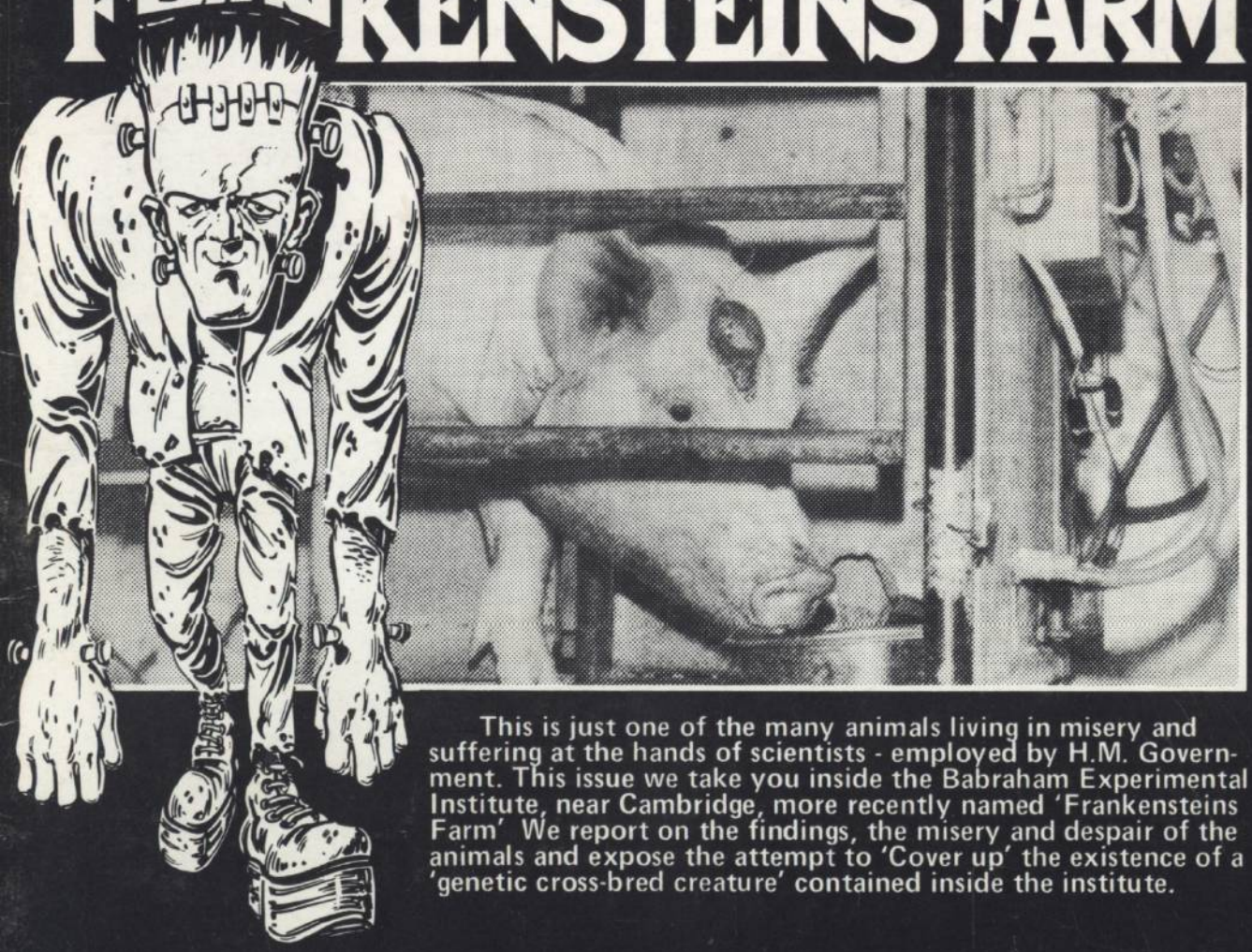
ISSUE TWO

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ANIMAL MISERY AT FRANKENSTEINS FARM



This is just one of the many animals living in misery and suffering at the hands of scientists - employed by H.M. Government. This issue we take you inside the Babraham Experimental Institute, near Cambridge, more recently named 'Frankensteins Farm' We report on the findings, the misery and despair of the animals and expose the attempt to 'Cover up' the existence of a 'genetic cross-bred creature' contained inside the institute.

Message from the Editor

Thank you once again for supporting Flesh and Blood, also to the many readers who have taken the time to write to us. When writing, please remember to send an s.a.e. if you require a reply.

We had hoped to have more pages in this issue, however, due to production costs proving more expensive then we at first hoped, this has proved not possible at present. As soon as finance allows, Flesh and Blood will increase in both size and content.

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ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION...

The Act of Parliament which governs animal experimentation was placed on the Statute Book in 1876 and entitled "The Cruelty to Animals Act" – it could not have been more aptly named, for it is nothing more nor less than a permit which enables scientific research workers to commit licensed cruelty on living animals under the pretext that they are benefitting mankind.

The BUAV, founded in 1898, has always called into question the moral and ethical right of science to use animals for this purpose. It has always objected to what it sees as a "sovereign state of science" operating under an Act of Parliament which offers protection and secrecy, measures which are offered to no other section of the working community.

Since the time of its formation the BUAV has fought animal experimentation by every means at its disposal. In the early days, marches, rallies, demonstrations and confrontations were commonplace. In spite of the broken human heads and limbs which resulted from these confrontations, the law continued to allow scientists to relentlessly indulge their curiosity at the expense of animal misery. Because of the secrecy surrounding the Act, information has been difficult to obtain and only a little of what goes on behind the laboratory door was ever available. Every bit of information was used to its greatest advantage but nevertheless, the BUAV together with other similar organisations watched in despair as the number of animals used for experimentation grew from a few hundred annually to a grand total of well over 5 million in 1978.

Breakthrough

Then came the breakthrough. Six years ago the BUAV, together with 74 other animal welfare organisations took part in Animal Welfare Year and for the first time combined effort and professional expertise forced a crack in the door.

The size of the movement was formidable and the pressurised publicity campaign brought scientists to the realisation that they weren't dealing with a handful of ill-informed cranks. The BUAV employed scientifically qualified people who understood the scientific papers they read and "translated" them for their lay colleagues. Those papers revealed that the suspicions of the anti-vivisectionists were, sadly, very true. Many of the experiments undertaken on animals had absolutely nothing to do with benefitting mankind. A great number were undertaken for no better reason than to satisfy scientific curiosity, to obtain a degree, or to produce yet another packet of meaningless trivia. The almost paranoic excuse that the consumer must be protected at all costs has meant that the 1876 Act has been bent, stretched and twisted to accommodate the testing of household products, beauty preparations and practically everything else which stocks and overstocks the shelves of supermarkets and drug stores. Yet, in spite of this exhaustive testing many products are still harmful and certainly what is safe for one person may be far from safe for another. The yardstick of animal testing is no yardstick at all.

Government grants have been awarded to scientists to test the resilience of newly born lambs to freezing temperatures, to transplant organs from their natural places in the body to other sites totally unnatural, to shock, burn, scald and a thousand and one other meaningless and cruel experiments. The idea, so carefully nurtured by those responsible to create an impression among the public that only a few, highly respected and clever people were involved in a minimal number of experiments for their benefit has been exploded.

Putting Animals into Politics

Following hard on the heels of Animal Welfare Year came the campaign to "Put animals into Politics". Again, the BUAV was in the forefront of this campaign which has opened the way for reasoned and responsible debate with Parliamentarians. The BUAV is delighted to have representation on a committee which meets regularly with the Home Office and Home Secretary. Thanks to the good offices and tireless effort of The Rt. Hon. Lord Houghton of Sowerby, anti-vivisectionists are, for the first time, able to present their case and be taken seriously by those in authority.

We continue to inform the public of the facts about animal experimentation and we know by the response that people are becoming disturbed and concerned. Governments know too, and is pledged to introduce new legislation on the subject this year. The BUAV is determined that never again shall an Act like that of 1876, so full of loopholes, so pliable for those who work under it, be put onto the Statute Book. We shall be watching every Government move. No one society or Group is going to win this battle, it is going to take the co-operation of all interested parties to make anti-vivisection weight fully felt. If we can achieve this, as we did in Animal Welfare Year, constantly and without let up, then victory can be ours. WHILST ONE ANIMAL REMAINS IN AN EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY THEN WE CANNOT CONSIDER OURSELVES TO BE A CIVILISED SOCIETY!

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British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection

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FOR ALL THAT SUFFERING WE ARE NO SAFER

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(Northern Animal Liberation League and Eastern Animal Liberation League)

REPORT ON THE OPERATION "CB/I" AT THE INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY, BABRAHAM, Nr CAMBRIDGE – Sunday 29th June 1980

Just over 120 activists, including members of H.S.A., Animal Activists, Animal Aid, etc. converged on Cambridge on Sunday, 29th June 1980 for an anti-vivisection demonstration which had been organised and co-ordinated by the Northern and Eastern Animal Liberation Leagues.

The objective of this demonstration, code named CB/I, was and always had been to obtain photographic evidence of the animal atrocities taking place at the agricultural research centre at Babraham – but in order to do so it was of vital importance that this remained a well guarded secret until nearer the day in question.

THE PLAN

Our strategy was that the demonstration would be organised into two groups – "A" and "B", the former being comprised of the 70 activists who would enter the animal torture centre and the latter made up of those other supporters who would arrive in Cambridge on the day.

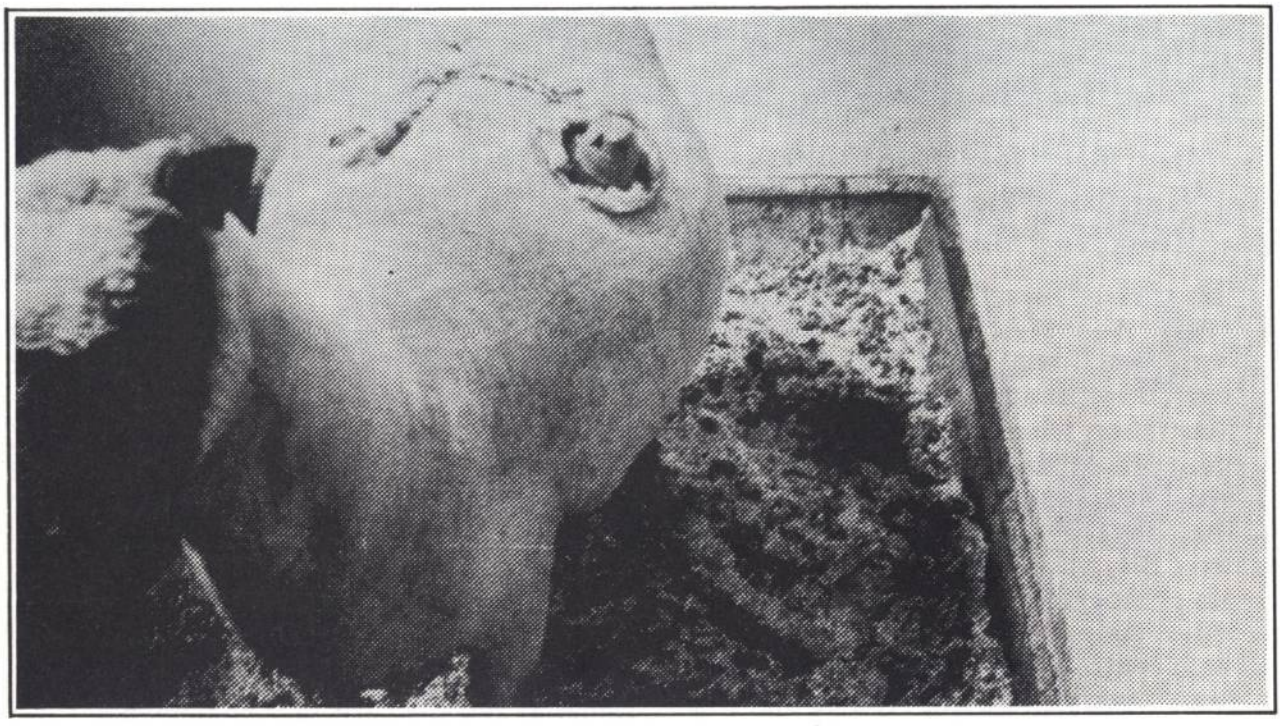
All members of Group "A" were to be supplied with gloves and face masks to avoid the risk of infection to both the animals and themselves, as well as concealing their faces, along with maps of the layout of the animal torture centre and instructions as to exactly what would happen once inside. Our prime objective was to obtain photographic evidence of the atrocities being performed at the animal centre. No animals were to be released or interfered with in any way and damage was to be kept to the minimum necessary to obtain the evidence required. Once photographic evidence, etc. has been obtained, members of Group "A" were to retreat back to the entrance of the Institute to merge in with those supporters in Group "B" who had followed on from Cambridge. We should also point out that no documents, etc. were to be taken from the centre and all those involved with Group "A" were left in no doubt as to our exact actions once inside.

INTO ACTION

At 1.00 p.m. the 70 activists in Group "A" drove into a small dirt-track car park at the back of Babraham animal torture centre. Crossing over the bridge and through the grounds of Babraham church, activists climbed over the 7 foot wall and other minor obstacles, then into the animal torture centre itself. As previously mentioned, members were equipped with gloves and masks, cameras, and the necessary implements required to gain access to the labs and animal holding rooms at the centre. Once inside, members made their way to our first objective and gaining entry, within a few minutes had opened up three of the animal holding rooms – in which were housed pigs and sheep whose condition can be seen from the following photographs. All buildings were locked and bolted, windows blacked-out and there were hardly any staff on duty.

STENCH

In all, 15 buildings were entered and the stench from these rooms was appalling, the animals inside were confined to narrow iron pens – all of them having suffered the atrocities of vivisection. These creatures had instruments embedded into their bodies, in their skulls, in their sides and many were wired up to various pieces of equipment – no doubt so that their torturers could monitor their suffering and agony. They were not freed, touched or interfered with in any way, but they were in an appalling condition and the smell from these rooms was literally sickening. So much for the vivisectionists claims that such animals are kept in "good healthy condition" – they are not and have seen as much ourselves. What horrors await these creatures destined to live out their lives within the confines of this filthy torture centre?

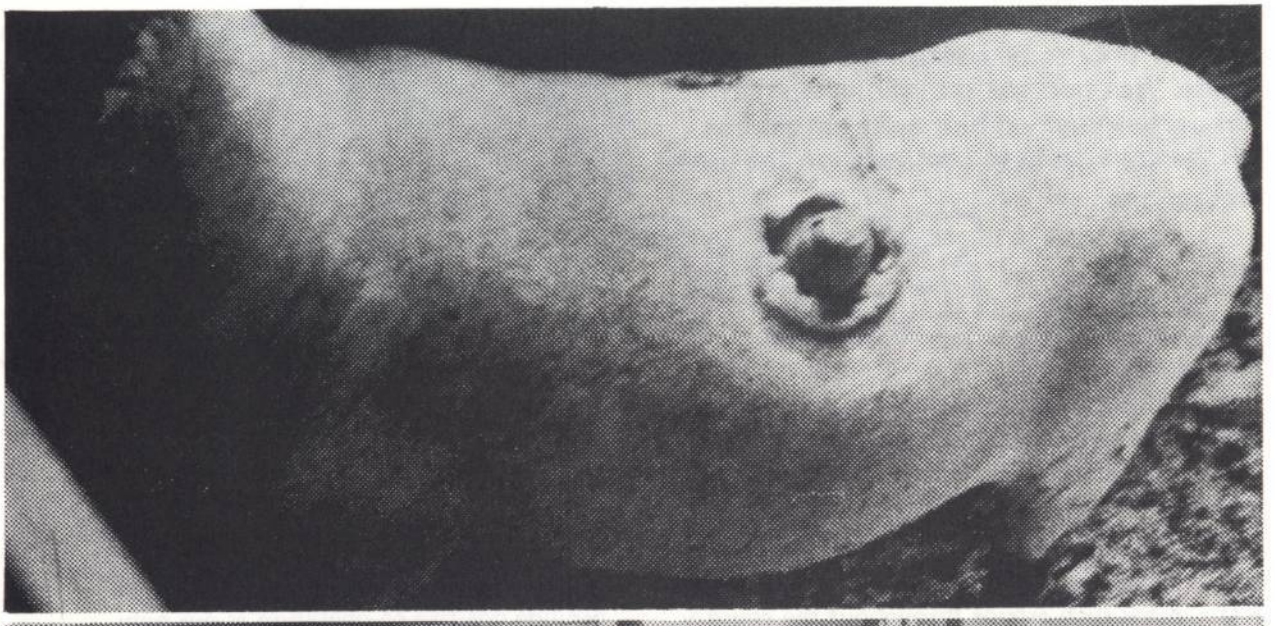


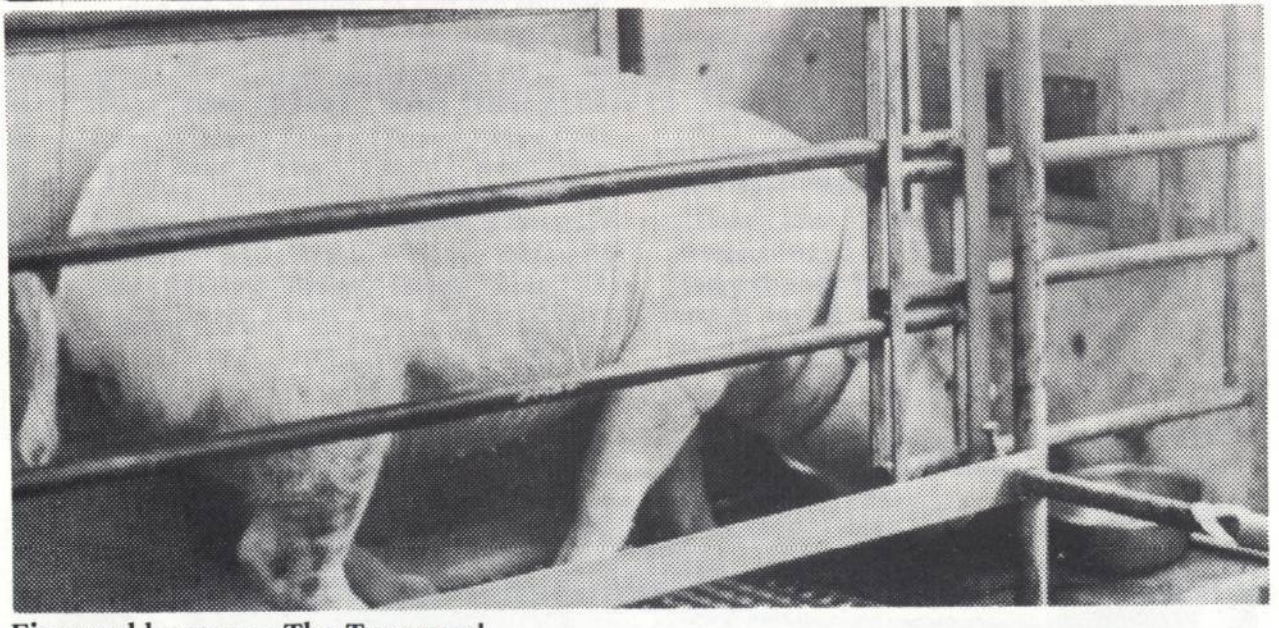
After obtaining a large number of photographs and two full length cine films of our action – one of which was the professional film crews film, later shown on T.V.) supporters made their way into other buildings. However, those few with responsibility for the photographic evidence climbed back out to dispose of this. We had estimated that we had about 10 minutes inside the place before the police arrived in large numbers, but in effect it was at least 25 minutes before they turned up. Reports received since indicate that the police were busy wandering around Cambridge University whilst the entry at Babraham was taking place. No resistance was met with throughout the major part of the operation and the very few technicians and farm workers who were on duty inside kept out of our way.

Police Cover-up

We must also inform you that one or our members made his way into a separate animal holding room at the centre, wherein it was found to house a genetic cross-bred creature which was half goat/half horse. This person obtained a series of photographs of this animal but unfortunately was arrested by the police, since when both the camera and film have been mysteriously "lost". This is not a wild claim or exaggeration – this animal actually exists within the Babraham torture centre and it is interesting to note that when the police finally arrived, almost all of them surrounded this one building! The person concerned who took the photographs may also be charged under the Official Secrets Act.

Farm workers and technicians on leave for the day were also called back to the animal torture centre, in order to transfer some of the animals into other buildings. The police, who had arrived shortly after Group "B", continued their watch on the holding room containing the genetic cross-bred animal until supporters were all outside the main entrance. Members of the S.P.G. also turned up later, although there were only a handful of them and apparently most were concentrating on the anti-nuclear demonstration in Peterborough which was on the same day. For quite a while supporters demonstrated their opposition to the atrocities being performed at Babraham, by the main entrance.





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Some N.A.L.L. Members inside the grounds at Babraham.

Dr. Cross – the Institute director, drove up later only to be confronted by a howl of abuse. We understand that one woman supporter punched him as he entered.

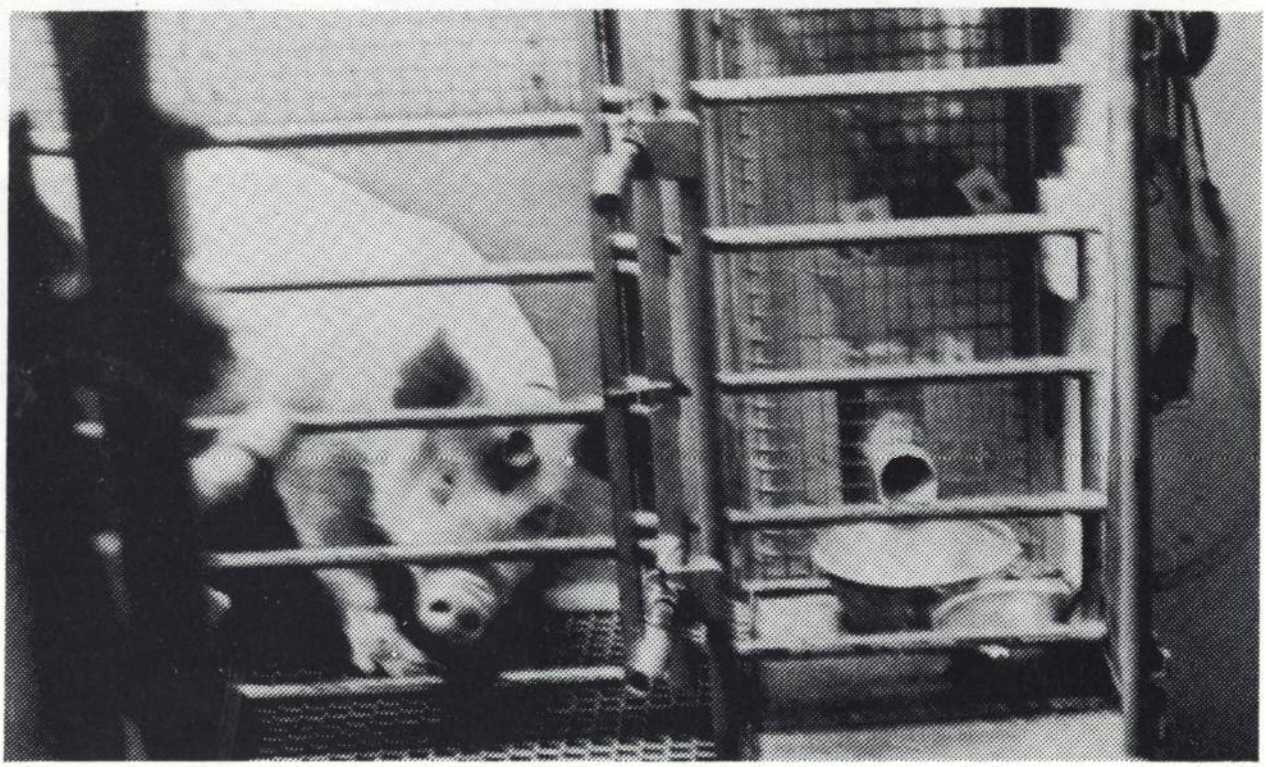
We are unable to comment on the use of helicopters in this operation – all we can say is that aerial reconnaissance was a major part of the operation and gave us certain information that much quicker.

EXPOSURE

The publicity and exposure to the public of the atrocities being performed at Babraham torture centre, we believe, fully justifies the actions that were taken. The victorious demonstration at Babraham is the beginning of a major campaign for the Northern Animal Liberation League and other such groups throughout the country. We will provide the public with the information that has been forbidden from them and if this means having to break into buildings to get this information, we shall do it! We shall expose these animal torturers who get away with literally murder in their day-to-day work.

The N.A.L.L. and E.A.L.L. welcome all true activists, irrespective of their membership of other animal welfare groups, as everyone has their part to play. We are not a splinter-group, and we are not seeking to entice away other groups members. We merely represent activists within the whole movement – whilst at the same time maintaining our own independence and identity. We are opposed to all animal abuse and exploitation – without exception and see genuine positive co-operation as our only way forward.

We have shown that a series of consolidated, well-planned direct assaults on the enemy in their secret animal torture centres can achieve a great deal. This is our way forward, only then will we see the 5 million animals tortured in Britain every year begin to be liberated. TOGETHER WE CAN WITNESS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE WORST FORM OF ANIMAL EXPLOITATION – LIVE ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION!!



Flesh and Blood "Opinion"

Ten years ago, if a group of people felt the need to express their dislike or anger over a particular issue – the answer was to hold a rally or march through the city streets. For some time now it has become more and more obvious that the effectiveness of this type of action is, sadly, becoming rather limited. Hardly a week goes by without a demonstration of some sort being held in London. So much so that it is just an every-day event – a spectacle for the public!

Mainly because of this, it gives us great pleasure to report on the activities of the N.A.L.L. and the E.A.L.L., we congratulate them on their dedication and on their increasing number of victories. It IS a shame, but nevertheless inevitable that they will be branded by some short sighted, vindictive people as 'long haired vandals' as the H.S.A. have found in the past. Flesh and Blood has contacts within these organisations and we can confirm that the vast majority are sensible, decent, very compassionate beings, who only want to see the end of animal suffering, exploitation and torture!

BABRAHAM COVER-UP

On page 6 we reported that one of the N A.L.L. members had taken photographs of a "genetic half goat/half horse creature" held inside the Babraham Institute and subsequently the police mysteriously "lost" both the camera and film. On receiving this information Flesh & Blood asked Lord Belstead the following questions: As the Babraham Institute is financed by tax-payers money, did he not consider that the taxpayer has a right to know what experiments are taking place at Babraham? We asked him to confirm or deny the existence of a "genetic cross-bred" animal. We asked him why the police "lost" a camera with important film of the creature. We asked him if he thought it right that RSPCA officials and Members of Parliament had no power of access to the Institute. Lastly we asked that if he had little or no knowledge of the "work" being carried out at the Institute, he should set up a board of enquiry into the activities of Scientists at Babraham!

Not surprisingly, we can inform you that Lord Belstead has declined to make any comment whatsoever.

WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE FROM THIS ATTITUDE, THAT LORD BELSTEAD DOES NOT THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW THE REAL TRUTH!

When we first started work on this issue, we thought that we had some idea as what to expect – we could not have been more wrong! Most poeple are under the impression that Vivisection is a "necessary evil" – that opinion is based on ignorance and brain-washing. FACT – the majority of experiments are NOT for medical research. Most experiments that are, have perfectly viable alternatives – Tissue culture (living tissue which grows outside the body in dishes or tubes). Cells can be taken from the mouth or throat to investigate effects of smoking or other pollutants, to study many forms of skin diseases, etc. More lately even computers can be used. Send a s.a.e. to Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research, 143 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0EE, ask for leaflet GL.6.80 and other details of non-animal experiments.

Why do scientists still torture animals? We suggest that after hundreds of years it is just "accepted". After all, it is so easy to inflict pain, transplant heads, inject syphilis, electrocute, and suck the brains out of defenceless animals. Live experimentation is a disgrace to a so-called "civilised society" it is the produce of a sick, uncaring and unfeeling world. If something is immoral, then it can never, ever be justified, no matter what excuses are given. Live animal experimentation is wrong, ... cowardly . . . . . disgusting . . . . Live animal experimentation is IMMORAL!!

VIVISECTION

JUST A FANCY NAME FOR ANIMAL TORTURE!

(Photographs courtesy of Animal Aid)

FACT

1. Monkeys had part of their brain sucked out. Scientists did this by boring a hole in the skull and inserting a tube into the brain. Scientists then damaged the brains of another group of monkeys. After 2-4 weeks these animals were given tests to find out what effect the brain damage had on their performance. (Experimental Brain Research, 1979 Vol 35.P.Dean, University of Sheffield.)

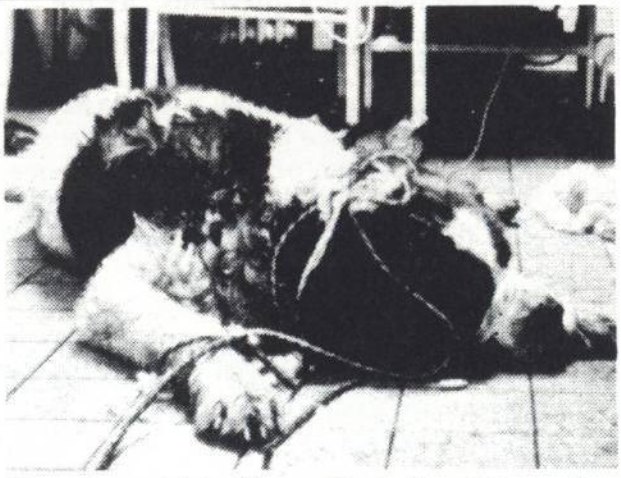
2. Some guinea pigs were put into plastic containers and irradiated with fission neutrons. All died within 6 days. Another group were subjected to Cobalt Gamma rays and died within 8 days. BEFORE DYING THEY BLED FROM STOMACH, INTESTINES AND LUNGS. (Int. Journal Radiat. Biol.,1973, Vol 24, No 1, pp 15-24, Medical Research Council, Radiobiology Unit, Harwell, Berks.)

3. A number of rabbits were subjected to operations in which most of the brain was destroyed. The experimenters found that these brain-damaged rabbits could still learn to press a treadle to get food. (Phys. & Behaviour, 3 Malet Place, London.)

4. A veterinary surgeon, assisted by other scientists, poisoned pedigree Beagle dogs with the weedkiller sodium chlorate. These experiments were performed at the Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon. THE DOGS WERE FORCE-FED THE WEEDKILLER BY STOMACH TUBE OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS. The scientists noted marked loss of appetite and body weight with lassitude, vomiting and blood streaked faeces . . . urine contained blood on day three. Death occurred on day four. (Vet. Record, April 1972, pp 416-418.)



Ape prepared for head transplant



Dog strapped to floor after a heart transplant

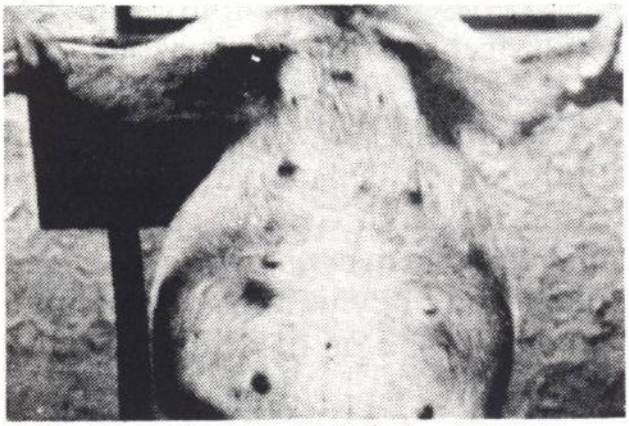
100,000 animals die every week in British laboratories. Animals are used to test weedkillers, lipsticks, paints, weapons, oven-cleaners, shampoos, floor polish, etc. 83% conducted without any anaesthetic at any stage.

The Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 specifically allows the infliction of pain on animals. A radical alteration in the law is needed, people must press for this. It is urgent. Animals are suffering all the time and each year the number of experiments performed increases.

No independent observer has the right of entry into a vivisection laboratory to witness an experiment on a living animal — not even an RSPCA inspector or an MP.

VIVISECTION Mass torture, suffering and agony

(Extract from Slaughter of the Innocent by Hans Ruesch (Futura Publication, £1.25)



This dog is about to be killed – to prove by autopsy that the alcohol she is force-fed has damaged her liver!

BACK ISSUE

Flesh and Blood first issue still available – Canadian seal slaughter, slaughter of Japanese dolphins and Greenpeace/ Rainbow Warrior news. 60p + 15p postage

" . . . . Thus in every field of science innocent animals are made to serve as scapegoats for man's vices and faults. We smoke, animals don't: So we force animals to smoke although for them it is torture, for us pleasure. We drink alcohol, animals don't: So we cause liver cirrhoses in animals by funnelling alcohol into them. We drug ourselves, animals don't: So we turn animals into drug addicts. We suffer from insomnia owing to our daily excesses, animals don't: So we force animals to stay awake until they go crazy. We suffer from stress owing to our unnatural way of living, animals don't: So we traumatize them in rotating drums to put them in a state of stress. We cause car accidents through incompetence or carelessness, animals don't: So we fasten animals to vehicles and send them crashing against walls. We contract cancer by consuming the wrong foods and toxic drugs, and through pollution caused exclusively by ourselves: So we inflict cancer upon millions of animals and continue torturing them while we watch them slowly waste away through the cruellest malady mass-produced by man."

MAGGIE SHUNS 1.5 MILLION PETITION

Sunday August 14th last year saw the massive 1½ million signature petition, organised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, being handed to the Prime Minister, demanding that Britain prohibit the importation of the products of the Harp Seal hunt. K. Hall, from the Dept. of Trade, has informed Flesh and Blood, on behalf of the Prime Minister, that the Government will not impose a ban on these imports. Underlining our statement in issue one of Flesh and Blood that "the present British Government is hypocritically indifferent to the plight of the seals", K. Hall told us that one reason for their decision is that "There is no evidence that seals, particularly in Canada, are threatened as a species" – As we said before COMMERCE BEFORE COMPASSION!!



1976 Britain imported 41,629 seal skins
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PENFRIENDS

I am 16 years of age and would like a male or female penfriend of about the same age. I love all aspects of wildlife and my hobbies include writing, horse riding, reading and swimming. Miss Nicky Walls, 9 Fildyke Road, Meppershall, Shefford, Beds. SG17 5LT

I would like to correspond with a girl, somewhere between the ages 14 to 18. I am 16 and have recently taken the dreaded "O" levels. I have now started my "A" level courses. I have many pastimes – music, astronomy (not astrology!), Monty Python, cricket and swimming. I also play in a band but we are not very serious or dedicated. Simon Wynn, 94 Highfield Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP2 5JF

My name is Paul Quinn, I am 17 years old and work in a bank. My main interests are supporting Football (Man Utd) and Tennis, although I enjoy riding my motorbike and driving my father's car. I also like many types of music and would like to write to someone (preferably female) either in this country or abroad. Paul Quinn, 34 Cumberland Avenue, Prenton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 0RZ

I am 18 years old, an animal welfare fanatic and Vegan. I like most kinds of music, films, cinema, etc. However my first interest is the Hunt Saboteurs. I would like a female penfriend, if possible. Gary Ashdown, 6 Sutherland Grove, Southfields, London SW18

I would like to write to someone between the ages 20 to 40. I am 36, have long blonde hair and am medium build. I have recently broken my leg and have been immobile for some time. So it would be nice to write to someone. I loved dancing before my accident and also have an interest in astrology – However Animals are my number 1! Katie Kersting, "Eastmead", Old Mead Road, Henham, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

I would like to write to someone interested in animal welfare from abroad – possibly France or Germany, as I can speak these languages. My interests are mainly Animal welfare, Conservation and music. I hope to go Vegetarian in a few months time. I am 21 years of age. Mark Willett, 161 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, Essex RM14 2AX

BOOK REVIEW

"COMPASSION IS THE BUGLER" – The struggle for Animal Rights
(Macdonald Publishers £6.95)

Clive Hollands, in his recent book "compassion is the Bugler" sets out to outline the increasing world wide fight for animal rights. Covering all aspects of the growing animal welfare movement as a whole, the author has set out to explain in layman terms the struggle to involve the public of increasing animal abuse. From the events and achievements of animal welfare year, the move "To Put Animals into Politics" and the work of various organisations and bodies of people – this is a book that should be read by all those interested in finding out how man dominates and persecutes animals without remorse. The author does not labour or dwell on any issue too long but moves with style and ease, covering as much as is possible in any one book. Clive Hollands, in this book, writes as a man of great feeling, conscience and awareness of the plight of the animal kingdom. Animal exploitation and abuse is based on wrong thinking and lack of education – read this book and become educated! from bookshops or £6.95 post free from S.S.P.V., 10 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PG – Douglas Brooker

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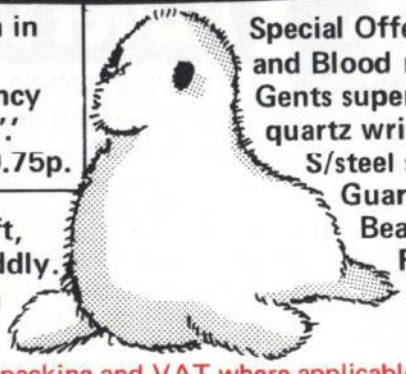
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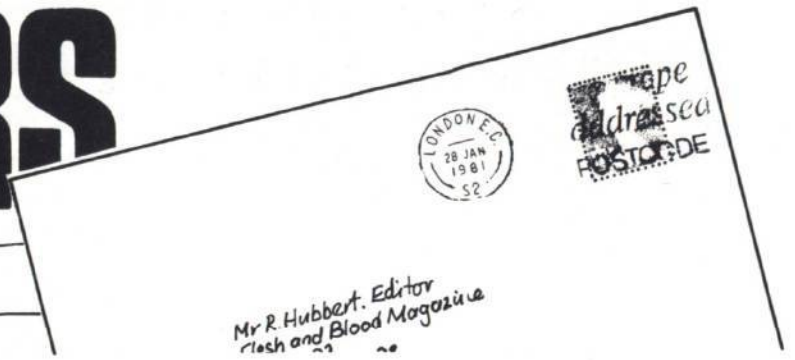
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TO THE EDITOR·



Sir,
May I, through your magazine, ask for help in starting a local fund raising group for the Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research. As you may know, the Trust researches into diseases such as Cancer and Arthritis without the use of living animals. If any reader would like to help me, please write to: Mark Willett, 161 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, Essex. (Phone Upminster 23130)

Sir,
I have read your first edition of Flesh and Blood and was really sickened and upset by the horrifying reports of how the human race treat wild defenceless animals. May I mention that it is not only wild animals that suffer under human hand, many so-called 'Animal Lovers' ill-treat their pets. Children are often given dogs and horses when they are unable to understand the animals needs!
Nicky Walls (age 16), Meppershall, Beds.

Sir,
With reference to Flesh and Blood number one, page 11. What rubbish to imply that the dolphins at Whipsnade Zoo are happy and smiling, not knowing pain and suffering! I was at Whipsnade on July 30th and there are 3 dolphins living in very cramped conditions, having to "perform" 4 times daily. The dolphins are visible from the subway and they all looked far from happy. Just swimming up and down, back and forth, not even sufficient space to swim out of sight. All had various marks, possibly caused during capture but also possible/probable during training! No dolphin in captivity is a happy, smiling dolphin!! Dot Donworth, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Sir,
In your first (and very interesting) issue of Flesh and Blood you seem to suggest that Zoos are O.K. I think you may get some reaction over this, as there are a growing number of people who think otherwise. I will never forget a pitiful lonely little penguin in a concrete box which I saw at Chessington Zoo some years ago during winter. We climbed over the wall as the Zoo was closed at the time. There were no attendants that we could see and this penguin was shivering with the cold and really did look miserable. The polar bears looked frozen and bored too! Also there was the case of Guy the gorilla, 34 years old when he died – Imprisoned for all those years!
Dave Wetton, H.S.A., P.O. Box 19, London SE22

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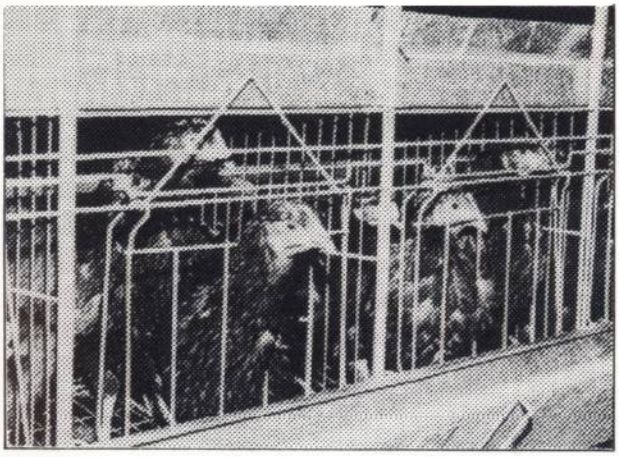
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FACTORY FARMING = COMMERCIAL CRUELTY

BATTERY EGG PRODUCTION – THE FACTS

(Photographs courtesy of Compassion in World Farming)



Battery houses for laying hens are up to 90 ft in length, about 30 ft wide and 15 ft high. A high silo outside the building holds the concentrated feed. Inside are several rows of back-to-back battery cages, three or four tiers high. Four bird cages are the norm, measuring 16" x 18" and allowing only 72 sq ins of floor space per bird, though five bird cages of 18" x 20" are also common. The average wing span of a chicken is 32", but under current stocking densities they are allowed only 4" of cage width per bird. They cannot fulfil any of their innate behavioural instincts. They are unable to perch, fly, scratch about on the ground, spread their wings or make a dustbath. The only conceivable exercise is one step to the other side of the cage and this is only possible if the other three occupants do not get in the way!

The floor of the cage is made of wire and has a one in five slope, so that the eggs roll out of the cage into a receiving tray. The light intensity is maintained for up to 18 hrs per day as this stimulates egg production. Unfortunately, it also stimulates feather pecking and cannibalism because of boredom and in these circumstances the only remedy is to de-beak the hen and reduce the light intensity.

Hens kept in such conditions produce eggs which differ in quality from those of the traditional farmyard hen on free-range. Both the protein and the vitamin content may differ.

The humane alternative.

As well as the traditional method of free-range egg production and also the fold system, there is a recent development which completely undermines the argument that battery hens are economically necessary. It is called the straw-yard system and it proves that even where a certain amount of intensification takes place it is still possible to consider the welfare of the birds. Each hen is allowed 3 sq ft of room which is ample for them to fulfil their behavioural instincts. They can also perch and have proper nest-boxes.

The straw yards success depends upon a warm bed of deep straw at least 1 ft deep which provides sufficient warmth to ensure that there is no let-up in winter laying – unlike on free-range. Experiments conducted by Dr. Sainsbury at Cambridge show that hens lay as many eggs per annum as in a battery-cage, and also eat slightly less concentrated feed.

Birds are kept in a covered yard, walled on three sides, but with the window space on the south-side made of wire to allow natural ventilation and light. The birds can move around, peck the straw for insects, make a dust-bath and spread their wings, thus creating an interesting environment – unlike in a battery!

The result is bright, alert and contented hens, whose lack of stress is indicated by the fact that de-beaking is found to be totally unnecessary.

The evidence against FACTORY FARMING



The photograph (left) shows a typical sow stall. The sow is caged 24 hours a day, every day, during every pregnancy. The stall has a cold concrete floor and the sow is unable to turn round. "Anyone coming close to a pig, say for a better understanding of its own needs, will discover that he is not dealing with a dummy, but with an alert animal with it's own dignity and it's own needs. Accepting responsibility for farm animals welfare means more than providing food, water and shelter" – Prof. Van Putten (agricultural scientist, Holland).

What can you do?

A. Never buy veal, especially in restaurants (escalopes: croquettes).

B. Write to your local butcher and restaurants, asking them to boycott veal.

C. Ask your M.P. to demand that intensive veal production in crates and the muzzling of calves be prohibited.

D. Join Compassion in World Farming, 20 Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hants. (U.K. & Overseas £3.00 – students and OAP's £1.50, Airmail £3.50). C.I.W.F. publish regular journal "Ag" which is distributed to members.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A TEAM WHICH INCLUDES PRACTICAL FARMERS WITH MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE OF CALF REARING. IT IS NOT EMOTIONAL OR INACCURATE...IT IS FACT

Facts about Veal

1. Calves are often tied by the neck for their entire lives.

2. Calves are imprisoned in wooden crates – so narrow that they are unable to turn around, until ready for slaughtering.

3. Calves are kept on wooden slatted floors, resulting in malformed leg joints. Many of them are unable to stand properly or walk when taken out of their crates for slaughter.

4. Calves are fed on an all liquid diet, which is deliberately short in iron and so give an unnatural white colour to the veal. They often suffer from sub-clinical anaemia.

5. The calves are denied the fibre that all ruminants crave for – to such an extent that they gnaw their wooden crates to get it.

6. Calves are witheld water so that they drink more and more of the milk substitute gruel – thus increasing their liveweight gain.

7. After 14 weeks the calves are taken from their silent, confined world and transported, with a high degree of fear and sometimes over long distances, to the slaughterhouse.

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