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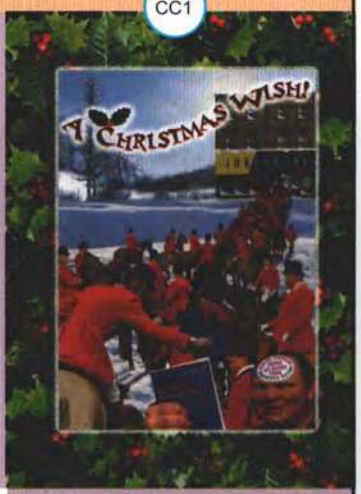

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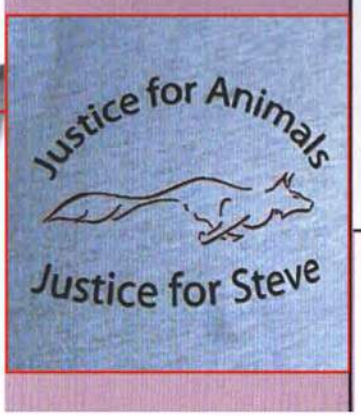
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EDITORIAL(S)

Here we go again. Another attempt to resolve the hunting issue will have been put to Parliament by the time you read this. Hey, bizarely it may even have been banned this time - I doubt it though. Still, nice thought.

What I've consistently not got about this is Tony Blair's complete inabilitiy to grapple the basic fact that the 'antis' will never go away.
The so called middle way means nothing to those who support a ban. It's a watered down status quo that none of those that support a ban will ever accept. There is only one resolution to this issue and it's beyond me that the Government cannot see it. The suggestion that there will be mass civil disobedience if a ban goes through is frankly crap. The suggestion that failure to introduce the ban this time will harden the resolve of those is frankly spot on.

Wake up Tony. We're not going anywhere. The other organisations and individuals who support a ban aren't going anywhere. So do the decent thing and deal with this issue once and for all. Then I can spend more time on my Playstation.

Matt

I went to see the film 'Bend it Like Beckham' recently. Brilliant, I thought; a skilful interplay between the age old conflicts of tradition and the new, the individual and society, stereotype and actuality; all finally culminating in an exhilarating display of compromise and satisfaction, where everyone is happy and no one a loser.

If only one could bend everything like Beckham and bottle the formula! One could douse it on the flames of all political argument that seeks to undermine our semblance of world peace, our freedom to indulge in a bit of DIY, and God forbid, speculate on the father of Liz Hurley's baby. I would bet my bottom Euro in fact, that a similar desire for good intent and happy potions is at the root of our parliamentary middle way with regard to the monumentally decrepit row over foxhunting. Alas, anyone who's tried to iron out their crow's feet will tell you that fairytales do not come in bottles anymore than fair play comes with 50 people and 40 trained dogs out to lynch a single animal for fun.

In spite of Tony Blair's desire to bend it like Beckham and score the ultimate crowd pleaser over the hunting issue, a happy ending on all sides seems extremely unlikely; if not because blood junkies will feel their habits have been unfairly curtailed, not to mention the animals that will continue to be killed under a licensing system as opposed to one of self regulation, then because of the death of two young men and the permanent injury of others, who've dared to exercise their right to peaceful protests against a violent ritual perpetrated by sentimentalists of a feudal society.

There can be no compromise or "middle way" while killing for amusement remains legal. That would amount to breaking it like Beckham! And whilst our Scottish neighbours have taken the honourable first step, England and Wales must endure a further period of consultation to decide the future of this ridiculous pastime.

The HSA needs **YOUR** support more than ever next season.

We need to convince the hunters that they've had their field day and their time is up.

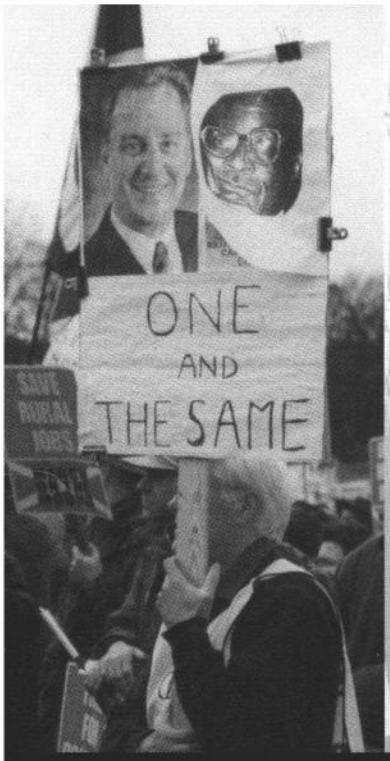
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HUNT SABOTEURS DEMAND AN APOLOGY

The Hunt Saboteurs Association has demanded a public apology for being misrepresented as former JP, Jonathan Wilkes was sentenced to 5 years in jail for planting bombs that hunt saboteurs were initially blamed for.

The explosives, described as being "specifially designed to maim and kill" were left in woods near hunting areas in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire in August 2000. At the time the Guardian newspaper ran a story with the headline:
"Bomb linked to anti-hunt activists" the article claiming that hunt saboteurs could be responsible for the devices. The report included the line:
"A spokeswoman for 721 Explosives Ordnance Depot at Ashchurch said police had indicated they could not rule out hunt saboteurs."

We're still waiting!



Scotland the Brave

On 13th February 2002 Scotland became the first part of the UK to outlaw the ugly ritual of lynching wild mammals with dogs, generically known as "foxhunting".

In spite of the death threats, the detractors, and a £250,000 scare-mongering campaign funded by English Dukes and royalty, MSPs voted by 83 to 36 votes to pass Lord Watson's Protection of Wild Mammals Bill, which will make mounted fox hunting, fox baiting and hare coursing a criminal offence in Scotland, punishable by a heavy fine or up to 6 months in jail. Mounted deer hunting, arguably the most barbaric form of the bloodsport to continue in England, was banished from Scotland 30 years ago.

The Bill must now receive the Royal seal of approval before it can become an Act of Parliament. Fortunately, our wildlife killing monarch does not have the power to refuse her consent. Animal welfare groups and people across the country were reported to be in jubilant form following the result (no it wasn't all for the Olympic curling medal!).

Les Ward, director of Scottish based animal welfare organisation, Advocates for Animals said:

"This is a wonderful day for Scotland, its parliament, and the vast majority of Scots - both urban and rural - who wanted a ban. As Gandhi once said, the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. Tonight, as a nation, we can be justly proud that we have relegated mounted fox hunting, hare coursing and fox baiting to where they belong - the history books."

Meanwhile, Scottish hunt saboteurs will continue to attend the last miserable meets of the Scottish hunts and vow to act as police aides and monitors in the event of any acts of defiance from disgruntled blood junkies once the law comes into effect.

WARNINGS OF "RIVERS OF BLOOD" AS BLOODSPORTS LOBBY UNVEIL WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

GAY CLUBS ARE WORSE THAN FOX HUNTING

Says Fat Ladies star Clarissa



Downing Street has been warned that there will be "rivers of blood" across the British countryside if Westminster follows the lead of the Scottish parliament. Meanwhile, the Countryside Alliance is preparing their single weapon of mass destruction for an all out war. As we speak, Clarissa Dickson Wright is rumoured to be eating her way through a mountain of pies in conjunction with learning to ride a geneticall modified elephant, which it is hoped, will carry her untold weight into the countryside if a ban comes into force.

Whether the "rivers of blood" will pour from the unfortunate mammal Clarissa is to straddle - certain to be minced into small pieces under the force of her colossal flaps - or if it is to well up from an undisclosed source, is anyone's guess at present! Downing Street can only take the threats seriously.

Other threats made by the bloodsports contingent include big-talk of invoking the powers of the European Convention of Human Rights to challenge the ban on the basis that it constitutes an infringement to civil liberties. Others have pledged to carry on hunting as they fancy that there are enough loopholes in the legislation to be able to circumvent it. We'll shall see!

Legal experts on the other hand, say that any challenges to the legislation using the principles of the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) are unlikely to succeed. Paul McBride QC said: "*It is difficult to see how not being allowed to torture a fox to death is a breach of your human rights.*" By the same token people who get sent to prison for microwaving kittens could call upon the ECHR in their defence also.

THE ENGLISH INVASION

During the months leading up to the passing of the Bill, Scotland suffered what has been described as the biggest invasion by the English since the battle of Colluden. On 16th December 2001, hordes of English bloodsports fanatics flooded over the borders and stomped into Edinburgh to demonstrate over what the Countryside Alliance described as a "whole range of rural issues". Judging by the banners and placards on show that day, the "whole range" would seem to consist of fox hunting, fox baiting, hare hunting, and generally a demand for the right to kill for fun.

In a last ditch attempt to appeal to hearts and minds, some of the alliance loonies, including fat creature Clarissa Dickson Wright, carried slogans reading "Save our Dogs"! Does the alliance think people are still under the grand illusion that foxhounds are allowed to live out their natural lives, or were they just trying to have a laugh at the eleventh hour? It's common knowledge after all, that hunting hounds receive a bullet in the head for their 6th or 7th Birthday, if not before then, if they fail to demonstrate the right metal for hunting.

