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Young foxhounds need to be taught how to kill.





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EDITORIAL

Welcome to my second and last issue of Howl. I've decided that the high-flying world of magazine editing is not my "cup of tea" after all. I guess you have to try everything once though - I tried it, it's a pain in the arse ! I'd like to thank the very few people that contributed to the magazine during my brief spell at the helm, I won't name them here; I'd like to thank Doughnut for his tireless efforts as my joey - sorry, brilliant designer! - and Dumpling for her overall editing, proof reading, etc.
Anyone wanting to take over as Editor can come along to the A.G.M (see page 21 for details) and reveal yourself there (!!) or contact the H.S.A. office at the usual address. All I can say is good luck, don't expect it to be too glamourous and be prepared to sift through tons of shitty little press-clippings before you find anything even slightly interesting! You **must** be an active sab to be the Editor, so don't bother if you're one of them lazy bastard 'Friday-night sabs' who can talk about the tactics of sabbing 'til they're blue in the face but never actually makes it out of bed in time to go.
Onto other things then: Is anyone sabbing mink-hunts? If you are, you're keeping damn quiet about it!
Does anyone want a rabbit? There are hundreds of the little bleeders around at the moment as *Regal Rabbits* (vivisection breeder in Surrey) closed after a six day campaign! Contact " The ex-editor" at the usual address if you can help.
Apart from that there's not much else to say. See you at the A.G.M. Free beer tasting sessions will be available on request (as is casual sex!).

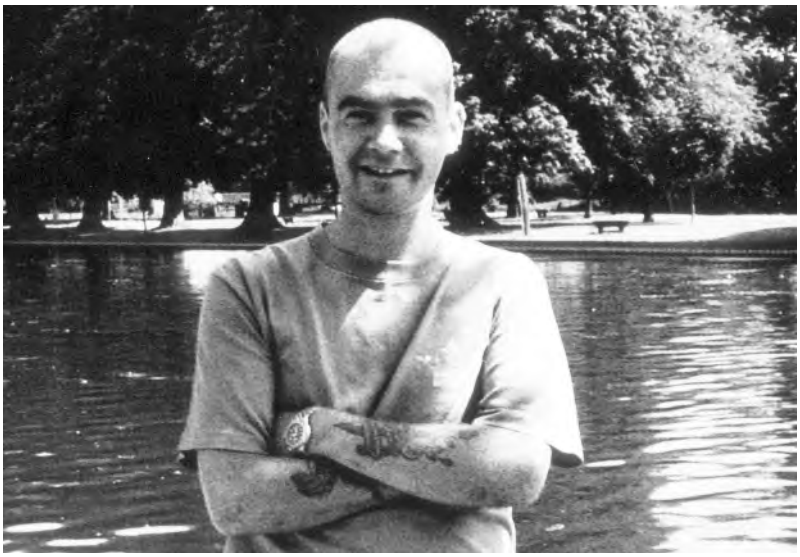
DEREK McCULLOCH

On the evening of 9th December 1999, whilst jogging home from work, DEREK McCULLOCH, from Kilwining in Ayrshire, was fatally injured after being struck by a car on the A78 near Irvine(Ayrshire). He died before paramedics reached the scene.

Derek, aka Dedgie, was 32 years of age. He had been involved with the animal rights movement for many years and was a tireless activist and campaigner. However, it was as a hunt sab that Dedgie was at his best.

An accomplished fell runner, photographer and horn blower, he would keep any hunt he attended on its toes. Furthermore, he had the experience and ability to read hounds and act quickly, much to the dismay of every huntsman in Scotland.

Derek was an extremely popular person, who was passionate about life and loved being outdoors. We will always remember him for his impish wit and cheery outlook. Clydeside hunt sabs will miss him with great sadness as he was a good friend to us all!



DEREK (Dedgie) McCULLOCH

1967-99

The *Howl* team would like to apologise for the omission of this obituary from the previous issue

NEWS IN BRIEF

Northumbria Police sold a police dog to Roy Pearson's Countryside Kennels in Goole, Humberside for £250. Pearson, who used to export consignments of dogs to Nigeria as guard dogs, was previously fined for a series of cruelty offences, along with a Nigerian airline, over the conditions dogs were left in when they were crated up and dispatched.
Fines totalling nearly £3,000 were imposed on a Nigerian airline and the dog exporter by Godstone magistrates. Pearson was fined £50 for failing to put labels on crates indicating they contained livestock, £50 for neglecting to label crates advising they be kept in an upright position and £250 for crating a Doberman in an unacceptable crate. He was also ordered to pay £25 costs. The London-based cargo haulage company was fined £300 for failing to label crates indicating they contained livestock; £300 for not labelling a crate to indicate it should be kept in an upright position; £1,700 for failing to feed and water 17 German shepherd dogs in a reasonable period of time, and £200 for not feeding and watering a Doberman at suitable intervals. The company was ordered to pay £121 costs. In 1983 Pearson had been given a 12-month conditional discharge for putting two dogs in one crate in overcrowded conditions.

The Scottish Countryside Alliance (or rather the English aristo's that own most of Scotland!) just can't seem to de-rail the hunting with dogs Bill, due to become law at the end of the year. A massive 79% of Labour supporters; 76% of SNP supporters; 73% Lib/Dem (who?) and an astonishing 60% of Tories in Scotland all declared in favour of a ban! The conclusion - 79% of Scots want hunting banned; 9% are against the ban. Strange to see how radically different the figures are when the CA don't try and rig the result isn't it.
MSPs have all been sent a video of terriermen on an un-disclosed hunt digging out and killing a vixen, then laughing about the fact that she was pregnant. A terrierman is reported to have said "*We would have no reservations about showing MSPs what we do.*" It would seem that the Scottish Capaign Against Hunting with Dogs decided to see if that were true. Let's face it, 99% of the population would be sickened by watching terriers rip pregnant vixens apart, including the MSPs who will decide hunting's future in Scotland.

"THE PEOPLES FRONT OF JUDEA?!"

Ever since the Countryside March of a couple of years ago, the bumpkins have gone campaign mad. Every Tom,Dick and Brian have started their own pathetic campaign to get this and that banned or legalised, and all to no avail.

Unbeknownst to the Hunters, the reasons why so many people turned up for the march in the first place were that:

1) **they were paid to do so.**
2) **they thought something else was being fought for.**
3) **they were hopelessly lost.**

Yet because of this, Hunt Scum galore now think that they can achieve all their stupid little aims by hitting the campaign trail. Take for instance Brian Perring.

Perring, (MFH no less) is the master of the Old Surrey, Burstow, etc and campaign co-ordinator of **C.R.A.B: the Campaign for the Removal of Anti's Balaclavas!** I swear this is not a joke!!

Perring is trying to organise a campaign whereby all hunt members write to their local Chief Constable, urging him to make sure all sabs remove face masks as "*the removal of balaclavas would do more to restrain the anti's than any other single action by the police*".

Yes, you're actually quite mad aren't you Brian?

Perring has apparently made himself ill with all the bother of being Master of a well sabbed hunt. He's ..allegedly..complained of stress related illnesses to his doctor, who may have recommended he find himself another hobby, presumably one which doesn't involve killing things for fun? Ah, has poor wikkle Bwian made hiself pooley? Does he want lubberly jubberly Sophie Hill (a.k.a. custard thighs) to kiss it better for 'im? I'll bet you do you old pervert!

According to Brian "*We must initiate a substantial letter writing campaign* (you radical old so and so !) *to the Chief Constables of Surrey, Sussex and Kent stating that we find the wearing of balaclavas intimidating, blah, blah, blah, infringement of the law, blah, blah, blah, i.e. personal assault, trespass,etc*".

So, that would be trespass like the Burstow were guilty of last season? Or would that be personal assault like the Burstow support tried on sabs several times last season? (By the way, Perring actually rang a sab at his home number last season to say he would control what he called "*the Last of the Summer Wine Brigade*" on his hunt if the sab would control "*his side*"!)

Here's a suggestion Brian, take up stamp collecting; or maybe building ships in bottles before you have a heart-attack, or a nasty fall out riding, or get gout, or kicked in the head...by a horse...



If you'd like to help Brian with his C.R.A.B.S. drop him a line:

Mr. B. Perring
Bank Farm, Holtye, Cowden, Kent TN8 7EG
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"By the power invested in me by C.R.A.B. I demand you remove that mask at once young man."



BURNS HUNTING INQUIRY PUBLISHED.....

.....IT'S STILL STILL POO!

To keep you abreast of what went on at the Burn's Inquiry, for what it's worth, here are a few nuggets of information for you.
"9 out of 10 letters received...have been in support of hunting" according to Lord Burns.Yes, that's because we all boycotted it Burnsy as it was nothing but a scam cover-up by you and your hunting pals!
The Inquiry members attended 16 meets; including fox-hunts, harriers, beagles, drag-hunts, fell packs, gun packs and the Waterloo Cup. He only saw animals killed at the Waterloo Cup but it's not true that he was being shown a sanitised version of events...honest! I wonder what his reaction would be if he'd seen a pack of hounds rip a live fox apart right in front of him? Unless he'd gone out with sabs there'd be no chance of that happening though.

But don't worry - he had "informal meetings" with the anti's to balance things out ! Hmm, your dictionary seems to differ radically from mine Burnsy! Informal meetings with anti-hunt groups (Deadline 2000 - er... hasn't anyone noticed that's passed!) doesn't really equate with spending most of spring "riding to hinds", as it were. Especially as he admits to "staying for tea" with the beagle pack! Very chummy!

As it turns out the pro-hunt lobby have got nothing really positive from this inquiry. Jack Straw even announced a free vote on hunting with hounds the day before the report was published. This was brilliant. Not because it'll achieve a ban, (because obviously it won't,) but because it reeked of the exact same arrogance the bumpkins live, breathe and dish out to anyone who opposes them.

Surprisingly the inquiry did find :

Deer

"*Most scientists agree that deer are likely to suffer in the final stages of hunting. The available evidence does not enable us to resolve the disagreement about the point at which, during the hunt, the welfare of the deer becomes seriously compromised.*"

Foxes

"*There is a lack of firm scientific evidence about the effect on the welfare of a fox of being closely pursued, caught and killed above ground by hounds. We are satisfied, nevertheless, that this experience seriously compromises the welfare of the fox.*"

Hares

"*There is a lack of firm scientific evidence about the effect on the welfare of a hare of being closely pursued, caught and killed by hounds during hunting. We are satisfied, nevertheless, that although death and insensibility will normally follow within a matter of seconds, this experience seriously compromises the welfare of the hare.*"

Mink

"*There seems reason to suppose, however, that being closely pursued, caught and killed by hounds, or being dug out or bolted, seriously compromises the welfare of the mink.*"

Terriers

"*We have received evidence of injuries to terriers during terrierwork. This clearly involves some compromise of the terrier's welfare when it occurs.*"

Taken from Inquiry Into Hunting - Summary and Conclusions (p7 - 26) Full report available on Inquiry website - **www.huntinginquiry.gov.uk**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police in Scotland are investigating the killings of eight rare birds of prey in the Moorfoot Hills, Borders. A sparrowhawk, a merlin, three ravens, two buzzards and a short-eared owl have all been found dead recently. It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to kill these birds, punishable only by fines and banning orders. Under new legislation, the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, it will soon be an imprisonable offence to commit such crimes.
I suggest a good place to start the search for the culprit would be amongst local gamekeepers who would certainly have no qualms about killing birds of prey. Indeed it is their job to eradicate animals that they see as a "threat" to the birds they "rear".
I wonder how serious the police investigation will be? (See Vermin Patrol for cases of gamekeepers illegally killing raptors and other animals).
On another estate in Scotland a Golden Eagle was found poisoned by alphachloralose, a rat poison known to be used by gamekeepers in the area.

There will be a Countryside Alliance International Terrier 2000 show at the Countryside Alliance (they get every-where, those CA clowns, don't they?! Kind of like treading in dog shit really!) 'Country Sports Fair', in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Information on the event is available from: **Jan Everest, International Terrier Championship secretary, Valley Farm, Stoker, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 0NR.**

When the **Vale of Lune Harriers** attended a church service in Heysham, Lancs, they got a bit less Christian charity than they were expecting. Protesters, mainly local people, let them know that they were not welcome at the church or Heysham as a whole.
The so-called Horseman's Service was conducted by Reverend David Tickner who defended his actions by saying " I do not veto those who are going to attend an act of worship." Presumably this would extend to any deviants then? Child molestors, fascists, satanists ?
A member of the congregation was amazed when the hunt members sang "All Things Bright And Beautiful"!
The Church of England recently declared itself against fox-hunting on moral grounds but leaves it to individual vicars to make their own decisions on the affair. David Tickner obviously being one of the many reverends who has no qualms about " God's creatures " being torn apart for fun.

