

# IIVS – An *In Vitro* Alternatives Resource For The US



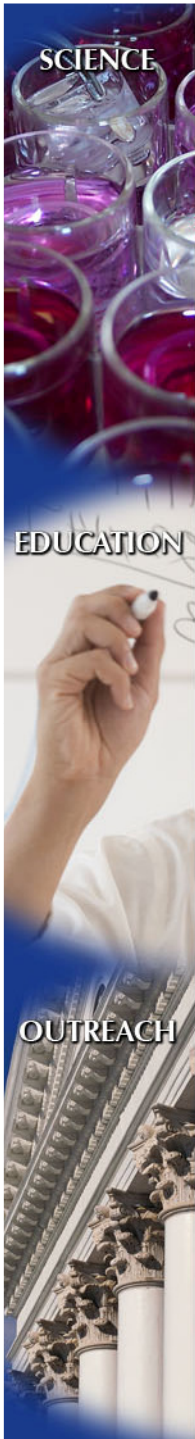
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SCIENCE

EDUCATION

OUTREACH



# Institute for In Vitro Sciences

Founded as a non-profit in 1997

## **“Advancing Science & Animal Welfare Together”**

- Science

Working with industry, academic labs and government agencies worldwide, IIVS implements testing strategies that limit animal use while supplying key toxicological information.

- Education

Workshops, hands-on training, international committees, etc.

- Outreach

Direct interaction with regulatory agencies, animal welfare organizations, and the general public.

# What is a Non-Profit Organization?

In the United States, certain companies can apply to be exempt from Federal taxes, if they perform useful services. IIVS qualifies since its *in vitro* testing and education protects animals. IIVS is a charity.

In exchange for this tax relief, the company cannot have any owners who would benefit from its sale.

This is the situation with IIVS – no one actually owns the company!!

# This gives us freedom to “do the right thing”

## We are different from most “contract labs”

- We spend our “profit” on activities that advance acceptance of alternatives.
- We try to get our clients to collaborate and share non-confidential information.
- We share our procedures with companies and contract labs.
- We have the luxury of helping build the field.

## We maintain a high quality testing laboratory

- Good Laboratory Practices compliant
- Participate in global validation studies
- Because of our experiences with the assays, we can give sound, practical advice.

We have no proprietary tests; we use many international models.