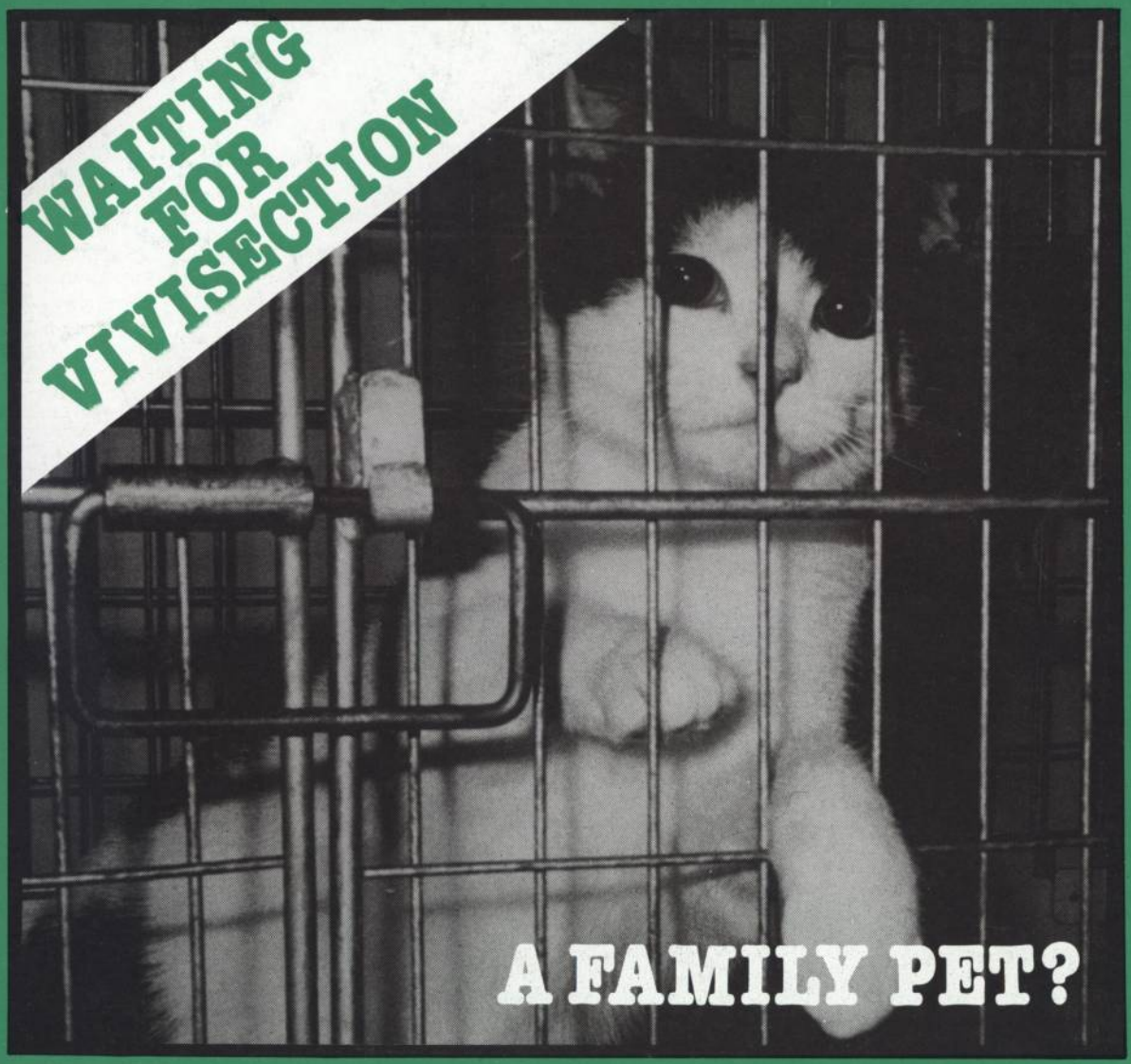
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While we obviously sincerely regret the need to publish the articles and photographs in this magazine, which some readers will find disturbing, the majority of our readers will agree that we can no longer turn a blind eye. We report **FACTS.**

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

**Mark Gold**
**Compassion in World Farming**

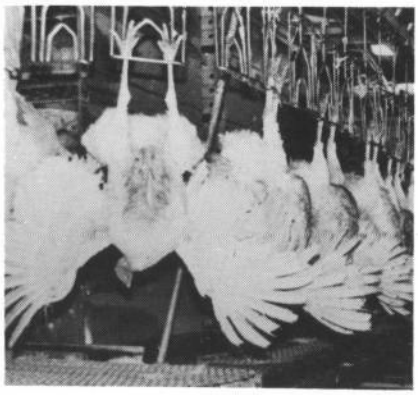
# Factory Farming and Extremism

One of the most remarkable features of present day media coverage is that most groups campaigning for a less violent planet or more rational use of resources are invariably branded "Extremists". Factory farming offers a pertinent example, for if any disinterested observer were to go to the farming press for an assessment of the anti-factory farming movement, they would undoubtedly come away with the impression that Compassion in World Farming and similar organisations are amongst the most unreasonable and outrageous freaks the world has ever witnessed! Only the other week in *Poultry World*, "welfare extremists" like C.I.W.F. were accused of showing "their bias" and "unwillingness to listen to reasonable arguments". Why? Because we refuse to accept that the EEC debate over whether battery hens should be allowed 450 sq. cm. or 500 sq. cm. of cage space each is anything other than a meaningless squabble, totally useless as far as the unfortunate birds are concerned. Last year, the same paper saw fit to describe the farm animals rights movement generally as "a sort of pseudo-intellectual middle class national front" – whatever that is!

### DANGEROUS EXTREMISTS

We should not be surprised by these insults. After all to accuse others of your own limitations is a common enough human failing! For the fact that all those wishing to join the fight against factory farming must recognise is that we are opposing dangerous extremists. I say this not in order to swap insults, but rather because there is no more apt description for those who can defend a system of egg production where hens are packed into cages so cramped, overcrowded and deprived of a life natural to their own species, that if you were to inflict similar treatment to any other bird beside poultry, you would be liable to prosecution under the Protection of Birds Act. And what could be more extreme than to keep pigs tethered permanently, unable to turn around from birth to death? Or to keep calves solitarily confined and denied the roughage they crave for, so that you can produce an unnaturally pale coloured meat? Or to mutilate by de-beaking hens or tail docking pigs, simply because the environment you provide for them is so barren and squalid that animals become abnormally aggressive?

Factory farming interests are particularly dangerous because of the massive finances they are



*Turkeys awaiting slaughter*

able to control. Completely dominated by the profit motive, the comparatively few multi-national companies who dominate our livestock industry stop at nothing in their exploitation of animals to ensure that money continues to roll in. A brief look at a few of the latest developments is all that is necessary in order to confirm that scientific ingenuity, financed by big business, has the capacity to provide new horrors that may in time overshadow battery cages and veal crates.

## THE VISION OF FRANKENSTEIN

For instance, in broiler chicken production geneticists have now bred a special dwarf breeding bird (i.e. the parent stock that provide the chicken for fattening) called the 'minimum'. The "advantages" of this dwarf bird is that you can keep more of them in the same space as "conventional stock" and they also need less food. This is the degrading level to which obsession with profit has taken us. The vision of Frankenstein.

In pig farming, the practice of obtaining 'top quality' disease-free breeding pigs by killing the sow shortly before she farrows, extracting the live piglets from her womb and rushing them to the purchasing farm in sterile containers is already in limited commercial use.

With cattle, embryotomy, involving the transfer of embryos from "more productive" to "less productive" animals is becoming increasingly common.

And as to the innovations of a few years ago – like artificial insemination, or battery cages for piglets – these have quickly established themselves as accepted practices, considered normal and uncontroversial by the farming world.

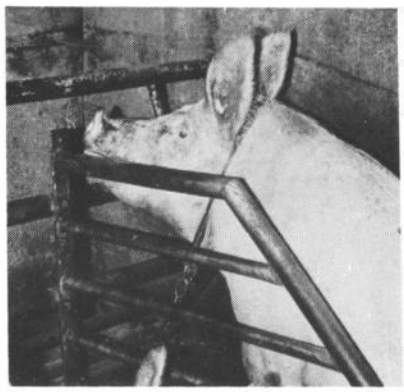
Leaving aside these more bizarre examples of scientific ingenuity gone mad, what makes modern livestock farming particularly ghastly is the scale of operations. It may be true that no individual factory farmed animal suffers quite the extremities of pain as (say) primates in psychological experiments, but the number of animals and birds involved adds up to an unprecedented scale of misery. On average, every week in this country we slaughter approximately 6 million chicken, 290,000 pigs, 250,000 sheep and 80,000 cattle for food. And for the vast majority, the rearing, transport and slaughter conditions are all determined by the same philosophy – get as much profit out of the animal as is possible in return for the smallest investment.

## EXAMPLE OF EXTREMISM

It goes without saying that this is an attitude guaranteed to maximize animal suffering at all points – be they calves shipped on long journeys overseas because they are worth more money to the continental veal farmer than to our own beef and dairy trade; supermarket chicken and old battery hens shackled upside down on conveyor belts and frequently stunned and slaughtered so inadequately that they end up being boiled alive in scalding tanks; or pigs suffering sores and lameness from standing and lying permanently on cold, concrete floors. Is not every one of these practices a potent example of extremism?

What can be done to reverse these trends? Clearly it will take mammoth public opposition, because only when they are convinced that votes are at stake will politicians introduce legislation to bring about the end of factory farming. The kind of opposition necessary will be difficult to arouse, because it is not easy to convince the general public that they should afford the same kind of respect and dignity to individual farm animals as the majority of them do to their pets. The main problem is that almost every time they eat, most people are directly implicated in the savagery of factory farming. Consequently, there is a strong impulse to ignore or turn away. Nevertheless, the campaign for the rights of farm animals is as urgent as any other.

I hope you will see fit to support our efforts in Compassion in World Farming, be it in the educational field, where we have teaching kits and films for all age ranges from Junior School upwards; in our general campaign stimulated constantly by our dedicated voluntary groups all around the country; or in our special campaigns such as "Don't Eat A Battery Egg Week" or "It Shouldn't Happen to a Pig". The next specific event is our "Choose a Cruelty Free Christmas" March against the Turkey Trade in Norwich on Saturday November 27th. Please come along. More details of this and the rest of our activities are available from Compassion in World Farming, 20 Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3EW.



*Pregnant sow – tethered for life*

## BEAGLE DOGS DELIBERATELY GIVEN BLEEDING ULCERS

Beagle dogs were deliberately given ulcers by cutting a piece out of the stomach lining under anaesthetic. They were then treated with heparin to ensure that the ulcers would bleed continuously, thus mimicking human stomach ulcers. Some were then treated with lasers, and others were left untreated. Some dogs were killed without recovering from the anaesthetic, but those which were allowed to recover were treated with analgesics where necessary and killed either 1, 2 or 3 weeks after the operation.

Kelly, Brown, Salmon, Calder, Pearson and Weaver. Depts. of Pathology, Medicine and Veterinary Surgery, University of Bristol. Reported in GUT, Vol. 21 (1980)

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR




Dear Ed

*I was pleased to read the article "Every Seal Counts" on the slaughter of common grey seals in British waters ("FLESH AND BLOOD", Issue 4). Your readers may be interested to know of the formation in 1981 of the Scottish Grey Seal Group, which represents a number of Animal Welfare and Conservation Organisations in Scotland concerned with the annual 'harvesting' of grey seal pups in the Orkneys and Western Isles. This slaughter, which while admittedly on a smaller scale, does not even have the Canadian argument for the harp seal slaughter as an economic factor in the lives of local inhabitants.*

—Clive Hollands, Chairman, Scottish Seal Group, 10 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4PG.

Dear Ed,

*I have just received issue 4 and enjoyed reading it. I was pleased to receive the Friends of the Earth circular that came with it. Congratulations on the new "large style" magazine. Since the demise of "The Beast" I have been at a loss as to how I could keep in touch with general animal liberation news.*

—Chris Whitehouse, London.

Dear Ed,

*Just a few lines to say how good "F & B" is. The magazine is well laid out and all the articles are interesting. The "Opinion Column" in issue 4 of giving support to the A.L.F. is fantastic, as they definitely need supporting. Anyway, I hope you can continue to fill the gap left by "The Beast" and best of luck in the future.*

—Kev, Allestree, Derby.

Dear Ed,

*We have started a group in this part of the world called "Pennine Animal Liberation", and we are looking for new members. If anyone in the Calderdale part of West Yorkshire would like to join us, either junior or adult, please ring me on Todmorden 3919. We need more support! Also, we are compiling a fact sheet on alternatives to household products which have been tested on animals. If any reader has any tried and tested family secrets they could let us have, we will be happy to exchange ours. For example: Vinegar, warm water and newspaper – all you need for the cleanest of windows. A drop of vinegar in warm water, wash the windows with the newspaper and dry off with another clean sheet. It really works!!*

—Pam Warhunt, Todmorden.

Dear Ed,

*I was horrified to read in issue 3 of the way horses, mules and donkeys are treated after the hard working life they have had. Being overcrowded on lorrys and ships with no water or food is just awful. The Greek Government must put a stop to this.*

—J.S. Riley, Shoeburyness, Essex.

Dear Ed,

*The latest issue is a very good looking one and I hope you can go on from strength to strength. I am enclosing £2.00 towards the survival fund, I only wish I could send more. I do hope you will be able to carry on with the magazine and exposing all the barbaric things which are done to the innocent animals. So many people seem to be ignorant of the things that go on in the so called "research" establishments". All the best for the future of F & B.*

—Joan Wilson, Ripon, North Yorkshire

# DEFENCELESS . . . INNOCENT . . WAITING to be TORTURED

The beautiful, helpless cat on our front page, along with the beagle dog, cat and rabbit photographed here, are just four of the animals waiting for vivisection at the Lodge Moor Laboratory, Sheffield University. It is widely suspected that the University uses stolen pets for it's evil, vile activities. However, a laboratory official said that the University bought their animals on trust and professed ignorance of the fact of pets being stolen. (How the hell anyone could trust the word of a moron selling an animal to a vivisection laboratory is beyond contempt – Ed.) Animal Aid has informed FLESH AND BLOOD that as a result of these photographs being published in the Sheffield press, a reader has recognised one of the cats.







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# This is ViViSECTiON:

By Brian Gunn

## A Mexican Horror story

Following a recent working visit to the United States of America, I crossed the border to Mexico where I spent a few days. One of the many places I visited was University City, the campus of the National University of Mexico. The University claims to be the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, with 300,000 students studying law, medicine, engineering, architecture and business administration.

I made my way to the administration block where the authorities assumed that I was a visiting researcher from England. I asked whether it would be possible for me to visit the University's animal house and medical school – after some discussion I was shown into a building where mice and rats were kept. This department was shortly to be expanded and it was planned that rabbits and guinea-pigs would also be housed there. I was horrified to find that in another part of the complex an eight-year-old boy was helping to look after a large number of rabbits, guinea-pigs, frogs and mice destined for use in experimental procedures.

I was then shown into a small crowded room containing ten workbenches, where a constant procession of medical students were preparing rabbits for experimental surgery. After being used for surgery the animals were returned to a very dark, dismal building containing extremely primitive and rusty metal cages. In the corner of this room I saw a calf recovering from experimental heart surgery. The building also housed approximately fifty dogs and I was informed that these were unwanted pets, stray dogs which had been collected for the University by "the Ministry". The dogs had no runs and like the other cages their housing was antiquated and rusty. These animals were to be used in experimental surgery and for teaching purposes. One of the research workers I met at the University had spent two years working in England where he had learnt transplant techniques by experimenting on dogs in a Cambridge laboratory. He informed me that as a result of this work he was now performing and teaching similar transplant experiments on live animals in Mexico.



*Students experimenting on live rabbit as part of learning programme*
*National University of Mexico, 1982 © Brian Gunn*



*Rabbit undergoing experimental surgery*
*National University of Mexico, 1982*
*© Brian Gunn*

I was then invited by the authorities to attend a lesson the following morning at 8 a.m. at which medical students would perform experimental surgery using live animals. On returning to my hotel room I was unsure whether it would be wise for me to return to the University to attend this lesson, at which it was possible that my identity might be discovered. However, after reflection, I decided that I should take the risk and duly returned to the medical school the next morning. After donning surgical robes, I, together with approximately fifty second-year medical students, was taken into the animal experimental unit. Inside the unit were six separate operating theatres, each containing two operating tables. Twelve of the rabbits which I had seen being prepared the previous day were then brought into the unit. The lesson lasted two hours, and during that period I witnessed and photographed many disturbing operations. A number of the animals were clearly not under anaesthetic throughout the whole of the experiment and those animals which were anaesthetised throughout were allowed to recover from the anaesthetic and suffer what pain might follow. The rabbits which survived were to be subject to further experimental procedures the following day.

The photographs which I was able to take in University City, just two of which appear in this magazine, describe far better than any words of mine the horrendous conditions which I found: the terrible scenes which I witnessed will haunt me for a very long time.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### NORWAY

Recent press reports from Norway indicate that the current campaign aimed at closing the markets for seal products is having the desired effect. The price levels of anything recognizable as coming from seals are falling rapidly – to such an extent in fact, that the Norwegian seal pelt industry is considering asking for Government subsidies to bolster and maintain their bloody trade.

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### PHILIPPINES

The International Fund for Animal Welfare report that they have saved up to 500,000 young Philippine dogs from the torments of the market place and I.F.A.W. anti-cruelty teams spent many weeks in the Philippines documenting and publicising the trade. They have employed a permanent anti-cruelty inspector and provided him with a vehicle to ensure regular inspections of the markets and known routes of the dog traders.

### ARGENTINA

Following international protests the Argentine Government has reiterated it's firm intention to enforce it's ban on the proposal to slaughter penguins in Chubut Province. The company planning the slaughter had Japanese interests and had planned to turn 48,000 penguins a year into protein compounds, handbags and gloves.

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### GERMANY

A recent high court decision makes the keeping of hens in battery conditions technically illegal under animal welfare laws.

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### AMERICA

Leading American Toxicologist, G. Zbinden recently caused ill-feeling with animal torturers after describing the Lethal Dose 50% test (LD50) as, "a ritual mass execution of animals!"

### JAPAN

Japan has indicated that they will ignore the International Whaling Commission's decision to cease all whaling by 1985, or leave the Commission, in order to continue whaling. It may take possible trade sanctions by the USA to bring the Japanese into line.

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### AUSTRALIA

A row recently erupted over a kangaroo shoot on a Victorian country property. A RSPCA inspector who viewed a film of the shoot condemned the slaughter as "shocking and sickening" adding that he had seen "one kangaroo with its leg shot off, being swung by the tail by a man". There were vehicles running over wounded kangaroos without stopping to check their condition. "Someone was laughing in the background as one man just stood there and slit open a kangaroo's throat".

## THE ACT AND WHAT IT PERMITS
**By Pauline McKenna**

Although most of our readers know that the number of experiments performed under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 on animals each year in British Laboratories is in the region of 4.6 million, they often have a false impression of this Act.

It is difficult to understand why officials and Ministers of the Home Office, certainly in letters to our readers and other sympathisers, persist with implying that the Act governing experiments on animals prohibits the infliction of pain on an animal. Two of the clauses of the Act do indeed state that "the animal must, during the whole of the experiment, be under the influence of some anaesthetic of sufficient power to prevent the animal feeling pain and the animal must, if the pain is likely to continue after the effect of the anaesthetic has ceased, or if any serious injury has been inflicted on the animal, be killed before it recovers from the influence of the anaesthetic which has been administered".

A newcomer reading just that, could be forgiven for wondering what we are all worrying about. But the Act then goes on to tell the researchers that, in spite of these provisions, he or she can inflict pain on the animal, contrary to the clause first mentioned here, – he or she need not give the animal an anaesthetic if to do so would interfere with the object of the experiment. Contrary to the other clause mentioned here, he or she *can* let the animal recover from the influence of an anaesthetic, even though it is likely to suffer severe pain, if to kill it before it recovers would interfere with the object of the experiment. In these cases, the researcher is simply provided with a Home Office certificate.

Currently, 82% of experiments are carried out without anaesthetics (3,730,588). This includes those experiments in which the subject of the study is the anaesthetic agent itself. While it must be generally agreed that not *ALL* these will cause pain or distress of the highest order (it is difficult to regard any of the experiments with anything but concern) let us keep firmly in our mind that, for the purpose of this Act, an experiment is any procedure which *presents a risk of pain, distress, discomfort or interference with the animals ordinary state of health and well-being.* DON'T LET THEM TELL YOU DIFFERENT.


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# flesh and BLOOD "Opinion"

Isn't life unfair? There are so many people around with unique talents, that make the rest of us "mere mortals" feel totally inadequate. Like the adviser in the worlds largest "animal welfare" organisation that can actually talk to badgers! Yes, that's right, he actually had a conversation with a group of badgers some time ago. One of the many topics of this unique conversation was the use of cyanide gassing as a means or extermination and would you believe it–the badgers all agreed whole-heartedly that this was the way they would all like to go as it gave them a nice warm feeling inside.

Seems everybody likes talking to badgers these days–there was that guy from the Ministry who had a chat with a badger while out shopping with his wife. Funny thing is the badger is such an honest little chap that he actually *admitted* spreading TB in cattle.

Even more exciting is the news that some people can actually converse with horses, how else would the Blue and Royal guards know that their horses do not enjoy retirement and would prefer to be shot? It seems that this tradition started years ago after a Guardsman had a chat with his horse over tea and straw biscuits. Let's face it, after a hard working life, we would all prefer to be shot wouldn't we–Just think how much money the Government would save.

However, we are somewhat confused–we now hear that a Porton Down scientist has accused the badgers of lying, he thinks that it is actually inhuman to gas badgers and guess what, the man from the Ministry has now stopped the gassing (could he have read our last issue?).

The point we are trying to make is really quite simple–WHAT THE BLOODY HELL DO THEY KNOW?

## MESSAGE FOR H. M. GOVERNMENT

**– We all know you don't give a damn about animals (after all they can't vote) and we all know you don't give a damn about people who do. However, we do know that although you cannot understand why, a large proportion of the public are tired of waiting for political reform, tired of the farcical "Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" which does no more than protect the sadistic scientist and tired of a Government with no compassion–**

**Quote "The animal welfare movement is a sleeping giant. The 100,000,000 anonymous animals who are poisoned, blinded, driven insane in American labs every year are screaming out in pain and they are unable to defend themselves. But we can do it for them, and we will. This is an integral part of the struggle for justice: it is wrong to harm others, and we focus on the non-human animals because their suffering is the most devastating, systematic and socially sanctioned of all. THE SLEEPING GIANT IS BEGINNING TO STIR."**

*– Henry Spira (U.S. Animal Activist)*

## ★Starving Sherry★

LOSES 15-FOOT TAPEWORM BUT FINDS NEW HOME

Remember the picture we featured in the last issue of the beautiful Alsatian, which was rescued from a torture centre with a chain embedded in it's neck? Here she is again, in her new home, and now named Sherry. On arrival Sherry not only had mange but a five-yard long tapeworm, suffered from mineral deficiency and gulped down food without attempting to chew.