Our Scottish correspondent, Ms Couch-Beagle, was in Edinburgh the week leading up to the historic vote. She witnessed the antics of the self-branded Rural Rebels and had this to say:

"The Rural Rebels really were a gift - I don't think we could have done it without them! Days prior to the vote they set off orange smoke canisters outside the First Minister's residence - one of which exploded and injured a policeman. Then they tried to ride 100 horses along Princes Street. At the latter protest Jeremy Whaley*, Master of the Berwickshire hunt, got nicked for public order offences!"

Above and right are some images which captured the mood and character of the invaders at the miserable gatherings, some of which may have assisted nicely in firming up any lax commitment among the MSPs.

* Whaley was previously huntsman of the *Chiddingfold, etc FH* where he helped reduce this once prestigious pack to the comical farce they remain today.

DISTURBING INCREASE IN BLOODJUNKIES WHO DON'T PAY FOR THEIR FIX

Animal welfare charities have reported a boom in illegal bloodsports across the UK. Gangs of up to 40 men, many armed with shotguns and wearing balaclavas, convene at secret locations where they set lurchers and greyhounds - many stolen - on anything that moves. The man whose dogs kills the most animals, stands to make the most money. Simple.

Recently a stallholder from East Anglia was approached by a man who'd unwittingly gone along to one of these meets and was sickened by what he saw.

The man told the stallholder how recently he'd been befriended by a couple of men who invited him out for a "bit of sport". He accepted their invite and went along to a place in Luton with them. The men had lurchers with them, which they set onto deer. The man told the stallholder that when the dogs caught the deer, the men stamped on the deer's head to kill it. He said he was sickened by the whole thing and hasn't been out with them since. The men concerned live in Haddenham near Ely, Cambs. Just the sort of place where this type hang out.

Any information on this should be forwarded to the office, if not the police and RSPCA.

SABS LEFT TO RESCUE HOUND AFTER CLIFF FALL

On January 30 hunt saboteurs in the north west condemned the Holcombe Hunt after its supporters, riders and staff showed little regard yet again for the fate of a hound which was injured after falling 30 feet down a cliff.

The incident occurred when the hunt met at Holt Lane Farm, Brindle, near Chorley, which is the home of Hunt Master, Arnold Greenhalgh. Hunt saboteurs were in attendance to use non-violent direct action in order to prevent the hunt from killing foxes or hares following a tip off from a from a concerned member of the local community.

During the course of the day members of the NWHSA saved the lives of many hares and rabbits. However, during the afternoon the pack of hounds was then seen hunting near a cliff face, when one of the hounds fell. The saboteurs were at the incident within seconds to attend to the hound. One saboteur then picked up the dying hound, which had blood streaming from its mouth, and ran over to the nearby road to get help. Despite the presence of 20 hunt supporters at the road they all ignored the saboteurs pleas for help and it was not until a member of the hunt staff decided to intervene after several minutes that a supporter reluctantly decided to put the injured foxhound in his Landrover. It is not hard to gues the fate of the injured hound.

Following the incident Paul Timpson spokesperson for the NWHSA said: "It just goes to show that the hunt see the hounds as entirely expendable, as they just carried on hunting as if nothing had happened,. This incident comes after the a bloodsports protest held earlier in the year in which hunt supporters waved banners reading "SAVE OUR DOGS".



HE DIDN'T MEAN TO SEND IT; HE'S JUST A STUPID GUY!

Seventies has-been Bryan Ferry's son was investigated by police in February after he sent an abusive email to an anti-bloodsports campaigner.

The message was sent from Eton College, where 16-year-old Isaac is possibly a special needs pupil.

The email said: "You are a f***ing looser (sic). Why don't you stop waisting (sic) your time and get a real job/hobby, you c***?"

Isaac rides with the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt near his home in Little Bognor, West Sussex. Older bruv Otis, works as an assistant whipper-in for the Middleton Hunt in North Yorks

In spite of the sex, drugs and rock'n' roll, dad cleary made a good job of bringing his chidlren up!

KARMA POLICE

A retired British police officer was recovering in the Caribbean in February after a fishing trip took a bizarre twist and two of his fishing pals were eaten by sharks!

BBC London 27 Feb 02

An 86-year-old hunter was recovering in hospital after he dangled by his ankles from a tree for four hours. William Watkins caught his feet in branches as he climbed a tree to shoot turkeys and deer in Florida. His shotgun jammed so he couldn't signal for help. His son alerted police when he failed to return home.

Ananova 22nd January 2002

A hunter at a shoot in Devon is recovering after a partridge flew into him knocking him cold. Ian White was acting as a beater to scare birds into the sky. One bird flew into his head at more than 40 mph. Ian was airlifted to hospital. Unfortunately he made a good recovery whereas the bird perished.

Ananova: 27th December 2001

Yorkshire man Shaun Lancaster, 31, died when flammable liquid he was using in a rat extermination exercise suddenly exploded, killing him instantly. He was carrying out voluntary vermin control!

This is Hull November 2001

John Ball, member of the Quorn Hunt's committee was riding with the Fernie Hunt at Lubenham when his horse fell, crushing him to death whilst attempting to clear a hedge.

This is Leicester Feb 26 2002

A keeper at London Zoo was trampled to death by an elephant in front of about 100 horrified onlookers. Jim Robson who had worked at the zoo for 26 years tripped inside the elephant 'pavilion' and was attacked by a female asian elephant. One eyewitness reported "The keeper was lying with blood coming out of his ears." A recent report by the Born Free Foundation into the elephants' living conditions, which comprise a concrete and bare earth enclosure, concluded that they were 'unacceptable'.

The Independent Oct 22 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

More than 100 anti-hunting protesters demonstrated outside a hunt fund-raising event hosted by Anne Robinson, calling her a "ginger fool".
Ananova 16th February 2002

An under cover investigation has revealed that six thousand greyhounds are slaughtered every year simply because they no longer win races. Around 8,000 new greyhounds enter the sport each year, but animal charities say only about 2,000 a year are looked after once they retire.

A new cook book has been blasted by wildlife experts for describing how to serve up Scotland's most endangered bird, the capercaillie. There are thought to be only 1000 birds left in the country and they don't exist at all in England. Anyone caught shooting or selling one could sustain a fine of £5000. The elderly author Margaret Fairlie now lives in Australia!

A hunting correspondent for Hunting and Country Illustrated magazine was dropped like a hot potato after he dared to admit, in a piece for the Telegraph, that hunting contained some "unnecessary cruelties", which needed to be eliminated. Rupert Isaacson was later e-mailed by the magazine's editor who wrote:

"I have read your piece in the Telegraph and I am sad, because it means you can no longer write for our readers."

A hunter in the Czech Republic shot the president of his localhunting club dead while attempting to shoot a pig.

He did not see his companion hidden in bushes behind the pig. The man died instantly from a bullet wound to his chest.

Ananova 5th March 2002

The slaughterman who killed a colleague with a slaughter gun during the foot-and-mouth crisis recently stood accused of manslaughter.

Keith Hubbard put the bolt gun to the head of Steven Smart while standing on the uneven bodies of sheep, which the pair had earlier slaughtered, Preston Crown Court was told.

The jury was told that Mr Smart had said to Hubbard: "You missed that one, you bugger," referring to a sheep he was having difficulty in slaughtering.

"I will shoot you, you bugger," Hubbard replied to Mr Smart, the courtheard.

Hubbard then grabbed Mr Smart round the shoulders and brought the gun to the left side of his head, it was alleged.

Incredibly Hubbard was found not guilty.

5th March 2002 Ananova

SPECTATOR TELLS HIS VERSION OF WATERLOO



In the absence of Foot and Mouth and frozen solid ground, the WaterLoo Cup went ahead this year attracting the usual inbreds, sadists and delinquents.

In the interest of balance however, one of our reporters spoke to a spectator at the opening event. Cup aficionado, Mike Hunt offered his perspective of the event:

"Put another way, the object of the Cup is to see who can run faster out of the hare and the greyhound. When the hare wins, it waves good-bye and then canters off into the sunset. When the greyhounds win however, someone lets out a jubilant if not high pitched scream, and then you see two dogs having a boys-own tug of war over the hare; one yanking the head the other ripping at the abdomen. Sometimes the dogs toss Mr Hare into the air and when he lands, he's all a bit dazzled and doesn't know which way to run. Does make us chuckle"!

At this moment someone I'd heard Mike refer to as "mother" earlier, approached us and started licking Mike's ear in a way that mother's just don't do! Perhpa I was mistaken.

GARTH AND SOUTH BERKS PACK UP!

We'd like to extend a tearful goodbye to the Garth and South Berks Hunt, which is due to pack up for good come the end of this season after 211 years of fox-killing activity in the area. The remaining members of the hunt will continue their animal bullying antics by ganging up with the Vale of Aylesbury as of next season.

Peter Swann, the joint master, dismissed claims from anti-hunt protesters that that they had forced it to close. Instead he suggests that urbanisation, in particular the encroachment of golf courses, has left the hunt without any land on which to reek havoc.

Seasoned hunt protesters claim however that the hunt is closing due to waning popularity. A local hunt saboteur said: "I've been demonstrating against the Garth Hunt for 25 years. When I first started, there used to be more than 100 riders and around 200 foot followers. Last year, before foot and mouth, there were just six riders and four followers.

