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Dear Mr Johansson, Mr Soriot and Mr Dobber

Our global coalition of animal protection organizations call upon you, AstraZeneca, to release for rehoming the hundreds of beagles currently housed at your facility near Örkelljungain in Sweden. You have stated that these animals are due to be transferred to research facilities within Sweden and the UK as a result of the planned closure of the facility, but we ask you, instead, to rehome them.

Following the implementation of EC Directive 2010/63, which governs the use of animals for scientific purposes in Europe, Member States have committed to reducing and replacing the use of animals in research. Recital 10 of the Directive states *“this Directive represents an important step towards achieving the final goal of full replacement of procedures on live animals for scientific and educational purposes”*.

In light of this recent legislative change, it would be an appropriate, and widely supported, gesture for AstraZeneca to release the dogs for rehoming to show your support for the legislation’s objectives and commitment to the replacement and reduction of animal studies. The closing of a facility is an ideal opportunity to rehome these animals.

We understand you have already rehomed up to 80 of the beagles with your employees and believe that this principle should be applied to all the animals at the facility, irrespective of whether they are “breeders” or “research” dogs. As you will no doubt be aware, the Laboratory Animal Science Association Guidance on the Rehoming of Laboratory Dogs states *“establishments have successfully rehomed laboratory dogs over many years”*. Additionally organizations such as the National Anti-Vivisection Society has personal experience of rehoming laboratory animals, including beagles. This proves that the rehoming of these animals is not only desirable, but wholly possible.

We urge you to reconsider your current position to send the beagles for use in research in the UK and Sweden and to rehome these gentle animals. The world is watching and is hopeful of a humane end to this story.

Yours sincerely

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Animal Concern  
Animal Concern Advice Line (ACAL)  
Animal Defenders International  
Animal Rights Action Network (ARAN)  
AnimaNaturalis  
Beagle Freedom Project  
Djurens Rätt  
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Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research  
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National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS)  
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PETA UK  
Scottish Anti-Vivisection Society (SAVS)  
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