your State's Colleges Rate?](#) - Find 2010-2011 college statistics for all 50 states and Washington, DC. For example, North Dakota had the most graduates with debt (83%) and Hawaii had the fewest (38%), while New Hampshire had the highest average undergraduate debt (\$34,440) and New Mexico had the lowest (\$16,399).

[Top 10 Wealthiest Americans with and without College Degrees](#) - See the top 10 richest Americans with college degrees (Warren Buffett with an MS from Columbia University tops that list at \$58.5 billion) and the top 10 richest Americans without college degrees (Bill Gates who dropped out of Harvard University is #1 at \$72 billion). The cumulative wealth of the top 10 wealthiest Americans with college degrees is 29.6% higher than the top 10 wealthiest Americans without college degrees.

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Sincerely,

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