The hunt denied that the strong presence of hunt protesters were anything to do with the closure and added: "They have never been anything more than a minor irritation."!

Mr Swan riding against the backdrop of Benyons' Enclosure will be sorely missed by Reading & West London sabs!



Chasing a fox onto Reading-Swindon railway line. Sabs halt hounds preventing dangerous accident.

DEAD FOX PRESENTED TO HUNT OFFICIAL

AFTER CRUEL KILLING

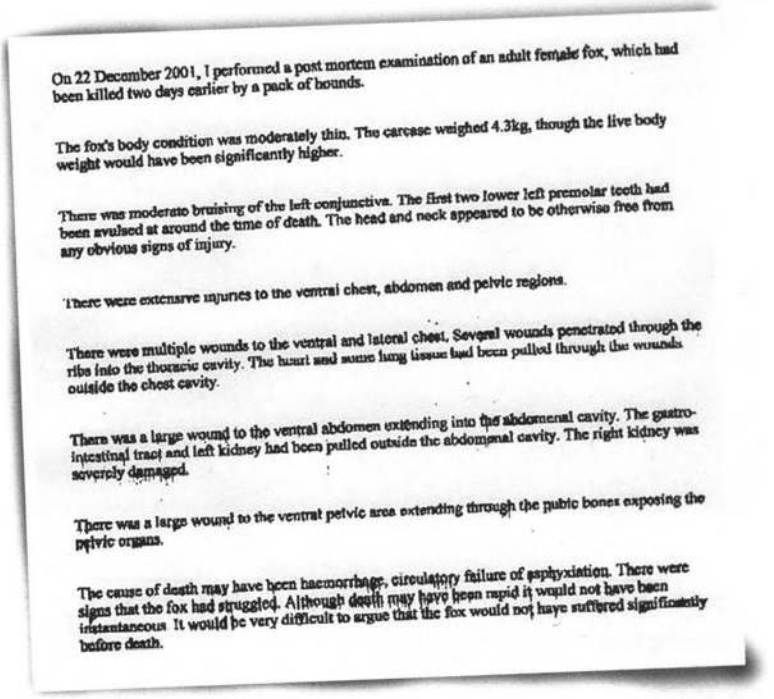


On 22 December 2001 the mangled body of a fox was presented to the Cheshire Forest Hunt after post mortem results revealed that the fox died of massive injury to the chest, abdominal and pelvic regions, with no signs of damage or "nips" to the neck area.

The fox was killed by the hunt in a kale field after a rider chopped her back into the pack. Although hunt saboteurs were present, they were too far away at the time to save her from biting hounds. They retrieved her body however, in spite of violent opposition from the hunt.

Members of the North West Hunt Saboteurs Association (NWHSA) took the dead fox to the home of Hunt Secretary John Mawdsley in order to draw attention to the cruelty and barbarity of hunting with dogs, which had only recently resumed in Cheshire after the ban under Foot and Mouth .

Paul Timpson, spokesperson for the NWHSA said: 'It is extremely rare that we manage to retrieve any evidence from hunts, especially something as damning and horrific as this.' Hunters will always tell you that the fox does not suffer because the hounds kill them with a quick nip to the back of the neck. However, members of the NWHSA who saw the kill together with the post mortem reveal otherwise.



On 22 December 2001, I performed a post mortem examination of an adult female fox, which had been killed two days earlier by a pack of hounds.

The fox's body condition was moderately thin. The carcase weighed 4.3kg, though the live body weight would have been significantly higher.

There was moderate bruising of the left conjunctiva. The first two lower left premolar teeth had been avulsed at around the time of death. The head and neck appeared to be otherwise free from any obvious signs of injury.

There were extensive injuries to the ventral chest, abdomen and pelvic regions.

There were multiple wounds to the ventral and lateral chest. Several wounds penetrated through the ribs into the thoracic cavity. The heart and some lung tissue had been pulled through the wounds outside the chest cavity.

There was a large wound to the ventral abdomen extending into the abdominal cavity. The gastro-intestinal tract and left kidney had been pulled outside the abdominal cavity. The right kidney was severely damaged.

There was a large wound to the ventral pelvic area extending through the pubic bones exposing the pelvic organs.

The cause of death may have been haemorrhage, circulatory failure of asphyxiation. There were signs that the fox had struggled. Although death may have been rapid it would not have been instantaneous It would be very difficult to argue that the fox would not have suffered significantly before death.



HUNT SUPPORTERS BREAK PROTESTERS LEG

On Saturday 23rd February 20 members of The North West Hunt Saboteurs Association (NWHSA) attended a meet of The Cheshire Forest Hunt which was being held at The Cock O' Budworth public house, Great Budworth, near Northwich.

Throughout the course of the day hunt saboteurs were subjected to threats and intimidation from hunt supporters. At 3.30pm when members of the NWHSA were using non-violent direct action tactics to prevent the hunt from killing a fox, they were confronted by 15 hunt supporters. During this confrontation one NWHSA member from Liverpool was pushed to the floor and pinned down, while a hunt supporter picked up a large boulder and deliberately smashed it down onto his legs.

The hunt supporters then tried to leave the area, however, Cheshire Police officers who were in attendance managed to stop one of their vehicles and arrested one of the occupants who was then taken to Northwich Police station.

The injured hunt saboteur was taken to hospital for further treatment.

WHAT CAN WE CHASE AND KILL NEXT?, ASK HUNTERS.

According to a report in the Times newspaper a form of hunting popular with medieval monachs and Arab sheikhs is making a comeback in Britain. As the future of foxhunting looks bleak, bloodsports fanatics are taxing their brain cells trying to think-up new ways to torture animals for fun, and get away with it. Mounted falconry, not illegal, would appear to fit the bill for some. The 'real sport', according to Martin Whitley, master of Dartmoor Falcons, is the mounted chase when a falcon is released to hunt its prey. "If someone sees a crow I manoeuvre myself into position to release the falcon. The riders then keep up with the bird in flight. It can be very fast and exciting. The falcons are faster and fitter than crows. The falcon will climb down on to the crow and knock it to the ground, usually killing it instantly."

Where have we heard the term killing instantly before!

ROGER SCREWS UP

Self-proclaimed philosopher and keen foxhunter Roger Scruton has been dropped as a writer for the FT following the discovery that he is being paid 54,000 a year as a consultant to a tobacco firm, and was using his position with the newspaper to place smoking ads. The paper's editor said he had not known of Prof Scruton's dealings with Japan Tobacco and described him as "very foolish", a term we'd find difficult to disagree with.

Prof Scrotum's books include On Hunting and An Intelligent Person's Guide to Modern Culture.
He also writes a wine column for the New Statesman - if anyone's interested!

SHOOTERS MAKE VEILED THREATS TO HUNT PROTESTERS

Paradoxically named bloodsports body, the British Association of Shooting and Conservation has issued what appear to be veiled threats to protesters, following the rise in demonstrations against shoots.

In a press release picked up by the Times, spokesman for the organisation Jeffrey Olsted said:
"There is always a risk of a saboteur doing something stupid and putting themselves in danger. These people are often wearing camouflage gear so shooters may not know they are there"!

Another paradox from the hunting community: when it suits their story, hunt saboteurs are all *"foul mouthed, iron bar wielding hooligans"*, otherwise they're so quiet and discreet that you'd never notice their presence until you put a bullet through one of them or mowed a few down in a 4x4!

SCIENTIST URGE MANAGERS TO SHOOT THE FEMALES

Scientist have told Scotland's estate managers that killing female deer is the best way to boosts profits from commercial shooting.

Female red deer don't attract top brass apparently, and to add to that, they eat all the damn grass, according to the scientists.

Removing the females therefore, will leave more green for the top dollar earning males to eat, allowing them to flourish. The upshot being that there'll be more handsome heads to choose from, for those premium paying trophy-ists. Heads of female deer only make it into dog food or lonely sportsmen's beds, as they just don't look right on the wall apparently.

Reported by a science editor in what can only be the Telegraph 07 February 2002

FAT CREATURE HAS POLICE ESCORT AT BOOK SIGNING

Clarissa Dickson Wright had to be escorted by police from a book signing when anti-bloodsports protesters turned up. She was giving a reading from her book at Ottakar's bookshop in Norwich. Demonstrators waved placards and shouted abuse through loud-hailers.

The incident came just over a year after the pair were sprayed with red paint by animal rights activists in the same shop.

Glutton for punishment and pies, Ms Dickson Wright was unmoved by the demonstration and commented that the further south she went the more she met with confrontation.

On reflection, Ms Dickson Wright is unlikely to be moved by anything, save perhaps a 500ft crane.

HUNT SABOTEUR ATTACKED AND TRAMPLED BY MOUNTED HUNTSMEN

A hunt saboteur was almost killed by an irate huntsman in January. Hunt saboteur Simon Wild was grabbed by the huntsman of the Chiddingfold Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt in Sussex and dragged along by his jacket. The huntsman, Jonathan Broise, dropped Mr Wild in front of the horse of his 'whipper-in' who then rode over him. Mr Wild, who miraculously escaped with blows to his throat, testicles and legs, later said *"I was a hair's breadth from being seriously hurt"*. Another protester was kicked in the ribs during the incident. Immediately before the attack, Broise allegedly shouted *"Let's sort this out once and for all"*. A formal report has been lodged at Midhurst police station. Video evidence of the attack was taken.

