

## Talking Points to Use When Speaking Out Against Captive-Animal Blood Banking

Distribute leaflets urging major veterinary chains **VCA Animal Hospitals** and **BluePearl Pet Hospital** to implement a policy against buying blood from captive animals and to commit to using blood drawn only from healthy dogs and cats who live in homes with loving families.

Be respectful to people you encounter, especially those with animals at the veterinary clinic. Appropriate attire and a tidy appearance are essential to delivering an animal rights message that will be well-received. Use your phone (or a laptop) to show [PETA's investigative footage](#) of sick cats and dogs imprisoned for their blood at **The Veterinarians' Blood Bank (TVBB)**.

### You can use the following talking points:

- Did you know that this veterinary chain (VCA or BluePearl) reportedly buys blood for transfusions from a crude Indiana-based operation that keeps **nearly 1,000 cats and dogs warehoused for life**? The **Veterinarians' Blood Bank (TVBB)** confines dogs and cats to prison-like conditions and harvests their blood every three weeks **until they die**. Visit [PETA.org/Blood](http://PETA.org/Blood).
- TVBB drew blood for sale from animals with **cancer, infections, viruses, rotten teeth**, and other ailments—putting them *and* the animals who would receive that blood at risk. Here are two (of many) examples:
  - The facility's co-owner—a veterinarian—thought that Abel, a cat with bloody nasal mucus, **likely had feline herpesvirus but still allowed his blood to be sold**.
  - Employees used greyhounds named Franklin and Baxter for blood harvesting even though the dogs apparently had been **diagnosed with bone cancer**. Baxter was **found dead** in a kennel just days after his blood was last drawn.
- A state veterinarian found that TVBB bled animals **more frequently** and at **much older ages** than safe blood transfusion standards dictate, kept dogs in **rusty kennels without bedding**, and denied animals adequate treatment for **severe, painful dental disease**.

### When speaking to a manager, add the following:

- Your company reportedly supports this suffering and endangers the health of its patients who may receive contaminated blood. **Will your clinic implement a policy against buying blood from captive animals and commit to using blood drawn only from healthy dogs and cats who live in homes with loving families** and are volunteered for periodic blood donations by their guardians?