NEWS IN BRIEF

On 22/3/00 a postman accused of injuring a Yorkshire terrier by kicking it across a patio has had the charge against him dropped on health grounds. **Billy Ace** (46) of 1 Alderwood Road, West Cross, Swansea was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to the pet, which was put down after it suffered a fractured skull and brain damage in the incident. The RSPCA told Swansea magistrates it wanted to drop the case because the postman has a heart problem and was not fit to stand trial. The RSPCA said, *"It's not a satisfactory outcome because we do believe Mr Ace was guilty; however, we do wish him a speedy recovery."* (WHAT!!!) Ace said through his solicitor yesterday that he maintained his actions were reasonable. Ace kicked the three-and-a-half year-old dog as he was delivering mail to its owner's home.

Clive Soley is the Labour MP for Ealing, Acton and Shepherd's Bush. In a recent interview with him in the pro-hunt Telegraph it was claimed that he was "the linchpin between Mr. Blair and his increasingly hostile party. He holds together ministers and backbenchers, Government and party, old and new Labour". It also claimed "He makes it clear that if he has anything to do with it - which he does - hunting will be outlawed whatever the outcome of the inquiry". Clive Soley - put your money where your mouth is. Yet again Labour promising to ban hunting in the national media but nothing ever happens except whitewash inquiries by hunt sympathisers. I predict that if Labour do not ban hunting before the next general Election, Mr. Soley's job will be a hell of a lot easier as he will have a lot less backbenchers to keep quiet!

In October the Northern Counties Mink Hunt decided to visit the river Derwent at Ebchester, to the protest of a number of local people. It is understood that the hunt had not secured access permission from many of the landowners for a number of years, and that during this particular hunt the hounds strayed onto National Trust land. The presence of the hunt elicited protest among the local community and a number of newspaper articles.
After the hunt had visited the river at Ebchester, no further otter signs were found within a 5 kilometre radius of the site for eight weeks. Since that time, otter signs have returned.
The Durham Constabulary Wildlife Liaison Officer is currently considering prosecution of the Northern Counties Mink Hunt under EC law for habitat disturbance during the hunt in October 1999. This prosecution will be based on evidence from Otters and Rivers Project Officers and others.

QUORN F.H. HUNTSMAN ADRIAN DANGAR RESIGNS



Adrian Dangar has resigned as the Huntsman and Joint Master of the Quorn. He was quoted in the Daily Mail of Tuesday 2nd May as saying "*Due to a number of recent developments, I felt that my position ... had become untenable*." His resignation from the £35,000-a-year job (this figure comes from the Daily Mail report) follows concerted sabbing and media pressure, which culminated in March with violent assaults by Quorn Stewards on hunt saboteurs (which the police are currently investigating). Nottingham Sabs believe it was their continued pressure on Dangar and the Quorn, with the help of Leicester Sabs and the support of other sab groups from the Midlands and the North, that has forced the man who was branded an "animal" by the Daily Mirror, to resign.
In the two years since Adrian Dangar has been Quorn huntsman, the level of violence between sabs and the Quorn Hunt has risen dramatically, to the point where a sab was hospitalised following an assault by a Quorn employee. The Quorn have been blasted in the National and Local Press, particularly for the actions of Dangar and the Stewards, and their image has quite rightly been dragged through the mud, as their activities have been brought to public attention by video footage filmed by local sabs.

- Congrats to the Notts sabs (pictured right waving a cheery goodbye to Dangar!) and the other groups involved.
Dangar was only at the Quorn for two seasons, and was previously at the Sinnington F.H. when the captive fox cubs expose came out. It'd be nice to think he's now unemployable .....watch this space.



M.P.S SUBMIT 'NO SABBING CLAUSE' AMENDMENT

Pro-hunt Conservative MPs are trying to make the sabotage, and probably even the monitoring of hunting activities illegal. **Damian Green** (Ashford) and **James Paice** (South East Cambridgeshire) have submitted an amendment to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.

The full wording concerns anyone that:

"*engages in any operations for, or connected with, the disturbance of hunting, shooting or fishing or of any animals, birds or fish kept for purposes, or has with him any item, instrument or scent used for the disturbance of hunting, shooting or fishing or of animals, birds or fish kept for such purposes*".

The phrase 'connected with' could even make membership of the HSA illegal. And these are the people who say that a hunt ban would infringe human rights! The word 'disturbance in the clause would, if made law, mean hunts could ask Police to remove hunt monitors — or even journalists from the scene because they were disturbing the enjoyment of a day's bloodfest. Protests, such as the one at the Waterloo Cup, or those on Boxing Day could also be judged to be 'disturbance' thus the amendment would outlaw public protests.

Other MPs on the Committee hearing, who voted **for** the Foster Bill include Candy Atherton (Falmouth & Cambourne), David Lepper (Brighton Pavilion), Michael Meacher (Oldham West), Chris Mullin (Sunderland) and Gordon Prentice (Pendle).

ALBRIGHTON F.H. ON THE WAY OUT?

One of the most consistently sabbed hunts in the country are the Albrighton FH, based in south-west Staffordshire. Unrelenting pressure from Wolves, Stoke and Birmingham sabs (to name but a few) is really beginning to take it's toll.
Ex-whip Gary Williams is being given the elbow after a mere two seasons as huntsman. When Ian Starsmore left it appeared that no-one else wanted the job, so it was given to "Little Gary". Big mistake! The departure of Starsmore heralded something of an exodus as whips and now masters are deserting the sinking ship. First off, the Tetley Bitter man; the most experienced whip at the hunt does a runner. After two seasons of Gary's crap hunting skills support is dwindling fast as long standing followers transfer their loyalties to other hunts. Not only that but well known supporters have even moaned about Gary's inability to hunt to sabs!

To add insult to injury, Anne Hartley, former Master of the Albrighton is moving to the North Staffs FH next season; Barbara Perry, long time supporter and ex-master celebrated her 90th birthday recently so hopefully she'll croak soon and Little Gary is off down the job-centre to see if there are any job vacancies for a 5 foot tall blood junky, with an incredibly bad temper and an uncanny ability to f*** up everything he puts his hand to!
Oh dear! Maybe a merger with the Albrighton Woodland FH is on the cards in the near future? Assuming of course - and it's a big assumption to make! - that they have a future!!



New huntsman, Steve Burton, formerly huntsman for the South and West Wilts has his hands full in taking on one of the most demoralised hunts in the country. If you're reading this Steve (and I'm sure you are, most huntsman do as it's the only way they can learn what the CA and MFHA has in store for them!), I wouldn't bother ! Find yourself a nice job cleaning windows or sweeping the roads! According to the latest reports, Burton is so worried about sabs that he has “signed up” notorious, out of favour whip AdrianThompson from the*Crawley and Horseshit FH*. Thompson,(right) a known thug and dumb-arse is alleged to have already started a fight with sabs in a pub before being chased out by enraged locals! See you all in South-west Staffordshire when it goes pear-shaped!

And poor Little Gary ? Only recently he was being praised in the pages of Hounds magazine for heroicly rescuing an "old lady" who had been attacked by two rottweilers.My hero!! Gary bravely scared the dogs off and an ambulance was called. There you go Gary, you like helping people so much you can be a lollipop-man and help people young and old to cross busy roads. I assure you it wouldn't be long before he stepped out in front of a nice big lorry!
Because Gary is such an obnoxious little man, I thought it fitting to have this little rant as a farewell gesture. If any hunt wants to employ him as a result of this; maybe you're feeling sorry for him?; please do! For the benefit of the fox and us sabs who like nothing better than a good laugh at a useless huntsman!!

P.S. Foxes in South Nottinghamshire will be happy to know that Little Gary is now huntsman of the South Notts F.H !!

C.A. ‘UNOFFICIAL’ SPOKESPERSON ARRESTED

These pictures was taken in Southport on 22/2/00 at a demo at the opening day of the premiere hare coursing event : The Waterloo Cup.

Manchester based **Vinny Faa**l is a spokesperson (unofficial) of the Countryside Alliance, and a representative of Sharston Lurcher Club.





He was arrested and charged with section 4 of the public order act after a female sab was punched in the face at a hare coursing protest.

If anyone else has recent photos of bumpkins frantically struggling with Police, then send them to ‘Howl’ and we’ll print the best ones for your amusement!

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The CA are desperately searching around for any way of discrediting the anti-hunt arguments. Their latest pathetic attempt being the wheeling out of some mindless gimp who “used to be an anti but now I ride to hounds !” etc.
(Anyone who saw the article in the Telegraph will have seen the infamous “cupping” photo where a ‘novice’ Croydon sab stands in the classic “testicle cupping” stance that is his personal trademark!)
The rest of the article is pure CA propaganda which I took great delight in using when I ran out of bog-roll! If that’s the best they can come up with despite having spent a small fortune on improving their image then a hunting ban will soon be a reality!

Sabs in the New Forest must be doing something right: Pro-hunt campaigners have been pulling strings (and baring nipples no doubt!) with the Forest Verderers so that anti-hunt activists must apply for a licence from the Forestry Commission if "they are planning any obstructive action during hunt meets in the New Forest"!
Whereas the thought of being "Licenced to Sab!" has a certain appeal, I can't really see the idea catching on, can you? It would be interesting to see what would happen if the licence was granted though!

As animal rights supporters or activists, some of you may be able to offer good homes to some of the hundreds of unwanted animals that are currently around. Sanctuaries and people's houses are overflowing with animals that nobody wants. You could give some of those animals a life worth living.
Anybody who is interested in homing an animal of any type please write to ‘HOWL’ (via the HSA address) stating what you can do to help.
Homes will be checked first and there will be a very high standard set. Send details of what animal you can offer a home to, where you live and information regarding what kind of living conditions you can offer the animal (for instance, if you have a garden, what sort of cage you have, etc.)
Currently available are a whole host of animals from mice to pot-bellied pigs!
If you can help them out and offer a home then please do. Animal rescue is the "un-glamourous" side of animal rights I know, but everyone has to get their hands dirty occasionally!
This is not an open invitation for people to dump any more animals on the ‘HOWL’ doorstep!

blah blah blah blah blah blah blah



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Letters Deadline

Come on folks!,
get those pens out
get scribblin'.

To guarantee your rant's considered for the next 'howl', get it to the address on the right by

1st Sept. 2000

or e-mail direct:
howl.editor@virgin.net

SABS IN LAZINESS SHOCK!

Dear Editor,

Just a quick note to say how demoralising it was to find only one Welsh sab stood in sterling protest at the recent Countryside Alliance Hunt Ball in Cardiff. Together the five of us did our best to remind the scum that there still is an opposition.
Before you make excuses, two sabs had travelled a hundred miles to be there, two sabs had been sabbing all day and the last of the "famous five" had been out collecting. What's your excuse?
It is very disappointing when two sabs can travel all the way from Cirencester to a demo but sabs from five miles down the road cannot be bothered to attend their local hunt ball. Being a hunt saboteur is more than just wearing a badge saying "I am". If you're active and able then surely you should make an effort to attend.

Countryside Alliance 1 Countryside 0 .

Yours sincerely

Griff.

JUSTICE MY ARSE

Dear fellow campaigners,

Thank you for the copy of Howl. I have 5 convictions for hunt-related offences and 3 for offences involving criminal damage to fox snares. I was convicted yesterday (9/5/00) at Hexham magistrates of criminal damage to snares and ordered to pay £300 costs, £160 fine and £38 compensation. I did ten nights in Durham Jail last year for non-payment of £1,600 court costs and six nights the year before for non-payment of £270 costs.
I am not paying yesterdays costs and fine. I am also in breach of last February's two year conditional discharge from the crown court for theft and criminal damage to snares. I hope to appeal against yesterdays conviction.
I was on the BBC local TV yesterday but the Newcastle Journal reported nothing, though the Darlington Northern Echo gave me a report and I'll enclose a copy of it.

J. Gill.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to John for all the good work he's done over the years in the fight against animal abuse. Any assistance the H.S.A. can offer you John will be gladly given. Thanks for keeping us informed of events and good luck with your appeal.

