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THE MACAQUES INTENDED FOR EXPERIMENTS AT MODENA UNIVERSITY (ITALY), HAVE BEEN FINALLY RESCUED. THE UNIVERSITY FORMALLY COMMITTED TO SHUT DOWN EXPERIMENTS.

LAV (MAIN ITALIAN ANIMAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION) WELCOMES THIS RESULT AND WILL ENSURE THE 16 ANIMALS A SAFE FUTURE IN SPECIALIZED RESCUE CENTERS: "THIS IS A HISTORICAL MILESTONE FOR THE ANIMALS AND FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH"

The macaques of Modena University will be finally let out of the cages where they have been kept for years. This result was made possible by LAV Modena - which has been guiding this struggle for many years, working together with Animal Amnesty and AnimAnimale, within the Coordination "Save the Monkeys" - and thanks to the support of thousands of citizens, who joined together to support the battle against the breeding facility of Modena University, where the macaques are used to perform very invasive medical brain tests.

Today, thanks to LAV's commitment, the Municipality of Modena has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dean of the University which, with the positive contribution of the new President of the Faculty of Medicine, establishes the rescue of the 16 macaques which have not yet been subjected to implants in their skulls. This signature sets an historic stop to experiments on monkeys.

LAV has already reaffirmed to Modena Municipality its willingness to assume responsibility for the entire colony of rescued macaques, ensuring their recovery in specialized centers where, thanks to the funds raised by the association with the annual "5x1000" campaign, the monkeys will receive adequate healthcare and will live a hopefully long life, heated by sunlight and free to play.

*"Today's decision proves that stopping vivisection is a due and a possible achievement – says **Gianluca Felicetti, LAV President** – this is a great result, obtained after the recent victory against Green Hill beagle breeding facility, thanks to the mobilization of many people and to the willingness of the highest authorities of Modena University".*

"This historic event symbolizes a renewed hope, not only for the victims of vivisection but also for research innovation," says Michela Kuan, biologist and Head of Anti-Vivisections Campaign at LAV.

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LAV (Anti Vivisection League) is the major antivivisection and pro-animal association in Italy and one of the most important in Europe. Founded in 1977, LAV campaigns to abolish vivisection and animal testing, protect animals and their rights, defend biodiversity and the environment, and fight animal exploitation by criminal organizations.

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