Jonathan Broise has a history of violence. In February 2001 he received a conditional discharge after head-butting a disabled magistrate. He has also previously received a formal written caution from the police for assaulting a hunt protester.



HUNTS DENY FEEDING FOXES

(WELL THEY WOULD, WOULDN'T THEY!)

The Beaufort Hunt has been caught once again leaving animal carcasses outside artificial fox earths.

Less than two years ago the favourite hunt of Prince Charles had its wrists slapped by environmental health authorities when secretly filmed footage showed hunt personnel shovelling offal and game birds into manmade fox earths. The Beaufort's sheepish excuse at the time was that they were feeding orphaned foxes who's mother had been killed, and not that they had to ensure there were enough foxes on the estate for Charlie, Wills, Harry and Millie the dog to kill.

In spite of the new graphic video evidence showing a rotting deer carcass being dragged along by a quad bike and then left outside the artificial earths, the Beaufort on this occasion has decided that it's safer to deny the allegations, than risk being prosecuted and humiliated by their own daft excuses. Allegedly the Badmingtom Estate PR team pulled a press release at the last minute which claimed that it was not a man driving the quad bike, but a fox!

Carcasses and bones have also been discovered on the land used by other hunts, including other royal favourites the Quorn, the Cottismore and the Heythrop. Artificial earths have been found on the territory of more than 50 hunts across the country.

Sources:
CH 4 News,
Nationals
LACS

What do hunt enthusiasts do when not hunting?

Pro-hunt judge **Gabriel Hutton** fell asleep during a rape trial in December....

Press Complaints Commission (PCC) Chair and beagling enthusiast **Lord Wakeman** has left the PCC after it was discovered that he was involved in the Enron scandal, as part of the finance team!

BAN HUNTING, SAYS FARMER

AND HUSBAND OF NFU HOPEFUL!

A farmer whose wife could soon become second-in-command of the NFU is urging the Prime Minister to ban hunting. He has written to Tony Blair saying that hunting is a "convenient name for murder". Mr Skinner, a long-standing wildlife campaigner with a 600-acre farm in Caistor St Edmund near Norwich, says the letter was his idea and contains his personal views.

In it he wrote: "*The public don't want to go walking in the countryside and be confronted by a whole load of people carrying guns.People want a happy healthy countryside, where killing isn't done for fun or sport. Hunting isn't sport. It's a convenient name for murder really. There's no necessity to hunt foxes, but if they do need to be culled for any reason there's more humane ways of doing it.*"

He has invited Mr Blair to visit his farm to "learn the true meaning of the phrase 'guardians of the countryside"'. Mr Skinner added: "*I am against all forms of coursing or hunting. I think it is completely immoral and killing any animals for fun is no longer acceptable. Our society has moved on.*"

"*This is why I have written to Tony Blair - because he is proposing to ban hunting but they are saying that the farming industry supports hunting. Not all farmers support it.*"

Ananova Wednesday January 30, 2002

HUNTSMANS BALLS



"*The arguments in defence of artificial earths are well-rehearsed and have some validity but they don't stand up to public scrutiny.*"
16 January

Hounds.org.uk, the website of Middle Earth's Janet George admitting what we already know about artificial earths - they are a chink in the hunting fraternity's armour and explode all pro-hunting arguments.



"*I was interested all the time in the welfare of the fox. But there were so many people involved in animal rights who didn't seem to be interested in the animal issue. They were class-war anarchists and they thought it was all about toffs versus the rest.*"

Mark Halford - erstwhile hunt saboteur - allegedly - explains the logic behind his decision to join up with the hunt and ride with the Quorn! In Mark's mangled mind, lynching animals with dogs became the ultimate expression of concern for their welfare clearlyl!

"*The antis would be a lot more honest if they simply poured paint over Volvos and BMWs*"

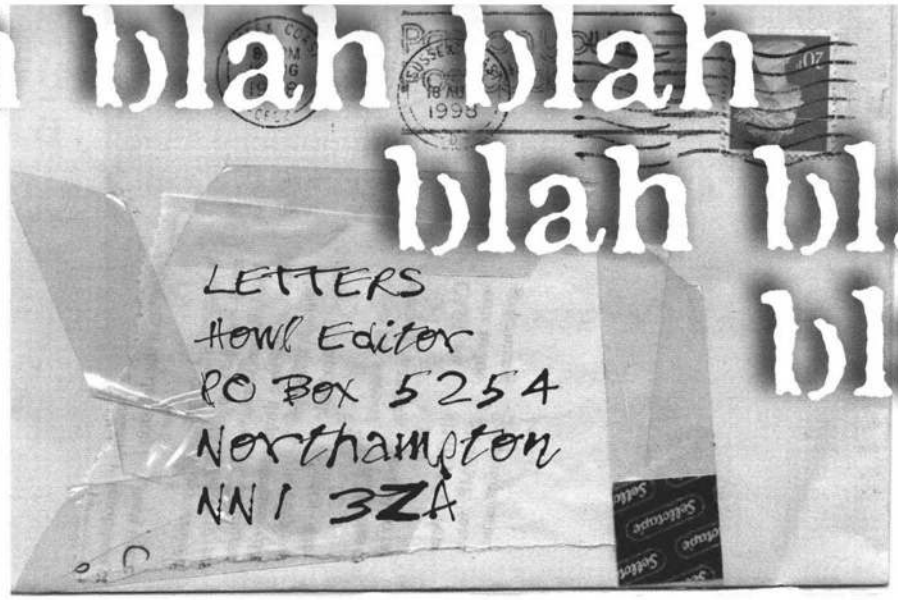
Ann Robinson reveals to the Telegraph the extent of her knowledge on the subject of hunting with dogs and the motives and tactics of hunt protesters. She went on to add that those who oppose the bloodsport are "*entirely ungly*" and "*whipped up by ignorance*" It would be too obvious at this stage to tell dear Ann that she is the weakest link, so we'll just call her plain stupid instead!

" *If we are to gain victory from the jaws of defeat at the eleventh hour, we have to start programmes of civil disobedience and direct action... the sort of programmes that were successfully managed by such heroes of democracy as Mahatma Gandhi.*"

Avid bloodsports campaigner Peter gent, pretends to be Winston Churchill, as he attempts to fire up a revolt against the evils of New Labour and Millbank, those evils being their efforts to ban hunting! Pretending to be Winstom Churchill is fair enough though, but daring to associate his vile cause with that of Mahatma Gandhi is breathtaking.

Could this be the same Mahatma Gandi who said: "*The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated*" and "*the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man, from the cruelty of man*"?

blah blah blah blah blah blah



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Letters

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

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NEW SAB IN ENTHUSIASM SHOCK!

Dear HSA

Hello, I have recently joined a group of sabs in the Colchester area and we go sabbing the Essex & Suffolk Hunt. It's getting me fit for sure! This hunt are not too bad as far as nastyness goes thank goodness. The cops haven't given me any hassle as yet. I went out on saturday and we all got soaked to the skin! Luckily a friend and fellow sab gave me a change of clothes. I am now learning how to blow a hunting horn. Good luck and take care,

Yours

Miss C

THE ENGLISH INVASION

Dear Editor

I work in the centre of Edinburgh and consider it unfortunate that I was in the office the day that thousands of blood junkies marched below my window baying for the continuation of what remains the shame of England and Wales: hunting with dogs.

All of the spokespeople on the march had English gentry accents, which only served to anger Scottish people and supporters of democracy further. As a Scot, I can safely say that the majority of Scots are opposed to hunting and were overjoyed at the results of the parliamentary vote on the 13th February.

Good luck to the good people of England!

Miss. B
Edinburgh

SNEAKY IRISH BLOODJUNKIES

Dear Editor

The decision of the Irish Field and Country Sports Association (IFCSS) to change its name to "Countryside Ireland" is a deliberate attempt to mislead people into supporting bloodsports.

The IFCSS is an umbrella body for bloodsports groups drawn from all strands of the animal killing rainbow. This rebranding comes as a result of Irish bloodsports enthusiasts realising that they have lost the PR battle when it comes to defending their vile activities. Thus Countryside Ireland, a name with no hunting connotaions was conceived.

I would urge those interested in rural affairs to be aware of what Countryside Ireland really stands for. The fact that bloodsports organisations are prepared to shed all mention of hunting in their public image shows the moral poverty that lies within bloodsports.

Yours sincerely.

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A RETRACTION

It has been brought to our attention that a letter published in the last edition of Howl, signed by a Mrs Joyce Wellings, has been penned by someone else in attempt to discredit Mrs Wellings name and intimidate her.

According to Mrs Wellings son, similar letters, using his mother's name and address, have been circulated to other social conscience groups for reasons only known to the perpetrators. Mr Wellings therefore wishes his mother be disassociated from what he describes as the 'vile sentiments expressed in the letter'. Mr Wellings has asked for our help in the matter so that he might find out who is behind the cowardly attacks on his mother.

NEW SAB GROUPS

One thing that we must all be agreed on is that there can never be too many sab groups. More sab groups means more hunts get sabbed which means that more hunted animals are saved. However, take a look around the part of the country that you live in. It is likely that there are areas that do not have a sab group and plenty of hunts that do not get sabbed.