A PRISONER WRITES

Dear everyone at the HSA,

Just thought I'd write to let you know that I thought the issue of Howl that was sent to me was a brilliant read. Thanx. I' d also like to say thank you to everyone who came to court to offer their support. It meant a lot to me. I'll let everyone know the next court date A.S.A.P.
I'd also like to thank all the people who helped whilst slightly on the run. Thank you, you know who you are.
Well, I'd also like to let you know there's loads of scum blasting birds out of the sky on the west side of Blakenhurst. Me and my cell mate Bert are giving them loadsa verbal through our window, as you do. Also there's a bloke who's in for dog-fighting. He slipped over thanx to Bert and smashed his face! Sniff! So could you please give Bert a mention in the next issue as he's driving me mad and I can't cope with it any more! Thank you. I very much hope all is going well for you all and keep up the good work.
Take care, for the animals, love and liberation to you all,

Daz.

HELLO BERT! Nice work on the dog-fighter! Thanks for the letter Daz, hope everything is alright with you. Anyone who wants to write to Daz or other A.R prisoners can get their addresses elsewhere in the magazine. It would be great if sabs in the Midlands went and put on a sabbing-show for Daz, Bert and the other prisoners! Saving two birds with one stone as it were!



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INTERNATIONAL
NEWS IN BRIEF

ZIMBABWE

Cricket buffs out there will know Heath Streak, a regular player for the Zimbabwen national team. Streak is also a shooting enthusiast whose family own a game estate in Zimbabwe where rich Europeans, Americans and South Africans (white, obviously) can go "big game hunting".
At least, he did! As the sign stuck on the gate of the estate now reads, "In our Zimbabwe why should we be squatters?". Go get 'em boys!!

FRANCE

In April the Chamber of Deputies passed a new law restricting when and where the shooting of birds is allowed. The shooting season for migratory birds has been shortened, landowners can ban hunters from their land and it is illegal to hunt on a Wednesday (!!)
The law was passed, by a narrow majority, with the backing of left-wing and Green Party deputies. As usual, right-wingers were in opposition as there's nothing they like more than killing innocent victims.
In a bizarre follow up, a Socialist Deputy had to be airlifted to safety when some 300 hunters attacked him! Let's hope the police employed some "zero-tolerance" tactics and had a good skull-cracking session at the hunters expense!!

ISRAEL

A three year ban on hunting is to be introduced in Israel to allow overhunted animals time to re-breed. Because the Palestinian workers are not allowed to work in disputed zones, Thai immigrants are flooding into Israel to fill the gap in the labour force. It is these Thai workers that the Government are blaming for the overhunting.
The fact that the workers are fed half a sack of rice a month and left to obtain any other food themselves is the reason given as to why there is such a drastic reduction in animal numbers. Assuming that it is the Thai workers and not rich Israeli blood-freaks, then the obvious solution would be to give them enough money and food to live on - but that would involve a reduction in profit for the capitalists getting rich, sorry richer...

BRAZIL

Nothing to do with hunting this but I do like these type of things! A boy of six was eaten by lions at a circus in front of the audience which included his father. Ho ho ho !

IRELAND

The Association of Hunt Saboteurs is growing in strength in Ireland. Perhaps the best way to report is to shamelessly lift a paragraph or two from '*Escape'*, the A.H.S. magazine.
" *With six seasons of disrupting foxhounds and harrier packs behind us our group continues on a weekly basis from October to March to follow hunts.* (I assume they mean for the purpose of sabotage rather than the traditional meaning of following hunts ! - Ed). *Although seen as one of the more radical groups on our shores, our non-violent tactics and open vegan ethics seem to have earned the respect of both politicians and the media. We don't pussyfoot around about not having policies on fishing and shooting, we have...we want an end to all animal abuse. We have to agree to differ on some issues with the farming community at large but amazingly on hunting, especially fox-hunting common ground is evident.* "
Having personally experienced sabbing in Ireland I can say what a good job these people do. Sabbing in most parts of England is a world away from sabbing in Ireland.
Other news form the Republic; the Gardai (the Irish police) investigated an attack on sab, Eddy Walsh by the Waterford Foxhounds. Mr. Walsh, a member of the Tramore Town Commission was attacked by three supporters of the Waterford FH whilst monitoring them with a colleague. The case was successfully pursued until it went to court where James Power denied the charges of assault. The legal system in Ireland obviously being similar to the one in Britain meant that hunt-masters probably did some nipple-baring and dodgy hand-shakes behind closed doors to avoid tarnishing their already sullied reputation any further!

HUNTSMAN'S BALLS

In a letter to the Sunday Mail (23/4/00), James Sinton from Jedburgh makes a very relevant point in defence of fox-hunting. **"One important point has been missed in the fox-hunting debate. Hunting stops foxes from forming packs, which would be a danger to humans. Would shy foxes remain this way in packs?".**
Well where do I start in responding to that kind of statement?! It ranks up there with ex-Wildlife Liason Officer for Staffordshire police, "Fatty" Flowers' claim that he had video footage of a pack of mink attacking cows !
I suppose it's alright to shoot birds too in case they start killing people, as seen on the famous wildlife documentary "Birds" by Alfred Hitchcock!? Maybe we should start hunting turtles too or they'll continue to develop their Ninja abilities!
I know who I'll be voting for when the Countryside Alliance are looking for their next Press Officer! James "Mad Bastard" Sinton!!

"They are small animals and, in an ideal world, the lead hound grabs it behind the neck and gives it a big shake to left and right which breaks it's neck; in reality, it's often a bit of a scrum with 40 hounds piling in."
Ivan Massow, E.Sussex & Romney Marsh whip.
Are you suggesting that the claim made by foxhunters about a "quick nip to the back of the neck" is all a huge lie made up to try and give a more "humane" aspect to the bloodsport?
Strange how the Telegraph keeps running the story of Massow, promoting him as some gay-icon, liberal hunter who's friends with the "vegetarian" (in the Adolph Hitler sense) reporter. Anyone would think the hunt community were trying to appeal to the "masses" by showing how everyone can go out hunting - except that Massow gets endlessly ridiculed behind his back by 99% of the Rodney Marsh FH support for the heinous crime of being homosexual!

Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate - no I've never heard of him either! - has recently declared that **"the moment of catching a fish is very like sex, the actual feeling of quickening - so it's a curious mixture of morality, eroticism, writerliness and beauty. I fall in quite a lot."**
Yes, you've never actually had sex have you Andrew? It's nothing like fishing, unless you're some kind of pervert! But you're a fisherman so you obviously are some kind of pervert!!

"Many field sports organisations, including the Union of Country Sports Workers, and individuals have submitted evidence to the inquiry and we are all optimistic that he will find we have been telling the true facts all along."
Kieron Moore,Chairman of UCSW.
Hold on Kieron, didn't the CA admit it may have "over-estimated" the number of job-losses a ban on hunting would cause ? In other words they made it up so it would look worse (or better!) than it really is?! I hope your 850 million members don't take it too well when they are all made redundant and thrown out of their houses! But surely as all you hunters are so united these days, the landowners will never throw you hard working hunt peasants out on your ear? I might apply for a job as a bailiff!

"**Are you subscribers?**"
Christ Church & Farley Hill Beagles whip *to two sabs dressed in black hooded tops and combats. Proving that you don't need brains to go to Oxford University.*

"A man has been shot in the foot by a .22 rifle in an accident in Co Durham. He had been shooting foxes at Woodside Drift, near Delves Lane, Consett with two friends and was getting into a car when the incident happened. He was due to have surgery at Dryburn Hospital, Durham City. Oddly, the police became involved. Shooting accidents are none of their business."
Countrymans Weekly Online. *Hmmm.... yes..... I could be wrong but I thought the Police generally got involved when someone had been shot.*

*"***The situation arose because throughout hunting's history members of the public have sometimes come to hunts to ask for their help in looking after foxes which have been orphaned or are in difficulties***."***
Beaufort Hunt inquiry statement by disciplinary committee
Can you believe this is the best porky the official MFHA inquiry could produce to excuse the hunts rearing of foxes for hunting. It's like saying that paedophiles are often the best foster-parents because they really 'love' children. (See article on page 14 for more on this 'independent' internal inquiry nonsense)



COME BACK MICHAEL HOWARD: aLL is foRgiVeN!

One subject that has been discussed at length amongst hunt saboteurs recently is how is the new Terrorism Bill going to affect hunt saboteurs and the H.S.A. After in depth research and careful consideration the answer is er.. dunno!

By the time you read this the Terrorism Bill may well have become the Terrorism Act (2000). How it is going to affect hunt saboteurs remains to be seen. On the face of it, the bill is not aimed at hunt saboteurs in the same way that sections 68 and 69 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act (1994) were. Of course, this is no guarantee. Different police forces up and down the country are quite happy to use laws against groups of people when the spirit of the legislation was something quite different. The first prosecutions under the anti-stalking legislation were of animal rights demonstrators (not sabs). Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act appears to have been designed to help the police control crowds at football matches but it has been used against sabs.

So, wots it all about then?

The Bill supersedes the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 and the Northern Ireland (Emergence Provisions) Act 1996. The current legislation only covers acts of terrorism in relation to Northern Ireland. The new legislation aims to change all that. The first change is that the new Bill (when it becomes law) will be a permanent piece of legislation. The second is that it changes significantly what is meant by a terrorist. The wording of the new definition is as follows:-

Section 1.(1) In this Act 'terrorism' means the use or threat, for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which:

involves serious violence against any person or property,

endangers the life of any person, or creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public.

It does not take too long to work out that what the implications of this could be. There does not seem to be any guidance in the legislation as to what constitutes serious violence; this will be left to the discretion of the courts. However, it is defined that the 'persons' or 'property'' can be anywhere and the 'public' may be the public of another country.
The full wording of the Bill runs to several hundred pages and will give you night-mares. To save you the bother of reading it all I've attempted to pick out the nasty bits.

One of the first things that will strike you about this piece of legislation is that it gives the government the power to proscribe (ban) an organisation if it is believed that the organisation is concerned with terrorism

Section 3.(5) an organisation is concerned in terrorism if it:

commits or participates in acts of terrorism,

prepares for terrorism,

promotes or encourages terrorism, or

is otherwise concerned in terrorism.

This section casts a wide net, especially when considered in conjunction with the definition of terrorism given in section 1 of the Bill. How this will be implemented in practice remains to be seen.
Following neatly from this section are the offences of belonging or professing to belong to a proscribed organisation (Section 11).

It is conceivable, therefore, that a local direct action group, campaigning against GM crops for example, could be deemed a terrorist organisation if part of the campaign involved destruction of crops. This would, presumably, constitute serious violence against property and come under the remit of Section 1. - (1) (a). Once it was established that the organisation was concerned in terrorism (Section 3. - (5) (d)) it could be proscribed. After the organisation has been proscribed, membership (or professing to be a member) of the organisation becomes a crime (Section 11. - (1)). Conviction carries a sentence of up to ten years! 'Directing' a terrorist organisation is dealt with later in the Bill.

Section 56.(1) A person commits an offence if he directs, at any level, the activities of an organisation which is concerned in the commission of acts of terrorism.
Presumably the person running or acting as local contact for the anti GM group could be considered to be committing an offence under this section. The maximum penalty for this heinous crime is LIFE!!

Support of a proscribed organisation will be a separate offence.

Section 12. (1)

A person commits an offence if:

he invites support for a proscribed organisation, and

the support is not, or is not restricted to money or property
(within the meaning of section 15).
(The offences of funding a terrorist organisation are dealt with elsewhere in the Bill).

Section 12. (2)

A person commits an offence if he arranges, manages or assists in arranging or managing a meeting which he knows is:

to support a proscribed organisation,

to further the activities of a proscribed organisation, or

to be addressed by a person who belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed organisation.

Section 12. (3)

A person commits an offence if he addresses a meeting and:

the purpose of his address is to encourage support for a proscribed organisation or to further its activities, or

he knows that the meeting is to be addressed by a person who belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed organisation.

So, back to the example of the anti-G.M. group, if you arrange a support meeting you are committing an offence. If you address, or are even present at such a meeting you are guilty, even if you disagree with what is being said. The penalty for these crimes against society is up to ten years inside.
The next bit is beautiful.

Section (4) In subsections (2) and (3) 'meeting' means a meeting of three or more persons, whether or not the public are admitted. This means that if you think that scientists who tinker with the mechanics of nature should be challenged and it is out of order that people who do so are labelled terrorists and you and two of your mates sit in the pub (or your front room) and talk about it you are guilty of an offence under Section 4!
If you are foolhardy to behave in such a way don't get caught wearing a T-shirt or displaying a car sticker with the name of the anti-G.M. campaign group on it.

