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To the Editor:

We thank Dr Miller¹ for adding this case to the discussion after review of our recent article.² A report found that the prevalence of allergy to laboratory animals, including rats, mice, and rabbits, has decreased from 8.2% in 1976 to 4.2% in 2001,³ primarily because of efforts to limit work exposure. However, these animals are found in many different environments, from the household to nonlaboratory workplaces, such as the magician's stage. As new cases of rhinitis and asthma exacerbation from rabbit exposure continue to appear in the literature,^{4,5} the allergist must be vigilant. Rabbit and rodent extracts for skin testing and immunotherapy are commercially available for the diagnosis and treatment of resultant allergy.

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