It has to be in the interests of each sab group to have other sab groups nearby. Depending on the size of the groups transport can be shared if numbers are low. In addition, support is forthcoming when sabbing more lively hunts. Having other sab groups nearby means that information about hunts can be shared and help is available for fundraising and leafleting.

- Why not pick an area near where you live and get a new group started? This may take a bit of effort to start with but the benefits of success would be well worth it. Some ideas:
- The first thing to do is identify a person willing to act as group contact. This may be someone who is already involved in some way.
- Contact the local animal rights group. You may find a group of enthusiastic people just waiting for someone to start the ball rolling.
- Contact local colleges and universities. There may be an animal rights group or environmental action group.
- Do a stall in the area. Maybe produce a specific leaflet announcing the intention to form a new group. Get the details of those who express an interest.
- Organise a meeting and publicise it as widely as possible.
- Contact the H.S.A. There is a new groups officer who can give help with ideas for getting a new group off the ground. The tactics officer and legal officer are available to give talks. In addition a wealth of information is available about many hunts, which may prove invaluable to a new group.

Starting a new group in your area may seem like a lot of effort. However, if successful, the benefits will soon pay off. If you live in an area of the country without many groups you will soon feel less isolated. Once the show is on the road you will be able to let the contact for the new group get on with it and you will feel the benefit of having another sab group nearby.

Hunt sabotage is only as effective as each local group makes it.

More groups make the whole movement more effective.

Give it some thought – and then get up and do it.

You know it makes sense.....

irish news

irish protesters call on forestry managers to ban hunting

Members of Ireland's Association of Hunt Saboteurs gathered outside the offices of Ireland's forestry board, Coillte, to protests against hunting which is still allowed to take place in forest under Coillte management.

The demonstration, which took place on 24th January 2002, is part an ongoing campaign to get foxhunting banned in Coiltte forests.

St Stephens day protests

Anti-bloodsports demonstrators held noisy but peaceful demonstrations at the traditional St.Stephen's Day hunt meets around Ireland. The largest protest was held in Tramore Co. Waterford where anti-bloodsports activists protested at the Waterford Foxhounds meet in the town centre.

Bernie Wright, Press Officer, of the Association of Hunt Saboteurs said:
" It is time for our legislators to deal with the issue of bloodsports. They must carry out the wishes of their electors who do not wish to have wildlife abused and killed for entertainment."

According to the AOHS there have been a number of incidents this year involving hunts not controlling their hounds. The AOHS claim that early in December four hounds belonging to a Co.Cork based hunt were killed in a traffic accident on the Cork/Mallow dual carriageway as they were chasing a fox. While recently in Co Waterford two pet dogs were savaged and killed when they were set upon by a pack of hounds during the course of a hunt.

Waterford Crystals final break from hunting

After a long drawn-out media battle, Ireland's Association of Hunt Saboteurs (AOHS) announced victory after Waterford Crystal finally withdrew its sponsorship of Irishhunting events.

At the Dungarvan Harriers point-to-point, held on the 27th January last, the race card for the meeting carried no mention of Waterford Crystal, as well as no mention of their Dungarvan based factory, Dungarvan Crystal.

"This represents a devasting blow to local bloodsports interests", said the AOHS.

"We just have to wait until April 2002 to see if the Waterford Foxhounds point-to-point carries any Waterford Crystal sponsorship imput".

Well done to all who contacted Waterford Crystal. Thank you helping to shatter the link between Waterford Crystal and foxhunting.

Association of Hunt Saboteurs Ireland

THE FOX WHO COMES FOR SUPPER

A vixen comes to me at night,
And fills the darkness with her light,
Lays bare by guilt of years, the strife,
So many wish to take her life.

Brave little spirit of the wild,
Graceful little nature child.

What cause have you to trust in me?
A fellow spirit can you see?

When they kill you, I will weep,
Close in my heart the memory keep.
The heart you fill with such delight,
When you come to me each night.

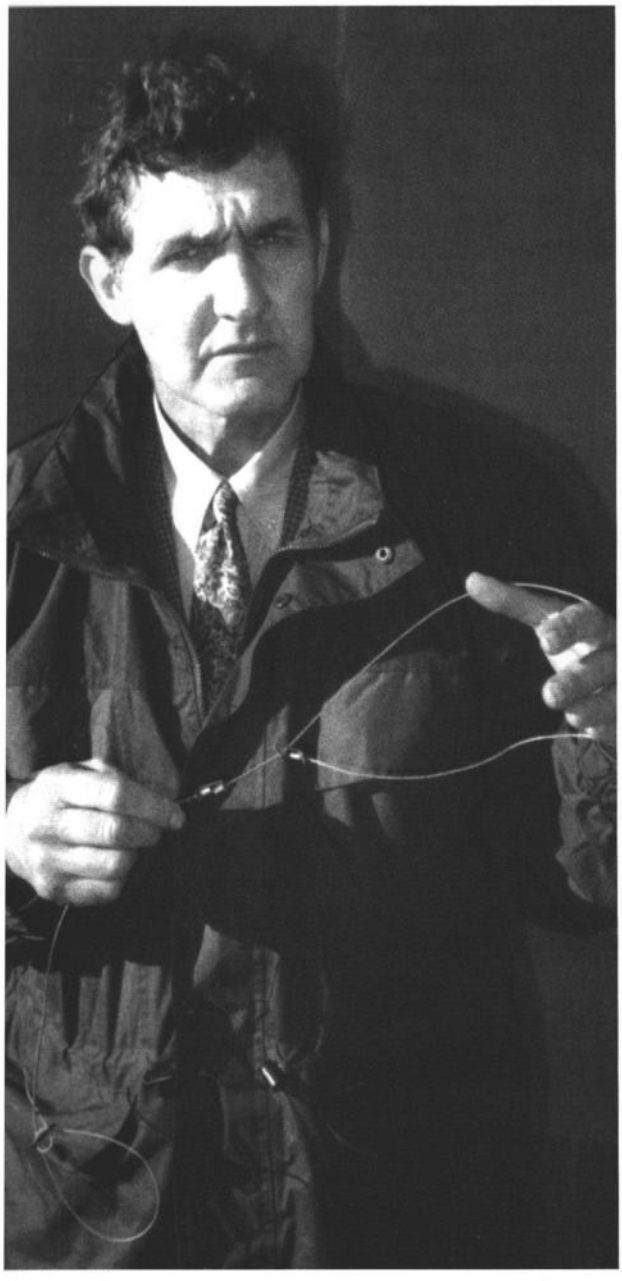
The fools who'll kill you they don't know,
Your brighter soul will onward go.
A place in which there is no pain,
Will welcome you back home again.

Terry – a supporter priviledged to have a fox visit him each night.

Heroes of the Frontline

Positive Rob speaks to one

Last September tireless anti-snare campaigner John Gill was hospitalised after three men forced their way into his home under false pretences and beat him with baseball bats. The incident made me especially angry because I have met John. He doesn't fit the stereotype of an animal rights activist - but then who does?



A former steel worker, John, 53, is just a regular bloke who cares for animals and their welfare. His campaigning in defence of animals means that he is well known in his local area of co Durham, where hunting/shooting is popular, and as a result he is very vulnerable.

Although John's actions have been documented in past issues of Howl, I wanted to find out more about what he does and the information he has uncovered. First of all though I wanted to know about the attack at his home.

'I opened the glass panelled door at the side of my house and I saw three men; they said they were police. I was hit at least three times with a baseball bat and punched heavily twice causing a large cut above my eye requiring stitches. I was kicked in the ribs and struck repeatedly over the shins, knees and thighs with the bat. I had stitches put in the cuts in my legs. The men left when I made a desperate attempt to get out the door and the glass panel broke alarming neighbours. I was able to give the police a good description but still there is a "wall of silence" as far as enquiries go.'

Durham police obviously didn't have time to investigate as they had just bought a fresh bag of doughnuts!

We all get involved in animal rights for different reasons, John's prompt to take action was in 1984 when he removed some gamekeepers snares.

'I asked the game keeper if they were his (the snares) and he denied setting them. I believe the same keeper set the snare which caused the death of my rough collie 'Laddie' in July 1991. I was told by a local PC that my dog had been shot in a snare. I had originally gone out looking for the dog and I was dismayed to find so many snares set locally.'

It seems the death of his pet dog provided the motivation to defy all kinds of intimidation from blood junkies, and the determination to defy legal obstacles.

'I attended a boxing day anti hunt protest at the end of '91 after finding a very docile fox in a snare, it had been caught around its neck and front leg. I carried it home, fed it and released it the next day.

I removed snares throughout '92 and went to an anti-hunt protest on boxing day '92 and then had 3 and a half years as a huntsab going out alone with a hunting horn and a tape recording of hounds. I also sabbed a number of beagling meets including the Northumberland Beagling Festival.
I went out removing snares at least twice a week, sometimes while still dark on hunt days.

I have run up a record of two Breaches of the Peace, one Section 5 Public Order Act, three Aggravated Trespass (the hunt had a policy of not pressing charges in co.Durham), one charge of assaulting a gamekeeper (he assaulted me!), and a charge of affray after a confrontation with three terriermen.'

