

Riverhead, L.I. - State Supreme Court Justice L. Barron Hill dismissed the suit of 22 prisoners at the Suffolk County Jail who charged that their pet mouse, Morris, had been "assassinated" by guards who flushed him down a toilet while jail officials failed to do anything about other rodents, flies and mosquitoes they said infested the jail. The suit asked County Sheriff Philip F. Corso and Warden Charles Cyrta to "show cause" why the tame mouse had been killed but nothing had been done to control "the wild variety."

Poet Has Last Word in Suffolk Mouse Case,
NYTimes 20 Aug 71, filed San Quentin
attached to clipping below of 27 Aug 71.

San Quentin Prison - The officers not only searched the cells of the units, but destroyed hobby work, personal mail, photo albums, photos, typewriters, and other articles of personal gear.

During the search two kittens belonging to inmates were found. One was flushed down a toilet in the east block,* resulting in its legs being broken.

By Convict "X", NYTimes 27 Aug 71, filed
San Quentin.

Rahway, N.J. - One after another [the inmates of Rahway State Prison] described beatings, arbitrary confinement in solitary - even the drowning of pet cats by guards.

Story by Carl Zeitz, SFExaminer 26 Nov 71,
filed Attica.

*dropped line: block, the other thrown from the fourth tier of the north block, resulting ...