She is now described as "a happy, loveable companion . . . . . and there isn't enough money in the world to buy her."



## LD 50 TEST

Last issue we described the barbaric LD50 test, asking our readers to write letters of protest to the Home Office demanding an end to this practice.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YET?

The Lethal Dose 50% test is one in which scientists try to discover the single dose of a given substance which would cause 50% of a group of animals to die.

Many millions of animals die in acute agony every year, in this test. It is an acute (short term) toxicity test and is used to test cosmetics, pesticides, drugs, food additives, weed killers and detergents. Typical signs of suffering include unusual vocalisation, tears, diarrhoea, bleeding from conjunctiva or mouth and convulsions. NO PAIN RELIEF IS GIVEN AT ANY STAGE – death is the only escape. EVEN IF YOU DID WRITE LAST TIME, PLEASE WRITE AGAIN – we suggested writing once a month, regardless of the useless replies you receive. WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PET TO BE TREATED THIS WAY?

The address is: Mr. Timothy Raison, Minister of State for the Home Office, House of Commons, London SW1.


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# ANIMAL VIEWS

If you have a story to tell, a poem that you have written or perhaps an interesting photograph, send it to us. This is your page so why not use it.

After a recent visit to Whipsnade Zoo, I thought that I would send you some of the photographs that I took. I had never really liked the idea of animals in cages and even now I am not sure whether I condone or condemn this practice. I do feel that some Zoo's are better than others. The good thing about Whipsnade is that a lot of the animals do have a lot of space to move around in—but I did feel sorry for the Polar Bear as he looked so lonely and sad. I had taken a photograph of a grizzly bear, but sadly this did not come out. This bear was perhaps the saddest of them all and he was obviously upset about something.



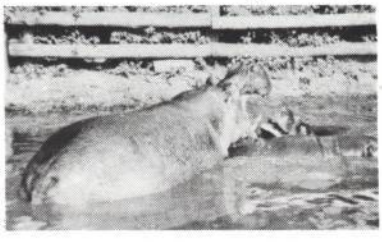


He was in a cage, on his own and was pacing up and down and seemed furious about something, every time he came to the end of the cage he kept hitting it hard. This made me realise that some animals are happier in captivity than others. What do you think?

*— Anne Brooks, Luton, Beds.*



*Does anyone agree that this photo looks like George Cowley?*



**Well, we have our own views on this subject, which we shall cover in a future issue, until then we will throw this question over to our readers, so let's have those letters—do you like or dislike animals in captivity?** *Ed.*

# SEFTON AFTER THE BOMBS

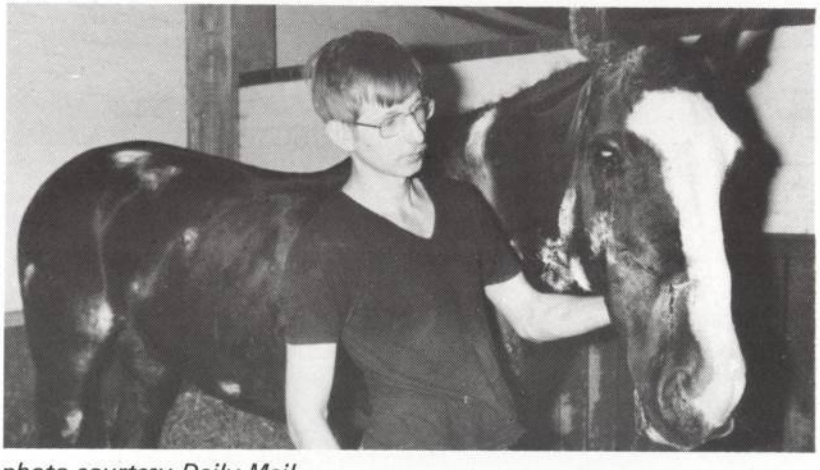


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MY CHINA PLATES

Spiders are my pals,
I'm slightly wary of them,
I wasn't taught to love them,
Those creepy guys and gals,
But spiders are my pals.

Blackbirds are my chums,
I love their classical cut,
And I'd give my heart to them, but
All they want is crumbs,
Blackbirds are my chums.

Cows are my mates,
That's why I won't betray them,
by paying men to slay them,
They look at me over gates,
Cows are my mates.

Pigs are my buddies.
On my darker days,
I seem to have their ways,
I grunt for where the mud is,
Pigs are my buddies.

Rabbits are my chinas,
Hopping treasure to my eye,
My spirits lifted by,
Such uninvited diners,
Rabbits are my chinas.

Fleas are my muckers,
God is in each one,
But I won't let them run,
For they're pesky little . . er . .
suckers!
Yet fleas are my muckers.

Cats are my friends,
Two of them live with me,
and I think they would agree,
That we serve each others ends.

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*— David Carr,*
*Southend, Essex.*


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# WHY BE A VEGETARIAN?

by Bronwen Humphreys (Editor: The Vegetarian)

Britain is supposed to be a nation of animal lovers. There must be millions of people who speak out against the cruel treatment of pets, deplore bloodsports, volunteer to help oiled birds, contribute to conservation societies and sign petitions to save the whale or ban vivisection. Yet how many of them will go home and think twice before sitting down to a plate of pork chops or a steak and kidney pie? For some unfathomable reason food animals are exempt from concern, they are 'different', their sufferings (and many won't even admit they do suffer) are considered justified because they provide humans with a good square meal. But it is not necessary to eat meat in order to live. Scientific evidence agrees, and thousands of flourishing vegetarians and vegans prove, you can live a happy, healthy life without ever touching meat or a meat product.

So, why do these animals die? Because they have the misfortune to taste nice and humans tend to believe that their own pleasure is ample justification to do just about anything. The animals die in enormous numbers. A great outcry is made about vivisection (and rightly so) but the figure for animal experiments performed during the year 1979 is given at under 5 million (4,700,000) in the Annual Pictorial Review of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Vivisection. Food animals are slaughtered at the rate of over 5 million a *week*, 350 million a year.

To return to the question of suffering. I think the problem here is one of ignorance. Most people don't know how their food is produced; it comes from the supermarket in convenient packages, hygienically wrapped, betraying little of it's history. There is nothing to link these neat, attractive packs with the living animals and the realities of the slaughterhouse. Advertisements encourage this, or if the living animal is mentioned, it is somehow represented as agreeing to it's own death, as though it got some satisfaction from being slaughtered and dismembered for our sake, like the current advertisement that promotes stuffing under the catch-phrase 'Rooster Booster'.

When people do think about agriculture, their minds conjure up a pre-war farm scene with lambs playing in the fields, hens scratching in the yard, animals leading a happy life and meet a quick, human end. This picture is fostered by literature and art, including childrens reading material. It almost seems that there is a conspiracy of silence to hide the fact that the technology of the late 20th century has reached the farm, and animals are increasingly being subjected to the stresses of an unnatural life. They are fed concentrates that bear little resemblance to their natural diet, housed together in intensive (euphemism for crowded) units to save labour and heating, and as a consequence have to be almost permanently medicated to prevent the spread of disease. The houses make few concessions to an animal's natural environment. Pigs who are woodland creatures that enjoy rooting for food and make themselves warm nests of leaves and grass etc, are often housed on bare concrete, uncomfortable to lie on and impossible to root into.

Fertility cycles are regulated by lighting, hormones, selective breeding and artificial insemination. If modern science has liberated women from the burden of a pregnancy a year throughout her married life, it has greatly increased the burden on the animals. Sheep are being bred that have multiple births where one lamb is normal, two exceptional. Research is always trying to extend the breeding season, cram one more pregnancy into the animals reproductive cycle, bring her into season again just a little bit earlier after giving birth. Cows have the additional pressure of being bred to give larger and larger quantities of milk. Some measure of the stress this causes can be estimated by the fact that a cow that is not overworked may easily live 20 years, but in this country they are frequently sent to the slaughterhouse, too worn out to produce anymore at less than half that age.

Animals that may still lead comparatively natural lives, like hill sheep and some beef cattle, still have to endure the stress caused by rough handling and long distance transportation to the slaughterhouse. And there, of course, they meet the 'Humane' killer. That phrase is another great stumbling block. People see it and think 'ah, humane . . . everything must be alright, painless, clean, efficient'. Once when I was young I was knocked unconscious in a motorcycle accident. My family was having a pic-nic on some grass near the road and I spotted a sprouting acorn I wanted to collect for the nature table at school. As I was bending down, the bike came round the corner, left the road, careered over the grass and wham! But as far as I was concerned, one moment I was examining the acorn, the next I was sitting on the lap of a friendly ambulance man who was asking me to count his fingers. So unaware was I that I had been in an accident that I was most indignant because I thought he was casting doubts on my arithmetical achievements! I suppose most people imagine the humane killer works that way, awareness is cut off suddenly, the animal unafraid, oblivious that anything nasty is about to happen. Infact, what is called the humane killer is the captive bolt pistol which only stuns (providing it is used effectively), or the animal may be stunned by electrocution. The throat is then cut and the animal hung up to bleed out so that death actually occurs from loss of blood. The animal arriving at the slaughterhouse is already frightened, strange surroundings are enough to upset animals, and in addition, it may have just completed a long journey or come from a market where it was roughly treated. Poultry are shackled and hung upside down on a conveyor *before* stunning.

It's hard to believe the animals don't know something is happening when they can hear the cries and smell the blood of their companions. I've worked with cows and know how quickly any distress or fear is communicated through the herd. How can the stunning procedure be guaranteed 100% effective when the throughput is so high a and the men are paid piece-rates? I have seen the captive bolt pistol fail to stun because it missed the right spot by a centimetre or two. The animal was left frightened, conscious, with a serious wound in it's head . . . and in this instance the operator (it was not in a slaughterhouse) was honestly trying to give the animal an easy death. It is hard to believe that in a slaughterhouse there is time to check every individual animal to ensure stunning is effective. Even if the failure rate was only .5% it would still mean 1,750,000 animals meeting their death fully conscious every year. This is just estimated from the total and takes no account of animals slaughtered without pre-stunning for Jews and Muslims. How many of you can guarantee to do your job at 99.5% efficiency all the time? Should we expect slaughterhouse workers to be superhuman or should we take responsibility into our own

hands by taking positive steps to reduce the demand for milk and meat?

– Readers who may be interested to learn more about Vegetarianism should write to The Vegetarian Society, asking for their free literature (please enclose s.a.e.): Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4QG.

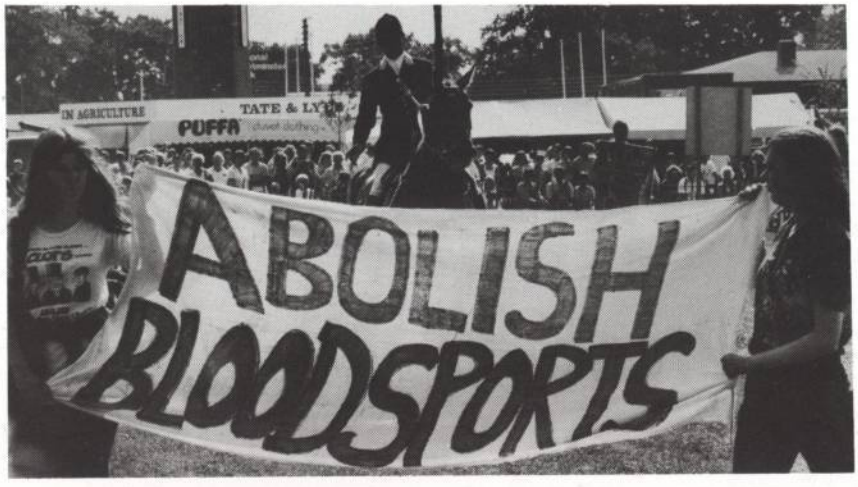
## TALLY HO – NOT LONG TO GO?

We thought you would like to see these photographs, which were taken at a recent Town and Country Festival.

The British Fields Sports Society are worried as they know it is only a matter of time before they are made redundant.

*Photographs by John Hickman*









*BFSS Security Man grabs a straggler*

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### HELP FREE THE "CLACTON TWO"

The recent import of three killer whales to Clacton pier linked the town with a "slave trade" which has been responsible for the death, suffering and imprisonment of innumerable whales and dolphins. Within a week of arrival one of the whales was dead. Greenpeace is fighting to free the remaining orcas, the "Clacton Two" from the ignominy of performing pathetic tricks in a disused swimming pool and to return them to their natural environment.

If you would like to help free the whales, please write letters of protest to: Mrs. Elizabeth Rex, Tourist Development Committee, Tendring District Council, Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1SE.

### ELECTRODES IMPLANTED IN CAT's BRAINS

After drilling holes in cats' skulls under anaesthetic, scientists stimulated their brain cells with electrodes in order to study the working of the brain while the cats were conscious.

D. M. Armstrong et al. Reported in the JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY. Vol. 289 (1979)

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World-shaking discovery with rabbits!

Rabbits were anaesthetised and a fine tube put in one of the salivary glands. The tube was brought out of the skin behind the ear. It was discovered that the flow of saliva was greater when the rabbits ate pellets than when they ate carrots!

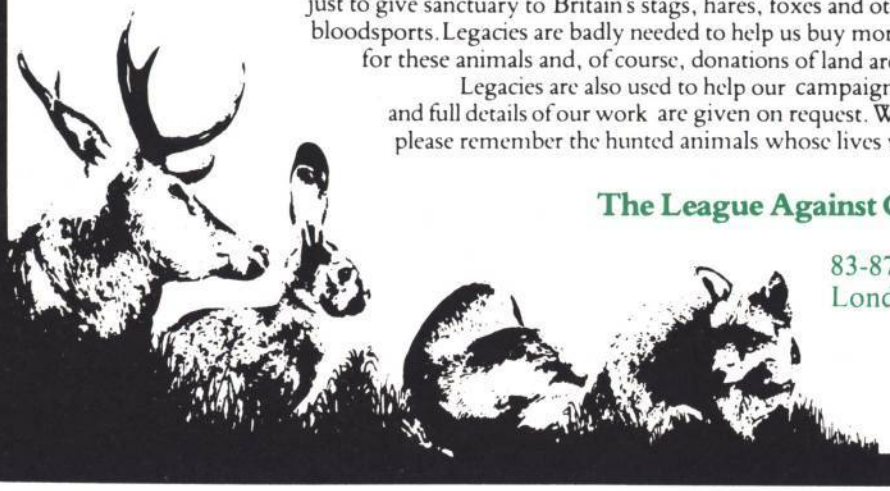
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# Hunted animals need your legacies.

Where there's a will, there's a way to save hunted animals.

The League Against Cruel Sports is the *only* organisation buying land just to give sanctuary to Britain's stags, hares, foxes and other victims of bloodsports. Legacies are badly needed to help us buy more land for these animals and, of course, donations of land are especially welcome.

Legacies are also used to help our campaign to ban bloodsports, and full details of our work are given on request. When making *your* will please remember the hunted animals whose lives we are protecting.



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# PORTON DOWN

## MANUFACTURING WAR WITH ANIMAL LIVES

In the beautiful Wiltshire countryside lies the chemical warfare establishment more commonly known as Porton Down. Within the confines of these buildings animals are subjected to experiments involving unimaginable pain, distress and misery.

Monkeys collapse after being subjected to nerve gassing. Rabbits and guinea pigs scream in agony as sadistic scientists put riot control agents into their eyes and watch as the delicate tissue burns away. Dogs are subjected to similar torture.

Government-Only too aware of the outcry should the public find out, will not tell us how many animals are tortured in this establishment. They have placed Porton Down under the Official Secrets Act.
PAIN IS NO SECRET TO THE ANIMALS THAT LIVE AND DIE IN THIS MODERN DAY BELSEN!

**Protest to your M.P. NOW!**

# EVERY 6 SECONDS AN ANIMAL DIES IN A BRITISH LABORATORY

Animals are dying painfully in tests on cosmetics, bleach, paint, tobacco, drugs, weapons and in medical experiments. They are subjected to poisoning, radiation, burning, psychological stress, electric shock — the list is endless.

Few people realise the number of animals killed, and the misery and pain suffered by them. Even fewer realise how pointless and primitive the experiments are. It is easy to turn the page and pretend it doesn't happen. But it does — millions of animals are used every year. And their lives are in your hands. Because whether you like it or not animal experiments are done in your name. Supposedly on your behalf. Definitely with your money. Is it with your consent?

Care enough to find out how you can help put an end to this. Care enough to write to your MP demanding that the 1876 law should be changed to protect the animals, not the scientists. And join us at the BUAV in our fight against all animal experiments.



**BUAV AGAINST ALL ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS**

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# Animal Liberation Front... Campaign Growing

The Animal Liberation Front's campaigns and militant activities are growing rapidly—so much so that hardly a day goes by without action of one type or another, not only in this country but in many other countries around the world.

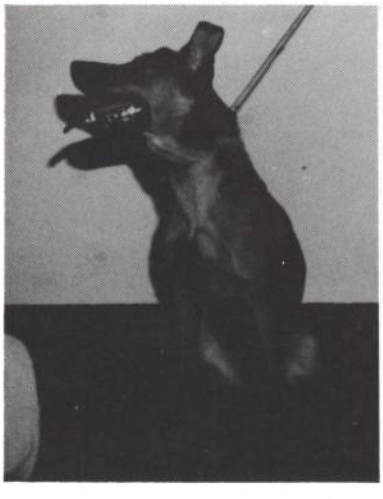
It is a sad reality of our times that only force and militant activity turns the heads of politicians. People have been speaking out against animal atrocities for hundreds of years, but only since more and more people have decided that enough talk and more action, has animal exploitation, especially vivisection, been talked about openly.





Just three more of the dogs that have been rescued by the Animal Liberation Front recently.

An A.L.F. spokesman told FLESH AND BLOOD that these three were with another four dogs, which they had rescued from Leeds University Farm. The spokesman told us that they had good reason to believe that all the animals rescued were stolen family pets.








QUOTE: *"The idea of Humanity is no longer confined to man; it is beginning to extend itself to the lower animals, as in the past it has been gradually extended to savages and slaves."*
— Henry S. Salt (Animals' Rights) 1892

## DID YOU KNOW?

**That the manufacturers of Thalidomide were warned by a German scientist, who had been testing the drug using tissue culture, that it was highly dangerous. The company told him the drug was perfectly safe as it had been tested on over 3,000 animals!**

## LD50 TEST

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# EEC to Ban Seal Imports
## IF BRITAIN AGREES

**A letter to your MP is vital!**

**Although clubbing of the baby seals is over for this year, older seals now become the victims of the mass, merciless slaughter – 201,000 in all!**

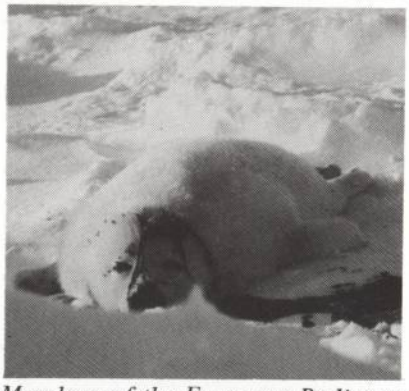
**They are caught with nets and traps to drown in the icy depths–surely, for a seal, a horrible way to die. All this cruelty primarily to provide fur and leather for the European market.**

**TO HELP END THIS SUF–FERING IT IS VITAL THAT YOU WRITE TO YOUR MP TODAY.**



**Thanks to letters from animal lovers and conservationists throughout Europe (30,000 came from Britain), the European Parliament has recommended that the EEC ban the import of seal products the vote was a massive 160 for a ban with 10 against (5 EMP's who voted against a ban were British Tories!)**

**This proposed ban, however, must have the approval of the British Government and of other EEC countries before it becomes law. Important motions to protect the seals are now before the British Parliament. They need the support of every MP.**



*Members of the European Parliament with over 3,000,000 signatures urging the end of the slaughters.*

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE SEALS PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR MP ASKING HIM OR HER TO SIGN EARLY DAY MOTIONS NOS. 342 and 344. THIS IS THE BEST HELP YOU CAN GIVE THE SEALS TODAY.**




**The EEC imports 75% of the products of the Canadian Seal Hunt. A ban on these imports would turn the hunt without pity into the hunt without profit – and end the commercial slaughter forever. PLEASE TAKE ACTION TODAY.**

**WRITE TO your MP, House of Commons, London SW1. Ask your friends to write to their MP's as well, as more people write, more MP's will give their support!**

### BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: A HELL-HOLE FOR ANIMALS

Many scientists at Bristol University have blood on their hands. Monkeys, dogs, cats, rabbits, rats and mice are among the hundreds of animals which suffer and die in laboratories at the University.

Experiments at Bristol include some of the worst performed in British Laboratories today. It is important that students arriving to start courses in medicine, psychology, veterinary science, pathology etc., should be made aware of the strength of the anti-vivisection movement. Some may already have doubts about current cruel methods of research, we must let them know that they are not alone, and have our full support. Animal Aid has planned a series of demonstrations and marches in the City, backed up with an extensive leafletting campaign. The aim of this action is to inform local people and students about the atrocities being performed in their midst. A debate on vivisection is also being organised at the University and the public are to be admitted.

### £20,000 GRANT TO MAKE GOLDFISH DRUNK

If you sometimes wonder how the Government spends your money here is but one example.

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COMMENT: Yet again an example of so called medical research can be seen for what it is – nonsense. A journey around any of the pubs in a major city would have revealed that the inability to remain in an upright position when intoxicated is a well-known fact.

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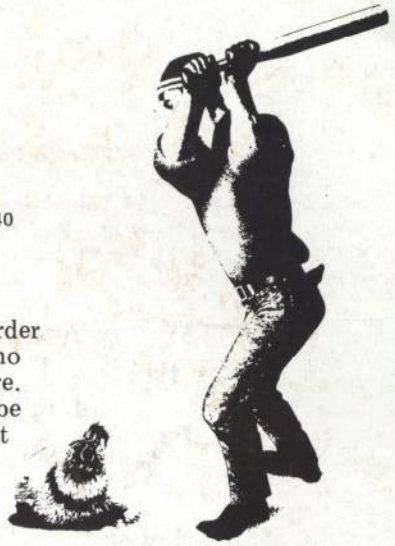
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