He has used court cases to highlight his campaign and make the public more aware of the cruelty of snares. It's important to remember that large mammals and even birds of prey can be persecuted by gamekeepers. It is not just birds such as grouse and pheasants that are killed, many other species suffer as a result of shooting fanatics.

'I have been charged with Criminal Damage to snares on ten occasions, after admitting doing so to bring about a court case. I had taken snares to the police as they were illegal.



I have had four charges dropped and won one case at a magistrates court. Another time I was acquitted at a jury trial; I did not give evidence because the judge would not let the jury see one single photo of snared animals because he said the images were too emotive and were not related to the charges. Even though in this case the pictures were of animals caught on estates involved in the cases.

At a crown court appeal the gamekeeper was asked by the prosecution how he disposed of animals caught in his snares. He said that if they were not already dead he shot them. This reply was the most important thing said at the trial but the judge in his 14 page verdict disregarded it.

Stewart Skull speaking for the BASC on Country File said that a lot of rubbish was talked of animals being garrotted or strangled in snares. The truth is that many animals die with their throats and bodies cut open.I have been to jail four times for non payment of fines, the longest form was 10 days in Durham for non payment of three thousand pounds.

I have recently had a charge of resisting arrest dropped [this incident was only two weeks after Johns attack in his home] when I had been handcuffed behind my back and sprayed with CS gas from close range causing the skin to peel from my face. I made a complaint but the police attitude was "do you want to see that man (the policeman involved) lose his job?"

In November 2001 a charge of criminal damage to 27 snares on a local estate was dropped despite me admitting on tape I had done it. I have another case coming-a Section 5 P.U.Act '84 for displaying offensive material on placards outside Newcastle crown court which I have done nine times now. The placards name senior police and judges as being 'bent'."

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Perhaps these placards may be spot on as it seems that the top brass of the legal system make some questionable decisions. It might be interesting to find out what they do for leisure activities-swapping wigs and gowns for flat caps and breeches maybe?.

John Gill shows no sign of giving up or getting jaded: 'I cannot see me ever giving up my campaign against snares or bloodsports. There is huge propaganda potential in exposing the extent and horror of snares. Get out there with camcorders and seize your evidence. Avoid confrontations, and make yourself aware of BASC guidelines on snaring in order to show what a farce they are. A recent RSPB mag said some gamekeepers admitted having pressure put on them by employers to kill protected animals. I believe badgers are being caught in increasing numbers.

I think that shooters are even more vulnerable than hunting people and I am sure that most if not all feel that way themselves. I hate it all, the Countryman's Weekly estimates that 50,000 foxes are killed by terriers outside hunting every year.

Finally snares are set by most shooting estates and sometimes in such large numbers that you literally trip up in them.

Give credit where credit is due, I'd like to add that this man's actions and his determination is a lesson to us all. It's amazing what one person can achieve. John's one-man-crusade has been a painful thorn in the side of hunters and shooters. You don't have to be supersab to make a big difference!

Thanks to John for taking the time to answer my questions and I hope this information may provide some inspiration.





SCOTLAND

After various kennel watches at the *Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire F.H. (L&R)* during what would of been their cubbing period, **Clydeside** alas did not see the *L&R* break any of the FMD restrictions on hunting!

Clydeside's first outing proper was on Saturday 22nd Dec. with the *L&R* at Bowfield Country Club in Howwood, which is the property of one Alistair Campbell M.F.H. With an earlier than usual start, 10a.m., the hounds didn't pick up a scent for a good while and the first one they got they 'checked' very quickly, and despite the huntsman's, Terry Wing, hardy efforts he could not get the hounds back onto it. Could it be that yet again the *L&R* hounds are proving themselves to be a bit CRAP! As sabs were waiting roadside at the van pondering their next move, a fox wondered into the field in full view of the sabs. With the fox heading in their direction - and away fron the huntsman and hounds, they did not make a sound or movement . Sadly a hunt-supporter in a car further up the road also saw the fox and started hollering. At this, the fox headed back the way it came, much to the sabs horror! With in the next minute or 2, surprised sabs watched ANOTHER fox from the opposite direction come into the field! Sabs stayed quiet, but yet again the hunt supporters had also seen this one and hollered again! The huntsman was on his way anyway and as sabs jumped the fence ready to spray and take control of the hounds, the hounds entered the field, crossed the two areas where the foxes had been sighted. Not one of the hounds made a noise! Amazing even when the huntsman gathered and sent them in again, there was only a couple of babblers in the pack! **Clydeside** sabs could not believe it: 2 foxes within 2 minutes in the same field and the hounds not picking up even a trace. What are the chances of that happening? Could these cunning foxes be using Foot & Mouth disinfectant!? Or is it that the *L&R* hounds were not crap, they were absolutely SHITE!!

With the *L&R* packing up at about one o'clock it proved to be a very quiet day for **Clydeside** sabs, as the hounds didn't need much sab intervention! The police did not even bother to turn up until the hunt was packing up, but followed the **Clydeside** sab. 'Mystery Machine' into the next town and then gave them their 'Producer'!!

Sadly **Clydeside** did not make it out again until Saturday the 5th of Jan. due to a number of us being away or going home for Christmas and New Year (hic!) The said Saturday was a visit to the town of Selkirk in the Borders for a joint meet with **Edinburgh** sabs. Due to frosty/snowy conditions the *Duke of Buccleuch's* hunt was not going out as **Edinburgh** sabs had been kennel watching all morning!! A drive about for about an hour or so to see if any of the other Border hunts could be spotted proved fruitless, so back home for both sets of sabs!

Clydeside stopped on their way home when they saw a walk up shoot not far from the road. Sabs were out-numbered so we just stayed roadside and made as much noise as possible to try and scare anything that was near the shoot, with the use of the van's horn and a couple of hunting horns etc... With some of the shoot coming down to 'speak' to us it was decided that we had hopefully made enough noise and delayed the shoot long enough for some wildlife to escape, so we left!!

The following Saturday proved to be very frustrating for **Clydeside** sabs, with the *L&R* at a meet behind the kennels in Houston. As police were with sabs before they saw the hunt, & stayed with them all day there was only limited roadside sabbing!!

Saturday the 19th saw **Clydeside** on tour again, meeting up with **Edinburgh** sabs this time in Cupar near Fife, cheering up the local residents with our cheery banter etc...
Not long after the start of the hunt the first thing that sabs did was to stop a dig out! **Clydeside** sabs had seen hounds marking an earth and so immediately went over and surrounded the earth, which was on a hillside. When the terrier men were seen coming up the hill the huntsman pulled his hounds away and carried on!

The terrier men 'stood off' about a 100 yards away. A few minutes later a police car arrived at the bottom of the hill where one of the terrier men who was on a quad went to speak to them. By this time **Edinburgh** sabs had been phoned and were close by, so joined us: all in all about 20 sabs vs. 3 terrier men! The police left - we thought to get a van and possibly some wellies, but after about half an hour they did not return so the terrier men decided much to their dismay that they couldn't dig!

Later , when sabs spotted the hunt on the otherside of a hill, some of the group decided to try and catch up with them, while others stayed in case they came back that way. With lots of down, then up the hill, sabs finally caught up with the hunt only to watch them galloping back down again! However, with sabs now on both sides of the hunt, we played with hounds

A pack of hounds hunting next to a sheep enclosure despite F & M restrictions, Surely Not?!



for the next 20 minutes or so by letting one group pull the hounds towards them and then letting the other group take them back; all with the use of horn calls and some hollering, needless to say the huntsman is going rounds in circles trying to control what should be his hounds! Shortly afterwards the hunt decided to pack up - early! RESULT.

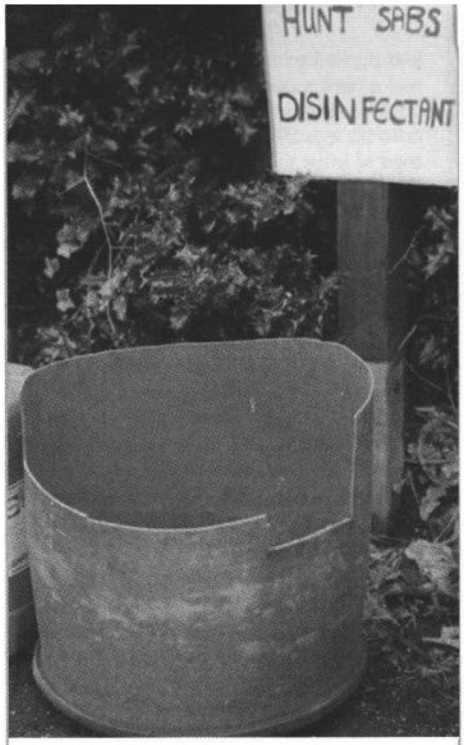
The next time **Clydeside** were out was Saturday the 2nd Feb. yet again annoying the *L&R* at Hill of Beith in Renfrewshire. Not a very exciting day for sabs with hounds being pulled from their task a couple of times, with horn calls. Near the end of the day the Police turned up and approached the van. They said that they had received reports that somebody was trying to sabotage the hunt, we stated our innocence and they went away! Nice.

North

Derby enjoyed a long rest during Foot & Mouth outbreak but kept things ticking over by supporting the Newchurch campaign, doing a bit of circus monitoring, setting up a website and taking the stall out now and again. Hunting started in Derbyshire on the 22nd with the *High Peak* and **Derby** sabs hit the ground running. Unfortunately for the hunts and luckily for wildlife, the weather was so bad around Xmas that the first hunt - *the Meynell* - didn't get back into the routine until 29th December. Despite this, **Derby** (with a couple of Newchurch campaigners - cheers guys) gatecrashed the *Meynell's* Boxing Day parade by sneaking into the private park with the rest of the scum. The hunt was somehwat surprised to see sabs emerge from the crowd and attempt to round up their hounds! Unfortunately they then had to make a quick escape as there was only one narrow gateway in and out of the park. The sabs went on to Newchurch to do a quick demo and to wish the Halls a Merry Xmas.

Derby ran into Charlie at the *Meynell* on the 29th and sent him everyone's regards! Surprisingly sabs had a fairly easy time from the local police and Special Branch and there were no kills. The New Year hunt with the *Meynell* was reduced to a parade but again **Derby** couldn't pass up a visit to show they care. Due to the bad weather the next proper sab was with the *High Peak* in mid January. The new huntsman was so worried about sabs nicking his hounds that he spent all day so close to the hounds that he was almost trampling over them. So no kills there! The attitude of this previously fluffy hunt had changed: maybe 'cos they were missing their blood fix. A sab got hit by a support vehicle later in the day, thankfully only bruised, and the driver was sent packing. Due to this, the *High Peak* was sabbed again the next week. The huntsman was more daring this week and regretted it when the pack was split a number of times. There was another assault, this time by the whipper-in, backed up by the huntsman and some support.

So **Derby**, **Sheffield**, **Leeds** and **Nottingham** returned the next week! This



time the Hunt were bending over backwards to be nice (The whipper-in had been suspended for the season!), so sabs returned the compliment with some very deft sabbing causing the hunt to pack up after only one and a half hours - despite having put-up at least a dozen hares. One hare which had escaped the hunt but afterwards collapsed, was picked up by a **Notts** sab. Sadly, it had to be euthanased due to its horrific injuries.

Sheffield and **Leeds** sabs have been concentrating mainly on the *Bramham Moor FH*. The new huntsman and whipper-in's lack of control of the hounds has been fully exploited by sabs, who have split the pack, and stopped the hounds whilst in full cry on several occasions, as well as preventing a dig out. The groups have also paid visits to the *Badsworth FH* for their boxing day meet (which it appears was to be their only meet of season, due to them being in such a poor financial state, resulting in them having to merge with the *Bramham Moor FH* at the end of the season), and to the *High Peak Harriers*..

North West

Sabs from the North West which include **Manchester**, **Liverpool**, **Bolton**, **Lancaster** and **Preston** have been out sabbing two or three times a week in their ongoing campaign against *The Cheshire Forest* Hunt and *The Holcombe* Hunt.

Their first sab of this short season on *The Cheshire Forest* turned out to be very eventful.

After about an hour and a half the hunt put the hounds into a kale field where they put up a fox. A hunt rider rode in front of the fox to 'chop' it back into the hounds. There was nothing the sabs could do to save the fox but they managed to retrieve the body despite violence and threats from the hunt. The fox had been disembowelled by the hounds and had a number of wounds across the stomach but no obvious bites to the neck.

The fox was taken to a local vets who did an autopsy. (see page ?) The cause of death may have been haemorrhage, circulatory failure of asphyxiation. Although death may have been rapid she would not have been instantaneous. It would be very difficult to argue that the fox would not have suffered significantly before death.

During the Christmas period many hunts in the NW did not hunt due to bad weather and F&M restrictions, however, this did not stop our groups staging many demos outside meets/hunt function. One even put out very kindly a disinfecting point for sabs!!! (see Lisa for pic).

In the new year during a mid week visit to *The Holcombe* Hunt at Holt Lane Farm,



One chinless wonder lets a sab spray him liberally with citronella in accordance with F & M restrictions



Huntstaff frantically dial '999' as sabs appear..... .....and there's even time for group photos!



Brindle, near Chorley (which is the home of Hunt Master, Arnold Greenhalgh) its supporters, riders and staff showed little regard yet again for the fate of a hound which was killed after falling 30 feet down a cliff.

During the afternoon the pack of hounds were seen hunting near a cliff face, when one of the hounds fell. Sabs were at the incident within seconds to attend to the injured hound. One sab then picked up the dying hound, which had blood streaming from its mouth, and ran over to the nearby road to get help. Despite the presence of 20 hunt supporters at the road they all ignored the sabs pleas for help and it was not until a member of the hunt staff decided to intervene after several minutes that a supporter reluctantly decided to put the injured foxhound in his Landrover. Sadly, the hound died later from its injuries.

The complete lack of concern shown by the hunt and their supporters over the incident was disgraceful and highlights the hunt's blatant disregard for life - be it fox, hare or hound. It also goes to show that the hunt see the hounds as expendable as they just carried on hunting as if nothing had happened.

During another sab on *The Cheshire Forest* sabs were subjected throughout the day to threats and intimidation from hunt supporters. This culminated in an ambush on sabs where they were confronted by 15 hunt supporters. During this confrontation one sab from **Liverpool** was pushed to the floor, pinned down and a hunt supporter picked up a large boulder and deliberately smashed it down onto his legs. These hunt supporters then tried to leave the area, however, Cheshire Police officers who were in attendance managed to stop one of their vehicles and arrested one of the occupants. A week later another hunt supporters have been arrested in connection with this attack.

Many thanks to all the groups who turned up to remember Mike Hill who was killed in Cheshire 11 years ago.

We have also managed on the odd occasion to sab the *Cheshire Hunt*, *Forest and District Beagles* and *The Royal Rock* Beagles. Massive thanks to Marcus, Charlie and Russ who without their help and support we would not be able to go sabbing.

Midlands

East Northants Anti-Bloodsports group first sab of the season was at *the Grafton*. The usual ploy of trying to run over a sab with a quad bike was employed. Always the case when you are being successful. Boxing Day saw *the Grafton* cancel due to the hard frost. *The Woodland Pytchley* didn't and when found there were threats and menacing behavior from both the Master and foot followers. They packed up not long after sabbing started however.

The next weekend Sabs were successful in calling the hounds off the hunt. A mass of stewards, some from *the Bicester* hunt, had tried to swamp sabs and prevented them from getting to the meet, but those present regrouped and reappeared to sab the hunt as it moved off. One set of sabs found the *Bicester hunt*, while another group trailed *the Grafton* on foot. Two sabs were chased by a group of screaming hunt foot followers at *the Bicester* and were seriously concerned they were in danger of their lives. (Again the sabs had been successful on the hunt.)

Like many places the weather was too cold for our local hunts on new Years day. The following Saturday was the same story. The *Woodland Pytchley FH* weren't out but sabs thought they were preparing the Beagle Pack. Kennel staff said that they wouldn't be hunting, (to protect the beagles legs.) Not long after, a van sped out the kennels, with a trailer attached. There was a guy driving in hunting gear, and hounds in the trailer. Sabs followed but he led us back to the kennels. According to the FH huntsman the group had been "fooled" and the beagle pack had gone out while we were being decoyed. Silly of us to think they would actually care about the beagles welfare...We looked around for the hunt, which may or may not have been out. Happening on a shoot, we found a rabbit in a terriers jaws. While we managed to rescue the rabbit, it later died. The shoot packed up, not long after we arrived.

The Woodland Pytchley the next weekend spent a lot of time running round in circles. Although they caught one fox early on sabs stayed with them, and they found it harder to hunt as the pack were rated/called so effectively and the whipper-in lost his temper. At least one fox. Was saved (This was just after the hounds had streamed across a road in front of oncoming cars.) The hunt seemed to give up packing up around 2.15p.m. *The Woodland Pytchley* again the following week. started with a couple of hunt supporters trying to intimidate sabs. A C.B. was broken and one of the supporters was arrested in relation to the offence. Sabs continued to disrupt the hunt and prevent them from digging a fox which had gone to earth. They packed up around 2.15 again.

This season has so far seen **Chiltern** hunt sabs concentrate on *the Vale of Aylesbury FH*. So far, the season has progressed well for the sabs, with no kills for the hunt whilst sabs have been present. The group were joined one memorable Saturday by **Reading** and **West London** in a move which totally demoralised the hunt for the day and as a result the hunt packed up at around 2pm! The Huntsman and the new whipper in, were seen having a blazing row in front of sabs, this was due to sabs earlier pulling the hounds off a fox and taking control of the pack. This is reminiscent of last season where, on numerous occasions the hunt were seen arguing amongst themselves.

In response to the large number of sabs out that day, the police, true to from, decided to turn up in large numbers the week after "just in case". The hunt attitude of late has been somewhat feisty with one sab ridden at and clipped by a horse and more seriously, in an incident which defied belief, a "have a go" bumpkin decided rather than to just follow sabs walking down a road and continue to slowly drive his 4x4 behind them, thought it would be a good move to drive through them at speed. Luckily



Local magistrate and Bruce Forsythe lookalike: Rory St-George Stephenson Clarke (I kid you not!) is slightly miffed as a shoot on his land grinds to an unscheduled halt.

for the sabs everyone managed to get out of the way, unluckily for the driver of the 4x4 he didn't realize that the Cammoed landy now right in front of him was full of sabs. Never before have sabs witnessed a 4x4 go so fast in reverse! New gear box possibly?

South

Since Hunting has resumed, the **Southdowns** group has been out and about around the southeast in their not so shiney new landrover which was bought with money raised over the summer. The group have tried to concentrate on the *Southdowns and Erridge FH*, aiming to get out twice a week. However things have been a bit strange down there and many hunts have cancelled or have only gone out every other Saturday, so often the group have joined up with the **Croydon**, **Chichester** and **Hastings** groups to sab the *Old Surrey and Burstow*, *the Chid* and the *Crawley and Horsham* as well as a very successful sab on a shoot at Cinder Hill.

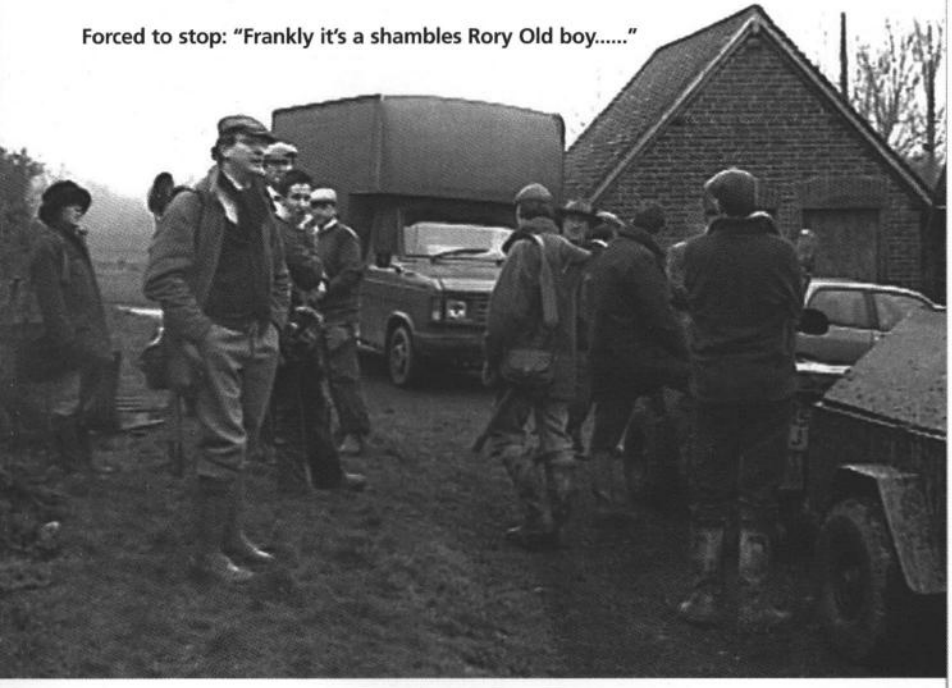
Although the sabbing has been going well, it has been hampered by massive over policing by Sussex police using the new and reinforced laws brought in during the Foot and Mouth Crisis. For example on the 12th of January, 5 Southdowns sabs were faced with almost 100 police out on the *Southdown and Erridge*. These numbers have reduced slightly since then but the clear message is they don't like sabs down here!

Southampton sabs kicked off the season on the 18th December, the day after FMD restictions were lifted with a visit to the *Chiddingfold*. Despite putting up 2 foxes and repeatedly trying to re-find them, the only casualty of the day was one of the hunt's hounds. Boxing Day saw us visit the *Garth & South Berks* for their last ever Boxing Day. A pitiful display by the huntsman was made even less effective by constant pressure from sabs, some of whom peeled off to pack up the *Sandhurst & Aldershot Beagles*.

New Years Day was too frosty for our intended victims, as was the following Saturday, with Beagles being earmarked for attention but also remaining shy. A packed Landy full of sabs spent a cracking day with the *South Dorset*. They were kept on the move solidly, only escaping our attention whilst we packed up a shoot.

The rest of this part of the season has been spent with *the Hampshire* and *the Garth* including Saturday 26th January when we followed *the Garth* to the Old Berks country where they were indulging in some trainspotting (see news).

Forced to stop: "Frankly it's a shambles Rory Old boy....."



Reading Sabs season got off to a bit of a shaky start. A trip to a shoot, along with some **West London** and **Southampton** types, in October resulted in 11 arrests. No one was charged as a result and discussions are taking place with a solicitor regarding civil action for unlawful arrest.

The return of hunting brought confirmation for **Reading** Sabs of the news that had long been suspected. The *Garth and South Berkshire* are finished. Anyone who has visited this hunt over the last couple of years will appreciate what a shambles it has become. Officially *the Garth* are merging with *the Vale of Aylesbury* at the end of the season. This appears to be a face saving exercise - it is a lot easier for the bumpkins to say a hunt is merging rather than folding. *The Garth* don't appear to have a great deal to offer in terms of support, riders or decent meets. They do have a committed sab group though!

The group has visited *the Garth* as often as possible - the intention being to make Big Nose's last season as miserable as possible.



A sab finds another shot bird still alive and suffering in agony

Reading, **Southampton** and **West London** have also visited *the Vale of Aylesbury* (just to get into the swing of things for next season) and were mightily impressed with **Chiltern** Sabs military precision style of sabotage.

In addition, the **Reading** midweek crew have been in action against *the Garth* and helped out on *the Chiddingfold*.

Time has also been found to visit the *Hampshire Hunt*, *Tedworth* and *Surrey Union*.

West London Sabs have regularly joined up with **Reading** and **Southampton** to inflict their own brand of mischief and chaos on the *Garth*, *Hampshire*, *Surrey Union*, *Tedworth*, *Chid* - just about anyone really. A particularly enjoyable day was spent at the *Vale of Aylesbury* when we marvelled at **Chiltern** Sabs Commando style organisation, Camouflaged jeep and matching Combat gear. The group look forward to seeing more of *the Aylesbury* when they join up with *the Garth* - pity the poor fools!

Hastings sabs have mostly been busying themselves with the *Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent F.H. (OSBWK)* with sabs always out at least 3 times a week. With help from **Croydon** & **Brighton** sabs The abscence of cubbing has clearly affected huntsman Mark Bycrofts' ability to control his hounds making our job significantly easier than usual. Sabs have frequently noted Bycroft attempting to draw coverts with only 3 or 4 hounds. On one occasion (after the whole pack was succesfully split) he was spotted driving back to the meet in a battered vauxhall astra with a single hound. "What d'you mean you can't see any hounds?' has become his standard rant during frequent mobile calls to beleagured Whipper In, George Whittaker.

During one meet of *the OSBWK*, doddery old supporter and chief sandwich maker, Helen Relf unwittingly picked up an 'anti' and drove her around for half the morning! During this time 'Relfy' confirmed that the sabs were completely ruining the season, before grudingly admitting their horn blowing was good!



Sussex E.G. Unit taking their job so seriously they've even got time to piss about putting on amusing face camo.

While we tried not to piss ourselves with laughter, Kent Police showed just how unbiased they were by driving at 10 mph in front of us and later proudly boasting to our 'undercover' anti, 'There you go - I slowed them down for you'

A total of 8 sabs from **Hastings** and **Croydon** also packed up two seperate shoots (each of 20+ people) on a hound-free Saturday, proving you don't need huge numbers to be effective. The same groups have also been out disrupting meets of *the chid, the southdown & Eridge,* and *the Crawley & Horsham,* where sabs were delighted to see ex-terrierman now whip, Adrian Thompson take a spectacular fall from his horse! (It couldn't have happened to a nicer person!)

South West

Bath & Pewsey Vale sabs spent much of the closed season fundraising and working on the van. However we did make a few outings for kennel watching the *Avon Vale, the Tedworth* and *the Vale of the White Horse (VWH).* The *VWH* were spotted out in early September 'exercising' hounds in Cirencester Park (a regular meet for the *VWH*), complete with five Redcoats around thirty followers on horse back and probably double that amount in vehicles or on foot. When we phoned DEFRA reporting this, they assured us that this was ok as the hounds would be on leads! They also replied to an e-mail in a similar reassuring way, 'What you saw was part of an exercise in Cirencester Park by the Vale of White Horse hunt for which they had prior permission to carry out. No hunt took place on that day. I can confirm that members of the League Against Cruel Sports were involved in chasing some of the hounds which is perhaps what you saw and mistook for actual hunting.' The Police were immediately informed and helped to resolve the matter!

The so-called 'League' were a couple of sabs who never left their car and were phoned at home later with threats of the use of the harassment laws. After FMD restrictions were lifted *the Tedworth* were our first target, after arriving an hour early and pre-meeting, we parked up at the met to check if DEFRA regulations were being conformed with (Ha Ha) and waiting the mounted followers to arrive. After informing the police of the of the hunt were breaking DEFRA rules, they blocked in our van and told us in so many words if we break wind in the wrong direction we'd be nicked !

Meanwhile the hunt went out on foot (bar-stewards). Because of lack of numbers and policing we followed by van videoing the hounds rioting to both hare & deer, with the Huntsman and Whip being unable to control the hounds and being left far behind. After no kills the sabs gain control of the rioting hounds returning them to the Whip (the Huntsman being dead on his feet) after which they pack up for home. