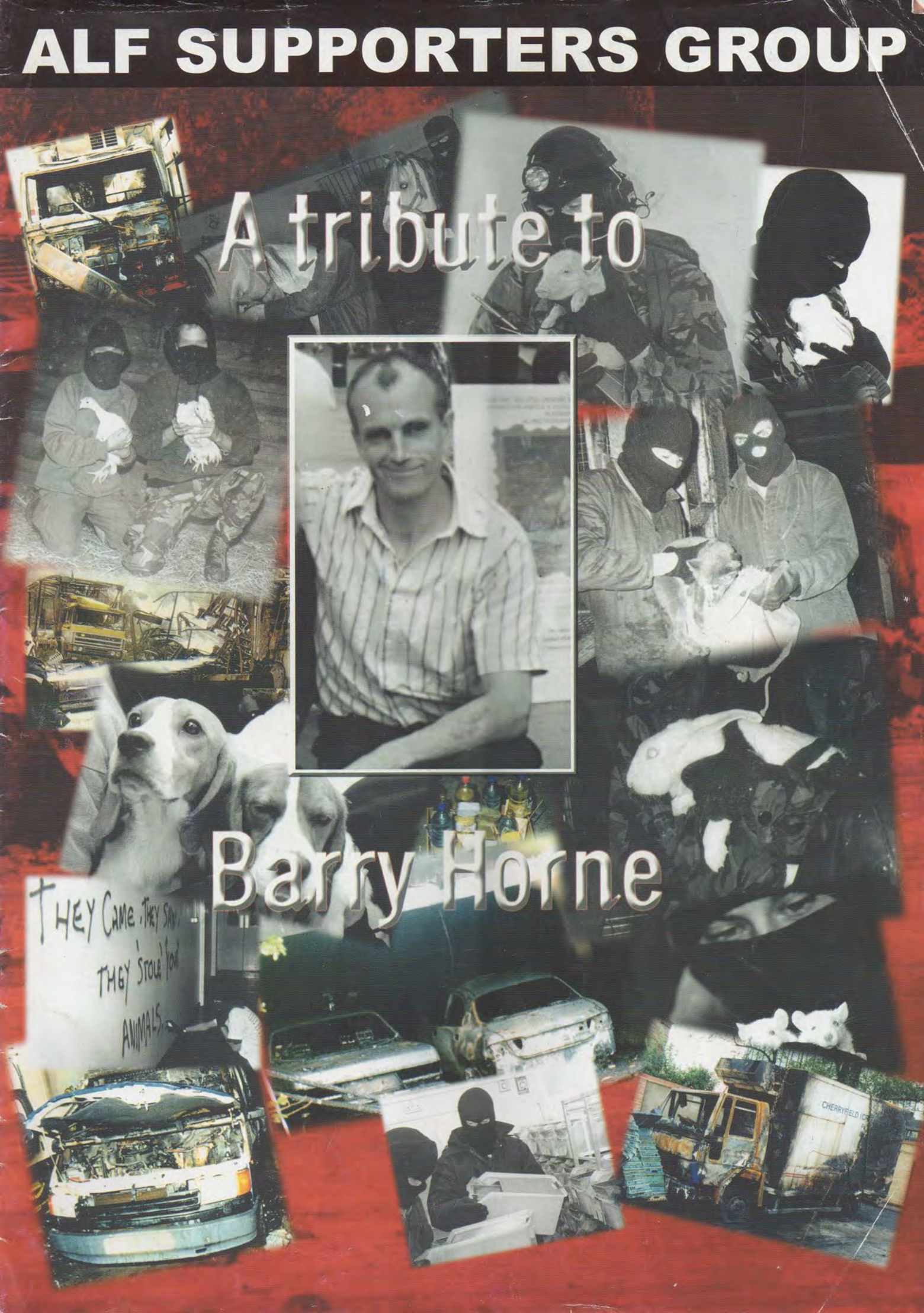
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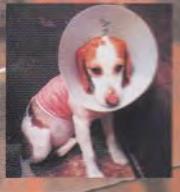
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COMMENT

First of all I would like to start off with the "customary" apology for being so late in getting this newsletter out. As ever there are several reasons, which I won't go into here, as to why this has occurred but it's a case of better late than never. The "problem" with the SG is that it is not run by bureaucrats and professional pen pushers – it's run by animal liberation activists who have always got 101 other things on their plate. This year there has not been the four newsletters sent out that there should have been, but your years' membership will be adjusted accordingly and will continue until you receive four issues.

The role of the ALF Supporters Group is to support animal liberation prisoners and to educate and inform its membership and readers about actions that people carry out across the world for which they could be imprisoned. Once upon a time the role of the SG was confined exclusively to covering issues relating to ALF type direct action but more and more people are being arrested and imprisoned for merely demonstrating and so the SG must adapt accordingly. However, even if the police and their puppet masters have decided to criminalise protesting, the SG is rather "old fashioned" in this regard and therefore, you will not read about any demos in the diary of actions.

The last point is to dedicate this newsletter to the memory of Barry Horne. He was a man of few words and so this editorial will be likewise. In this newsletter there is a collection of stories about Barry, compiled by some of his friends. They are not meant to be taken as any sort of authoritative account of his life as an animal liberation activist – they are simply a few stories patched together, in order to pay tribute to a remarkable man.

PRISONER AND COURT NEWS

Dave Blenkinsop was sentenced, on August 16th, to three years after pleading guilty to Grevous Bodily Harm for an attack on Brian Cass, managing director of HLS. The attack on Cass, outside his home, was said to have been carried out by three people armed with baseball bats. Cass sustained head injuries which required stitching. The evidence against him was based on DNA.

In December he was sentenced to a further 18 months, which is to run consecutively, after pleading guilty for taking part in the liberation of 600 guinea pigs from Newchurch, in March 2000. The evidence against him was based on DNA. A spokesperson from the Save The Newchurch Guinea Pigs campaign said, "It is disgraceful that someone who acted in the interests of saving life and furthering the principles of liberty for ALL should be stripped of his own freedom and prejudiced in such a draconian way. We all know who the real criminals are and we must fight to abolish vivisection and outlaw the mass production of animals by the likes of David Hall & Partners."

Dave has also, just, recently been charged for an offence of arson at a meat company. Again the evidence against him is based on DNA.



NEWCHURCH RAID

Mel Broughton has had his parole refused. His release date is now June 23 2002. The reason for refusal of parole was that he is still considered at high risk of re-offending: a standard Home Office attitude towards animal liberation prisoners. Mel never made any excuses for his actions or suggested that he had, in any way, yielded his beliefs so it was not too much of a surprise for him.

Heather Avery, Greg Avery and Natasha Dellamagne were sentenced to 12 months each for helping to organise the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty campaign by inciting others to cause "public nuisance". They may get "tagging" and be out in March 2002, otherwise they will be out in May.

Neil Bartlett, has pleaded guilty to six charges of making bomb hoaxes to HLS customers and to the Hove Council offices in protest over the culling of pigeons. He is on remand, awaiting sentencing on Feb 1st. The police had tried to do him for over 100 bomb hoaxes over the past five years. Neil was arrested after the police installed a pin-hole surveillance camera in a phone box which a hoax caller had previously used. He is expecting a long sentence as the judge has already remarked that he considers Neil to be either evil or deranged!

Rae Newlands has been remanded into custody on a variety of charges relating to both anti-bloodsports and HLS actions. She is jointly charged with Bev Cowley & Sonya Hayward with conspiracy to disrupt an Old Surrey & Burstow supporters' wedding. Sonya Hayward is accused of wrapping her own gas bill around a brick which was alledgedly thrown through the window of a HLS shareholder.

Kerry Whitburn was remanded in custody for a roof top demonstration at the home of William M. Barry, 57 Greenway, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, who is a director of Du-pont, a major customer of Huntingdon Life Sciences. On Nov 21st, he was found guilty under section 4a of the Public Order Act and was sentenced to three months (for sitting on a roof??!!) but because he'd already done his time on remand he was released the next day.

Julian Greensides has been sentenced to 60 hours community service after he pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods - namely a stud beagle, Sexton, taken from the Wye College Hunt near Ashford in Kent on January 5.

There's no justice, just us - Martin Maynard, the Old Surrey and Burstow hunt supporter who ran over, nearly killing, **Steve Christmas** has, almost unbelievably, had the charges against him dropped by the C.P.S. This despite the damning evidence of four eye witnesses. An application for a Judicial Review of the way the CPS behaved in this case has been submitted. It was a year to the day that Steve was attacked when a police officer arrived on his doorstep to inform his partner that the case had been to court and all charges dismissed. None of the prosecution witnesses were even contacted!

However, the police and the CPS have been all too keen to prosecute a large number of people who were arrested in relation to a demo held at the kennels the day after Steve Christmas was run over. The first of two trials of the 18 accused began on January 7 at Guildford Crown Court & is set to last six weeks. A defendants fund has been set up to assit with costs, if you can help, then please send any donations to 'Burstow Defendants Fund', c/o 6 Tilbury Place,

Brighton, BN2 2GY.

In another case of violent assault against an animal activist that, unusually, did get as far as the courtroom, PC 1114, David Manton, who seriously injured **Lynn Sawyer**, causing her to suffer multiple leg fractures and requiring facial plastic surgery, by pulling down the tripod from where she was hanging during a HLS protest, was found "not guilty", due to a pathetically weak prosecution by the CPS and an unsympathetic judge, again ignoring the evidence of several witnesses.

Lynn has since been charged with offences relating to an occupation of an office inside the inhalation toxicology unit at HLS. The police and the CPS allege that whilst barricaded inside the office she turned on a computer and made a phone call and have actually charged her with"abstraction of electricity" and an offence under the Data Protection Act. A large amount of damage was caused to HLS property during Lynn's protest – it was done by the police who knocked down a wall in order to get her out.

The Slough 92, who were arrested for conspiracy to commit criminal damage in a day of action against HLS customers in February, is now the Slough 11 as all the others have not been charged. All those unlawfully arrested will sue the police.

Glynn Harding, pleaded guilty at Chester Crown Court, on September 21, to 12 counts of sending explosive devices and three counts of causing bodily harm by explosives. The prosecution claim that all the targets were related to animal abuse.He was diagnosed as schizophrenic and was sentenced to remain in a mental hospital for an indefinite period of time. The police say that 'voices in his head' had ordered him to send the letterbombs. Two adults and a child were injured by the devices, one woman lost the sight in one eye. We know nothing about this man except what has been reported in the media. It is a difficult case, for the SG, to deal with because of the "mental health" aspects, the violence involved, and the fact that we have not been able to establish contact with him. We didn't want to just "brush it under the carpet" so we have written to him and are awaiting a reply.

SPECIAL PRISONER Christopher Barrett-Jolley is the man who came up with the idea of flying calves out of the country, from Coventry Airport, when Dover and the other ports all refused to carry animals, back in 1994. Upon arrival at their destination they would be shoved into into veal crates. Barrett-Jolley had no "farming" or animal abuse background - he was a pilot who was known to carry "unusual" cargoes, and here he thought was an opportunity to make himself a quick buck. The man is a total disgrace. Jill Phipps was killed outside the gates of Coventry Airport trying to stop a lorry load of calves and next to the driver of that truck the person responsible for her death is Barrett-Jolley. Months later we were able to close down calf exports from the airport and he fled from the area but now we have located him again. He is remand prisoner FM8409 and is residing in HMP Chelmsford, CM2 6LQ. He has been charged for his part in a $50 million cocaine smugggling operation. His greed has caught up with him so maybe you would like to write to him explaining to him the laws of karma.


ANIMAL RIGHTS MARTYR ... AND THE ATTACK TO AVENGE HER DEATH

March of the mob

Ten minutes of terror at Old Rectory as militants lay siege

Home visit the day after Jill was killed

INTERNATIONAL

Geert Waegemans - A Belgian ALF prisoner (who is already serving five years for an attempted arson on a judge's car, two McDonalds arsons and two arsons against the meat industry) has had some new charges placed against him. The police are now saying that between May 1999 and January 2000 Geert burnt a chicken truck in Lint, a meat truck in Kontich, a meat truck in Antwerp and he attempted to set fire to a furriers. Geert only has to serve 1/3rd of the five year sentence because he had no previous convictions, but his supporters fear that if found guilty of these new charges, he could be inside for a long time.

Geert's case is somewhat controversial as he named fellow activist Anja Hermans, who is also serving five years, as aiding him with the actions after she named him as an ALF activist and tipped off the police about one of his actions. The SG has a policy whereby we do not support people who make statements about other activists but the Dutch ALF SG has decided to list Geert as a prisoner, but not to offer him any financial support and we are doing likewise.

Carlos Rivero, a Chilean animal rights activist admitted carring out a bomb attack on a local authority building in Valparaiso on 03/08/01 to protest against the killing of over 100 street dogs, as well as an attack, on the same night, on a fishing & hunting store, where paint was thrown and locks glued. Carlos is now awaiting sentencing. If you want to send Carlos a message of support, e-mail him at furiafelina@hotmail.com.


"You're nicked" Chilean style

Peter Schnell and Matthew Whyte, two US animal liberation activists, were arrested on January 23 in Santa Cruz, for possession of incendiary devices. They have now pleaded guilty to possession of unregistered firearms: 18 Magic Re-Light candles, 11 plastic one-gallon containers and enough gasoline to fill all 11 containers. "We have decided to accept plea bargains and change our pleas to guilty. My 'low end' range of sentencing is 14 months and for Petey it's 33 months. Sentencing takes place in January. Thanks to everyone who has supported us through this lengthy process, and our hearts are with you who remain fighting to defend all that is wild and free. Don't give up!" Matt Whyte.

Corey Mascio, a buffalo defender, was recently jailed for one month for criminal trespass on a buffalo capture facility and a further ten days and a $1000 fine for contempt of court. He was found in contempt of court ten times while he tried to defend himself on the charge. Mascio wrote that he tried to express his "heart song" to the jury during opening statements at his trial. His heart song started, "Blessings and salutations kind Earth family. Thank you for being here to help restore justice. For doing your part to end the slaughter of the Wankan Tatanka Oyote of the scared buffalo nations." The judge refused to hear the "heart song". The judge found him in contempt for numerous unorthodox attempts at defence, including trying to sing at trial. At sentencing, prosecutors asked for one month's jail time because Mascio, by his actions and what he said previously, showed he didn't respect the law.

PRISONERS LETTERS

MEL

The news came to me by way of radio news, just another day with familiar prison routine to follow. As I sit and write this, a week later, it would be true to say I've experienced a veritable see-saw of emotions. The one thing of which I am certain is that Barry's sacrifice was not a waste; to believe that is to fail to recognise what an honourable tradition the use of the hunger strike has played in other struggles for change. I believe it takes an exceptional individual to rationalise the giving of their life for a cause and that makes Barry someone we should all be very proud of.

One word that crops up all the time when I speak to people about Barry is "stubborn". He was definitely that, but as someone pointed out to me the strongest people are stubborn – it is a necessary requirement. He also had compassion and humour in equal parts which made for a person of real character. Looking back over the years that I knew Barry there were times when I had arguments with him and on a couple of occasions could have cheerfully strangled him but you always came away with a strong sense of respect for his quiet determination and commitment.

I have a lot of good memories of Barry which through this last week have caused me to smile many times. As others will know he could infuriate you, then fix you with a big grin, as if to say "what are you getting up tight about?" I once parted copany with Barry after a particularly heated exchange when we both uttered sentiments along the lines of "never darken my door again". Anyway, the next day I had a knock on my door. I opened it and there stood Barry laughing and then he said "could you lend me some money, mate". I'm sure everyone who knew Barry has their own personal memories of him but it's his part in the wider animal liberation struggle that I want to pay tribute to.

As we've already stated I don't see Barry's sacrifice as a waste of a life. He chose to use his life to fight for the defenceless and chose the manner of his death to continue that fight. I believe the animal liberation movement will take great strength from the dedication that Barry showed throughout and that his legacy will be a strengthening of everyone's resolve to fight even harder for the liberation of those who need us to stand up for them. I'm sad that Barry's no longer with us but I'm incredibly proud of what he was and who he was. As an individual I feel privileged to have known him and as part of the animal liberation movement I pay tribute to an activist of exceptional courage and commitment.

Love ,liberation and solidarity
Mel

KERRY

I never knew Barry, but I still felt saddened when I heard of his death. I can't help but feel bonded and affiliated to most animal rights folk, especially one such as Barry who sacrificed so, so much. As the slogan ends "..one struggle, one fight". How true! And one fight with many of us – but we all remain as ONE. So when I heard the tragic news, it influenced the emotions that one would experience when losing one of their own. I'd say the central emotions I felt were those of sadness and anger. Sadness to the fact, simply, that an individual amongst us had died. We had lost a member of our family, and to many others - a friend. As I never knew Barry, I would never profess to commenting on the feelings and emotions felt within his family and loved ones. But again – such sadness. And sadness that our extended family, those beautiful creatures who hold the unfortunate task of sharing the earth with humankind, have lost a valued advocate.

The anger stems from the knowledge that those individuals involved in Barry's incarceration – and it's continuation – will not for one minute hold Barry's death within their conscience. No, they will either develop selective amnesia, and forget their part; or will cruelly justify their actions. However, these individuals are so irrelevant now, they don't deserve any emotion shown to them. Let us allow the power of karma to prevail, when their judgement day arrives.

No, any emotions we have over Barry's death should be channeled positively. The fight against ALL animal exploitation, torture and murder should be continued with Barry's (and all others like Barry, who have died in the war) memory and wishes in our hearts and souls. Each battle should be entered with strength and determination, gained from such folk who have given their lives in the war. Barry will now be in a spiritual world, where animals are loved. So let's give our family a better world - humans and animals – and the victory they so very much deserve,

Luv and Liberation
Kerry xxxxxx

RAE

Hi everyone, I write to to you all from the "Home Office controlled human abusive system" that is Holloway prison. Thanks to all of you who have inundated me with letters and cards; you obviously realise the importance of ensuring that prisoners of Conscience are supported and never forgotten in prison. It also sends out a message to everyone else in here that the Animal Rights movement is a powerful network. If I had been born a non-human animal and were imprisoned, I would now be waiting on death row in a place such as is the abomination named "Huntingdon Life Sciences", or another of the hell-holes that the abusers like to call "labs". I would be tattoo-ed on my ear or inner thigh, GN6613, and incarcerated in cage 5. The loss of Barry Horne makes this world of ours a lesser place, and the sadness that I feel is the same as anyone's who cares for the rights of beings, whether they be human or not. Barry achieved so much in his lifetime as is well documented in the "Obituary for Barry Horne". The amount of direct action and liberation raids that he did leaves one breathless, and shows clearly that this man was driven by his beliefs. It also shows up the "B.Liar" government and all of it's "associates", "connivers" and "spin-doctors" for what they are – slaves of vivisectors. Their catalogue of lies, purporting to want change for those incarcerated in vivisection laboratories stinks! May they reap what they sow. I smiled a little though when I read, after the list of Barry's achievements for the animals, it said, "and that's only what he got caught for". I'm afraid though that I don't personally feel able to separate in importance the passing away of Barry, from the other dedicated activists who have died in the struggle for Animal Liberation - Mike Hill, Tom Worby and Jill Phipps – for to do so would express such sentiments that somehow one loss was greater than another. This surely would be hurtful to the family and friends of each individual, each of them died fighting for the cause, whether they were murdered or not they are all "Angels of Mercy". We live in an oppressive society, a world where abuse is congratulated and rewarded. We are surely fighting a war, out there. Steve Christmas and Lynn Sawyer are two of the latest casualties to have suffered and sustained permanent injuries, so too have many other brave souls, whether it be down to the police brutality or perpetrated by the abusers themselves. Only a few weeks ago we heard of a small group of peaceful protestors being bludgeoened by security guards up at Newchurch whilst the Staffordshire police looked on. Was anyone really shocked or surprised? I don't think so , we all know the risks, and we all know why the situation is becoming so tense, it's blatant, we are winning. A similar scenario is played out in the courts – look what they did to Barry.

Let your anger be the force of the explosion that detonates your heart, that spurs you on to destroy evil. Go then and liberate every last creature, for in doing so Barry's work will continue. For he has passed the "baton of life" on to you, and so it's your turn to "run the race".

Rae Newlands

NEIL

Dear Friends,

Hello again! I hope you're all well and things are alright out there. I've heard the bad news about Barry. I don't know much about it save to say that he's died in prison on hunger strike. I am absolutely gutted. I never knew he was currently on hunger strike, though I knew he was still very ill following the one he undertook a few years ago.

At the very least he's been saved from any more suffering in prison and he knows that his action those few years ago created the active and energized movement that we now have. It was he who gave energy to our much downtrodden movement and inspired many thousands of people to take action against the animal abusers. His energy closed Consort, Hillgrove, Shamrock and Regal. His legacy is that energy which is still alive within us and that will be responsible for closing HLS and Newchurch. Barry has achieved an enormous amount for the animals, more than he probably is aware of.

This is the fifth death we have suffered as a movement. From 1976 to 2001 we've been suffering deaths at the hands of animal abusers. We often say we're fighting a war. Yet we are not playing by the rules of war. The abusers and police are – they accept it's a war, that's why they're killing us. We're not killing them. Is this a real war? I feel very strongly that we're not behaving the way we should. No more turning the other cheek. That's probably why they know they can kill us – because we don't retaliate.

My solicitor reckons a 4-6 year sentence is possible. I remain in good spirits and my fear of prison has been stopped now that I'm here experiencing my fear. Should come in handy!! I tell people that prison is not as bad as the fear of it. My fear stifled me before, now I feel invincible!!!!

When I'm sentenced I plan to write a more lengthy article on everything I've experienced – the police, the courts and the prison. I shall impart my knowledge gained from this whole episode onto others. I am determined not to be a passive prisoner!!

Take care friends, I'll let you know of any things that happen and either way I'll be in touch soon. Thank you for the £30 you send each month.

Much Love and admiration
From Neil XXXX

HEATHER

Dear ALFSG

Well here we are at Highpoint, happy in the knowledge that we could have been sentenced to something in the region of three to five years. We may get "tagged" and be out in March 2002 otherwise it could be May. Just look at it as if we are hibernating for winter and we will emerge next spring rejuvenated and raring to go!

It is rumoured that the investigation against us by Cambridgeshire Police cost £1.2 million and took 42 police officers full time in our case. A clear indication that they see us as a huge threat. To put that much money and effort into an investigation (that they obviously hoped would break SHAC) was a massive mistake, and gross misjudgement of the hearts and minds of animal rights activists. SHAC isn't about three people – it is about thousands. We cannot be beaten. When will they understand that? Huntingdon Life Science has got to go, and it WILL go one way or another.

Since our imprisionment (i.e. holiday paid for by them!) there has been the launch of The Provisional HLS Campaign, numbers at the gates of HLS have risen dramatically and there have been more home demos (despite Section 42) and lots more stuff besides. We've had so many letters from people who are out there doing their bit to bring about the closure of HLS. Knowing that HLS is still being made to suffer and taking a hammering is what really keep us going in here!

Pulling together is our strength. Now is time for people to unite in one big push againnst HLS. They are struggling to get back on their feet and failing. It is up to all of us to kick them back down and never let them recover, for the sake of every animal HLS has ever murdered.

Only prison kept me from attending Barry's funeral. It feels strange writing about someone I've never met, but we can all feel a bond with someone who has felt such a deep anger and is driven by a force to do something to help the animals. Although I know how it feels when I've seen fellow activists violently attacked or dragged off by the police or driven at by workers at HLS, I can't begin to imagine how personal friends of Barry feel about his treatment by the government and prison authorities.

I remember getting the phone call on November the 5th when someone asked "Is it true that Barry Horne has died?". When I found out for certain that it was true I cried tears of rage. But I know that all Barry wants is direct action and I know that's what he'll get. Not action for him but action for the animals. Barry is dead because of what the animal abusers do EVERY DAY. Every single one of them is ultimately responsible for his death.

So many people wrote to me about Barry's funeral and the inspirational speeches that were given. In particular a speech by Keith Mann who spoke about prison and that people need to overcome their fear of it. Once you overcome that fear "they" have no hold over you. I feel that Barry has now pushed the boundaries of what we know is right. Prison is a picnic compared to what he went through, and it's a joke compared to what the animals go through. Thanks so much for all the letters and cards.

Stay strong, keep fighting and most of all stay free
Love and Liberation

Heather

NATASHA

On the 13th December the LSR (Life Sciences Research) proposal for HLS failed to go through for the 3rd time. Make no mistake HLS are struggling for survival. The loss of confidence this will trigger among customers, shareholders and financial institutions is massive and regardless of what happens next with the proposal, many people will now be seriously questioning HLS's ability to recover.

We are now two years into this campaign and the hard work and guts shown by everyone fighting to close HLS here and in the USA is paying off. We are at a cruial point – victory is within our grasp, but we need to realise that it is not going to come without every single one of us coming at them with renewed commitment and really battling to make it happen.

I remember the first two hunger strikes Barry went on and the incredible rage that swept over everyone as demos and actions kicked off round the country and abroad. Places like Consort and Hillgrove were smashed into and animals grabbed and taken to safety in broad daylight – that anger, that urgency and that fearless will to win are what will bring HLS to their knees, and nothing less. We should learn from Barry that just one person is all it takes – you do not have to agree with people, get on with them or work with them – all you need is the will to make it happen. Those beautiful dogs rescued from Interfauna are safe today, as hundreds of other animals, because people put their liberty on the line, put the animals first and made it happen. Now is the time for us to stop making excuses and destroy HLS once and for all. We will not let them get away with it, we will not let them win and we will not turn our backs on the animals trapped inside HLS waiting to die. We need to fight for them, every one of us, like we have never fought before. They deserve nothing less than our fearless full commitment

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PRESS OFFICE

TEN YEARS OF THE PRESS OFFICE!

As I write this article it's just days away from 31st October 2001; the tenth anniversary of launching this Press Office following some four-and-a-half years of having no readily-available spokesperson for the ALF, and other radical animal iberation groups, since the mid-1980s trials relating to the ALF Supporters Group which then included the press office role. This office was formed so that the animal abusers didn't have free run of the media quotes while still protecting the ALF Supporters Group from possible charges of conspiracy and incitement – and anything else you can think of. Since that time I've had travel restrictions, gagging orders, imprisonment without trial, arrests by countless police forces including the anti-terrorist squad (SO13), house searches, seizure of property ... and many, many opportunities to get across the message about how society (mis)treats our brothers and sisters of other species.

Has it all been worth it? You bet your life it has! Whatever has been thrown at this Press Office pales into insignificance when compared to what happens on farms, in vivisection laboratories, in zoos and circuses and all the other hellholes including some peoples' back gardens. Remember, it doesn't matter how large the scale of any particular area of animal abuse may be, what matters is that each and every one suffering is an individual. And that individual has no voice, no hope, and no chance except through our actions. That's you and me. We do not have the right to let them down! Is that incitement? Well, the Hampshire police can please themselves what they think. So far as I'm concerned it's a firmly-held opinion and I'm not going to change it during the next ten years either!

Sadly, the next ten years of this Press Office won't be achieved without financial support. Please, if you can help, make donations payable to ALF Press Office and send to BM4400, London, WC1 3XX. Thanks so much.

Meanwhile, don't forget why you bought this magazine. Don't forget why you are reading it. Don't forget any inspiration the contents may offer to you. Above all, don't forget that our brothers and sisters of other species can't achieve liberation on their own. They need your help. Please don't let them down. Thank you and good luck.

The mobile phone number for ALF [UK] Press Officer is now 07752107515

ROBIN WEBB

VPSG

Also supporting animal rights prisoners is the Vegan Prisoners Support Group (VPSG). The VPSG provides advice and assistance to prisoners on issues such as diet, toiletries and clothing, and will if asked liaise between the prisoner and the authorites.

For a free newsletter or for information, VPSG can be contqacted by phone, on the helpline 0208 292 8325, by sending a SAE to VPSG, PO Box 194, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3HD, or by e-mail at HVPC@VPSG.freeserve.co.uk

My first contact with Barry was in August 1996 when I wrote offering the help of the VPSG and little did I know then, even though the visits I made were few, that he would in those few short hours find a special place in my memory.

He wasn't a demanding prisoner and he never really asked for much help although it was offered time and time again. In his letters he always remembered to ask about the animals that I share our office space with.

The picture painted of him in the press wasn't recognisable in the person I visited on most of his major hunger strikes, he was kind, gentle and his love of animals was apparent which I'm sure everyone else who knew him already knows. He certainly never deserved the sentence of 18 years he received.

During my visits he always stated positively, over and over again, that vivisection would be banned and his many hunger strikes were towards that end and to trust him that it would happen soon.

Unfortunately this Government, like the others before, choose to put money before the rights of animals being experimented on and even all Barry's hunger and often water refusals have never shamed them to set up a Royal Commission to review vivisection which they promised in their pre-election propaganda.

Knowing Barry was an honour and everyone here at the office hopes that Barry's dream becomes reality soon.

Jo-Ann

Vegan Prisoners Support Group

SG membership and funding

First of all many, many thanks to all of you who continue to financially support the SG. Prisoner support is a continual drain on our resources – and rightly so – that's why we are here. Each prisoner receives £30 a month, which may not sound much but it does go a long way inside. Then there are the travelling costs for family and friends, the newspapers, the running costs of keeping the SG going etc. etc. So give us your money - we need it!! The membership fee of £24 per annum is expensive but the money is well spent. If you are reading this and you're not a member then please join. See insert for details

And as if that wasn't bad enough we don't intend to let go of you even when you die.

Legacies

If you would like to leave the SG something in your will the following words are suggested:

"I bequeath to the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group currently at BM1160, London WC1N 3XX the sum of £----, and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer of the said society shall be good and sufficient discharge of such legacy".

If you are leaving property or land we suggest you consult your solicitor. It is important that you specify the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group, as inaccurate wording can lead to wills being challenged.

BARRY HORNE: GETTING INVOLVED....

Barry proved himself to be an extraordinary man. He gave his life for the animals but the story of his involvement with the Animal Liberation Movement gets off to a rather un-extraordinary start, he simply strolled into one of the first meetings of Northampton Animal Concern (NAC), back in the spring of 1987. Northampton had always been a hot bed for animal liberation activties but following the aftermath of a huge raid, involving 150 people, on the nearby Unilever laboratory the original local group had disbanded - or rather most of its members had been arrested , charged or were "keeping their heads down". After all the court cases were over, NAC was formed to fill the vacuum - to provide a focus for local people interested in fighting animal abuse. Barry came along to a meeting, made himself known and that was that – he was involved. He cared about animals and was keen to do something about their plight. He fitted in and right from the start he gave it 100%. He already had a keen interest in fighting for other forms of social injustice – such as anti-fascism and the Irish freedom movement - but from then on he focussed on animal abuse.

NORTHAMPTON ANIMAL CONCERN



HIDDEN CRIMES



The group had set out to attract a whole variety of people who were interested in protecting animals, in one way or another - from animal rescue work, through to campaigning and supporting "illegal" direct action. Our first campaign, to make Northampton a fur-free zone, targetted Beatties, a department store, which was the main retail outlet in the town. Around that time department stores selling fur were being burned to the ground. Every Saturday we stood outside and asked people to sign a petition pledging to boycott the store until they stopped selling fur. Barry and his wife and kids were regulars. Needless to say, we won, and all that without the use of a single incendiary device!



Animal lib rally against battery nuns

ANIMAL rights campaigners are planning a protest march tomorrow against Daventry nuns who keep battery hens.

through Daventry streets ending outside Our Lady of Passion Monastery on the outskirts of town.

But organisers say it will be a peaceful campaign with no repeat of last April's stormy scenes when hard-line activists stormed the grounds in a bid to free the hens.

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Another of the NAC campaigns was to shut down a local battery farm run by nuns!! Again it was picked because we knew we could win, and win we did. Can you imagine Barry fighting, in hand to hand combat with the nuns, they were a tough bunch, especially the absolute grotesque Sister Superior. They were seriously weird. On one of our many visits up there, we were greeted by five or six brick shit house east European thugs. In 1989 it was raided and over 100 hens were liberated and extensive damage caused. Barry was there. Shortly afterwards it was shut down. Another campaign was aimed against a vicar who went out hunting; he got hell and he stopped hunting.

The local group attracted an informant who was involved with local hunts and that information was used with great effect. The picture you can see here is of Barry and Jill Phipps together on a day when more than a hundred sabs gathered to wreck a local hunt. National news footage, that night, showed Barry doing some pest control - steaming in to some hunt supporters who were blocking our path. It was re-assuring to have Barry with you when you went out sabbing, If there was trouble with hunt thugs then, at least, you knew you wouldn't be left on your own. He was not a pacifist. There are a few stories of him sabbing fishermen by throwing them into the water



As well as campaigning Barry was involved with local animal rescue work. He rehomed strays and looked after a couple of liberated arctic foxes in his back garden. He often went out and cleared up riverbanks of discarded fishing tackle.



Sixteen arrested as police crackdown snares animal activists

Fur flies in mink hunting

Mink hunt saboteurs in clash with police

NEWSFLASH

Local groups have always been relevant to ALF activities. It was not long after the setting up of the group that a multitude of ALF conspiracies were hatched among its members. At the meetings all the talking was of a perfectly legal nature but down the pub was another matter. Talking of pubs - there was a clear correlation at the time between alcohol consumption and broken butchers windows.

ROCKY THE DOLPHIN

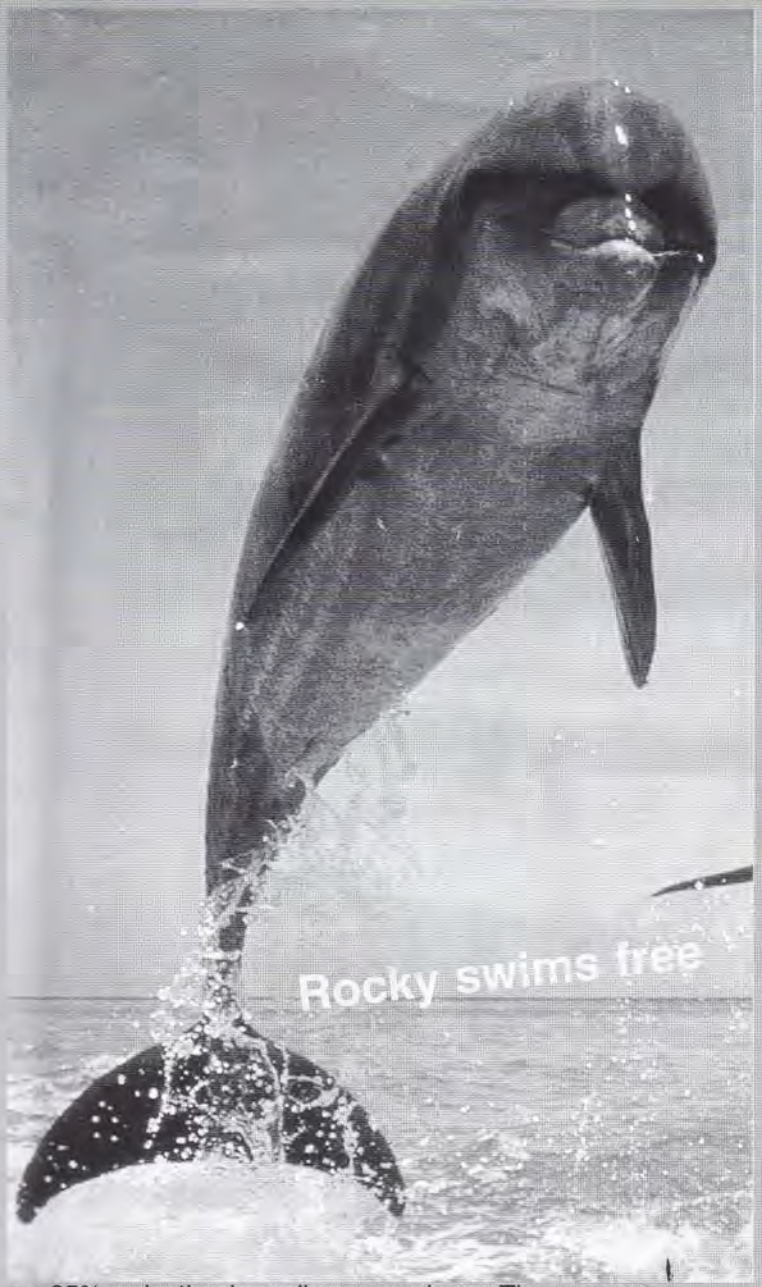
There was a healthy national and regional network of local groups at that time and so it was easy to make contacts with like-minded people from all over the country. An example of how activists, from one area, got together and travelled to another area to carry out an action was the attempt to rescue Rocky the dolphin from Marineland in Northern England, for which Barry was arrested.

BACKGROUND – In 1987, an investigation by some local activists into the Marineland dolphinarum in Morecambe showed how deplorable the conditions were, under which Rocky, an atlantic bottle nose dolphin, had been held for 22 years. His concrete tank was barely big enough for him to circle in. He suffered from chemical burns due to chlorine and other additives put in to the water. His dorsal fin was deformed and bent due to incessant circling of his tiny pool. Mel, from Northampton, got involved with the investigation and eventually got four people from his own area to travel up and plan out the raid. The ultimate aim was to free Rocky into the Morecambe Bay and the open sea beyond and also they knew that by highlighting the pitful plight of Rocky they would draw attention to the conditions under which other captives were held at this aquatic freak show. They met up with Bev, who writes - "I first met Barry in October 1988, when he, with Mel, Big Jim and little Jim came to my house in Lancaster to discuss the new Morecambe Dolphin Campaign. What few people knew was the level of research undertaken by this team in preparation for Rocky's bid for freedom. I heard the intricate planning that took place, with information about the habitat, physiology and basic needs of dolphins." A large catching net was accessible inside the dolphinarium and a home-made strecher was the equipment to be used for lifting Rocky out of the tank and taken the short distance to the sea, which was literally only a stones throw away.

During previous visits to the dolphinarium they had swam with Rocky and become close to him. He had spent most of his life alone, his only involvement with humans was when he had to do stupid degrading tricks in front of stupid degraded audiences. Rocky had killed other dolphins who were put in the same tank as him – a classic sign of psychotic neurosis generated by his confinement. His trainer classed him as a dangerous animal but when his would-be rescuers swam with him he was as gentle as a baby.

EVENTS ON THE NIGHT (from the people involved) "We travelled up from Northampton and at midnight we parked our car nearby. Mel jumped over the wall and then let the others in, with all the equipment. After about an hour we came to the conclusion that despite all our planning and equipment, the logistics of moving this 650lbs of dolphin just 200 yards still had us a beat – it was back to the drawing board. We made our way back to the car when, much to our surprise, the police turned up and arrested four of us. One got away. Evidently, someone working in a hotel opposite the dolphinarium had, by chance, glanced out of a window and saw something untoward and called the police. The four of us were charged with "conspiracy to steal a dolphin valued at £25,000" and in September 1998, after a five day farce of a trial, we were all found guilty. Two were fined and Barry and Mel were given six months imprisonment suspended for two years."

THE FINAL OUTCOME – The 'failed' liberation acted as a catalyst for other events, Within a few months after the trial a campaign was started by the local animal rights groups. Marches and daily pickets were organised. This resulted in



an 85% reduction in audience numbers. The pressure resulted in the closure of the hellhole and a upsurge of interest in Rocky. Amazingly, he was taken to the Caicos Islands to be rehabilitated back to his rightful place – the open sea. When he was put in a holding pen, he jumped over and swam away. He has since been seen on many occasions. He is free. The other three dolphinariums in this country, through the pressure of animal rights groups, all released their dolphins.

Mel wrote - "Never, in our wildest dreams, did we realise that the results of our action, would eventually help to lead to the freedom of all these captured animals. We know that those of us who care deeply haven't won much for the animal but we have won determination to carry on" and Bev wanted to finish with these words - "Twelve years on and Barry is dead but not forgotten. Though the liberation was not successful, the campaign was - and in 1991 Rocky was released into the sea. Somewhere in the wide expanse of the Atlantic Ocean lives a dolphin with courage to compare with Barry's. A dolphin that survived 14 other captive dolphins in a concrete box filled with chemical drenched water. Surviving on the hope that one day freedom would be his. Now, like Barry, Rocky is a free spirit. Free because of the first brave steps by Barry, Mel, Big Jim & little Jim and Mr X, who risked their own incarceration to release a beautiful creature from his confinement."

ANIMAL LIBERATION AROUND THE WORLD

This section is not a comprehensive listing of all the animal liberation activities that have taken place because, especially in Britain, most actions these days go unclaimed and unreported. Therefore the reports on these pages only represent a tiny fraction of what goes on in the fight for animal liberation. We cannot print info that we don't receive but this is what we have patched together. If you hear of any ALF type actions then let us know.

BRITAIN

Manor Farm revisited



Experimental biology unit hit by activists

RESEARCH by the University of Surrey into diseases including the flu virus has been "severely hampered" following a series of break-ins at its Experimental Biology Unit in Guildford.

Animal rights activists smashed their way into the Egerton Road unit on Friday night last week stealing six turkeys and six hens. And in a second attack, on Monday night, buildings were sprayed with graffiti and paperwork was stolen.

Security at the site has been increased.

A spokesman for the university said: "The damage caused will severely hamper an important area of research on human disease, including the diagnosis of flu and of bacterial infections. The information that was stolen is of a non-confidential nature and is readily available in the public domain."

The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for both attacks.

Police have appealed for witnesses. Anyone with information can contact Det Sgt Jim Broadfoot on 01483 531111 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

ALF activists raided University of Surrey's Experimental Biology Unit at Manor Farm, in Guildford, three times in a week. Activists smashed into the farm animal unit and rescued six turkeys and six hens from a future of torture and death. All animals, having been checked by a vet, were moved to safe, loving homes. Activists returned three nights later and gained access to the office units through the roof. Extensive information was taken and buildings were damaged inside and out. Three days later they returned and broke every window in the place. "The extremely elaborate security system at Manor Farm is no problem for those of us motivated by love and compassion. Vivisection is barbaric and utterly useless to science and the ALF will raid and raid again until it is abolished. We dedicate this action to the memory of Gary Woodland, a commited and courageous animal liberation activist" ALF.

Rat liberation

Five rats were liberated from a shed in Plymouth at the end of October. They were being bred as food for exotic snakes. The rats were looked over by a veterinary nurse and found to be under fed but other than that were given a clean bill of health. All five rats have been re-homed to really good families.

Mink release



The ALF have claimed responsibility for again freeing mink from Crow Hill Farm, Ringwood, Hamps (initial reports say 500 mink).This farm was raided before in 1998.

Swalesmoor fur farm in Yorkshire has shut down

Cass' brother attacked

The home of the brother of HLS boss, Brian Cass, has been attacked. Bricks were thrown through the windows. Red paint was also splashed on to walls and the front door. Brian Cass said: "This appears to be a worrying escalation of the campaign." Three people from the Midlands have been charged with causing criminal damage in connection with the attack and were released on bail.

Cornish affairs

In the early hours of December 5, rabbits kept by a breeder in Cornwall were liberated from a life of hell at St Blazey. They were bred for the pet trade. The ALF claimed responsibility and stated that the rabbits are now in loving homes, where they will be living the rest of their lives in peace. We also had reports that several HLS shareholders had their property attacked. Four cats and three dogs were liberated from cruel homes and a gerbil was taken from a pet shop.