Section 13.(1)

A person in a public place commits an offence if he:

wears an item of clothing, or

wears, carries or displays an article,

"We are, of course, at the mercy of the police."



in such a way or in such circumstances as to arouse reasonable suspicion that he is a member or a supporter of a proscribed organisation.

A worrying feature of this Bill is the new offence of failing to grass.

Section 19. (1)

This section applies where a person:

believes or suspects that another person has committed an offence under any of the sections 15 to 18 , and

bases his belief or suspicion on information which comes to his attention in the course of a trade, profession, business or employment.

Section 19.(2)

The person commits an offence if he does not disclose to a constable as soon as it is reasonably practicable:

his belief or suspicion, and

the information on which it is based.

(Sections 15 to 18, mentioned above, deal with funding or receiving funds for terrorist purposes or possessing property for terrorist use).
It does not take much working out that Section 19 is going to cause all sorts of problems for journalists. Many direct action campaigns (not necessarily sabbing) depend on publicity via sympathetic journalists for the campaign to succeed. It will be practically impossible for a journalist to report on a campaign or even an isolated action without having a belief or suspicion that funds or property are possessed by the group or an individual for the purposes of furthering that campaign. If the action is deemed to be terrorist in nature under the new definition of the word, then that journalist will be committing an offence.
A journalist charged with an offence under Section 19.(2) would then find themselves to be considered guilty unless they can prove otherwise. (You can get five years for this).

Section 19.(3)

It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (2) to prove that he had a reasonable excuse for not making the disclosure.

This subsection overrides the presumption of innocence enshrined in British law. The presumption of guilt unless a defendant can prove otherwise makes several appearances in the Bill e.g. Section 11. (2) and Section 36.(3).

Cordons, police powers to stop and search, search of premises as well as funding and property area all effected, but I'm not going to go into them here. There is, however, one more section that is worth considering. This relates to terrorist investigations.

Section 32.

In this Act 'terrorist investigation' means an investigation of:

the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism,

an act which appears to have been done for the purposes of terrorism,

the resources of a proscribed organisation,

the possibility of making an order under section 3(3),
or
the commission, preparation or instigation of an offence under this Act.

continued overleaf

This means that you could be subject to a terrorist investigation even if you have no connection whatsoever with terrorist activities or terrorist organisations. You might be preparing to commit an act of terrorism or you might be a member of an organisation which may (or may not) be proscribed at some point in the future. clever huh!

O.K. so you've been arrested under the Terrorism Act; what differences are there going to be? The detention of terrorist suspects is dealt with in Schedule 8 of the Bill. The first difference is that any steps which are reasonably necessary (i.e. use of force) may be taken for photographing, measuring or identifying the suspect. Under the current Codes of Practice (Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984), force may **not** be used to take a photograph. The right to have someone informed of your arrest may be delayed by an officer of the rank of Superintendent or above (Schedule 8, Section 8). The right to consult a solicitor in private is also removed (Schedule 8, Section 9).

None of this would appear to affect the H.S.A., which has always had a policy of non-violent direct action. Even if sabs aren't targeted, the new legislation is alarming reading. To sit back smugly and say that it is not our problem would be an unthinkable act of stupidity. We are, of course, at the mercy of the police who, whenever they make an arrest, will have to decide whether or not they are dealing with a terrorist. Sabs are often the victims of assault by hunt supporters and experience has shown that when hunt saboteurs defend themselves they expose themselves to the risk of arrest. In the future such people may be at risk of being detained under this legislation.

In addition, sabs being a caring bunch, are often involved in direct action campaigns around other issues be it animal rights, human rights or environmental issues. Anti-road protesters who damage earth moving equipment or peace campaigners who cut the fence at a weapons base may find themselves targeted. Anti Fascist Action as an organisation may find themselves at the sharp end of this new legislation. The AFA Charter states that AFA is "*committed to fighting fascism both physically and ideologically*." They have a proud and noble history of implementing this policy. Being shrewd folk, AFA have seen the problems coming. In their magazine, 'Fighting Talk' the Terrorism Bill is considered:-

"*There can be no doubt that the proposed law will be used to further criminalise anti-fascism in this country. Because of AFA's stance on the necessity of physical opposition to Fascism it would be very easy for the police and security services to justify any measures they deem necessary to investigate and monitor the organisation and to seek for it to be banned, i.e. for it to be a criminal offence to belong to or in any way support it*"
(Fighting Talk; No. 23, p.7).

Support for sabs came from an unexpected quarter in the House of Commons. In a debate on the Bill on 15 March this year M.P. Douglas Hogg (Sleaford and North Hykeham) had this to say:-

"*In my view, there are many activities that are manifestly criminal but which should not in any circumstances be deemed terrorist. I think of two groups who perform activities that I particularly dislike. The first is hunt saboteurs. The second is GM protesters, of whom I do not think very much. However, I ask myself whether their activities should be deemed terrorist*"
(Hansard: 15 March 2000: Column 396).

It would appear that we are unlikely to see Doug at his local Boxing Day meet armed with a spray and gizmo, but an interesting contribution to the debate all the same. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, stated that the Bill was not the end of liberal democracy as we know it and the new definition of terrorism was not designed as an affront to the individual's right to peaceful protest. These sentiments may be genuine or he may be lying ('WOT!' I hear you cry: a politician giving us a load of bull-shit. How could you be so cynical!). It will be at the discretion of your local cops whether or not to use these powers. There is a considerable variation in the use of existing powers up and down the country and it is likely that the same will be true for the proposed anti-terrorism legislation.

This Bill introduces anti-terrorism powers to an area of law adequately covered by provisions already in place. It creates a twin-track system of justice where a person who has committed an offence acting out of compassion or sense of conscience is entitled to fewer rights under the law than a person acting because of greed, revenge or maliciousness. The Bill will label as terrorists people who do not advocate violence or carry weapons.
In a letter to the Times on 24 November 1999, John Wadham, Director of Liberty, spelt it out.

"*The anti-terrorism laws have led to some of the worst human rights abuses in this country over the last 25 years, contributed to miscarriages of justice and have led to the unnecessary detention of thousands of innocent people, mainly Irish. Only a tiny percentage of those detained have ever been charged and almost without exception they could have been detained under ordinary criminal laws. Such draconian anti-terrorist laws should be abolished, not extended*".

Nuff said!!!

> "The presumption of guilt unless a defendant can prove otherwise makes several appearances in the Bill"



If you hear of any occasions when the terrorism Act 2000 has been used either through personal experience or through the media the HSA legal Officer wants to know about it (whether or not it involves hunt sabs) Send details/press cuttings, etc to the HSA office as soon as possible.

Thanks to Liberty for background information. They can be contacted at:
21 Tabard Street,
London, SE1 4LA
ww.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

Anti Fascist Action can be contacted at:
BM 1734,
London WC1N 3XX
www.geocities.com/capitolhill/senate/5602

An excellent booklet entitled 'Some Simple Questions Mr.Straw' is available from:
SchNEWS
c/o On the Fiddle,
Brighton,
BN2 2DX
(Please enclose two 1st class stamps).
This booklet does a much better job of explaining the Terrorism Bill than I have. It also includes some great cartoons!

Also check out:-
www.blagged.freeserve.co.uk/terrorbill
www.new-labour.com

A full version of the Bill and latest news on its progress can be found at the official Home Office Terrorism Bill Homepage (I kid you not)!!
www.homeoffice.gov.uk/oicd/terrbillhtm

Keep up to date with what's going on in the corridors of power:
w ww.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk

LATEST NEWS ON THE

MAFF MURDER

On 7th of May animal welfare activists were informed that the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF) would start culling badgers in and around the Devizes area, as part of the government's continued persecution of the badger population.

On hearing this news, activists arrived in the area and with the help of local people, began checking woodland and hedgerows around Devizes.
During the first week over 200 traps were located. These traps had all been tied in an open position and baited with peanuts. This is an attempt by MAFF to get the badgers used to the traps before they start the actual trapping and killing process. All of the traps were moved away from the badger setts and sprayed with a strong smelling badger repellent. The 'pre-baiting' stage of the badger cull was well and truly disrupted.
From 15th May traps have been found baited and set, ready to catch any unsuspecting badger. Every trap which has been found by the activists has been triggered off, rendering the trap useless. During the last week of the badger cull several badger cubs were found in traps.

An activist describes her experience:

"*…I saw two distressed badger cubs in traps and another cub was running around the traps confused at why his family had been captured. I approached the traps and immediately the cubs changed from being confused to being terrified. One cub, who was half grown, backed into a corner and hissed at us. We soon released him and he ran to freedom.When we opened the door to the other trap, the badger inside sat at the back of the cage rigid with fear. I find it unbelievable that MAFF workers can look these beautiful young badger cubs in the eyes and callously shoot them dead.*"

The National Federation of Badger Groups (NFBG) believes that hundreds of badger cubs are starving to death because the government has killed the mothers on which they depend. The NFBG has condemned the Government for having little regard for animal welfare following the discovery and rescue of a starving badger cub, found near Devizes in Wiltshire where MAFF is currently killing badgers in its controversial badger culling trial.
Dr Elaine King, conservation officer for the NFBG said,

"*The discovery of this starving cub confirms our worst fears about MAFF killing badgers during the breeding season. Orphaned cubs are now either dying underground of starvation or are leaving the safety of the sett in a desperate attempt to find their mothers.*"

The NFBG warned the government that trapping and shooting badgers at this time of year would result in the death of female badgers who are nursing dependent cubs underground. However, the Government ignored our concerns, telling Parliament that, "*culling would not be a practicable policy option if [the closed] season lasted longer than three months*" (Jeff Rooker MP, Hansard, 2 Nov 1998, Column: 433).
Dr King said,

"*Starving badger cubs to death is cruel by any standards and a criminal offence. If this Government had any respect for animal welfare it would stop the badger cull now.*"

Pauline Kidner, an NFBG Trustee who is caring for the rescued cub, said,

"*At our rescue centre we rehabilitate 30-40 badger cubs each year. It is clear that this pathetically thin cub was very close to death through starvation. With round the clock care, he has taken fluids and is just starting to eat*".





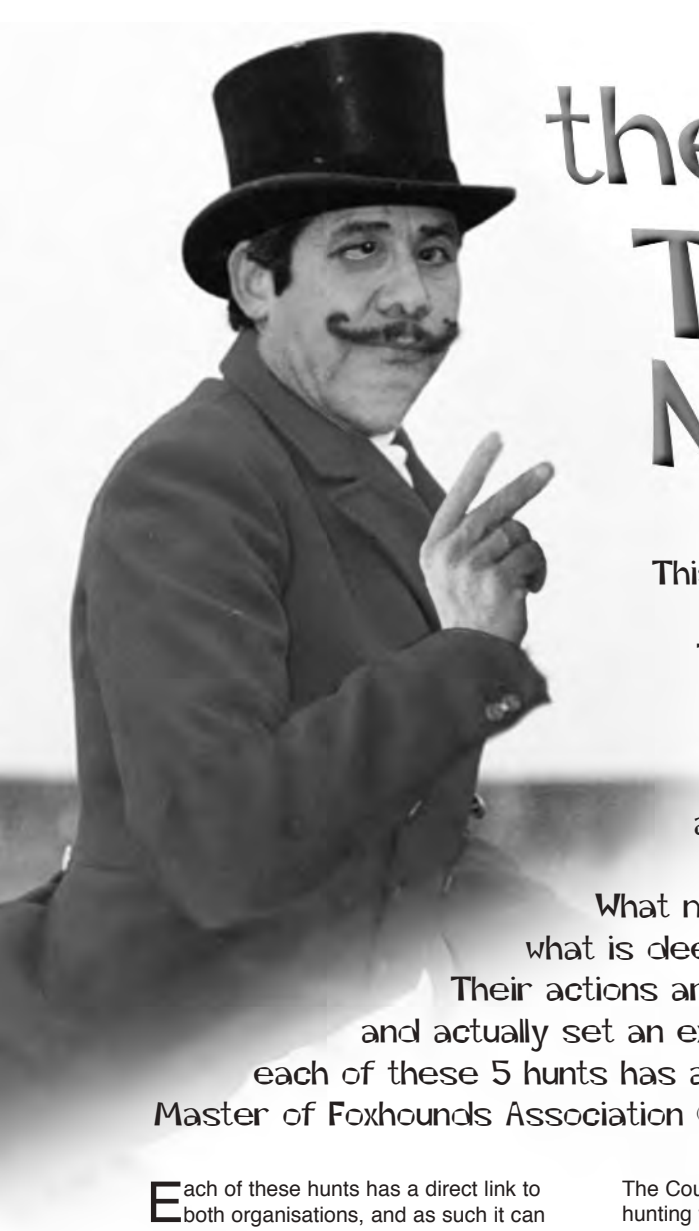


She added, "*We have named him Pine, a woodland name; but he whimpered the first night, calling for his mother, so the name seems to fit*".

For further information about the badger cull see the NFBG web site:
http://www.geocities.com/nfbg_uk/

Or contact Gloucester Animal Rights:
email: glos.ar@virgin.net
or phone Paul on: 0771 000 2425

More pictures of the young badger cubs found in traps can be found at:
http://freespace.virgin.net/glos.ar/



the rules are: THERE ARE NO RULES!

This is a report about 5 special hunts.

They are not special in the fact that they have committed acts of despicable cruelty, trespass, damage or other general disregard for the countryside and its inhabitants. In that way, they are typical of all that is involved in hunting.

What makes them special is that they are an example of what is deemed acceptable by the hunting fraternity. Their actions are considered to be respectable and responsible and actually set an example for other hunts to follow. This is because each of these 5 hunts has a member amongst the top brass of not just the Master of Foxhounds Association (MFHA), but also the Countryside Alliance.

Each of these hunts has a direct link to both organisations, and as such it can be seen that their actions have been sanctioned by those organisations. If the behaviour was unacceptable surely they would not be allowed to hold such positions of influence, power and prestige?

In the light of recent Parliamentary 'Middle Way' proposals that hunting be self-regulated and the formation of an 'independent' body to regulate hunting, it is more important to understand what sort of behaviour is considered acceptable right to the very pinnacle of these organisations. John Jackson (Chairman, Countryside Alliance) has also stated in a letter to the Burns Inquiry that the best way to deal with cruelty in hunting 'is to encourage their peers to detect them, to exclude them and to discipline them', indicating that they also would propose self-regulation as opposed to an outright ban.

The MFHA is supposedly the organisation that regulates hunting. Of course, in reality this means that they 'investigate' their members indiscrepancies and come up with a complete exhonoration when things go wrong. Phrases such as 'beyond the hunts-man's control', 'it was an isolated incident' and 'did all that was possible to avoid this incident' crop up again and again. The fact that at least one member of each of these 5 hunts is a member of the Committee of the MFHA indicates that such behaviour is therefore acceptable to the hunting fraternity as a whole otherwise they would be kicked out!

The Countryside Alliance represents hunting to the media and the public at large, and if any of their Board were found to be operating in the wrong manner, as perceived by their peers, they would surely be removed from the Board for bringing the Alliance into disrepute.
So, the actions of these hunts would appear to be not just representative of hunting and have the backing of both the MFHA and Countryside Alliance, but an example of what is acceptable.

The five hunts:

How they are linked to both the Countryside Alliance Board and the MFHA Committee. (at April 2000.)

DUKE OF BEAUFORT F.H.

Ian Farquhar is a member of the MFHA Committee and has been Joint Master and huntsman since 1985.
Lord Mancroft is a Countryside Alliance Board member and noted member of the *BeauforF.H.* field. He has also been a Master of the *Vale of White Horse FH*

FITZWILLIAM (MILTON) F.H.

Sir Philip Naylor- Leyland, Bt is an MFHA Committee member and has been a Joint Master since 1987.**Sir Stephen Hastings** has been a Joint Master since 1980 and is a Countryside Alliance Honorary Patron

EXMOOR F.H

Captain Ronnie Wallace is the Joint Master; a position he has held since 1977. He is involved in both organisations as MFHA President and as an Honorary Patron of the Countryside Alliance.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY F.H.

David Reynolds is another man involved with both organisations. He has been Master of the *Woodland Pytchley F.H.* since 1980. He is on the MFHA Committee. As a Countryside Alliance Board member, he sits on the Hunting Committee.

WARWICKSHIRE F.H.

Sam Butler is a Joint Master of the *Warwickshire* (since 1990), is an MFHA Committee member and also the Chairman of the Countryside Alliance's Hunting Committee and the Campaign For Hunting Task Force. He is often to be found giving statements to the press.
Robert Waley-Cohen is a member of the *Warwickshire F.H.* field and a Countryside Alliance Board member

The behaviour of these hunts that is deemed acceptable:

Each hunt's misdemeanours are listed separately. It should be pointed out that these examples are only those that **have** been reported.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT F.H.

October 1999: A pregnant mare had to be put down after it broke a leg fleeing from hounds that chased a fox into its paddock.

January 1999: Fox ill-treated by terriermen. Although this sort of behaviour happens all the time, this particular incident was reported by The Sun.

October 1998: Ian Farquhar fined £6,000 for polluting a river with chemicals used for treating mange in foxhounds.10,000 crayfish died.

February 1992: A nurse had her face whipped and was knocked unconscious by a riding crop when she protested against a meet near Badminton.

June 1989: Beaufort Hunt gave under taking in Bristol County Court not to trespass on land at Castle Combe, Chippenham and were forced to pay damages of £501. This followed an invasion of a wildlife sanctuary and breaking a 20 year old ban. Within 3 months the Western Daily Press carried details of further trespass.

March 1988: A hunt sab with a severe spinal disease was beaten up near Bath.

September 1986: 3 hunt saboteurs needed hospital treatment after being attacked at a cubbing meet.

October 1985: Hounds killed a cat and damaged a car in Rodmarton.

October 1985: 40 hounds from the Beaufort ran onto the A46 at Upper Swainswick.

March 1984: Beaufort forced to apologise after hounds rampage through gardens at Upper Weston.

FITZWILLIAM F.H.

January 1995: 2 hounds were hit by a high speed Intercity train on the Peterborough to Kings Cross line at Wood Walton

December 1987: Pet cat torn to pieces by hounds at Covington near Huntingdon

February 1987: 2 hounds chase a muntjac deer onto the A1 where it is struck by a lorry.

EXMOOR F.H.

February 1996: Cat chased when hounds trespass in a garden near Lynton.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY F.H.

September 1999: Terrierman convicted of common assault on a hunt saboteur. (Saboteurs who attend this hunt have had frequent attacks on their homes.)

November 1998: 8 hounds overrun animal sanctuary.

April 1997: Foxhounds and whippers-in trespass on railway line.

WARWICKSHIRE F.H.

January 2000: A widow's year old kitten was ripped to shreds when 20 hounds invaded her garden in Milcombe, near Banbury.

November 1998: 20 hounds ran out of control in the grounds of a crematorium while a funeral was taking place near Leamington Spa.

January 1998: Hunt trespass as 8 hounds run through a field of pregnant ewes.

January 1993: Train delayed for an hour by trespass on railway line.

April 1992: Hunt warned by RSPCA after badger setts found blocked with stones.

CONCLUSION(S)

Incidents here include livestock damage, trespass, disruption of rail and road traffic, pets being slaughtered, violence and wildlife being disturbed.

It is important to assert once again that this report provides just a quick snapshot of some of the regular disruption and destruction caused by organised fox hunting in this country. Far more cases have been recorded against hunts other than those focussed on - and countless incidents go unreported.

It can be seen that the behaviour these hunts have displayed is, by the fact that these hunts' representatives are deemed fit to sit on ruling bodies, considered acceptable by the Countryside Alliance and the Master of Foxhounds Association. An example is set for other hunts to follow, safe in the knowledge that they will not be ostracised or punished should they cause a major incident.

Many of you will have seen the B.B.C. "Newsnight" programme broadcast on Friday, 9th June, 2000, which showed footage of a Beaufort employee blatantly putting out food for foxes at two artificial earths.

The Disciplinary Committee of the M.F.H.A. met on the 14th June 2000 to consider whether the Beaufort F.H. had broken M.F.H.A. Rules.
Rule 5 refers to the " *hunting of the fox in its wild and natural state and that no-one shall be allowed to hunt a fox in any way inconsistent with this precept.*"

The Committee (of whom Beaufort huntsman Ian Farquhar is a member don't forget!) viewed the video and the official inquiry team concluded

"***The situation arose because throughout Hunting's history members of the public have sometimes come to Hunts to ask for their help in looking after foxes which have been orphaned or are in difficulties. Our Rules have therefore allowed, within certain strict parameters, for this to happen."***

So let me guess what actually happened: Capt. Ian invites a few mates over and they watch a bit of telly over a few single malt whiskeys, arrange to meet down the Lodge next week, oh... and about that other business.....let's try not to get caught again, eh old chap! The hunting fraternity used to be sly and underhand, but rising arrogance with such blatant lies and corruption points to a 'nobody can touch us' mentality.

The fact that discipline has not been brought against hunts, or has been lenient, is proof enough that fox hunting should not be regulated internally. The only way to stop this behaviour is for hunting to be banned outright. It could be suggested that the reason discipline is lax is because both organisations accept that incidents of this nature are part and parcel of fox hunting as practiced in Britain in the 21st century. The price paid by people and animals to allow fox hunting to continue may well be seen by hunters as acceptable.

Any attempts to introduce an Independent Supervisory body that consists of hunters will obviously follow the precedent set by these two organisations. Such bodies are not set up by hunting folk to supervise or regulate but to defend hunting.





SCOTLAND

Clydeside sabs are mobile! Sponsored cycle rides, jumble sales, stalls and similar pestering of the general public finally raised enough wonga for the group to buy their own van! The group have been applying consistent pressure to the *Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire FH* .

A meet at 'Bent farm' (honestly!!!) with few police resulted in a split pack of hounds packed up by 2pm! .....and a whole 9 hours 'til last orders!
Next up a highwood meet where a fox broke cover right next to sabs. Fast trigger fingers covered scent while horns, voice calls and whips pulled the pack away for some text-book sabbing and smug smiles all round!
The following week the 'L&R' missed out their first two covers entirely as their nostrils were filled with *that* delightful lemon scent. Later a fox broke out onto the road by the stationary sab van and to the horror of the nearby sabs doubled back towards the pack. Sabs quickly moved further down the road and were able to pull hounds out as they checked. Having hiked the pack off in entirely the wrong direction the huntsman Terry Wing was still nowhere to be seen. He eventually turned up with Alistair 'MFH' campbell and the pair of them bleated on to the police about the "beastly antis!"

A West London Sab receiving treatment following an 'incident' with a *Garth and South Berkshire FH*. master.

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A Hill of Beith meet saw good pre-beating and some huntstaff incompetence of the highest order. The driver of the clydeside van was informed by foot sabs that the hunt were heading towards the 'Johnstone-by-pass'. By the time the driver arrived (armed with a camcorder) the hounds had already crossed the road and were heading for the railway line (see Howl 68 for almost identical occurrence) This time the hounds didn't reach the railway. The huntsman was seen being driven round in a supporters car trying to gather his hounds which were everywhere. One hound was reported to have been killed on the road. Sabs were blamed as usual, despite being nowhere near before, during or after the accident; (just like the huntsman.)
The season was unforgettably marred by the death of fellow sab and friend Derek McCulloch, who was knocked down by a car and killed while walking home from work.

NORTH WEST

Newly formed **Lancaster** sabs have been upsetting the *Holcombe Harriers* (with help from **Bolton**) the *Pendle Forest & Craven*, and he *Cheshire Forest* (with help from **manchester** sabs) The final Saturday meet of the *Cheshire Forest* passed uneventfully until they packed up when sabs were ridden down and set upon in a 'queensbury-rules' stylee!
Lancaster also attended the infamous *Quorn FH* meet where their van was kindly twisted into a new shape by hunt stewards. (This matter is currently the subject of a Police investigation so we can't divulge any more details)
So all in all a good first season with all new sabs nicely broken in and potty trained!

SOUTH

From New Year until the end of the season **Reading** and **West London** spent a lot of time with the *Garth and South Berkshire FH*. This bunch of goons seem to spend all their time upsetting local landowners and as a result their available meets are getting fewer every season. At a meet towards the end of the season one sab was left with a suspected broken leg after being ridden down on a public road by a hunt master. The plod showed up and wound down the window of their car to have a better look but decided not to get out (well it was pissing with rain). Whilst the sabs waited for the ambulance to arrive the police ambled along to the hunt meet for a chat with supporters while the perpetrator of the attack boxed up his horse and drove away. We can only wonder what the police response would have been if it had been a supporter that was lying injured at the roadside??
Time has been found for a couple of away matches to the *Surrey Union FH* and *The Christchurch and Farley Hill Beagles*. Top day out of the season was the joint meet of the *Christchurch and Farley Hill Beagles with the Royal Agricultural College Beagles*. **Reading**, **West London** and **Southampton** sabs joined up with **Bath** and **Pewsey Vale** for this prestigious event on a large country estate in Wiltshire. When the sabs arrived the huntsman had already done a sterling job of losing half his pack and was desperately trying to get them back. As soon as he realised sabs were in the area he marched what remained of his pack to the nearest road and boxed up. Hunt staff operating in pairs then scoured the estate searching for stray hounds followed by jeering hunt saboteurs. The comedy was heightened as hares popped up all over the place in front of the bumpkins whilst the majority of the pack were safely in the van. When all the hounds had finally been rounded up back at the meet it was discovered that the two packs of hounds had been mixed up in the two hound vans and another hour was spent sorting out the confusion. We did laugh!
The New Millenium has seen sabs from **Southampton** visit the *Garth & South*



All pigged out and nowhere to go: Sabs enjoy another day out in the company of the generally inept *Surrey Union FH*

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Berks FH on a number of occasions with successful days every time.There was also a visit to the *South Dorset FH* and a beagle pack we stumbled on. On returning to the *South Dorset FH* they were found all over the road and off their horses. No kills for them - or their loony bumpkin followers.
Numbers swelled for the last Saturday of the *Garth FH 's* season, which they declined to attend. However, our visitors from Finland were not disappointed as we got to the *Christchurch & Farley Hill Beagles* before they had even began their first draw.
The end of the foxhunting season saw the start of the court appearance season, with 2 more victories under our belts and red faces for Thames Valley and Hampshire Constabularies. See you in the Civil Courts, boys!
We also had a great day out with the *Clinkard Beagles*. Even the best efforts of Hampshires finest at an illegal search couldn't dampen our spirit and hounds were sent running the opposite direction as a hare raced through a line of sabs to safety.
Beware, we have plans to upgrade from a small car to a large tank for next season - sabs and money permitting.

West Sussex Wildlife protection group (**WSWPG**) have been applying there usual unrelenting pressure on the *Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray FH* . At a Leggat Hill farm meet with help from **Dorset** sabs a shoot, was stumbled upon and pheasants in the vicinity dispersed. Sabs then asked Police to remove the shooters from the public highway! (where it's an offence to shoot from or near)
Time away from the '*Chid'* was spent visiting the *Crawley & Horsham FH* where sabs encountered the usual violence from riders. One sab was ridden into and the gizmo broken, but this was hastily repaired and hounds were soon lured away from the hunt! (The loss of whip Adrian Thompson to the *Albrighton FH* will come as a relief to sabs familiar with this hunt: See News)
The *Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray FH* hunt ball saw some over zealous policing (hardly surprising after the success of last years demo!!) with three sabs arrested for the crime of 'failing to go to a designated area!'
Towards the end of the season the hunt became obsessed with trying to stay away from **WSWPG** resulting in a lot of mileage being covered on foot. Sabs noticed that hounds still favoured the tones coming from the HSA gizmo tape, to the annoyance of the huntsman! The 18th March saw the end of Saturday meets, but sabotage continued with mid-week hits until the end of the season.

SOUTH EAST

West kent sabs started the new year with sabs on the *East Sussex and Romney Marsh FH, Old Surrey and Blah Blah..... FH* and the notorious *Essex Farmers/Tickham* joint meet at Woodham Walter. **West kent** along with **Hastings** and **Dover** sabs returned to the *Weststreet Tickham* the following week (packing up a pheasant shoot on the way), to find the hunt a tad hungover and in some cases still pissed from the hunt ball the night before.
Allens temper hadn't cooled in the week since his arrest and upon realising that he'd not escaped sabs by galloping 1 1/2 miles up a byway as the sabs had just followed him in the landy, threw a little tantrum (most unusual), kicked the back light out on the landy (allegedly) and stormed off back the way he had just come from.
The *Bolbroke beagles* were paid another visit and once again sabs were in control most of the day despite being outnumbered 2 to 1 by the police. The following week in the company of **Hastings** sabs saw a trip to the comical *Wye College beagles* where the hunt once again lost all their hounds all by themselves, but 1 supporter!!!! was arrested later in the day after an incident when the sab landy was damaged. The next 2 weeks were spent with the *Ashford Valley* and involved the hunt loosing their hounds to sabs and doing a fair bit of running away with hardly a terrier boy to be seen. **West Kent** finished the season with the *East kent FH*, the *Suffolk FH* and a return visit to the *Essex Farmers FH*. Sabs also joined up with others from the south east to pack up the *Wealden MH* at their opening meet at Horsted Keynes despite being out numbered 2 to 1 by supporters.

Van troubles aside, the **East Kent** Massive continued well into the next century with their bid to create great swathes of unemployment in the countryside.
January was fondly remembered after following our favourite welsh w**ker (Allen Morgan-*West St Tickam FH*) up to a joint meet with the *Essex farmer FH*. A good days sabbing was had, until redcoats attacked the **Dover** van, leading to a near riot, in which several arrests were made, including Allen Morgan, for allegedly beating up a girl on the floor with his lovely big boots- what a man! An impromptu demo outside the police station made sure Allen new we had not forgotten him
The next week saw sabs on their way to the *West St Tickam FH* again, with a morning spent holding up a shoot we stumbled upon. The *East Kent FH* were then returned to, and still ran away as soon as we opened the van door... with hounds that now respond to the Gizmo, sabs suspect all the pressure's getting to them! A large regional hit on the *Ashford Valley FH* made them very "miffed": Rather than hunt, they abused the police all day, until, coppers gave in and nicked whoever they could get their hands on, in a scene not unlike "Zulu Dawn". Back for the final meet of the *East Kent FH*, a good day was had until a farmer tried to remove the van windscreen and driver with his tractor forks, holding sabs up long enough to film hounds trespassing, and the masters getting a bloody good bollocking!
On a final note, thanks to **Hastings**, **Wealdon**, **Brighton**, and **Croydon**, for helping out, but please, next time the National Front come down our streets: LETS SEE SOME MORE SABS!

Wye college beagles support see their big, ginger no. 5 'red carded' by the cops after an ugly off-the-ball incident.

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GROUP NEWS
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All Group News must be typed, on white/pale paper and kept to a maximum of 350 words.

You can now e-mail your group news: **howl.editor@virgin.net** but DO NOT send items on disc without prior arrangement

Our apologies to any groups who may have sent in reports at the start of this year and not seen them in *Howl*. A lot of post went missing at this time.

If we receive your group news (and it does actually mention sabbing!) then it **will** be published.

Groups who keep in regular contact with the HSA and *Howl* may be given priority when money is distributed.

It's all hands on deck for the

Countryside All liars



The Countryside Alliance have declared in the wake of recent developments;

"As of now a sustained and escalating campaign of action begins. It will be relentless, implacable and prolonged. It will be local and national, targeted not only on the media but on all M.P.'s now looking towards re-election."

So it's thinking caps on, stiff upper lips and everyone pulling together in the face of adversity. This lot are still convinced that if they all stand up and be counted there's no way ~~Gerry~~ Tony can defeat them. Mind you, they probably know something we don't: Amongst their highest ranks lurk all manner of shadowy figures who are likely to be privy to some very sensitive information. Why not contact them for the latest news on the 'will they, won't they' hunting debate.

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Legal News

POLICE COMPLACENT IN 'BIG TOE' BREAKAGE CASE



You'd be forgiven for mistaking the above for a scene from a dodgy '70's porno (check out the plod with the greasy side parting and 'tache) In fact it's Essex 'we kick our dogs to death' Police demonstrating how **not** to arrest a female sab. (Home Office approved arrest techniques No. 265: The Kama sutra - talk about trying to 'cop a feel'!)

Penwith Fox Protection Group member Philip Easton will soon be attending a hearing at the Posthouse Bristol, Filton Rd, Bristol. Mr. Eliston has been invited by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel to claim an award after an incident involving the Master of the Western Hunt on 07/03/98 near Pendeen, Cornwall.

The Hunt Master Sparrow is alleged to have rode his horse at Mr. Elston and thereby broke the large toe of his left foot. Not many of you will be surprised to know the police were not interested in prosecuting so Mr. Eliston had to pursue a civil case. Below is a transcript of the message by PC Trevenna left on Philip Elston's telephone answering machine.

" *Hello Mr. Eliston. It's PC Phil Trevenna from the police station at Penzance. I apologise I haven't got back to you before. As I said to you at the time, I've submitted a report to the Inspector, and I've also been out and spoken to Mr. Sparrow regarding the incident, and at the end of the day we will not take the matter any further. I've advised Mr. Sparrow that you may well decide to take civil action against him, but he was spoken to, and at this time we cannot prove that there had been any deliberate attempt on his part to get the horse to stand on your foot, which is what I thought at the time, but this does not preclude you from taking any action against him. I apologise I haven't got back to you before, but if you've any further queries please get back to me.*
Thank you, bye bye".

I've got a query PC Trevenna? How come whenever the hunt injures a sab, the police do nothing but all a sab has to do is fart near the hunt and they're dragged off to the cells?! Oh yeah, I forgot you're just doing your job, aren't you. Your job obviously being sitting on your fat arses, eating doughnuts and protecting rich scum from us nasty anarchists.
Good luck to you Philip with your civil case against Sparrow.
D.I.Y justice !

JOHN GILL'S ANTI-SNARE MISSION CONTINUES AFTER PRISON RELEASE

According to magistrates in Hexham, Northumberland it is illegal to stop a crime from being committed. John Gill (see letter's page) from Co. Durham was given almost £500 in costs, fines and compensation after removing illegal snares on the Featherstone Estate, nr. Alston, Northumberland.
John removed thirty-eight self-locking snares and took them to a police station to complain about their use. The end result of bringing a crime to the attention of the police ? A criminal prosecution for criminal damage! Another example of the " impartial policing " that forces up and down the country continually harp on about.

Magistrate Madelaine Elliot, presumably some kind of expert on snares, declared the snares were legal despite the evidence of experts. Self locking snares choke an animal to death by tightening until the animal dies. They are illegal under the Wildlife Countryside Act 1981 because of unacceptable levels of suffering they cause.
John will not be paying his fines on a point of principle.
A cynic would say that the best thing to do would be to simply destroy the snares without bothering to inform the police of the crimes committed, especially as the police couldn't care less about the suffering of animals (or people for that matter !). However, the destruction of other people's property is " Criminal Damage" so I would like to say, don't get caught...oops, I mean don't do it !

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Being held while facing extradition proceedings to the USA in connection with raids on fur farms in Wisconsin in which 3,600 mink were released.
(Justin has asked that people writing to him should not use the words militant, war, attack, fight, warrior, violent, revenge, or anything like that when referring to his situation, so as not to prejudice his case.)

AARON RUDRA
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Sentenced to 10 months for arson attack against a slaughterhouse and for other DFF (Norwegian ALF) actions.

Thank you

Massive respec' to those select people who have written articles. Thanks to all those people who have sent in press clippings. *Howl* wouldn't be possible without you. It would make life easier if any clips relavent to '*Vermin Patrol*' could be sent directly to

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so that he can deal with them. Clippings with pictures are especially useful so we know what the enemy looks like. Anybody with general animal- rights clippings which aren't especially relavent to the anti hunting movement can always send them to ARC news. Please don't think for a second that we no longer want hunting clippings sent to the HSA though!

Again, thanks for making the effort.

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CRUELTY CASES IN THE COURTS

badger
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Gary Lee Haslam (29) of Moorend, Clitheroe was convicted of digging for badgers but has escaped a jail sentence. Haslam was also found guilty of cruelty to his dog, which suffered facial injuries, was given 100 hours community service and put on a four-month curfew. On 7/2/00 Burnley magistrates banned Haslam from keeping a dog for five years and told him to pay £1,200 in costs and his dog was forfeited. The court heard how Haslam had been seen by police coming out of a wood wearing camouflage clothing and his dog was bleeding from the mouth and eye. Haslam said his terrier had disappeared into a hole and he had dug her out. While digging, he claimed, he saw a fox vault from the hole followed by the dog. Officers later found the defendant's spade and iron bar near to an active badger sett. Haslam said he had never seen a badger. The court also heard that Haslam has had working dogs virtually all his life.

bloodsport
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A Barnstaple man was disqualified from holding a fishing licence for four years after he pleaded guilty to fixing a net across the River Taw. On 24/1/2000 North Devon magistrates ordered **Ronald Luxton** of 23 Elmlea Avenue, Fremington to pay £200 in fines and £75 costs. Luxton, who has a history of fishing convictions, was spotted, with two other men, by a late night anti poaching patrol.

