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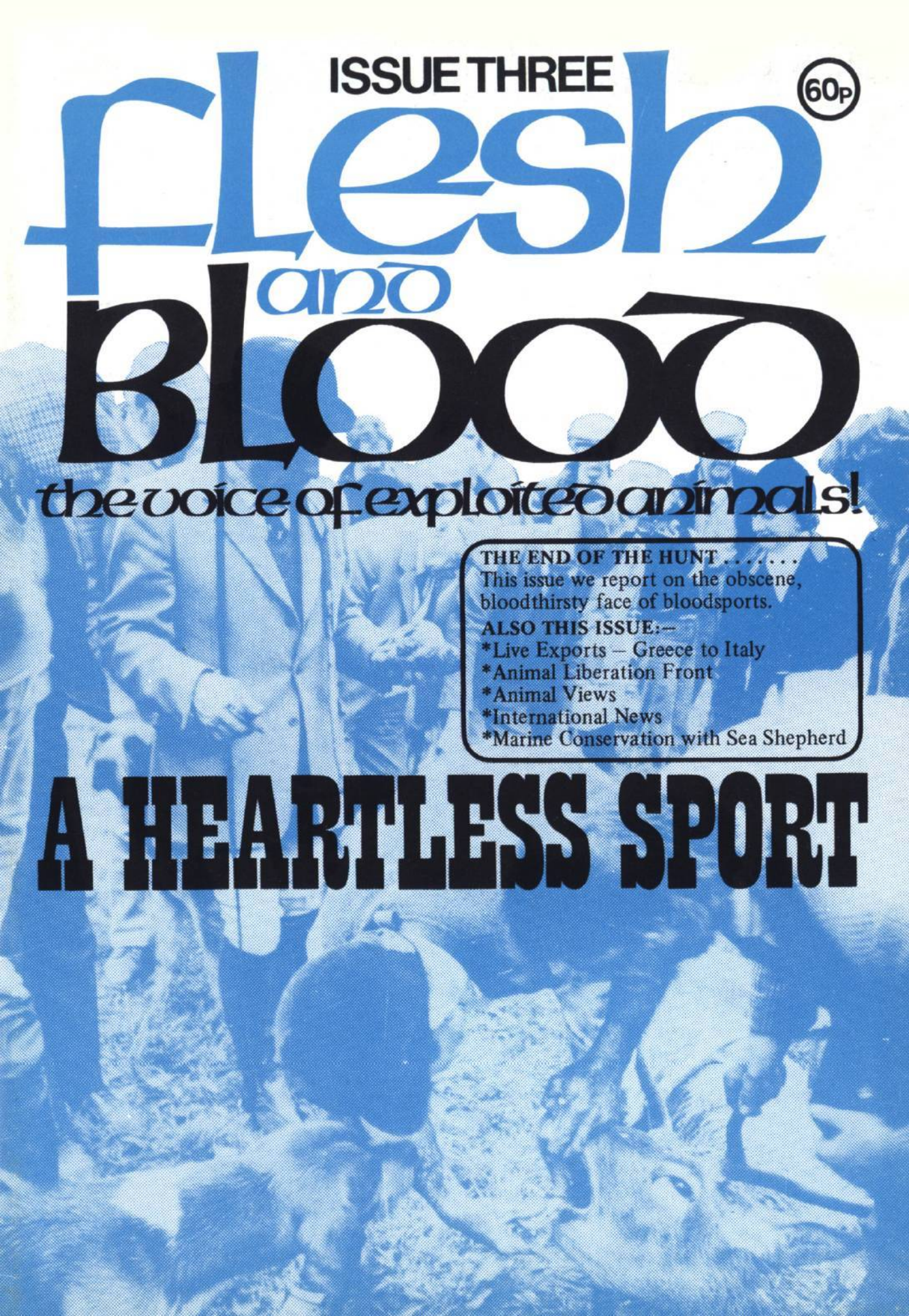
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This issue we report on the obscene, bloodthirsty face of bloodsports.

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A HEARTLESS SPORT

Message from the Editor

Once again many thanks to all our readers and subscribers for continuing to support Flesh and Blood and also for the large number of readers who have written to us with offers of help and a special thank you to the readers who have kindly offered to help distribute the magazine – we really do appreciate it!

We would like to hear from readers overseas who would like to work for Flesh and Blood as voluntary news correspondents – would anyone who is interested please write for further details. Our financial situation is slowly but surely improving and as soon as possible we hope to increase the number of pages and publish at regular times. We would like to hear your comments regarding the contents of this magazine and how you feel it can be improved, please remember to send a s.a.e. if you require a reply.

This issue sees the start of two new regular features, "International News" – reporting on animal abuse from overseas and "Animal Views" – this feature belongs to you, our readers, and is designed to show that not all animals suffer at the hands of humans – if you have an interesting story to tell about your pet, or perhaps something interesting that happened on holiday, etc. please send it to us, backed up with photographs if possible. If you require the photographs to be returned, please remember to write your name and address, in pencil, on the back.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

M.E. Wilkins, Press Officer, League Against Cruel Sports

1981! and we still have wild animals being chased by hounds, tormented, and frequently killed. Hare-coursing is still legal, otter-hunting is still legal (though killing an otter is not), and there have been definite rumblings that badger-baiting will be reintroduced, given a suitable opportunity. So what hope is there for our wildlife at the mercy of hounds? Curiously enough the League Against Cruel Sports is quietly confident at the present time. Even though our direct opponents, the British Field Sports Society, have **nearly five times** as many members as ourselves, we can still take comfort from the fact that the vast majority of the public abhor bloodsports and will ban them, given the chance. For years now the B.F.S.S. have fought a desperate, rearguard battle. Bill after bill has been 'talked out' in the House of Commons, lies and half-truths have been scattered like confetti, and, where needed, physical violence has been freely used. Sadly in the case of the otter these tactics appear to have worked. This beautiful creature was still hunted even when at the point of extinction, and even today the people responsible are still able to follow hounds up and down the barren riverbanks, supposedly after mink. This disturbance and harrassment of the otter, an animal battling for survival, is inexcusable. Of all the organisations opposed to bloodsports the League is the only one that is forcibly campaigning in the area where it will really count, namely the Houses of Parliament. Individuals can certainly help the hunted animals in the field but the only way to give wildlife the total protection that it deserves, is to use Parliament and the consequent full weight of the law. Extensive campaigning by the League has resulted in the following appearing in the Labour Party

Female European Otter with Four-Month-Old Cubs *Photo: Philip Wayre*



Manifesto "Legalisation to end cruelty to animals will include the banning of hare coursing, stag and deer hunting", at the following party conference, fox hunting was added also.

To ensure the rapid arrival of legislation on the statute book the League actively strives to inform the public through talks, exhibitions and advertising. That bloodsports have survived so long is due purely to ignorance as to what goes on and we are in the process of tearing down this wall of deception, to this end we need help, and a lot of it! We need new members, people to display posters, to distribute leaflets and people to organise fund raising. Funds are vital to the League because of our sanctuary policy whereby we actually buy land solely in order to deny access to the hunt. The sanctuaries not only provide a safe refuge for the exhausted animal, they also hinder the hunt in other ways – by forcing them to take extensive diversions during the chase and by making them change the pattern of hunting in order to lessen the chance of a hound trespassing. We prosecute every time!

Unfortunately a twinge of apathy has crept into the Animal Welfare Movement in recent times. We always seem to be fighting the same battles, signing the same petitions, going on the same marches year after year and people do seem to have had a crisis of faith that anything will succeed. However, take heart! The wave is beginning to build. Animal welfare now has more friends in Parliament, more friends in the media and more support in the country than ever before. Hunting with hounds is on the way out and we at the League firmly believe that the time is now ripe for the 'big push' that will rid the nation once and for all of the ugly stain that is bloodsports.

All the arguments for and against hunting are really chaff when set against the central issues. Namely, whether it is right to derive fun from the killing of an animal. Forget all the arguments from the hunting set about protecting farmer's livestock, conserving foxes (sic), or providing employment for hunt servants: at the end of the day they have to admit that they follow hounds because they enjoy doing so. We say that there is no place in modern civilised society for such expressions of bloodlust. Unfortunately the voicing of an opinion is not enough, the nation must take the positive step and abolish the hunting of live animals once and for all.

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HARE COURSING THE FACTS

Hares are often driven over a distance of a mile or more into the coursing field by some 60 or more men known as 'beaters'.

Two greyhounds straining at the leash are released by a person called 'the slipper' who gives the hare a recommended start of about 80 yards (although often it is less). The already tired and terrified hare then has to run for his life, as it has no other defence.

It may escape, or it will first be caught by one greyhound, then the other will grab it and the hare becomes a living rope in a macabre tug of war. The hares agony may last a couple of minutes or so, depending on how long it takes the handlers to reach their dogs. The hare at this point is more often than not still alive and screaming piteously. Writhing in pain, it is taken from the jaws of the dogs and killed, usually by having it's neck stretched, or a dog may run off the field with the still squirming hare in it's mouth.

At an average hare coursing meeting it is not uncommon for as many as 30 or more hares to be brutally mutilated and killed in this fashion, many suffer appalling injuries.

Coursing takes place throughout Britain several days a week from September to March. Coursing is NOT a form of pest control, to the contrary, hares are sometimes introduced into an area to provide 'sport'.

In a recent survey and at the request of the League Against Cruel Sports,National Opinion Polls Ltd. and Social Survey (Gallup Poll) Ltd made an independant survey of the feelings of the public, regarding bloodsports.

FOXHUNTING:
only 22% approved and 52% were against the Royal Family being involved with this pastime

LIVE HARE COURSING:
only 12% approved of Hare Coursing and only 15% did not think the Government should abolish it

OTTER HUNTING:
only 11% approved of hunting otters with hounds

STAGHUNTING:
only 11% approved of staghunting with hounds and slightly more than 85% thought there should be an Act of Parliament to ban staghunting.



A Clear Message from Chester the Fox

If you would like to help Chester and his friends avoid being torn to pieces by hounds – the time to act is now:–

Write to:– Your M.P., c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
The Rt.H. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London S.W.1
Your local and national newspapers.
League Against Cruel Sports, 83-87 Union St., London SE1 1SG
Hunt Saboteurs Association, P.O. Box 19, London S.E.22

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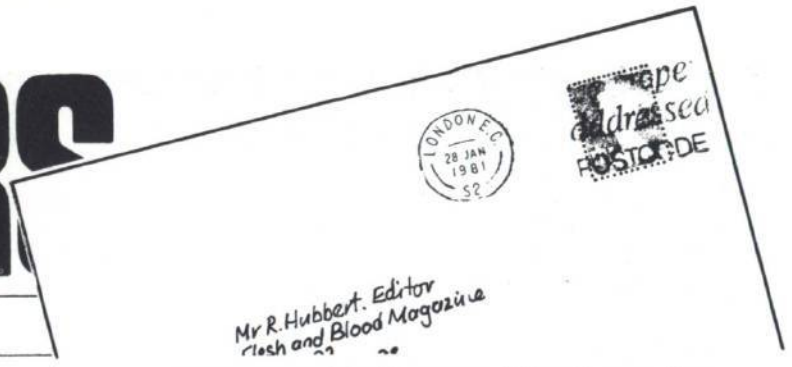
1981! – well into the 20th century and we still have bloodsports. 87 per cent of the British people would like an Act of Parliament banning these so called "sports" – and yet we still have them. Twice in recent years Hare Coursing came very close to it's rightful place on the statute book. The last Labour Party manifesto stated that they intended to abolish hare coursing, fox hunting and stag hunting. Alas the Tories came to power – a political party with absolutely no compassion regarding animal exploitation or any form of animal welfare. People are becoming sick and tired of waiting for political reform, membership of the Hunt Saboteurs Association has increased rapidly, and more and more "smaller" groups are being formed to disrupt hunt meetings. It is an outrage that the Royal Family continue to condone and support this nasty, obnoxious pastime, when really they should respect the wishes of the public they represent. One thing you can be sure of, as members of the Field "Sports" Society know, in the not too distant future, bloodsports will be a thing of the past. However, animal welfare societies will never forgive these bloodthirsty cronies who take delight and pleasure, in tearing apart and terrifying defenceless, weak and innocent wild animals.

The annual Canadian seal slaughter has again taken place and the world has now 190,000 less seals than a few months ago. The Canadian Government still lie about the carnage and pathetic women still buy products manufactured from this masacre. Maggie still refuses to ban seal skin imports – but that's no surprise. So come on, write to your newspaper, write to Canada House and write to Mrs. T. Tell them what you think. When you see a shop selling seal skin products, tell the manager that you and your friends will boycott the shop until they stop making profit from the blood of battered, tortured baby seals.

Fighting to abolish bloodsports and saving innocent lives from agonising death. Join us in out struggle – send s.a.e. to:– H.S.A., P.O. Box 19, London SE22

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



Dear Ed,
After reading all the reports of the diabolical experiments carried out on animals by so-called "educated intelligent humans", I was shattered to read yet another case of cruelty. This being the disgusting behaviour of film directors in America (and probably elsewhere):– to behead chickens and use their blood for authenticity is beyond comprehension. Not to mention the savage attacks on horses and other animals, and they do all this to "entertain" people!!?

I am sure that I am not alone in thinking that these money-mad, blood-lusting, insane people should be made to give up this appalling ill-treatment on these defenceless creatures, after all, if the same thing was done to them they wouldn't think it was the least bit entertaining – and somebody would be accused of "MURDER"!!
–Miss M. Munday, Stevenage, Herts.

Dear Ed,
Thank you for sending me the second issue of your new magazine. I was absolutely astounded when I read the reports on live animal experimentation. I was aware that some experiments were unpleasant, but I did not really know just what was going on. I only hope that the day will soon come when Governments around the world find some compassion and do something to stop this awful torture. In the meantime, I would like to help circulate your magazine here in Holland, as I think it important that Flesh and Blood continues. Please send me details.
–Mr. Paul de Zwart, The Hague, Holland

Dear Ed,
When I read the newspaper report of the Babraham raid, some months ago, I thought the people taking part were some sort of vandals. The newspaper headline read, "Mob storms laboratory" – it wasn't until I read the report and saw the photographs in issue two of Flesh and Blood that I realised how wrong I was, and how misleading the newspaper heading was. Thank you for bringing this to my notice and I would be grateful if you can tell me how to contact the Northern Animal Liberation League as I would like to help if possible.
–Mr. D. Neal, Glasgow, Scotland
(Mr. Neal has been informed of the N.A.L.L. address and other readers who may want to contact them should read their advertisement on page 13 – Ed.)

Dear Ed,
As the Government passed legislation some time ago, obliging cigarette manufacturers to print health warnings on the side of the packet, I think the same thing should apply to cosmetic companies, only this time the wording should read "this product has damaged the health of innocent animals".
–Mrs. B. Hughes, Birmingham

Dear Ed,
Following our 1980 petition to save the Canadian baby seals and which you so kindly distributed through your magazine, we wish to thank all your readers who supported us in raising almost 200,000 signatures.

When our petition was presented we stressed the cruelty involved and this was proved later when the Canadian Government called off the killing in the Prince Edward Island area.

Although many seals were saved we feel this is not enough and we further our campaign with another petition, this time to our own Government, calling for a ban on the import of sealskins and products.

May we appeal through your columns for support again from your readers in our aim for another 200,000 signatures to be presented to the Prime Minister and may we ask that readers will boycott the fur products. A petition form will be sent on request.
–Ted Cox (Chairman), Animals Vigilantes, James Mason House, 24 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hants. SP6 1AF

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GREENPEACE PROTEST

A fine of $2000 and jail sentences suspended for three years were imposed on three Greenpeace protestors convicted of the crime of saving seals on the ice floes off Newfoundland. The convicted were: Allan Thornton, Director of Greenpeace U.K., Canadian - Christopher Robinson, bosun of the Rainbow Warrior, Australian, and engineer Wilhelm Bleeckman, Dutch, all were charged under sections of the Canadian Fisheries Act which prevents dying of seals and the commanding of a vessel within half a mile of a seal colony, the Rainbow Warrior is now at Boston, U.S.A.

JAPANESE DOLPHINS

On March 12th, 1981, Greenpeace worker Patrick Wall was sentenced in a Nuemazu courtroom to six months imprisonment as a penalty for releasing 150 Dolphins destined for slaughter by Japanese fishermen. Walls' sentence was suspended and he has now been deported from Japan.

Although the 150 dolphins released were valued by fishermen at $5,000 no fine was assessed.

In 1979 Dexter Cate received the same sentence for releasing dolphins at Iki Island. Like Cate, Wall has been forbidden to return to Japan for one year and will be on probation for a further three years. Walls' case is unusual in that a Japanese environmental chemist testified in his defence that the dolphins contained high levels of Mercury. Wall entered an innocence plea on the grounds that the fishing business was not legal because the high levels of Mercury exceeded those permissible for the Japanese food market.

SEAL RESCUE MISSION AGREED

Representatives of Greenpeace, the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the Prince Edward Island Humane Society, including local residents met with Canadian Ministry of Fisheries Officials recently to discuss action to save seal pups being washed up on the north side of the Island, due to lack of ice on which they are normally weaned. Fisheries officials accepted the groups' proposal to bring stranded pups to designated seal nurseries on the island. There they will be cared for by islanders under veterinary supervision.

An appeal went out to the residents of the island to report any strandings to the groups' volunteers. Earlier this year Prince Edward Island was the site of a victory for the seals and anti-hunt protestors, when a scheduled "windfall" cull of 10,000 seals was aborted due to the presence of protest organisations.

LIVE EXPORTS – GREECE

Parliamentary Secretary Jerry Wiggin told the House of Commons recently that the export of live farm animals to Greece, from the U.K. is to be permitted, following Greece's accession to the E.E.C. – C.I.W.F. calls upon Peter Walker to introduce an immediate ban on live exports to Greece on the grounds that both the long distances involved and the lack of humane slaughter facilities are opposed to all principles of animal welfare (see page 14).

DOWN UNDER

In a recent Gallup poll, sixty per cent of Australians believe kangaroos should be killed for export. Thirty-seven per cent said kangaroos should continue to be protected while three per cent were unsure.

SMASH HIT

The Animal Protection Institute of America has presented Loretta Swit, star of TV's "MASH", with a special award: Woman of the year in animal rights. Miss Swit refused to contract with Canadian Television for a series of commercials because of that nations continued harp seal slaughter. In accepting the award, Miss Swit explained her commitment to the humane movement. In addition to the harp seal clubbing, she said she would continue to fight against trapping and cosmetic testing, as well as every other injustice perpetrated on the animal kingdom. "I don't want people to listen to me because I am a familiar face", remarked Miss Swit, "but because there are terrible atrocities to animals, which must stop".



Manchester Anti-fur Demonstration



Demonstrating – Inside a Manchester Department Store which Sells Fur Coats

Recent Anti-Fur Demonstration

By Northern Animal Liberation League

Just over 60 activists, being members of H.S.A., Animal Activists, Animal Aid, etc. converged on Manchester City Centre recently for an anti-fur demonstration which had been organised and co-ordinated by the Northern Animal Liberation League. Supporters arrived from various parts of the North West for the demonstration, including Sheffield, Bolton and Liverpool, etc. and we were grateful for their support on the day. Sheffield supporters came along after first going out early to sabotage their nearby hunt.

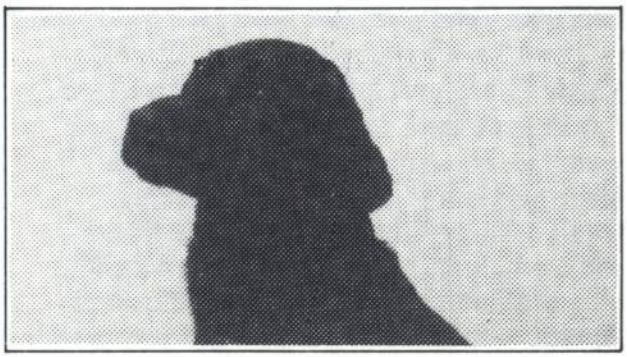
The demonstration was timed to coincide with Manchester Fur Traders so-called "information week", and was an attempt to counter the misleading and false propaganda that had appeared in the local press: as well as impressing upon the public the need to boycott real fur and the shops that perpetuate this vile trade.

Activists met together at Manchester city centre at 12 noon on the day, and as well as leaflets, placards and petitions, etc. N.A.L.L. had "acquired" a fur coat which was daubed with red paint and bore the message: "Your Fur Coat will always have blood on it". This was to be burnt outside one of the city's leading Fur shops – the local T.V., Press & Radio had all been informed beforehand.

Overall the demonstration was a good success and generally supporters were encouraged by the events of the day. The march was covered by both Bolton and Manchester Evening News, Sunday Mirror and apparently both Radio Manchester and Piccadilly had bulletins on about this during the day. We must have got our message across to a few thousand shoppers on the day, and it is to be hoped that potential buyers have thought again about purchasing one of those revolting items. Further actions are planned for the future, until such time as the shops that perpetuate this vile trade are closed down once and for all!

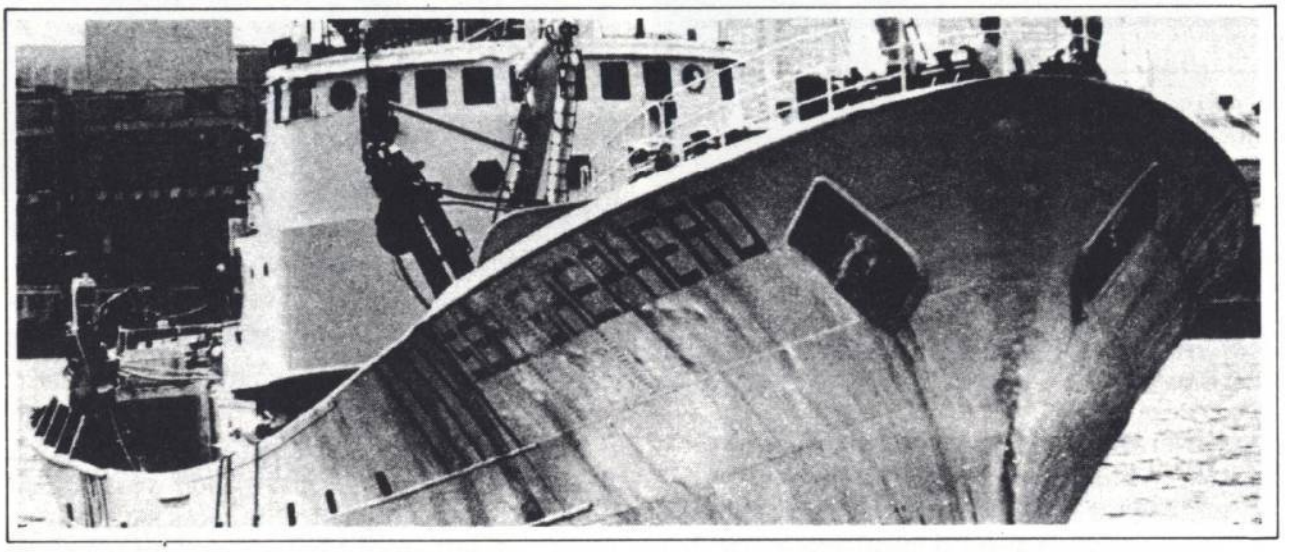
"Blackie" goes home

We thought that you would like to hear the lovely news that on April 5th this year, the black labrador dog (picture opposite), rescued from Lodge Moore torture centre, Sheffield, in our raid on October 12th, 1980 was re-united with his former owner, from whom he had been previously stolen some months earlier. This took place at Watford at a mutually agreed meeting place arranged by the N.A.L.L. – reporters and photographers from both the Daily Star and Daily Mirror were present. This dog was one of the animals supplied by Stanley McGill to this torture centre, as confirmed by the photo copy of the identification tag sent to your magazine with the report of the raid. . . . . . Brian Holland, N.A.L.L.



Marine conservation with Sea Shepherd

by P.J. Mosby, Director, Animal Protection Association



Since the demise of our Ocean Crusader Fund, the Animal Protection Association have spent some time looking for a marine conservation group to support. We only found one group that seemed to have achieved any notable success over the last couple of years – the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. In this period they have saved thousands of whales, seals and dolphins by direct action, though some people are critical of the methods employed. It was very difficult to find out much about Sea Shepherd without direct contact, as they do not receive the publicity enjoyed by other marine groups – this is rather ironic as their achievements far outweigh those of other organisations.

One reads various articles from different sources about whaling vessels being sunk, but there is never any mention about who is responsible. To put the record straight, the pirate whaler Sierra and two Spanish whalers were sunk by Sea Shepherd supporters.

SAVING THE SEALS

In 1979 over 1,000 seal pups were saved in Canada by spraying; in October 1980 about 1,000 seals were saved in the Orkneys by spraying. Reward notices were posted offering money to people for sinking whaling ships, which in turn frightened some whaling ships from sailing. All these plus the fact that expedition leader Paul Watson was jailed in Canada and prevented from saving seals in 1980, meant that the achievements of Sea Shepherd made them the premier marine mammal protection organisation. Obviously they are not the largest, nor do they receive the publicity afforded by such as Greenpeace, however, it is interesting to note that, despite having lost their vessel, Sea Shepherd members were active in Canada this year – at the same time that Greenpeace were having a publicity stint, announcing their plans to go to Canada. As the seal slaughter had already started by the time Greenpeace departed it was well under way when they reached Canadian waters – even so they still managed to get their vessel Rainbow Warrior arrested once again and they must surely now qualify for the Guiness Book of Records as the most arrested vessel!

UNPAID VOLUNTEERS

One other point which decided out support was the fact that all Sea Shepherd's workers are unpaid volunteers and therefore with no paid office staff, all monies received went to help the marine mammals. It would appear that the majority of smaller groups are now supporting the Sea Shepherd organisation.

A new vessel has now been purchased and is undergoing a refit in Glasgow. Campaigns planned for this year will cover some of the following:–

Anti-Whaling off Iceland, anti-whaling and sealing in the Bering Sea, it is hoped later in

the year to sail to Antarctica to face the Japanese and Russian whaling fleets (contrary to the clairvoyant statement issued by Green peace stating that whaling is ending). When there, some of the crew will travel overland on skis (the first time this has ever been attempted) to the South Pole and use this as a platform to plead the cause of all wildlife inhabiting the continent. – These campaigns are the most ambitious ever undertaken by a marine conservation organisation and one must not forget that Sea Shepherd has also several very active 'branches' or support groups in England including those in Co. Durham, Lancashire and the Animal Protection Association in Yorkshire. We have to work hard because we all share the same view – that we cannot allow the whale to become extinct, nor the seals and dolphins to be exploited any further and we believe that any action which does not physically harm humans is acceptable if it achieves our aims. Property can never be more valuable or important than life, no matter what the excuses. We will win because to lose would be a failure of our obligations to the world we share with these unfortunate, exploited species and also to our children for whom we hold the world in trust!

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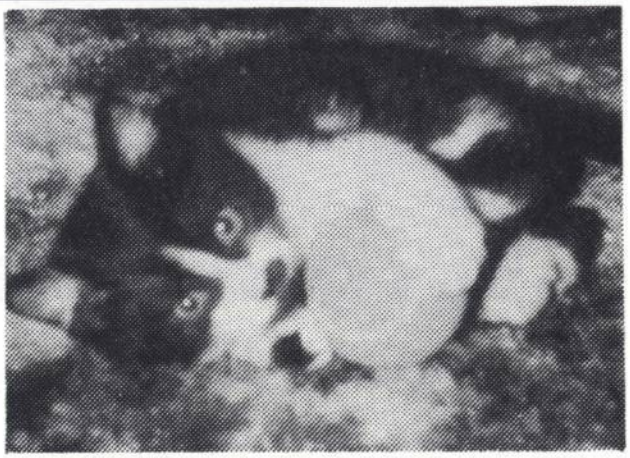
This is our new regular feature, enabling our readers to take part, so send in your story and photos now!

9 Lives of Sika

I called him . . . he didn't appear; half an hour later I called him again . . . something was wrong, I could feel it – then the doorbell rang and there he was . . . all covered in blood after being found lying in the road by a group of children. I held him close to me as his cries of pain made me think it might be the last time I would hold him alive in my arms.

At the time of the accident he was only 18 weeks old, and was always bright & lively. I had never had a kitten quite like Sika before.

We drove him to the Vets, who told us that his front leg might have to be amputated as it was so badly damaged and there was a danger of gangrene if a nerve had been cut.



Luckily for Sika, the Vets' assistant cared for him like he belonged to her and after five days the Vet told me that the leg might be O.K., although it would be some time before he would be able to use it properly. Over the next two months his leg improved steadily and by this time he had been nicknamed "Clubfoot", because his leg was swollen and he was hobbling so much. Sika improved all the time and as the photograph shows he has now fully recovered.
–Miss Jenny Hubbert, Stevenage, Herts.

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75p each including post & packing

News from A.L.F.

More than one hundred demonstrators from the Animal Liberation Front and other Anti-Vivisection groups recently staged a protest at the premises of Stanley McGill at Swinderby, Lincs.

The protest was co-ordinated by the Northern Animal Liberation League – an umbrella group of various animal protection organisations in the north of England. McGill sells dogs to vivisection laboratories and there is overwhelming evidence suggesting that some of these animals are family pets.

Considerable damage was caused to McGill's property during the demonstration and two dogs were rescued.





A.L.F. goes International

The militant tactics of the Animal Liberation Front are now being used all over the world, as people in many countries are becoming more aware of the growing value of direct action in the campaign against cruelty to animals.

A.L.F. Groups (and other organisations using similar tactics) now exist in many countries in Europe, Canada and the U.S.A. Dierenbevrijdings Front, the Dutch A.L.F., have been extremely active in recent months. Amongst their many victories have been the rescue of 12 Beagles from a laboratory in Zeist, 200 mink and 3 foxes from fur factories in Holland. 400 pheasants (which were to be shot for "sport" in various European countries), ponies and sheep which were being cruelly treated by a Dutch politician, dozens of hens from factory farms and 21 cats from a vivisection laboratory have also been liberated.

Activists in Canada have broken into Animal laboratories in Ottowa, Toronto, Montreal and in the U.S.A., members from A.L.F. have released 60 gerbils and 32 rats from a vivisection laboratory in Tampa, Florida. Also from New York University, 2 guinea pigs and a cat and 2 dogs have been rescued.

BOOK REVIEW

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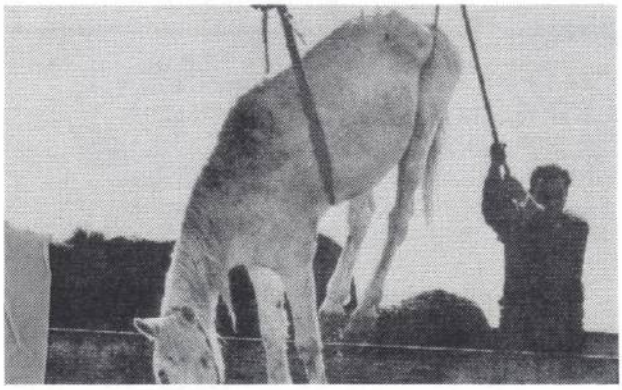
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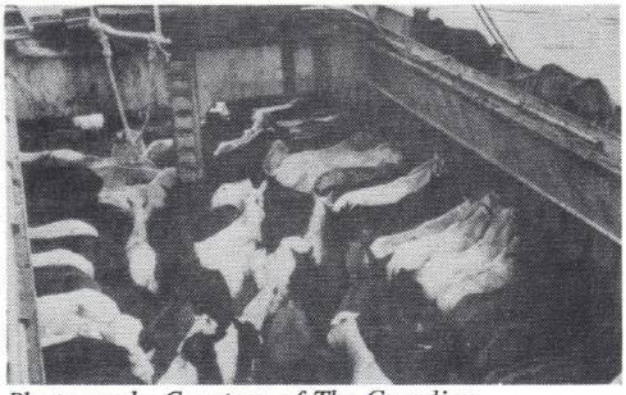
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Live Exports ~ Greece to Italy

This year Greece is to become a member of the E.E.C. and Britain is to begin transporting food animals to the Greeks as part of the agreement between member states (see "International News", page 8) thus subjecting our own animals to the kind of brutality described below.

Consignments of old horses, mules and donkeys are transported from Igoumenitsa, a small port opposite Corfu, to Bari in Italy about once every fortnight, to supply the Italian demand for live horse meat. Most of these animals are old beasts of burden, made redundant by new wealth that has allowed Greek farmers to replace them with tractors and other modern farm machinery. So these horses are rewarded for their harsh working life by being sold off for Italian meat or pasta sauces, at a relatively high price that allows Greek farmers to put a down payment on the new machinery they believe will help them grow rich when Common Market membership creates new markets for their produce.





Photographs Courtesy of The Guardian

The journey to death is a nightmare. The photographs of loading on lorries and ships speak for themselves. But they say nothing of the whole saga. It begins with a 200 mile journey from the East of Greece through winding mountain roads, followed by further loading into packed lorries for the last few miles to Igoumenitsa.

On the consignment followed by the Guardian newspaper team, many of the horses showed open abrasions from beatings even before the worse ordeal of loading on ship began. Here canvas slings were fixed around the midriff and the animals were lowered into the hold. Inevitably, panic ensued and this was met by more human brutality.

Conditions on board were equally horrific – terrible overcrowding, no food or water and no possibility of getting any to them. After several hours loading was completed, the last animals being beaten into what little space remained.

After a journey of more than 24 hours, most of it in a force six gale, the boat called The Antonis arrived at Bari to be informed by port officials that an Italian ship carrying 500 Russian horses had recently arrived from Odessa and therefore it would be impossible to unload until the next day. In fact, the next day passed without any action and it wasn't until 11 a.m. the following morning that unloading began, preceded by the sight of the 500 Russian horses being moved from the lairage on to lorries bound for the slaughter-house – with the help of more beatings.

Once inside the lairage, the 270 horses, mules & donkeys, less eight that died en route, tasted their first water for at least three days, probably longer, before being moved on to their deaths.

What can you do?

The Greek Government has apparently promised action, so although there is no way of knowing whether or not this is an empty gesture, it may be worthwhile sending letters of protest to their Embassy in order to ensure that the matter is kept "alive". More importantly, please write to both your local MP and the Ministry of Agriculture demanding a ban on the live export of food animals, before E.E.C. regulations put pressure on us to send animals to Greece. Phrase letters carefully, because given half a chance the Ministry will reply with reassuring nonsense to the effect that Greece will have to comply with Common Market Directives on transport and slaughter before joining. The fact is that as long as there is no E.E.C. Police force then these regulations cannot be enforced. Furthermore, Italy was three and a half years late in ratifying the E.E.C. Directive on humane slaughter, yet at no time did we stop the export of our live animals to that country. Even now Italy has ratified, we have no evidence that she is complying, indeed judging by her disgraceful contribution to the live horse trade, what confidence can we have that the 55,000 bull calves, 78,000 day-old chicks, 9,000 turkeys and geese, plus small numbers of horses, pigs and sheep exported to Italy in the first six months of 1980, were treated with any degree of compassion?



All we have is Ministry assurances – when they haven't even taken the trouble to follow one consignment of exported animals to final destinations since 1975 – and endless proposals for controlling a trade that cannot possibly be controlled.

To hell with all these assurances and proposals, the only way to ensure that our animals are not mistreated abroad is not to send them there, and to replace live exports with a carcase trade.

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BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY

One of the fastest growing, if not the fastest, cosmetic company in the United Kingdom – Beauty Without Cruelty Ltd., have just announced that during 1981 they are to be launching many new lines – nail varnishes, sun tan preparations, loose translucent face powder, bath oil, body lotion, new perfumes and colognes, among others. In addition, their successful YOLANDA perfume will be extended to embrace a matching set of bath products.

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