Fishy business

A coarse fisher returned to his car after a session at Barden Lake, Tonbridge, to find his tyres had been slashed. Two others, at another trout fishery, had their car tyres slashed over the next weekend.

Hell-hole raided

50 animals were liberated from a hellish small-holding near Lewes in a well planned raid. The visit which took place on the night of the November 10 resulted in the rescue of 23 dogs, seven



Family fears rescue pets will suffer with strangers

Animals taken in raid at farm

puppies, 14 cats, four hens, a hamster and a wild hare, who will now be able to live in safety. Damage was done to two cars, two tractors, a Land Rover, a lorry and several trailers belonging to the family who run the shit-hole.

McWar

During an anti-war protest in Bristol city centre a McDonalds was trashed: most of the windows were smashed, graffitti daubed and locks glued. It was still shut the following day.

Partridge liberation

It was the easiest raid in terms of potential risk and yet pretty tricky when it came to logistics. Thousands upon thousands of birds are reared every year just to be blasted out of the sky for "sport". We make it our business to find these shooting estates and destroy their pens and equipment, but never have we been in a position to rescue the birds, until now ...While on an away day in nearby Sussex we stumbled across a large shooting estate. By our estimates there were 1800 birds there - mainly partridges - all of which were kept under lights in small pens and poly tunnels. In short, they had no future - until we found them. If, for any reason, those birds went AWOL, there is no way the gamekeeper would be able to breed more in time for the season. And that was our aim: to take every single bird. Probably the biggest operation of its kind.

The farmhouse was 100 yards away but tucked behind a barn. The next door neighbours were nearer but, again, hidden amongst some trees. We were sure that we wouldn't be heard but



decided to have lookouts opposite both houses anyway. We commandeered three vans for the birds, plus another vehicle to take everyone home afterwards. The whole operation cost plenty of money but it worked out at around only 50p per life. We couldn't let them down due to lack of funds. We approached some sympathetic people and sure enough, the money was forthcoming. We checked the area over a couple of nights, to make sure that the gamekeeper didn't make any impromptu visits. He didn't. We needed two lookouts, four drivers, plus some workers! No problem. We knew enough people who would want to be a part of this mass liberation!

Then came finding somewhere for them to go to. If we just opened the doors and let them go, very few birds would travel. While food, water and shelter were freely available, there would be no incentive for them to leave. We knew we would have to take them with us to a safe place and so we went and found one. We bought heat-lights, straw, bags to carry them out in and sacks of feed. We also bought a set of new mobile phones so we could all stay in touch without fear of being followed and listened to. We set the date - mid week, late one night.

With just an hour to spare before we all met up, a few of us drove out to do a final check. We needed to make sure that the drivers knew the area like the backs of their hands, and also where to pick people up from should we be disturbed and have to make a run for it. On that last check we found that the pens were in a dip and that the mobiles didn't work. After much swearing, we proceeded to Plan B - to beg, borrow and steal mobiles, using other networks. Within an hour, we had the mobiles. With just minutes to go, we drove back and tested them, with fingers crossed, to see if any would work. We were back in business. We ran through the plan over again. We all knew what we were to do.

As we approached the farm, the two lookouts jumped out and got into place. There was no hanging about. We removed the traps and snares we had already located outside the pens. Inside the birds went crazy. It felt like they were making such a racket that we would surely be caught. The pens were small so catching the birds was easy enough. Dozens of dead birds lay in the mud, little lives we couldn't save. Within 20 minutes we had cleared enough to fill the first van, and we called the driver in. He pulled up with his lights out and we started to load. Then, a car drove up and pulled into the driveway just opposite. We held our breath. The lookout was just a few feet away but unable to let us know what was going on as any sound would have given her away. The man, oblivious to what was going on, went into his house, up the stairs and out went the lights! We all breathed again, and carried on loading.The first van was away. The second van drew up, loaded up and got on the road, stopping to open the bags to prevent the birds overheating. The third van wasn't far behind.The work was complete within 45 minutes - 1,800 birds bagged and moved out! Those who weren't driving stayed behind to make sure that no other birds could be reared in those disgusting pens. Poly tunnels were slashed, pens destroyed, and then they headed home.

The birds were safely housed under heat-lights. It was a joy to watch them interact and know that they were safe from the guns of misfits and perverts. We arrived home sometime after dawn, tired but energised. The vans needed a good clean out as they had amassed a huge amount of dirt and feathers - sure signs that we hadn't just been moving house! Three weeks later we had one more job to do. Those birds had grown and were ready to be released into a safe environment. A few more calls meant we found the perfect place. A place where there was farmland, water, open countryside and scrubland, and most importantly, a place where there was no shooting. We released the birds in batches throughout the area, and watched as they made their way into the scrub and onto a natural life.



USA

30 beagles and 10 ferrets rescued from HLS breeder



The following is the latest communique received from the ALFin December 2001

The purpose of this communique is to provide an update on the health of the beagles we rescued on December 5 from Marshall Farms and to give additional background information.

At any time of day or night, anyone in the vicinity of Marshall Farms can hear dogs screaming and yelping and smell the stench of shit and decaying carcasses. Even the 20 foot high wooden fence, 15 foot high wall of earth, and dense trees and shrubs strategically placed between this concentration camp and neighboring houses and apple orchards cannot absorb the shrieking nor block the foul odour.

We have had Marshall Farms under surveillance for several months now. One of the first things we noticed was that the ferrets often escape from their cages and can be found running around the sheds.

Over the course of a few months, we rescued dozens of these ferrets and also removed some directly from their cages, placing them into caring homes after providing them with veterinary care and removing their earrings. We did not release any of these gentle and playful animals into the wild, as they would probably have been unable to survive there.

The ferrets are bred and raised in masses and their cages and food containers are caked with diarrhoea from bacterial infections. These ferrets are sold in pet stores.



The beagles are also raised in groups, and then seperated out when they are older. The feeding and watering systems at Marshall Farms are all automated, and these highly social animals are denied any form of exercise or social interaction, which they desperately need.

At one point in October, while we were documenting these conditions and rescuing ferrets, we encountered a part of the complex that was apparently alarmed, as a security patrol came our way and several night staff then scoured the place until daybreak with flashlights while we watched from the woods. After this incident, Marshall Farms began to utilize random foot patrols in addition to regular vehicular rounds. However, nothing can stop the ALF.

On December 5, with the use of lookouts and a larger team, we again outwitted the security and entered the concentration camp to carry out a rescue operation that would certainly be noticed. We liberated a total of 30 female beagle puppies from certain torture and death. They would have been forcibly impregnated and kept in cages for years churning out puppies, only to have their children taken from them to be sold to laboratories.

The beagles we rescued were also in dire need of veterinary care. Several of them had mange, fleas, and a rare intestinal bacteria called giardia, which causes severe diarrhoea and is caused by drinking filthy water. A picture shows one of the beagles with a particularly severe case of mange. After treating and spaying these beagles, we placed all of them into caring and loving homes to live out the rest of their lives in peace.

Because Marshall Farms is such a massive facility, spanning hundreds of acres, we are confident that there is no security force that can keep us from gaining access in some form or another. In addition to the animal sheds, the concentration camp also has several large offices, living quarters for staff, and a parking lot full of cars.

A picture that we took recently shows an employee reading the newspaper in the office complex, oblivious to the fact that a member of the ALF is right outside her window.

We are watching you, Marshall Farms, and we will not rest until you are shut down. In addition to our clandestine activities, we are advocating that aboveground groups organize mass protests against this hellhole. With no police station within miles and vast forests and fields adjacent to the facility, largescale and effective actions could take place here with little potential for effective interference.

Environmental groups should also become involved, as we discovered Marshall Farms has been using the surrounding area as a dumping ground for drums of waste, also shown in our photos. Several gates in the electric security fence lead to alcoves surrounded by trees where Marshall Farms dumps chemicals and biological waste.

We have now rescued as many animals from Marshall Farms and by extension, Huntingdon Life Sciences, as we can safely find homes for at this time. Regretfully, however, there are still literally tens of thousands of animals languishing in this concentration camp. Therefore, we will now escalate our campaign to use tactics of economic sabotage to physically shut them down.

There will be no more tiptoeing around, Marshall Farms. We will strike again and again, and we will strike hard. You have been warned. Begin liquidating your assets now and washing your hands of the blood you have spilled, or we will do it for you.

Sincerely, "The ALF"

Attacks on the Bank of New York

ALF Communique – "during the early morning hours of June 13, members of the Animal and Earth Liberation Fronts attacked various Bank of New York branches and offices, as part of the effort to cause massive economic damage, which will dissuade them from further management of American Depository Receipts belonging to Huntingdon Life Sciences.

HLS is responsible for the deaths of over 500 animals daily and hundreds of thousands annually. These animals are murdered in crude attempts for pesticide and pharmaceutical corporations to pursue avenues to legalize their products. Monsanto and other earth destroyers use HLS' fraudulent practices to place potentially lethal and environmentally hazardous chemicals on the public market. This is a message to the general public. HLS does not care about the health of people, does not care about the preservation of wild lands and life, and brutalizes, probes, tortures, and murders thousands of lonely, frightened and beautiful creatures. The Earth will be Revered; We will deliver! These Animals Need Love; We will deliver! HLS must close; and We will deliver!"

The following attacks were made on June 13th:

1. Bank of New York, Huntington, Long Island Branch - Had locks glued and the slogans "BNY Invests in Murder", "Investors in Murder", and "ALF"spray painted

2. Bank of New York, Kings Park, Long Island Branch - Was spray painted with the slogans "Bank of NY Kills Puppies" and "ALF".

3. Bank of New York, Commack, Long Island Branch - Exterior ATM machine damaged by glue and plastic strips in card slot and glue in keypad. On the building's side wall the slogans "Investors in Murder", and "Stop theTorture" were spray painted in bold letters.

4. Bank of New York, Babylon, Long Island Branch - Two exterior ATM machines were damaged by glue and plastic strips in card slot and glue in keypad. On the bank's main building various slogans were spray painted.

5. Bank of New York, Suffolk County Office Building, Farmingdale, Long Island - Over 25 windows were smashed and the slogans "ALF" and "ELF"were spray painted, as a warning that these actions were not random vandalism, they were planned and calculated. "Unless BNY stops trade in HLS' American Depository Receipts, they can look forward to many more nights of broken glass. These actions were dedicated to the 130,000 animals who will perish this year for HLS' greed, and dedicated to Jeffrey "Free" Luers, an outspoken forest preservation activist, and green anarchist who was just recently incarcerated. Love, Life, Action". ALF and ELF

Costs incurred by HLS

From the RICO lawsuit SHAC has learned that HLS is crediting the anti-HLS campaign with over 2.5 million dollars in damage. The biggest expense

attributed was the loss of a major contract from RW Johnson which was worth $2,273,000 and over 12 million dollars in lost revenue. Summary of costs incurred by HLS Inc. resulting from Campaign

1. Cost of damage to employee's property and cars resulting from attacks -Damage to staff homes; including insurance excesses and direct costs: $5,521 -Damage to cars; including excess and direct costs: $1,170Total: $6,791

2. PRC Security Costs for first half of 2001 Run rate: - $130,154.00 Forecast Q3 and Q4 costs - $180,000.00 Estimated Future Annual Costs - 360,000. Capitol Costs: Security Lighting Fence Line - $3,127 (forecast spending of $3730). Camera System Upgrades - $10,975 (forecast spending of $74,025.00). Detection System - (forecast $175,000.00). Fencing - (forecast $125,000.00). Other Operating Expenses: Legal - $70,754. Shred it - $842.00 (forecast $4,200 and future annual costs of $8,400) Aerial Photography - $475. Clear trees & bushes, grade fencelines - $5,565. Doors - $7,493.00. Video Camera - $1,001. Fencing - $1,065. Glass Window Alarms - $919. Various Vendors - $6,985. Access Systems/door alarms - $1,611. Theft of dogs - $10,900. VI Alarms - (forecast spending $2,500). Lighting Upgrades to Facility - (forecast spending $10,000). Storage Freezer Modifications - (forecast spending $3,000). VI and V2 new doors and card access (forecast spending $5,000). Mail Room Card Access - (forecast spending $4000).

3. Staff home security costs June 2001 - $1,590. Forecast for Q3 and Q4 - $8,000

4. Management time and effort: VP Operations - $33,000 (forecast spending $33,000.00 for Q3 and Q4). Site Serivice/Security Mgr $27,300 (forecast spending $27,300 for Q3 and Q4) Estimated Cost - June 2001 $60,300 (forecast $60,300 for Q3 and Q4)

5. Lost Business: RW Johnson - $2,273,000.00 (lost revenue over 12 million dollars) Estimated loss - $2,273,000.00

6. Summary Total All Costs: June 2001 - $2,595,283. Forecast spending for Q3 and Q4 - $651,398. Estimated Future Annual lCosts $368,400.

ALF piracy on the high seas

"In the wee small hours of Tuesday, July 24, we paid a visit to the home of Brian G Rogan, President of Capital Markets to The Bank of New York. 20 holes were drilled in the right side of his 30 foot yacht, and one 6 inch by 6 inch hole was sawed through the right hull. As the boat began to take on water it was cut loose and pushed out



to sea, we left before confirming whether or not the boat sunk. Both the boat and his personal dock were left covered with painted slogans denouncing BNY's involvement with Huntingdon Life Sciences, the largest slogan read 'money means nothing- life means everything'. Upon escape we cut through his estate to his personal flag pole, his Amerikkkan flag was lowered and discarded like the trash it is, and replaced with the only flag that matters - a pirate flag! For the 500 lives lost today at HLS and for our brother Carlos Guliani who was shot and killed this week protesting at the Group of Eight Summit in Genova. Our hearts bleed for you!" The P.L.A. (Pirates for Animal Liberation)

ALF destroy animal lab

On the November 11 in San Diego, the Animal Liberation Front gained entry to the contract animal research lab of Sierra Biomedical (aka HTI Bioservices) and smashed it to pieces, from the inside out, for several hours. "Vital" equipment was destroyed and file after file was soaked in muriatic acid. No piece of equipment was left intact. A transport van located outside had its tyres slashed, was doused in paint, and was just simply worked over. "We were thorough and determined, they will not soon recover from our visit. We struck not with anger, but sadness in our hearts of the lives taken before our arrival and for the recent death of our friend Barry Horne".

Farm and slaughterhouse destroyed

ALF Communique: "Bruderhoff farms, in NY raises and slaughters animals such as rabbits, cows, and lambs on a daily basis, only to be consumed by glutinous humans. On June 29 we descended upon this death camp around 1am and entered carefully, as not to be detected by worthless surveillance cameras with attached sensors that were attached to rooftops and poles above. The ALF then proceeded to destroy slaughtering equipment, feed processors and machinery. Vehicles used to transport animals back and forth from this death camp had locks glued, tyres punctured and gas tanks destroyed. Incendiary devices were carefully placed but due to a light rain failed to ignite. Nevertheless, this nazi camp was soon rendered useless, though after quite a deal of repairing and replacement is now active once again. We were tipped off that the rabbits used for slaughtering were kept imprisoned on the farm. Though fully prepared for liberation that evening, there were no rabbits to be found. Let it be known that this is not just a warning but one of many actions to come in the up state NY area and surrounding. As long as the torture and exploitation continues.... So will we! The Earth and its animals are not dying they are being killed, and we know who you are! UNTIL EVERY CAGE IS BROKEN!"

750 ducks released

In an anonymous communique, the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the liberation and release of 750 ducks and an unknown number of ducklings from Whistling Wings, a duck breeding facility in Hanover, Illinois. They breed and ship ducks and ducklings to hunting and game farms, taxidermists, and research facilities across the world. "We cut holes in the fences, opened all of the cages and barn doors for the ducks to escape to freedom. It is our hope that they will find a new satisfying life on the nearby Mississippi.". Earlier this year, on

April 28, the A.L.F. rescued over 230 ducklings from the Cornell University Duck Laboratory in Eastport, NY. In that action the ALF physically removed all the animals and took them to a sanctuary.

McFire

On September 10, a McDonalds



A Tuscan McDonalds after a visit from the ALF and ELF

in Tucson was set ablaze at around 3 a.m. The initials "ALF" and "ELF" were spray- painted on the side of the building. The attack did an estimated $500,000 in damage. About 50 firefighters worked more than two hours to control the fire.

Mink liberators strike twice

In October, the ALF liberated 2000 mink at Scott Nelson mink ranch, in Iowa. Every animal was released. Fences surrounding the farm were cut away, every cage opened, and 2000 mink ran to freedom. These animals were kept three and four to a small wire mesh cage. Their rescue came at the final hour, only a month from a violent death in the pelting season. "Terrorism against non-human animals will be met with liberation. In this struggle for life against greed, compassion over sadism, our only recourse is to ignore laws and risk our freedom to save lives. If you were in a cage, whose side would you be on?" ALF comminique.

A week later the ALF came back and liberated all the recaptured mink. "The first time we visited Scott Nelson mink ranch, we opened every cage on the property, we intended to close the place down. Unfortunately some of the minks were recaptured. To demonstrate our complete seriousness regarding the freedom of these animals and contempt for the people responsible for these horrible places we again visited the fur farm and opened every cage on the property. We demand these minks are allowed to remain free."

ALF comminique.

Birds fly free from vivisection

On October 18 the ALF raided Double T Farms (Iowa), a breeder of birds for vivisection. "We located the pigeon shed, and cut through the wire mesh perimeter. 62 pigeons were found and released. These pigeons were destined for a cruel and senseless death at the hands of vivisectors. All possible nesting boxes were emptied, and breeding tags were removed from each bird. The shed was also damaged. A second aviary containing ducks and geese was located, and 50 yards of netting cut away, allowing approximately 50 birds held captive to escape. A third aviary holding approximately 50 geese was similarly ripped apart, and those geese who did not immediately take flight were picked up and taken outside. Approximately 162 birds were released.This is the ALF's second visit to Double T Farms, and there will be further visits until Ted Golka's operation is shut down. Risking our freedom for theirs." *ALF Comminique*

$1million damage at chimpanzee lab

ALF claimed responsibility for the million dollars worth of damage that a fire, set in the maintenance building of The Coulston Foundation (TCF) caused. "TCF has the largest colony of captive chimpanzees in the world and has been in violation of even the minimal standards of the Animal Welfare Act for years. TFC has more charges filed against it than any other research lab, yet none are enforced to shut this horrific institution down. TCF is in such a deplorable state that the National Institute of Health pulled its funding and lost its accreditation as a research lab. TCF is under attack by legal groups and individuals across the country and is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. At TCF chimpazees live isolated in prisons of concrete floors and metal walls, with no other "enrichment" items besides an occasional ball, tire, or TV set. During nights of observation, we heard the chimps and macaque monkeys periodically scream and crazily pound on the walls, sounds we will never forget. A separate video crew, with no knowledge of our action plans filmed the disgusting conditions of this place. The footage shows a crew member feeding them raisins. Some of the chimps were eager for this friendly contact, but others only rocked themselves, nearly catatonic, in the corners of their cages. We wanted to liberate all these animals but because of difficulty in moving and sheltering them, especially since they're infected with HIV, hepatitis and herpes, we decided the best way to help them was to cause as much economic damage to TCF as possible. Every precaution was taken to avoid injury to the animals, personnel, security and firefighters." ALF.

Pig killer attacked

A contestant who killed a pig on the US television show Survivor has been pepper-sprayed by animal rights activists in Missouri. Michael Skupin killed the animal in the show's first episode. He was immediately vilified by animal welfare groups. On June 17 Mr Skupin was attacked and repeatedly sprayed in the face with pepper-spray on a visit to Columbia. David Cravens, a 30-year-old animal rights activist, has been arrested and bailed by police on charges of assault

CANADA

McSmash in Ottowa



At an anti-capitalist demo, a McDonald's restaurant was attacked. As the crowd of around 350 demonstrators walked down a central thoroughfare, about a dozen activists wearing balaclavas and helmets used sticks and rocks to smash the windows of the restaurant. They went on to smash windows at another McDonalds restaurant.

GERMANY

Mink cages destroyed

The Tier Befreiungs Front (German ALF) destroyed 300 cages at a mink farm in Nettetal (West-Germany, near the Dutch border, on May 20. 150

of these cages were new and were to be installed. Also 700 breeding cards were stolen and holes were cut into the fence to give some mink, which were running around on the farm, the chance to escape.

Liberation and destruction

The animal rights group Maqi in South-Germany have so far liberated more than 100 chicken and turkeys in seven liberations since the beginning of the year.

More than 40 hunting platforms have been totally destroyed throughout the country since May.

Attack on Covance labs

In November, on a Saturday afternoon, about 40 to 50 activists attacked COVANCE laboratories in Münster. While some activists were standing outside the lab for a protest against vivisection, others were climbing over the fence with several ladders and storrmed Covance. In a press release the activists said they wanted to get video footage and photos of the animals captured in Covance, police claim they wanted to liberate animals, that they destroyed equipment and robbed frozen corpes. 70 policemen and a helicopter hunted the activists, ten got arrested and had to stay in custody til Sunday afternoon. Police are investigating into burglary, theft, breach of domestic peace and "peace of the state."

Victories of the anti fur campaign in Germany!

Victory 1 - At the end of the year, 31-12-2001, the German fur farmer Rossberger, will have to close down his farm. In May 1999 activists started a campaign to close down his fur farm. 3,600 mink are killed there every year. Loads of protest and actions from the ALF made his life a living hell. The local government decided to ban his fur farm because of breaking environmental rules. After years of inactivity from the government they suddenly decided to stop the cruelty. A victory for the German activists!

Victory 2 - The fur farm in Steinolsa, which was burned down completely by the ALF in May, will not be rebuilt. The fur farmer decided to quit.

Victory 3 - The C&A campaign succeeded in closing down their fur departments. They still have some fur trims.

SWEDEN

63 battery hens liberated



The Swedish ALF liberated 63 hens from a battery farm, in October, and hundreds of eggs were smashed. The battery hens unit, which has 36,000 hens, was reported several times for crimes against the animal protection law, however the owner refused all the cases and he went free.

Actions against the fur trade

There have been more than ten reported ALF actions against fur shops involving breaking windows, gluing locks, paintng slogans and other more abstract stains. In December a chinchilla farmer had his car and garage attacked by animal rights activists. "Close down the farm" was spray painted on a wall in the garage and red paint was poured over the car. In November 700 mink were freed from a fur farm. And in September, Svenljunga Mink B, a producer of fur farm food which is owned by several fur farmers, was hit by the ALF: three lorries and one car were burned to the ground. Finally the Social Democrat party (the biggest one in Sweden) said YES to a ban on ALL fur farming in Sweden! They had the support from the left-wing party and also the Green Party, so a ban will come in the near future! Another step towards victory.

"Bye Bye Meat Industry" disarm killing machine

On the night of August 4, three activists broke into a slaughterhouse and disarmed equipment used for killing. Their purpose was to draw attention to the meat industry and to the industrial conditions under which animals are slaughtered every day in an endless row. Ida-Lovisa Rudolfsson, one of three members in the group Bye Bye Meat Industry claims that the killing of animals is not justified and she feels a responsibility to take action. "There is no reason for purchasing meat in today's society. It's both healthier and more ethical with a vegetarian diet. More and more people are choosing a vegetarian diet without meat or any other animal products. Bye Bye Meat Industry thinks that boycotting and protests are not enough to fight the industry of animal slaughter, they feel that it is necessary to use actions with civil disobedience to end the killing." The activists have been released by the police and may face up to four years in prison. For more information about what happened contact by email: farvalkott@mail.com or visit www.byebyemeat.com



Anti fur campaigning, Swedish style!

NEW ZEALAND

Hen liberation

The Animal Liberation Front liberated 28 battery hens in an early-morning raid. "Such actions will continue until every cage had been emptied. This is not the end. We will continue to risk our freedom, in defence of animals, until every animal is able to live its life free from human exploitation" said the message signed by the ALF.

Broiler chicken raid on tv and presenter gives up eating chicken!

A national tv crew filmed the rescue of broiler chickens by the ALF. The programme showed the tv crew following a team of ALF activists breaking into a broiler farm and rescuing hens, it also showed the conditions inside the broiler sheds, and an interview with an ALF activist about factory farming. After the rescue the tv crew went to a KFC drive thru and told the KFC staff (and all their tv veiwers) that they would never eat chickens again. The programme is very popular and watched by heaps of "youth". It's not often that a tv presenter is filmed breaking into buildings and advocating animal liberation.

FINLAND

Fur action news

Throughout the year, fur stores, fast food restaurants and Shell gas stations, in Turku area, have been sabotaged: windows smashed, spraypainted, owners homes spraypainted etc. This combined with the "above ground" campaign by the local AR group forced a fur store, in Lohja, to drop fur from their selection and to change the name of the company. In October, a fox farm got raided at night in Pohjanmaa, the most intensive fur farming area in Finland with over 1400 fur farms. Over 1000 foxes were dyed with red henna. Later, on International Animal's Day, the farm was raided again. This time around 350-400 foxes were dyed with "a touch of autumn-red henna". Dead animals from the farm were seen scattered around. The farmer clearly cares very little about the welfare of the animals as he found out about the raid from the police on the following afternoon.

HOLLAND

Fire attacks at pig slaughterhouse

In June, two trucks containing pig meat were burned down competely, the damage is 800,000 guilders! The DBF (Dutch ALF) stated that they wanted to burn down the whole company, "we tried to burn down the meat processor of Ballering Export in Son, we're sure that a truck burned down. DBF". The activists tried to burn down the company by setting fire to the truck parked near the premises. Ballering Export claims to be the biggest pig slaughterer in Europe, weekly 4,000 pigs are transformed into meat products. Since the DBF started their economic sabotage campaign, in 1995, against meat companies many of them have found their trucks in ashes, slaughterhouses have burned down and meat processors set on fire, resulting in over 50 million guilders damage to the meat industry. Late in September there was the second arson attack in a year at another pig slaughterhouse in Boxtel.

Mice and rats liberated from University

Communique - "The DBF liberated nine mice and two rats from the Earusmus University, in Rotterdam, during daylight hours. Around 12 o'clock in the afternoon the DBF entered the university and went from floor to floor without people asking questions. Pictures were taken of dumped animals, which were thrown away in a garbage can. On the 17th floor the DBF found, in the cold storage, a barrel filled with dead bodies. On the 14th floor, from a room full of rats, two were taken away to give them a better life. On the 5th floor, the DBF found nine small mice in a cage. These were already victims of cruel experiments. Also these animals were taken to a better place. The action is dedicated to our friend Barry Horne who fought for the animals till his death."

Direct action against tur trade

DBF Communique - "In the middle of the day activists opened the cages of a mink farm in Neer. The minks walked free however they were recaptured later as no fences had been destroyed to make an escape route to the minks. The activists were interrupted by the mink feeding truck." No arrests have been made. In August, a month later, 16,800 mink were released in Valkenswaard - "Thousands of cages were opened and the activists cut through metres of fence to give the minks the change to escape. Most of the minks were found within the farm, but thouands of minks escaped. The police suspect that the liberation is done by an anti-fur group!! (what an intelligence!). Never before have so many mink been liberated in Holland and probably also not in the whole world. The fur association stated that this farm had no security!! The damage done to the farm has been quoted in at



least 100,000 guilders and probably much more! This is the 14th mink liberation since 1999 in Holland, where over 45,000 have been liberated in these actions." Fox and chinchilla farms will be banned in 2008 and 2005.

The fur trade in Holland has been persistently attacked by the ALF: signs of fur shops were destroyed, windows of fur shops smashed, also locks were glued at a numerous fur shops, slogan such as "fur is murder" were spray painted. Two fashion designers of fur had their windows smashed.

CHILE

Carlos Riveros was arrested and accused of putting a bomb, on August 3, outside the "Public Health Service" of Valparaiso, in protest over the murder of at least 100 street dogs. A recording

sent on a tape to a newspaper claimed responsibility for that direct action, as well as another, that took place the same night. A store selling items for fishing and hunting, had its locks glued and its paint redecorated. He said "Prisons will not stop this fight, the fight for animal rights will continue, animals need life, not death". He has been released from prison and his charge was lowered to "public disorder". He is pleading guilty but will be showing evidence of animal abuse by the authorities, documentation about animal killing and torture, as part of his court defence.

AUSTRIA

In August, ALF raids were carried out, liberating a total of 34 hens from a battery farm in the province Burgenland. In September, 11 hunting platforms were destroyed near Goepfritz in Lower Austria. The news reports showed footage of the cut down hunting platforms. Two days later, two more hunting platforms were cut down in Schladminger Tauern.

NORWAY

In September, the Noweigan ALF (DFF) visited Terje Gammelsruds, a breeding unit of dogs for vivisection and liberated six dogs.

Mink freed and foxes dyed

In August, two mink farms were raided. In one farm 2000 minks were released and in the other 200 were freed. In October the DFF hit a fox farm and coloured the fur of 175 foxes with harmless henna-dye, and slogans were sprayed on the farm.



Activists have a whale of at time

In December the whaling industry was hit hard. First on the 6th, in Lofoten, the whaler Nehella burned and sank at its dock, incurring a loss of US$300,000. And then, on the 11th, a whale meat processing plant was destroyed by fire. The plant, owned by the Olavsen brothers, was a transit hub, where meat from newly slain whales was processed and distributed throughout the country. The plant had recently expanded and both the old and new buildings were destroyed in the blaze. The damages were estimated at US$3 million. The fire at the processing plant spread to the dock and damaged the moored whaler Nybraena (this boat had only just been re-floated after the Sea Shepherd founder Paul Watson sank it in 1992). Jan Olavsen was attending a meeting of the Norwegian Small Whaling Union, which he leads, at the time his processing plant burned down. Norway killed 549 minke whales this year, in defiance of a global moratorium on commercial whaling that has been in place since 1986.

SPAIN

Thousands of mink escape from a fur farm in central Spain after activists knocked down 80 yards of fence and opened cages in the early hours of the 31st of July. About two thirds of the animals on the farm escaped, 13,000 or so, although some were later recovered.

AUSTRALIA

Arson about with the shooters

On the July 29, about seven activists used 30 home made petrol bombs to burn down duck hunting hides. They towed a dinghy containing plastic bags full of petrol, then walked for several kilometers through knee-deep water to get to the hides. They pulled the hunting hides apart before setting them ablaze with rolled-up newspapers and fuelling the fires with petrol bombs. Later, they turned their attention to Sentosa Game Ranch, armed with sledgehammers, and smashed a sign advertising the park. Afterwards in protest against the fur trade, they dumped a dead fox at the front door of a store.

EIRE

The Irish ALF released 30 hares, the night before a big hare coarsing meet at Limerick. Also in Limerick, at Brown Thomas', items made from rabbit and sheep skin were vandalised. The fur accessories were sprayed with red and purple paint. A file is being prepared by Gardai following the spray painting of fur trimmed articles in July at another top local store, Todds. A local animal rights activist was detained by Gardai for 6 hours, before being released without charge.

RUSSIA

Russian animal rights activists continue the campaign of actions against the company of meat production "Sochinskiy". On the walls of one of the branches were written the slogans: "Stop the murder of animals!", "Fresh corpses" and others. Address: P.O.Box 135, Russia, 354065, E-mail: imeret@mail.ru

ITALY

The Italian ALF has been very busy this autumn releasing mink. In October two farms were attacked. From one of them, in the Appennino mountains, about 2,000 mink were freed. The owner stated: "That's enough, this is the second time, I will have to close down!" In December a third raid at another farm was carried out and about 10,000 mink released, the action was dedicated to Barry Horne and signed ALF.

DENMARK

In August a fur shop in Roskilde was attacked by the DBF. Windows were broken with bricks and also orange paint-bombs were thrown into the shop. The letters DBF were spraypainted on the facade. According to the media around 30-40 items were destroyed and it had to stay closed for about a month. The shop has been targeted by the DBF before and once again on the night of the 1st of October.

PARK FARM INTO THE 90'S

Do you recall where you were on New Year's Day, 1990? Barry was



Liberated Park Farm beagles

liberating beagles at Park Farm, a breeding centre for Oxford University. One of the aims behind the raid was apart from the obvious, to kick the last decade of the millenium off, with a bang.

"After numerous raids Park Farm had installed some sophisticated alarm systems on the dog house but surveillance showed that this was inoperative during the day and most doors were open. A gamble was taken that most workers would be suffering severe hangovers and would have planned to be absent on this day. Ten people conducted the raid in broad day light. The only tools needed were wire cutters, for the perimeter fence, and two sets of step ladders for acccessing each outside dog run. 36 beagles were liberated. The van had to be pushed into, and away from, the inmediate vicinity as the noise of the engine could have alerted someone as to our presence. As the van was pushed away a crunching sound was heard – it was the sound a video camera makes when crushed by a front tyre. Oops! Barry, for some strange reason, was the cameraman that day. When we discovered what the crunching sound was Barry, nonchantly, informed us that it didn't matter because he hadn't filmed anything anyway and that he'd never even got it out of it's case, as there had been more pressing things to do with his time. Nearby, in a very quiet country lane there were ten cars and small vans waiting for the beagles to arrive so that they could be immediately split up and dispersed across the country. A local man, who was driving by whilst the van was being pushed back onto the road by ten people, reported this to the police after he heard about the raid. All he could remember about the van was that it was blue and had some sign-writing along the side of it but the only word he could recall was "Northampton!" oops!! As a result of which , there were few local arrests but nothing came of it except a happy life for the liberated beagles."

INTERFAUNA

On March 17th 1990, St Patrick's night, a raid was done at Interfauna, an animal supplier for HLS etc.

For the contributor of this section it is memories of Barry's role on that night that personify the man.

" Two large Mercedes vans, the biggest we could get our hands on were concealed out of sight, in a nearby field.



Inside HLS

About 20 people trekked across country to the back of the building in which the puppies were kept. Entry was made through making a large hole in the roof, as it was known that the doors were alarmed. There was a look out stationed up by the guard-house, to watch for any sign of unusual movement of the security guards and the two sleepy rottweilers. Through the hole a step-ladder was lowered and within seconds the first beagle puppy was on its way to freedom, with the help of Interfauna's own cages and travelling boxes. Four puppies were put into each carrier and then two people ferried them across the muddy fields to the waiting transport. We are talking serious hard work and it was here that Barry excelled himself! For the ones who found themselves struggling, through tiredness and fatigue, Barry was Mr Motivator. All



Freed from Interfauna

those years as a dustman proved to be the perfect training to carry those cages across the fields. He came along to give 100% and nothing else would suffice. We began at 9pm and it was not until approximately 2am, that we managed to fill the van up, and I mean fill it up – can you imagine 82 puppies piled up in cages in one van? The crammed van only had to travel a relatively short distance to drop the puppies to safety. As soon as it left Stage 2 started which was to force entry into the rabbit breeding unit and get as many as we could. This was a much more secure building, and a lot closer to the house, and the two sleeping rotties. Again we went through the roof but we were only able to safely gain access to one part of the building, which we cleared of 26 rabbits. The raid was over by 4am, the job was done."

BOOTS

People often ask why Boots stores were targetted. Barry was eventually charged with causing over £3 million worth of damage to Boots stores. Boots had spent millions of pounds in cultivating a "cruelty free" image but the facts were that they had two vivisection laboratories. There was one, on the top floor of a Boots complex in Nottingham,

and another one ten miles away in Thurgarton. One series of experiments used to test the drug Neurofen, inside those labs, involved mice being injected with carrageenan, a substance to induce pain and swelling. Neurofen was then given and the effects noted. Then the mice were put on hot plates, and 'writhing tests' were done, with and without Neurofen. Dogs were addicted to morphine and then deprived of the drug until withdrawal symptoms became apparent. Neurofen was then administrated to see if the symptoms were eliminated. They were not. In another experiment, for Gastropine (Boots' anti-stomach ulcer drug), ulcers were artificially induced by the use of drugs, acids or electric shock in the



Boots beagles

stomachs of healthy animals. "Barry job on!!!" He was a man known to say "yes" if the options were a) going down the pub or b) partaking in illegal animal liberation activities, and so he started helping with planning a raid on the Thurgarton lab. On November 3 1990, eight beagles were liberated but, unfortunately, on the night Barry was unavoidably detained elsewhere - a few days before he'd been remanded in prizoon for possession of incendiary devices - Doh! (see story below). Barry tirelessly campaigned against Boots, from stalls to roof top protest, to smashing windows to street protest to, allegedly, burning their shops to the ground. The cruelty free image that Boots fostered was a lie. In 1994, after many years of legal and "illegal" direct action, Boots sold the two laboratories and its whole drug manufacturing operation. They were sold to BASF, a chemical multi-national more known, in this country, for its production of audio and video tapes. They stated that they did not intend to use the two labs - the Thurgarton site certainly was overtaken by weeds but vigilance will always be necessary. Boots never have made a clear public statement concerning their continued involvement with vivisection.

ATTEMPTED ARSON ON HLS COACH COMPANY

On October 28 1990, Barry was arrested, a mile from HLS. He had only just pulled up at the side of a road when who should show up? but the police. That night, they said that they'd had reports about a gang of kids throwing fireworks at people and so when they saw Barry in his van they wanted to have a few words with him. All was going well until they noticed a car parked on the opposite side of the road, which had three people in it. One policeman stayed with Barry whilst another went over to the car. - "why are you all wearing overalls? "ooh,arrgh, we're just simple farmers boys, officer" Whilst a computer check was being done on the driver 's false details and the stolen car - its occupants ran away rather fast. It's even more understandable when it comes to what was in the car: two 5 gallon drums of petrol, complete with numerous incendiary devices. Barry was arrested, as well as one of the escapees from the car. They were remanded in prision for three months, released on bail and then later sentenced to three years each. We can now reveal that the intended target that night was a coach firm, Duncans, which HLS employed to ferry the workers in and out of hell – they were refuse collectors. They got away with it that night but more direct action followed and the firm cut their ties with HLS.



Two are jailed for having 'bombs'

'Pure chance' stopped men

A NIGHT OUT TO THE VIVISECTORS PARTY

Another little snippet to fill in the picture of Barry around that time, in the early 90's, is this story of the trashing of a vivivsectors dinner and dance. Barry recounted many times afterwards how much he enjoyed that night, especially the bit about the 50 bottles of Bordeaux Claret and fightinig with psyched up, steroidol undercover coppers.

"A vivisectors conference had been organised by Harlan Olac, the event was supposed to last three days. On the first night activists stormed into the hotel reception where the vivisectors were staying, brushed past security and turned over the tables, smashing plates and bottles. One vivisector tried to intervene. He came off worst, and actually pretended to have a heart attack. Barry called him an ambulance "you are an ambulance."For the next two days, the scum were besieged in their hotel, as all their planned events were cancelled, including an open topped bus tour of Oxford.

On the last night a lavish dinner had been laid on at Exeter College Oxford, and as activists gathered to protest, large numbers of uniformed and (obvious) undercover police patrolled the college walls. Undeterred, dozens of activists with Barry at the front as usual, sneaked in through a workers entrance, climbed up some scaffolding and ran towards the banquetting hall. Foolishly, some plain clothes cops panicked and began attacking protestors but they soon backed off as Barry and his mates gave as good as they got.

Once inside the hall, table after table of vintage wines and elegant food was turned over and smashed, while outside a deafening alarm and police sirens made it seem like a scene from a war film. The vivisectors had just left their hotel for the first time in two days, when a phone call instructed the driver to turn back. When the police finally got their act together, Barry was among six people arrested and charged with Violent Disorder.

However when the case came to trial Barry failed to turn up and had gone "missing"; he was arrested some time later living undercover in Swindon, in connection with the Isle of Wight Boots arsons, but on that occasion he was released without charge. As we all know, he was eventually caught for attempted arson in Bristol, but this time the authorities were determined to make the Isle of Wight charges stick. It was for these that Barry was given the longest ever sentence for an animal liberation activist."

Diary of actions

END OF MAY

20th Germany, Nettatal: ALF destroyed 300 empty cages at a mink farm and removed 700 breeding cards.

23rd Sweden, Gothenburg: Slogans sprayed and eight windows smashed at Kajs fur shop.

25th Germany, Hamburg: ALF destroyed feeding devices as well as three hunting platforms.

JUNE

3rd Sweden, Pitea: circus has signs and posters destroyed.

5th Sweden, Pitea: Signs and posters belonging to circus by the ALF.

7th Sweden, Pitea: all circus posters destroyed again!

8th England: activists raided University of Surrey's Experimental Biology Unit at Manor Farm, near the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Activists smashed into the farm animal unit and rescued six turkeys and six hens.

9th Germany, 12 hens, two turkeys and one duck liberated from intensive units. Later on the same group liberated another 15 hens from a battery farm.

10th Germany, Doblen: ALF visited McDonalds store, smashed windows and painted slogan "ALF".

11th England: activists returned to Uni of Surrey's Experimental Biology Unit and gained access to the office units. Documentation was taken and buildings damaged inside and out. Three days later it happened again!

13th USA: Five BNY branches attacked on Long Island New York. Activists glued locks and ATM machines, spray painted slogans on all the branches and smashed over 25 windows at BNY office in Farmingdale. The actions are part of a larger campaign to encourage BNY to cut ties with HLS.

15th USA, New York: Calvin Klein is the target of cream pie throwing anti-fur protesters at a fashion awards ceremony.

16th Germany: Two hunting platforms were damaged

17th USA: A contestant who killed a pig on the US television show Survivor was pepper-sprayed by animal rights activists in Missouri.

17th Holland: two trucks containing pigmeat burned down competely, the damage is 800,000 Guilders! (£225,000)
20th Germany, Hamburg: six hunting platforms were destroyed

21st Russia: animal rights activists daubed slogans "Stop murder of animals!", "Fresh corpses", "MORG" , on the walls of one of branches of meat company "Sochinskiy".

26th Holland, Nijmegen: circus signs destroyed in several nights. The circus claims that the damage is 13,000 Guilders.

29th USA, New York: activists destroy slaughtering equipment, feed processors and machinery. Vehicles had locks glued, tyres punctured and gas tanks destroyed. Incendiary devices were carefully placed but due to a light rain failed to ignite

JULY

2nd Eire, Co.Limerick: ALF liberated 30 hares the night before a big hare coursing meet.

14th Holland, Neer: 2000 mink released in a daylight raid!

Mid July Germany: several hunting platforms destroyed and an animal transporter damaged.

24th USA: yacht belonging to Brian G Rogan, President of Capital Markets to The Bank of New York, sunk! 20 holes were drilled in the right side of his 30foot yacht, and one 6inch by 6inch hole was sawed through the right hull. As the boat began to take on water it was cut loose and pushed out to sea. Both the boat and his personal dock were left covered with painted slogans denouncing BNY's involvement with Huntingdon Life Sciences.

26th Eire, Limerick: the spray painting of fur trimmed articles at a top local store.

29th Australia, Victoria: Activists known as Animal Avengers torched duck hunting hides and smashed a game park sign.

31st Holland, Ommen: 10 muscrat cages destroyed.

31st England, Sussex: 11 rabbits rescued from a private breeder at Heathfield. Most were in a very poor condition.

AUGUST

1st Spain, Teruel: 10,000 mink liberated from a fur farm. Activists knocked down 80 yards of fence and opened cages

4th Sweden: Three activists broke in to a slaughterhouse and disarmed equipment used for killing in Skövde. At Gothenburg: Jakobdals meat factory had window smashed and paint bombs thrown over the building. Earlier windows had been smashed and slogans sprayed.

7th Germany: ALF liberated six hens from a battery farm.

8th Holland, Amsterdam: sign of the furshop Heiligeweg destroyed.DBF

10th Germany, Bonn: Nine hunting platforms destroyed.

12th Holland, Amsterdam: windows smashed of two furs hops also the locks were glued.

14th England, Brighton: retail shop, which sold products made from rabbit fur, had four windows smashed.

15th Austria: 10 battery hens were liberated from a battery farm in the province Burgenland.

15th Holland, Amsterdam: locks glued of furshop Alcon and slogan spray painted "fur is murder".

17th Holland, Amsterdam: locks glued of furshop Alcon.

17th Germany, Greussen: Several lorries of an egg delivery company were completely burnt out.

18th Holland, Amsterdam: windows smashed of fashion designer Edgar Vos.DBF.

20th Holland, Amsterdam: windows smashed of furshop.

23rd Holland, Valkenswaard: 16,700 mink liberated, 1000 mink still free! Verhagen stated that the damage done to the farm is at least 100.000 guilders.

30th Austria: 24 battery hens were liberated from a battery farm in the province of Burgenland.

SEPTEMBER

3rd USA: liberation and release of 750 ducks and an

unknown number of ducklings from Whistling Wings, a duck breeding facility in Hanover, Illinois, one of the largest duck breeding facilities in the U.S.

4th Austria: Nine hunting platforms were destroyed near Goepfritz.

6th Austria: Two more hunting platforms were cut down in the Schladminger Tauern in province Styria.

9th Norway: the Norweigan ALF (DFF) liberated six dogs from a breeder of dogs for vivisection.

10th USA, Tucson: activists started a blaze which destroyed a McDonald's fast-food restaurant.

10th Holland, Amsterdam: windows smashed at the office of fur designer Frans Molenaar and fashion shop Pauw spray painted with the slogan 'fur is murder'.

10th Germany, Osnabruk: Animal rights slogans were left at a site where approximately 10,000 mink were released.

20th USA, Tucson: Activists targeted Ronald McDonald statue in front of the Ronald McDonald House.

23rd Sweden, Svenljunga: Svenljunga Mink B, producer of fur farm food, was attacked by the ALF, three lorries and one car were totally burned out in the attack. In Malmo: a window at Astra (vivisectors) smashed.

25th Germany, Cottbus: Activists kicked down the door to a German zoo's monkey house and freed 15 animals.

OCTOBER

October- December: England, Surrey: Homes of hunt thugs attacked following his conviction for punching an elderly hunt monitor.

2nd Germany: 12 turkeys liberated.

7th Germany: Seven hunting platforms destroyed.

11th England: Whilst in court for cruelty charges, a rabbit breeders premises were raided and 20 rabbits liberated.

11th Sweden, Malmo: ten big windows smashed at McDonalds and Burger King.

15th USA: An estimated $85,000 in damage was caused at a compound for captured wild horses when a fire burned 250 tons of hay and a pole barn at the facility about 20 miles northeast of Susanville.

15th Finland: a fox farm was raided in Mustasaari. Over 1,000 foxes were dyed with red henna.

16th Finland, Ristiinaa: a fur farm was raided. 350-400 foxes were dyed with "a touch of autumn-red henna".

16th Germany: one huge hunting platform destroyed.

16th New Zealand: McDonald branches throughout Auckland were targeted by activists.Toilets blocked with quick set cement and some had their locks glued.

16th USA: 2,000 mink released from Jewell Fur Farm, Iowa.

18th USA, Iowa: 100 pigeons and other birds released from a farm

20th New Zealand, Auckland: 28 battery hens liberated

21st Sweden: The ALF liberated 63 hens from a battery hen unit in Sodertalje

21st England: Five rats were liberated from a shed in Plymouth, they were being bred as food for exotic snakes.

22nd Sweden, Sodertalje: 63 hens liberated from Tvetabergs battery farm, also, hundreds of eggs are smashed.

24th England, Hampshire: mink liberated at Crow Hill Mink Farm.

24th USA: for the second time in a week members of the ALF emptied the cages of nearly 1,600 mink from Scott Nelson's fur farm.

28th Sweden, Stockholm: 5 fur shops attacked. Locks glues, gates in front of the doors locked together with big D bicycle locks, slogans sprayed, red paint poured.

30th Italy: ALF carry out a mink liberation.

30th Germany: ALF paid a visit to a zoo, one pine martin and several raccoons were released from their pitiful imprisonment.

NOVEMBER

1st Sweden, Simrishamn: 700 mink freed from Stengardens mink farm.

2nd Sweden, Stockholm: The gate in front of a fur shop is locked together by a D bicycle lock.

5th Sweden, Stockholm: The gate in front of a fur shop locked together and another fur shop has locks glued.

9th England: Brother of Brian Cass, managing director of HLS, has house attacked.

10th England, Lewes: 50 animals (23 dogs, seven puppies, 14 cats, four hens, a hamster and a wild hare) were liberated from an animal abusing small-holding.

11th England, Bournemouth: Dog dognapped from cruel owner and rehomed

16th Canada, Ottawa: Protestors smash windows of McDonald's during anti-capitalist demo.

17th Germany, Westfalen: Damage caused at Covance labs.

14th Sweden, Gothenburg: Two locks glued at Kajs fur shop.

DECEMBER

4th Italy: a raid was carried out and about 10,000 mink released, the action was dedicated to Barry Horne and signed ALF.

5th England, Cornwall: Early in the day, rabbits, bred for the pet trade, were liberated from a life of hell. The ALF claimed responsibility and stated the rabbits are now in loving homes, where they will be living the rest of their lives in peace.

6th USA: 30 beagles and ten ferrets rescued from Marshall Farms, HLS. This action was dedicated to Barry.

10th Sweden, Uppsala: a chinchilla farmer had his car and garage attacked by animal rights activists.

17th Holland, The Hague: members of the Dieren Bevrijdings Front (DBF/ALF) attacked the Groot Russisch Staatscircus, which abuses animals like tigers and elephants to entertain the public. 11 advertisement signs were trashed and painted with the lyric ANIMAL ABUSE. One truck had its tyres slashed, a lock glued and the message ALF was painted on the door.

28th Sweden, laholm: the DBF went to Nyby produkter HB to give a new life to 13 rabbits and to cause as much economic sabotage as possible.
The office was trashed, windows smashed, all the breeding cards stolen and slogans sprayed. This farm has developed a new cage for industrial rabbit farming and produces 3000 rabbits a year.

Xmas eve England, Hastings: Fishing boats burnt out

Jan 2nd England, Eastbourne: Fishing boat burnt out in the latest in a series of similar attacks along the south coast.

Huntingdon Life Sciences news

The ALF getting to them!

Not surprisingly the attention of many ALF activists has for some time been focussed on HLS. It is fair to say that there is a small-scale war-taking place in many areas of the UK where there are shareholders or workers. Given the increasing levels of police violence and intimidation against protestors it isn't surprising that some individuals have taken to acting alone in the dead of night to impact on HLS. There are far too many of these incidents of economic sabotage and other pressure to list here, suffice to say they are getting it! And from all angles – we hear of all night phone calls, all kinds of unsolicited mail, cars damaged, windows smashed, locks glued blah blah blah. In Cornwall over a dozen shareholders have had their property attacked and 14 are known to have sold their shares, same applies in other regions. At least half a dozen Shell directors homes were visited by ALF sorts in recent weeks and left in no doubt that they aren't popular, others, at Roche for example have been similarly targeted. One shareholder in Sussex who attacked protestors outside his house was subjected to a more aggressive return visit, which resulted in no small amount of damage to his property. The opinion being he'll stay indoors next time!



Some people think the best way to protect animal life is to have us fear for ours.

Today there will be a protest against Stephens Inc. by an animal rights group called SHAC. (They want to stop Huntingdon Life Sciences from conducting medical research that involves animals—95% of which are rodents.)

Because we are an investor in Huntingdon, we're a target, too.

Earlier this year, SHAC posted on their web site suggested tactics used by animal rights extremists. Here are a few of the activities they listed:

- *Bomb threats requiring evacuation of premises*
- *Invading offices, damaging property and stealing documents*
- *Sledgehammer attacks on cars while the occupants are inside*
- *Firebombing cars in driveways, sheds and garages*
- *Smashing windows in a home when the family is there*
- *Physical assaults, including spraying cleaning fluid into the eyes*

These extremists have a right to disagree with our decision to invest in a publicly traded company that conducts lifesaving research involving animals.

These extremists have a right to voice their opinion.

These extremists, however, do not have the right to threaten us. Or to violate the privacy of our employees and their loved ones. Yet they do.

Perhaps they don't realize that practically every medical treatment known to man stems from animal research. And that every future breakthrough will be developed through animal research.

Which is precisely the reason we'll continue to support it.

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The state getting desperate



By David Quinn.

In Little Rock: A police officer uses pepper spray on a protester at Stephens Inc., which invests in a company that uses animals in medical research.

The picture above shows how desperate the state has become. The American cop is not only spraying a protestor in the face, but he is also holding a high voltage taser to her chest!

Stephens getting desperate

In the US it's worse as can be seen from the rest of this newsletter. To start the year as it will inevitably go on the New York home of the President of Stephens Inc was ransacked – paint bombs thrown everywhere, 'puppy killer' sprayed and windows smashed. Similar damage was done to their offices, where gallons of paint were spread around the lobby.

Stephens recently took out a poster campaign (See left) it's enough to make you feel sorry for them!- not

New Years Eve in the UK a series of bridges over the A14 near Huntingdon were painted with amongst other things HLS workers phone numbers and in Kent a Shell depot in Aylesford was visited and eight tankers and a van sabotaged.

Stop Press

As we go to press, Stephens Inc has announced that it will sever all ties with HLS by the end of the month

SARP

Whilst Barry was in prison for the possession of incendiary devices, as referred to in the previous section, he helped to re-launch SARP (Support for Animal Rights Prisoners). Here are a selection of his rants in those newsletters which have been compiled to give you an insight into the mind of Barry Horne.

First issue of the new SARP , July 1991: *"SARP seeks to unify the movement by being uncritical of the activities of people in the movement. We ask that all genuine animal rights people accept that in the animal rights movement there are many different strands of opinion and for our struggle to succeed we must accept all different points of view. However criticism for the sake of it cannot be tolerated and will never appear in the pages of this Newsletter (…) criticism for its own sake is both disruptive and self defeating so please think unity at all times"*

September 1991: *"SARP believes that all animal rights activity is equally justified on the grounds that all actions are aimed at ending animal abuse. Whether that action is to liberate animals or to cause economic damage is irrevelant as no one can ever doubt that the target of the action is always animal abuse. The activist who goes out to liberate animals or to commit an act of arson does so in both cases from a sense of moral outrage that animal abuse continues to thrive. The motivation in both cases is one of compassion for the animals that daily suffer at the hands of greedy animal abusers. To support one against the other is totally illogical and, need we say it, divisive …*

But while all forms of animal rights activity, from the leaflet to the burning cattle truck, all have a part to play, none of them can exist in isolation. As part of a unified movement all forms of animal rights activity acting together can achieve significant progress but only with unity. The animal rights movement has to recognise that the activist who plants an incendiary device one day, is the same activist who, the day before, freed animals from a lab and who, the day after, would stand in the cold for hours at a time running an animal rights stall in the town centre. His/her reasons for all three activities are the same, that he/she cares about animal rights and wishes to do anything he/she possibly can to bring about the demise of animal abuse. Can anyone really believe that the activist who causes economc loss through an arson attack does so for any other reason that one of compassion for the animals? If caught he/she would certainly face imprisonment"

October 1991: *"Prison isolates people from the outside world. Besides visiting, writing is the most important thing you can do to break down that isolation, so that the prisoner does not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write then just send them a card wishing them well. It is the fact that you have bothered to write that matters. If you know a prisoner personally it is especially important to write, as obviously contact from old friends is valued. But this does not mean that if you are a stranger to the prisoner they would not appreciate your letter. Remember that all letters to prisoner are opened and censored, so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or someone's freedom".*

February 1993: *"This Newsletter coincides with the second annversary of Mike Hill … And then there are the ones like Mike Hill who die. Victims of selfish and uncaring violators of life. Mike died on active service, in the front line in the war. And to secure that victory it is ineviatable that young women and men, like Mike, will become activists and take part in direct action, be it as a hunt sab or in other areas. For the one basic truth is that without direct action victory will become just a distant hope. Thanks to the activists that liberate and destroy we know that we will win. Mike Hill died for animal liberation and we must never forget him, but let us ensure we honour his memory in the best way we can. Let us make sure that they don't get away with murder, redouble our efforts and fight to win. Thanks to Mike, animal liberation is one step closer, we are winning and victory is inevitable."*

June 1993: *"The animals continue to die and the torture goes on in greater and greater measure. People's answer to this? More vegeburgers, more Special Brew and more apathy. There is no longer any Animal Liberation Movement. That died long ago. All that is left is a very few activists who care, who understand and who act. We are also left with a vast number of people who treat this war as a joke, a social occasion, an opportunity to display thair oh-so-caring false faces while doing … nothing. Well, the facts are these. For some of us Animal Liberation IS a war that we intend to win. If we fail, it won't be because we didn't try our hardest or because we didn't care enough. For some of us the tears are real. Our hearts really do break and we ARE prepared to die for it, not just chant for it*

As for the rest of you… Well , are you in touch with reality? When you go on a demo how can you queue up at a vegeburger stall outside a death lab and show no emotion? At Huntingdon Research Centre in 1990 people picnicked and laughed with their friends while the beagles could be heard from the buildings. Out of all the people there that day fewer than 20 felt enough anger and hatred to try and tear down the gates. What a joke. A joke so black that you won't even understand it … 'Let's win in the right way' has been said by people who have never done one single thing for the animals. The animals don't give a damn how we win or even why. All they want is freedom and life NOW. To hell with compromise and keep your words of betrayal to yourselves. The tactics of victory are those that will WIN that victory".











SARP
ANIMAL TORTURE NO MORE

THIS IS ANIMAL LIBERATION

BARRY HORNE: HEAVILY INVOLVED

When it comes to writing an account of the latter part of Barry's "career" as a fine, upstanding, law-breaking animal liberation activist you come to a point where there is a big gap in the proceedings. That gap cannot be filled in now, because it was a time when he'd begun to work on his own and seeing as he didn't speak about it with others, he's taken that bit of the story to the grave with him.

All we've got to go on, now, are the allegations made against him by the police and the media. What we do know for sure is that in July 1996 he was arrested in a Bristol shopping centre for possession of incendiary devices and attempted arson. The police said that they'd had a surveillance team of up to 50 officers, who'd been watching Barry's movements in the previous month. They also claimed that he was responsible for a wave of arson attacks, stretching back years, including one night of mayhem on the Isle of Wight, in August 1994 when over £3 million worth of damage was done: the destruction of a Boots store, huge damage to a fishing tackle shop, a Halfords (owned by Boots) and a Cancer Research Campaign shop.



Barry said nothing to the police or at his trial except to plead "guilty" for the possession of incendiary devices and attempted arson in Bristol and "not guity" to the Isle of Wight attacks. He was found guilty and so when the day of sentencing came he knew he was going to get a long sentence. In 1990, two activists got four years each for causing £9 milion worth of damage to Department stores in the anti- fur campaign but since then sentencing had become increasingly harsher. The devices used in the anti-fur campaign were of a simililar design to the ones that Barry pleaded guilty to possessing and similarly they were timed to go off in the middle of the night. These were attacks against property.



At his sentencing the prosecution were forced into accepting that Barry's campaign was soley aimed at property and there was absolutely no intent to endanger life, and it was only on that basis that the judge should sentence him. All of his friends in the packed public gallery erupted with rage when the Judge gave out the savage sentence of 18 years. As Barry was led down the steps he waved and gave a clenched fist salute. What is there to say about such a sentence? Look at the cutting of Barry's funeral, on the opposite page, and see the adjacent headline of the child molester being given five years – that says it all.

HUNGER STRIKES

Barry was not one for giving up when the going got tough – he was a born fighter. The animals had a good friend in Barry – his sense of justice would not allow him to sit back and passively watch the animal holocaust happen. From when he'd strolled into a meeting of his local AR group up to the hunger strikes he never stopped plotting, planning and taking action for the liberation of animals – prison was not going to stop him from being an activist.

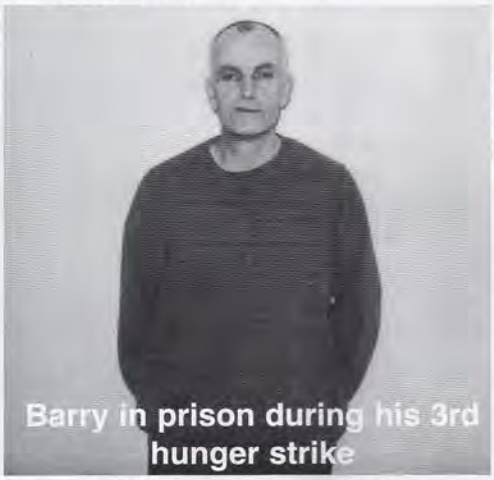
Whilst on remand, awaiting trial, in January 1997, he began a hunger strike about vivisection. He knew what he was up against – politicians, vivisectors, greed, dirty money, corruption etc. etc. The demands of the hunger strike were aimed at slimey politicians but the message was for everyone, and especially animal liberation activists. This was serious stuff. The first hunger strike was called off after 35 days when the Home Office agreed to meet with representatives of Barry's hunger strike campaign. Some vague semi-positive noises came from the Home Office but when it was clear that they had come to nothing Barry went back on hunger strike in August, of that same year. The demand was now that the pre-election promise to hold a Royal Commisssion be carried out. In a pre-election campaign Labour had produced a pamphlet about animal abuse called "New labour, New Life". In this glossy publication they promised, amongst other things, to hold a Royal Commission into vivisection. It had gone through every door in the land and, from within the prison system, Barry vowed to make sure that it was never forgotten about. Barry embarked on the hunger strikes after a great deal of deliberation. Barry ended that hunger strike after 46 days when talks were resumed with the Home Office. The repercussions of those first two hunger strikes went way beyond the grubby realms of Whitehall – the hunger strikes galvanised the whole animal liberation movement into action. It's interesting to see what the vivisectors themselves had to say about it – "The second hunger strike seemed to have its



origins in a desire to encourage further animal rights extremists against both old and new targets. Thus aggressive demonstrations, the favoured tactics since the end of 1996, escalated as a result of the first hunger strike and escalating even further during the second. Thus the fortnightly mass demonstrations at the cat breeding establishment, Hill Grove Farm, the camp outside Huntingdon Life Sciences and protests at the primate suppliers Shamrock Farm had the appearance of one unified campaign (RDS News September 1997)." As soon as his hunger strikes began demos were called to show support for him. Much to his delight, those demos often turned either into riots or day-time liberation raids - there were times at Consort and Hill Grove where the two were combined. He wrote in a letter to a friend: "have we got them worried or what? It's brilliant that everybody is going for things in a big way. I am really pleased. Excellent events on Saturday at Harlan-Olac and at the scummy cat breeders. Hope the cats that got away are OK."



When it became clear that once again nothing was on offer from the government Barry embarked on the third hunger strike and this time with more determination than ever. By this time, he had been given the 18 year prison sentence. He knew that he had the strength and determination to take a hunger strike to its limits if necessary. There would be no backing down on this one unless the govt delivered on its pre-election promises. Tony Blair had made promises and Barry was simply taking him to task for it. If they ignored his demand to hold a total review of the vivisection industry then his death would be on their hands, to add to the millions of animal victims - and that death would be taken up by the animal liberation movement as a symbol of all that we are fighting against- brutal injustice and a world of hidden atrocities.


Barry in prison during his 3rd hunger strike

By the time the hunger strike went over 60 days, and Barry's health was rapidly declining, the tension had reached fever pitch - the media went into overdrive with slurs and lies. It was *the* headline story. Animal abusers were on war footing as they braced themselves for the impending backlash. Two weeks earlier he'd been moved to an outside hospital, where he was able to be visited by his family and friends, but then, on day 65, as he was losing his mental faculties, he was moved back to the isolation of prison. Two days later the Home Office faxed to the prison an offer that, within months, there would be an investigation into vivisection by an all-party animal welfare committee. Barry was in no fit state to deal with the complex details of this offer on his own and any serious discussion on his strictly time-limited visits was impossible, as he was, by this time, slipping in and out of consciousness. The next morning when screws offered him breakfast he accepted – he didn't know whether he was coming or going. Immediately George Howarth, the then Home Office minister responsible for animal experiments, stepped in to tell the media that Barry's hunger strike had been a hoax and "We have not been negotiating with Barry Horne. Nothing has been offered. The Minister always made it clear the government would not give in to blackmail. There has been no concession, no negotiation, no deal." Nothing was ever heard from any all-party animal welfare investigation - more lies.

The three hunger strikes, in such a short space of time, put his body and mind through hell. He was unable to write letters anymore but the following anecdote shows that, beneath it all, he was still the same old Barry. A visitor went to see him a day or two after the ending of that hunger strike. She had to remind Barry about all that had gone on, even that he'd gone on hunger strike for 68 days. He was astonished, "68 days! I should be dead." She told him that his health had suffered and that his eyesight could be irreparably damaged, and at the very least he'd need new glasses. Barry's response was "well, I needed new glasses anyway. With my old ones I'd always thought that animal liberation was just around the corner." Classic Barry. But the damage had been done and his health never recovered. He even continued to go on further hunger strikes – something inside him kept him going but his weak, frail body gave up and he died this year on Nov 5th. None of us can imagine the pain and suffering that Barry went through. He showed such incredible strength and a determination to fight that could never be defeated.

Barry's funeral

If there is such a thing as a good funeral then we gave Barry one. Over 800 people gathered on Midsummer Meadows in Northampton. There was a sombre mood but also a sense that we'd gathered to celebrate Barry's life. First of all, the opening pagan burial rites were performed by a witch, called Kate. Then a lovely letter was read out from Animal Liberation Front prisoner Mel Broughton, who is one of Barry's oldest friends, and then a speech was given by Keith Mann. He told the people to have "no fear" of the system


The funeral 'pod' in which Barry was buried


Sick child molester jailed for five and a half years

COFFIN PARADED THROUGH TOWN

and that the levels of bravery and determination that Barry had shown would always be an inspiration to us all. Keith talked about persecution strengthening us. His 11 year prison sentence had only served to make him stronger and he spoke of how the animal liberation struggle meant nothing without direct action and how we all had our part to play.

One of Barry's few funeral wishes was that he be carried around the streets of the town centre, wearing his local football team shirt, and to have a pagan burial. We passed through the streets in silence, carrying purple flags and animal liberation banners, in a long, long procession of mourners. Leaflets about Barry were given out to onlookers – it was all very dignified and very moving. People took it in turns to carry the coffin (a green eco-friendly pod, made of paper mache). Then it was onto the burial ground in Olney. The funeral cortege was unbelievably long – in fact, the ten mile journey was one long traffic jam. Barry's brother and sister, children and ex-wife, had some time to themselves, at the graveside, with him. Then we all gathered around as Kate conducted the pagan funeral rites – which touched us all. She spoke of the cycle of life, symbolised by the tree that was to be planted on top of Barry's grave. It was a beautiful ceremony – written words couldn't do justice to it. Just seeing his body being lowered into the ground made you realise that Barry Horne really was dead but the feeling amongst all was that Barry was very much alive in each and every one of us.

And then came the wake, which was excellent. Lots of cups of tea or, if you preferred it, alcohol, as well as lots of nattering to old friends and who knows – maybe even a bit of conspiring! A display was made with pictures of Barry, from when he was a young lad up to the hunger strikes, and other bits and bobs. People were invited to add to it as they wanted and shown below are extracts from a fraction of the cards and messages that people left behind. Read them – they speak volumes about the man. After the wake was finished came wake no.2 which entailed lots more drinking, listening to some excellent stomping Irish music by a local band, and basically getting hammered in true Barry style.

The tree planting, which was attended by family and some of Barry's friends, went ahead on Dec 15, so as to give the ground time, to settle. Above his grave now is a beautiful young oak tree. Respect to Barry Horne.



Some of us are brave
others not so
but we all have a dream
and right on our side
and proof were it needed
the day Barry died
that animal liberation
is worth more than words
that total commitment
sometimes hurts
None of it is in vain
how could it be so
when fighting for others
and to let the world know
its serious & dangerous
and needs all our might
But sure as our friend
was determined & knew
that we are the future
we are the light
& we have the strength
to finish this fight.



DEAR BARRY, PLEASE HAUNT THE BASTARDS

Barry you are at peace now. I hope that your courage and determination will be an inspiration to others to carry on the fight in your name
You and the animals have been betrayed by the powers that be but we won t let you down
The fight will go on. We will all do what we can do in our own way.
Love and liberation

VIVISECTORS WILL PAY FOR YOUR DEATH

The fight is global and it's growing and we'll keep it going 'til we've won

Barry you are at peace now. I hope that your courage and determination will be an inspiration to others to carry on the fight in your name. You and the animals have been betrayed by the "powers that be" but we won't let you down. The fight will go on. We will do what we can in our own way. Love and liberation.

To lose your freedom and then your life was the ultimate sacrifice, the fight will go on, and you will never be forgotten, Animal Liberation forever.

To our brother Barry! For the animals you gave your life.
You're up there with all the other revolutionaries.
You're sadly missed but the struggle goes on.
Fuck the system.

Dear Barry,
When I was in prison your letters comforted and strengthened me. Your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

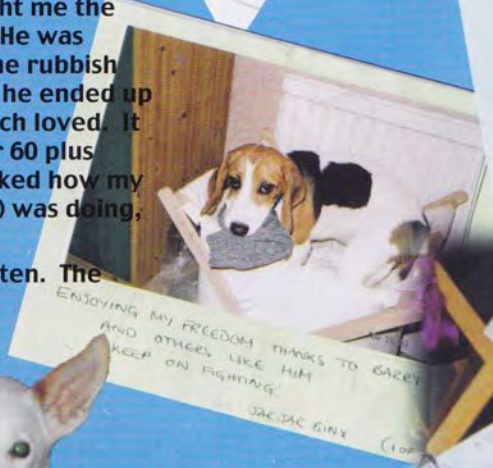
- The bullying+Scornful treatment you were Subjected to could not break your spirit. When you had nothing left to give you gave your life. We will never forget. We will carry on the fight for ANIMAL LIBERATION.

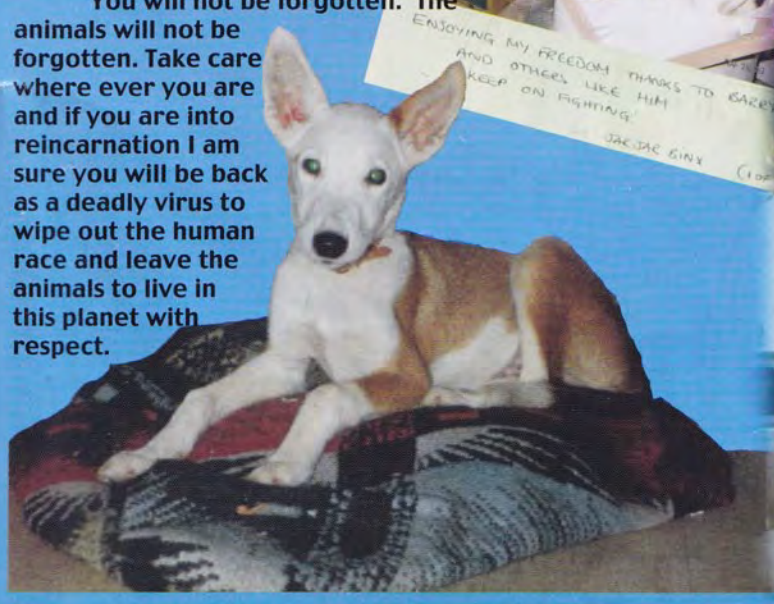
To Barry-
Murdered by the State and the uncaring bastards too afraid to fight. Rest in peace brother, your spirit will live on. Tioacfaidh Ar Lá!

Barry:

It was you who brought me the lovely dog 'Barney Rubble'. He was going to be abandoned at the rubbish tip but because he met you, he ended up in a home where he was much loved. It was also you who even after 60 plus days of hunger strike still asked how my dog Oliver (who was very ill) was doing, that meant so much to me.

You will not be forgotten. The animals will not be forgotten. Take care where ever you are and if you are into reincarnation I am sure you will be back as a deadly virus to wipe out the human race and leave the animals to live in this planet with respect.









Labour killed them all



Now it's up to us...

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