An Isle of Wight pheasant breeder has been given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £534 after pleading guilty to permitting pheasant chicks to hatch in an unsuitable environment. **Stephen Donson** (52) of Adgestone rears up to 1,500 pheasants a week for a commercial business. In the past he has disposed of pheasant eggs in a dustbin and twice on the council disposal tip. The case came to light when workers on an Isle of Wight refuse tip heard cheeping noises from rubbish bags and decided to investigate. Opening the bags they discovered hundreds of pheasant eggs had been dumped, and some had already hatched. In February 2000 Island magistrates heard how plastic bags were found containing 1,085 complete eggs, 312 eggs with shells partially broken and embryos visible, 33 dead hatched chicks and 29 live chicks which had either hatched or were just hatching. The hatchlings were taken to an animal centre but only three survived. They have since been released, joining other pheasants cared for by the RSPCA.

A gamekeeper who beat his pregnant girlfriend was jailed on 01/03/00 by Newcastle Crown Court. **Kevin Bright** (42) of Low Briarside Farm, Burnopfield, near Consett, attacked his girlfriend claiming the baby was not his. He used a walking stick and a hosepipe to inflict bruising described by a doctor as horrific. Bright had denied causing grievous bodily harm with intent and a further charge of assaulting but was convicted on both accounts. He was jailed for three and a half years.

Javid Iqbal (45) of St Benedicts Road, Small Heath, Birmingham was granted unconditional bail after appearing at Birmingham magistrates charged with a series of offences related to cockfighting. Iqbal pleaded not guilty to all the charges and was granted unconditional bail to appear before the same court on 15/8/00. The charges relate to a search of premises on St Benedicts Road, Small Heath, by RSPCA officers when video and other items, allegedly related to cockfighting, were seized.

bird
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A bird trapper described by conservationists as "the biggest single threat to Scotland's wildlife" was fined £2,700 on 14/3/00. **Matt Morrison** (59) from Ayr was filmed during a police and RSPB investigation using a live pigeon to trap a peregrine falcon. RSPB investigators said Morrison had been known to them for more than 10 years and had four previous convictions. The Sheriff at Ayr sheriff court ordered the seizure of his car, to prevent him travelling to remote nesting sites. Morrison was sentenced after being found guilty of six charges,including setting a trap, trying to capture a falcon, and using a live pigeon as bait. (Six years ago, his 23-year-old son Steven was filmed by the 'Cook Report' taking peregrine falcon eggs from a nest. He was later fined £700).

A gamekeeper has been fined for the killing of three kestrels on Holkham Estate in Norfolk. **Martin Joyce** admitted to shooting two birds and poisoning a third because he blamed them for attacking young partridges.

One of the world's leading bird experts has been jailed for two-and a half years for illegally bringing endangered parrots into Britain. **Harry Sissen** (61) of Cornhill Farm in East Cowton, near Northallerton, North Yorkshire was labelled as a liar and a hypocrite by a judge as he passed sentence at Newcastle Crown Court on 14/4/00. Sissen was charged with illegally importing three extremely rare Lear's macaws and six blue-headed macaws into the UK. Sissen was also ordered to pay £5,000 towards the £77,500 costs of the case. The court also heard how Sissen had two other previous convictions for smuggling rare birds into the country. In 1977 he was fined £200 at Durham Magistrates Court for smuggling 20 birds and in 1981 he admitted smuggling a parrot into the UK in his car. Sissen was found guilty of illegally importing three Lear's macaws and six blue-headed macaws into the UK. Sissen also owns the **Cornhill Conservation Centre** located next to his farm.

equine
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The owner of horses found emaciated and, in one case, with a bleeding tumour has been fined £7,700. **Margaret Jones** (52) of South Avenue, Chellaston, Derbyshire was found guilty of seven charges of causing unnecessary suffering to her horses at Derby magistrates on 7/2/00. She was also ordered to pay £11,742 towards the RSCPA,s costs. The case centred on the condition of seven horses found at Saltersford Farm, Egginton, the court heard that one of the horses had bleeding tumour-like growths on his body but had not received treatment. The other six were in a malnourished and emaciated state. RSPCA inspectors told the court that the farm was overstocked, with nearly 70 horses, fences were in a state of disrepair and supplementary food had not been provided. At an earlier hearing, Jones had pleaded guilty to another charge of causing unnecessary suffering to another horse which was emaciated, lethargic, depressed and had a lesion six inches in diameter from which a foul-smelling pus was oozing. Jones was fined £700 for causing unnecessary suffering to the first horse and £1,000 for each of the other seven. Jones said she would be appealing against the sentence.

A dealer who transported two unfit horses from Ireland to Northumberland without enough water or rest periods has been ordered to pay £2,243 in fines and costs. The horses, both aged over 20 years, were in shocking condition. On 3/4/00 Bedlington magistrates heard **John Graham** (52) of Woodhorn Road, Newbiggin, admit two charges of transporting an unfit horse, failing to draw up a route plan and failing to ensure animals were rested, fed and watered during a journey. Graham was also convicted by the Bedlington magistrates on 6/3/00 of causing unnecessary suffering to a horse by failing to seek prompt veterinary attention.

A woman who neglected her horses until they were starving has been banned from keeping animals for 10 years by Carmarthen magistrates on 19/4/00. RSPCA inspectors were horrified when they saw found the animals belonging to **Anne Krystina Helen Kasica** (45) of Danygraig, Cwmpengraig, near Llandysul, a vet and police seized 12 emaciated horses which had been left unfed on boggy land. Sadly two of the horses later died. Kasica was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to an animal on 12 counts. Kasica denied all charges but was found guilty of omitting to provide care and attention. When she returned to court for sentencing she was fined £7,200 and ordered to pay £10,000 costs to the RSPCA. The 10 surviving animals were also signed over into the custody of the RSPCA. This is the second time Kasica had been convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to horses.

A man has escaped a jail sentence after admitting causing unnecessary suffering to a horse by dragging it with a tow rope attached to his car.Nottingham magistrates fined **Joshua Swindell** (48) of Warney Road, Twodales, Matlock £1,000 after hearing how he tried to get the Arab bay mare into a horse box with a rope tied to his Land Rover. But an application by the RSPCA to have Swindell banned from owning horses was rejected. On 10/5/00 magistrates heard how Swindell's wife **Valerie** (43) had problems loading the horse into its box after a competition. The horse bolted while Mrs Swindell tried to load it for the journey home, dragging her through a hedge. Mrs Swindell telephoned her husband for help and he attached a rope to the animal's halter and fed the other end through the horse box to a tow hook on the back of his Land Rover. The horse was being dragged by the neck and it slipped on the ramp and suffered a cut to its head. Swindell was also ordered to pay costs of £600.

farm
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Kevin Hancock (33) of Rodley Square, Lydney, admitted transporting a pig in a way likely to cause unnecessary suffering to the animal. He also admitted being in custody of a pig in contravention of a court order banning him from having animals. **Alfred Hale** (57) of New Road, Blakeney, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting Hancock in transporting the pig. He also admitted failing to declare the movement of the pig and falling to record information on the movement of his sheep. Both men, whose families have farmed in the Forest of Green area for generations, have vowed never to have animals again. They were each given 12-month conditional discharges on 6/10/99 by Forest of Dean magistrates' at Coleford. Magistrates heard how Hancock was banned from keeping animals for five years in September 1994 for causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. Magistrates also ordered Hale to pay £400 costs and fined Hancock £100 for breach of the order, with £200 costs.

A farmer altered information about the ages of calves sent to slaughter to increase their value, after suffering in the BSE crisis, Market Harborough magistrates heard on 20/1/00. Simon **Ernest Bailey** (34) of Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell pleaded guilty to making a false document and was ordered to serve 40 hours community service. Bailey made profits of around £50 on two animals, and £75 on another. Bailey said:
“My back was against the wall. I was desperate."

Rotting carcasses at an illegal slaughterhouse in the Brecon Beacons put public health at risk, a Crown court heard on 29/1/00. **Derek Jeffrey Davies** (42) of Pentrefelin, near Brecon, was ordered to do 240 hours of community service at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court, after pleading guilty to two charges of breaking the slaughter regulations and four offences of killing animals without a licence. The court was told that Davies, described as a skilled butcher and a pillar of the community, had carried out the unlicensed slaughter operation for the past two years, charging only £5 to kill a sheep. But the rotting remains of 30 carcasses, including sheep heads left in open and waterlogged burial pits, were found at his Pentrefelin smallholding. He was also ordered to pay £2,100 prosecution costs.

David Thompson (56) of Alexandra Road, Ashington, Northumberland, was banned on 9/2/00 from keeping any animals for the rest of his life after Bedlington magistrates heard how eight pigs were rescued by the RSPCA from appaling conditions on a filthy allotment. The pigs were caked in their own faeces and urine, had not been properly fed and were infested with lice. Three of them have since been destroyed because of their age and poor condition but the other five are doing well after being found a new home. Thompson was disqualified from keeping animals for life, fined £300 and ordered to pay £200 costs after admitting cruelty.

domestic
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A dog owner has been jailed for three months after the bodies of two starved Staffordshire bull terriers were found dumped in an oil tin in a north Hull garden. A third animal, also severely under-nourished, was living in an excrement-strewn metal crate in the kitchen. On 10/9/99 **Michael Glindell** (34) of 10th Avenue, North Hull Estate, pleaded guilty to three charges of causing unnecessary suffering to the animals.
Hull magistrates jailed him for three months for one of the offences, banned him for life from keeping dogs and removed the surviving animal.Glindell used to breed and show dogs.

On 13/12/99 **Jeremy Philip English** (45) from Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, who was a senior RAF officer, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay costs of £500 by magistrates after pleading guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to his dog. Magistrates heard how English left his Irish Wolfhound in a car in oven like, conditions for six hours. Sadly, the dog died the day after the incident.

A couple that left their pet dog to hobble around on a smashed leg have been fined £300 by Newcastle magistrates on 28/12/99. **Derek and Susan McNichol** from Studdon Walk, Kenton Bar, Newcastle both admitted the charge of cruelty and were placed on conditional discharge for a year.

Nicky Travis (34) of Fairview Way, Wymouth was jailed for two months and banned him from keeping animals for seven years after admitting killing his girlfriends pet kitten. On 7/1/00 Dorchester magistrates were told how Travis threw the kitten to the floor and stabbed it eight times.

Marjorie Neale who is the wife of a Norfolk vet was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to nine dogs at her husbands practice. She had been living in the veterinary surgery with 23 dogs and 31 cats. After a three-day trial at Fakenham magistrates' court on 14/1/00 she was found guilty and was ordered to pay £8,300 costs and banned for life from having custody of more than two dogs at any time. Her husband **David Neale** had earlier pleaded guilty to the same charges. He was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £800 costs. The dogs were discovered living in excrement at the practice in Swaffham, Norfolk with skin conditions, overgrown claws and worm infestations. She refused to allow Mr Neale to treat animals anywhere other than the reception area, resulting in animals being kept in cramped, unsuitable conditions. All the dogs were taken into RSPCA care.

A former club bouncer who kicked a tiny dog until it couldn't walk has been found guilty of animal cruelty. **Simon Hopper** (30) of Beweshill Crescent, Winlaton, Gateshead repeatedly kicked the small crossbred terrier while he was out walking his two Staffordshire Pit Bull Terriers. Hopper was fined £200 and ordered to pay £103 towards vets' bills as compensation by Newcastle magistrates on 14/1/00. The court, which heard how, the terrier lost the use of his back legs after the assault. Hopper admitted kicking the dog but claimed it was only by accident and it was in an attempt to break up a dogfight. The terrier received a broken pelvis during the attack but has now regained the use of his back legs.

A woman, who abandoned four dogs, resulting in one eating another to survive, was jailed for four months on 20/1/00. **Georgina Addis** (28) ofWalsall, West Midlands, was also banned for life from keeping animals after leaving the dogs in a house infested with rats. RSPCA officers told Walsall magistrates they had found the remains of one of the dogs and another sadly died shortly afterwards. Addis had earlier admitted failing to provide necessary care for the dogs and abandoning them.

Newcastle magistrates heard on 21/1/00 how a starving pet dog was saved from death by RSPCA officers who found the German Shepherd on its last legs. **Thomas Hurst** (47) of Pendower Way, Benwell, Newcastle, admitted causing unnecessary cruelty to an animal and was fined £150. RSPCA inspectors found the dog's pelvic ribs showing through its skin, it was severely underweight and was suffering from skin and eye conditions. Magistrates also banned Hurst from owning an animal for life.

A couple who locked their pet dog in a caravan for six hours during a heat wave were fined £500 each on 24/1/00 when they appeared Dover magistrates. The English bulldog died from a heart attack caused by the stress of being confined in the caravan. **Graham Woodrow** (45) and his GP wife **Janice** (43) of Stanley, Wakefield, North Yorkshire both pleaded guilty to causing their dog unnecessary suffering. Magistrates also ordered them to pay court costs of £1,500 and RSPCA vets' fees of £161 between them.

A former care assistant who abandoned 10 family pets for a month was jailed for three months and banned from keeping animals for 25 years by Manchester magistrates on 11/2/00. **Colette Dyson** (41) of Cromwell Road, Levenshulme, Manchester admitted eight charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals in her care. Magistrates heard how the three puppies that were found were flea ridden and very thin died two weeks after being rescued. Dyson was also convicted of cruelty to a dog in October 1991.

A man who ended a vicious attack on a four-month-old kitten by drop kicking it across a kitchen, leaving it brain damaged, has been jailed for three months on 18/2/00. **Luis Miguel Oliviera** (23) of Kinson, Dorset, was jailed after Bournemouth magistrates heard of the prolonged attack on the kitten. He was also banned from keeping any animal for the next eight years.

A former vet's nurse has been jailed and banned from keeping animals after neglecting her own cats. **Jane Sutcliffe** (29) of Castle View, Aidercar, near Heanor kept her pets were caged in her back garden. Sutcliffe was jailed for a month and banned from keeping animals for 20 years. But on 22/2/00 Ilkeston magistrates allowed her to keep black Labrador Kelly. Sutcliffe had been found guilty in her absence of causing unnecessary suffering to the cats by failing to provide necessary care and attention.

Stanley Jackson (48) of BernerStreet, Middlesbrough,Teesside, was jailed for a month on 23/2/00 after he was "too embarrassed" to get his dog medical treatment and dumped her to die. The electrician bundled his sick pet into a holdall and abandoned her next to a public waste tip. Middlesbrough magistrates were told Jackson had neglected the 17-year-old black and white collie bitch over a period of months. Her condition became so bad she could hardly walk and was in constant pain with at least four open sores on her body. At an earlier hearing Jackson admitted two charges of abandonment and causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. The dog has since made a full recovery and has been re-homed.

Robert Ralphson (42) from Fowley Common, Culcheth, Warrington admitted four charges of cruelty to Capuchin monkey and a green iguana. The iguana has since had to be put down, but the monkey was rescued from his squalid cage at **‘Pets Corner’** on Queen Street, Leigh. Officials were called in after discovering that a 15-year-old schoolboy had been left to run the business while Ralphson went on holiday. The court was told that Ralphson who was banned from holding a pet shop licence for ten years in December 1999 for separate offences - had only a partial knowledge of how to treat exotic animals. At Leigh magistrates on 13/4/00 he was given four 270-hour community service orders all to run concurrently and banned from keeping animals (apart from his two pet dogs!) for ten years.

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On 11/4/00 **Barbara Hampson** (44) of Fir Tree Drive, Newton, Tameside appeared before Tameside magistrates and admitted three charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals. Magistrates heard how an RSPCA inspector had visited her shop and found three puppies with diarrhoea, three kittens in a cage with dirty and crusty eyes and a rat with babies nesting in a pile of faeces in a glass tank. Hampson is the owner of '**Monkey Business**', a pet shop on Market Street, Hyde but runs the business with her husband Norman and daughter Amanda.

On 31/3/00 an Anglican clergyman was cautioned by police after being accused of kicking a dog in the head. The Rev **Graham Waring** (62)was given the caution by officers after the owner of the ten-year-old King Charles spaniel complained. The dog was on a footpath next to the home of its owner when the incident happened. Waring, a minister at Corpus Christi Church, in the nearby village of Murrow, refused to comment.



Nigel Hibbs

Nigel Hibbs (42) has been banned from a village near Hinckley in Leicestershire after admitting he was the poisoner who wreaked havoc among his neighbours' pets. As many as 70 cats disappeared in five years in an area spanning just three roads. Among the victims were 11 cats belonging to Hibb's next door neighbour. When the police raided Hibb's home in Preston Drive they found craft knives, latex gloves, face masks and newspaper cuttings recording the details of the killings. Under his bed was a block of cyanide big enough to kill 1,500 cats. Hibbs had given himself away by boasting to friends that he had "got six cats" by poisoning them with sardines and kippers laced with cyanide. At Hinckley magistrates on 19/5/00 he admitted possessing cyanide with intent to damage property and two charges of attempting to damage a cat. Magistrates adjourned the case for reports on Hibbs, who now lives in Melton Road, Leicester.

A Redruth man who hit his wife's cat with a hammer so hard that its body bounced on the ground was sent to prison for three months by Camborne magistrates on 13/4/00. **Rupert Ford** (32) of Falmouth Road, Redruth, Cornwall killed his wife's cat with the knife they used to cut their wedding cake in a "revenge" attack. Ford believed his wife to be having an affair so decided he "wanted her to feel some pain". Ford was banned for life from keeping animals.



Edward Masters

A 'neighbour from hell', who set a snare which killed his neighbour's cat was sentenced at Yeovil magistrates court 8/5/00. **Edward Masters** (50) of Camborne Street, Yeovil was found guilty of setting the snare which strangled the pet cat. He was sentenced to 200 hours community service and ordered to pay £1,000 costs to the RSPCA and £450 compensation to his neighbour for costs and distress. The cat was found hanging from a wire snare in a tree also found was pieces of glass pointing upwards from flower beds and nylon line and garden twine in the bushes. Masters denied setting the snare and said he'd used the glass to deter intruders and the nylon line to tie-back bushes. He was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to a cat.

Scott Rose, 27, Stalbridge, Dorset, was sentenced to 4 months in prison for strangling his girlfriends rabbit to death. He then paraded around Stalbridge with the corpse on his shoulder.

A pair of Crufts judges were banned from keeping animals for two years on 23/3/00 after they subjected 83 dogs to a catalogue of neglect.Sisters **Caroline Gatheral** (65) and **Mary Gatheral** (63) both of Sockburn Hall, Neasham, County Durham. The dogs were kept in horrendous conditions, without water and surrounded by their own excrement and urine. Dogs were tied to chairs, some were running free, and others were kept in boxes used as makeshift kennels in about a dozen unlit rooms and outbuildings. Caroline Gatheral was a judge at this year's Crufts show and her sister had originally denied causing unnecessary suffering to 83 dogs, however, they changed their pleas to guilty on all of the charges when they appeared before magistrates in Bishop Auckland, County Durham. Magistrates also ordered the pair to each pay £500 compensation.

A dog owner, who beat his 12-week-old puppy so brutally that she looked as if she could have been hit by a car, has been banned from owning an animal for 25 years. The Staffordshire Bull cross, was in a "pitiful" condition when she was taken to a animal hospital. **Joseph Rizzo** (31) a registered drug addict, of Bridgeway Street, Camden Town, was fined £35 on 13/4/00 by magistrates at Highbury Corner and banned from owning an animal for 25 years.

A man described as a "serial neglecter" was jailed for four months and banned from keeping animals for life by Newcastle magistrates on 15/4/00 after leaving his pets to starve. **Derek Ridley** (37) of Hotspur Street,Newcastle, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to the two dogs, two mice and two rats. Ridley was still serving a 10-year ban from keeping animals when RSPCA officers found the distressed pets in his flat. Ridley, currently serving a four year sentence for robbery, had previously been banned twice from keeping animals. He was banned for two years in the 1980's and again in 1990 for 10 years.

A north-east man was fined £300 on 17/5/00 and banned from owning a dog for two years after a puppy was found dead hanging from a drainpipe. **Paul Thores** (22) of 37 Grange Gardens, Peterhead, admitted abandoning the 10-week-old puppy leaving it tied to a drainpipe by its lead causing the animal unnecessary suffering.

A dog owner found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to animals is facing a £28,000 RSPCA costs bill after losing an appeal in a case with important implications. **Kathryne Hamilton-Johnson** (52) of East Chisenbury, near Pewsey, Wiltshire was originally ordered to pay £260. The bill rose to £28,000 when she unsuccessfully appealed to Swindon Crown Court against her sentence. She had been conditionally discharged for two years, banned from keeping domestic animals for five years and ordered to hand over her dogs to the RSPCA. Her lawyers took the issue of costs to the High Court on 5/4/00, arguing that the Crown Court had no jurisdiction to impose the increase but her challenge was rejected. Hamilton-Johnson who will meet the bill from the £160,000 sale of her cottage, was also refused permission to take the case to the House of Lords.

Five children will have their pets taken from their Notts home after their mother admitted cruelty to a chinchilla. **Teresa Lambert** (29) of Patterson Place, Mansfield, was taken to court after the RSPCA discovered the chinchilla in an "appaling state" at her home. It was found with a fractured leg, fur missing from its paws, sores over its body and it was so skinny its ribs were showing. Sadly it had to be put down by a vet. Lambert was ordered not to keep pets at her home for five years after appearing at Mansfield magistrates on 17/5/00. She was ordered to pay a £63 vets' bill and court costs of £67.

The RSPB and Dorset police conducted a joint raid on a gamekeeper suspected of possessing and using illegal poisons. **Leonard White**, 65, is gamekeeper on the Up Sydling shooting estate, nr. Dorchester. Two types of pesticides were seized along with ammunition. A bottle of Phosdrin, a highly toxic pesticide, was found with a syringe in White's truck. Police believe it was being used to poison bait left for raptors and other predators. Sentencing was at Dorchester magistrates on 24th May.

Michael Gerrard, 28, Rutland Road, Skegness was in court on charges of cruelty to a dog after he was seen repeatedly kicking it. Gerrard had been drinking heavily before the incident. Two witnesses intervened on the dogs behalf and pushed Gerrard down a manhole, restraining him there until police arrived. Sentencing was adjourned for pre-sentence reports.

Viscount Coke, son of the Earl of Leicester has been implicated on 15 charges under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act and the Food and Environment Protection Act. Gamekeeper Martin Joyce was found guilty of killing protected birds of prey (namely kestrels) by the use of poison, on the Holkham Hall estate, north Norfolk. Coke is alleged to have known about the poisonings but denies the charges. Joyce was fined £850 with £100 costs after a pheasant laced with the pesticide carbofuran was found, along with two dead kestrels in his Land Rover.

Mohamed Tajh Khan was recently prosecuted by the RSPCA after a raid on his house unearthed evidence of organised quail-fighting. In a bizarre case, Khan admitted sharpening the birds beaks with a razor so they would produce more horrific injuries, presumably to increase the " excitement" for the spectators.He was found guilty of two charges of causing unnecessary suffering. Sentencing was adjourned for pre-sentence reports.

Three young children in West End, Southampton, beat a 16-year old bull to death with baseball bats. The children, possibly as young as 12, attacked two pet cows and escaped from a local man who tried to intervene. The other cow survived the attack. A warning to the residents of West End - if these children are not stopped you can expect another James Bulgar type incident.

Lincolnshire police are hunting a gang of scum that have taken to driving around at night in 4X4 vehicles killing anything that moves. The group are known to have killed deer, badgers and foxes. Local farmers have had crops severely damaged which is probably why the police are investigating in the first place as this is nothing more than motorised lamping. A good place to start looking for the culprits would be with the local hunt terrierman if you ask me.

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The Hunt Saboteurs Association needs your help in defeating bloodsports.

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The Hunt Saboteurs Association, in comparison, runs solely on funds from you, the public, who keep the organisation afloat with donations and membership. It depends on the small band of volunteers who give over their spare time to keep the HSA running smoothly, who produce leaflets and adverts and salesgoods, who staff stalls, who give advice to other sabs and deal with the press. And most importantly of all it depends on the dedication of the men and women who, week in, week out, defy the hunts on their own turf, and in the face of increasing violence and police powers, *still* manage to save the lives of thousands of hunted animals every year.

There are several ways you can help the HSA.

- Get in touch with your local sab group (details from the office on 01273 622 827) and either go sabbing yourself or help in other ways such as fundraising or mechanics.
- If you are not already a member of the HSA, please join now by using the form below - it only takes a few minutes to fill in and return to us.
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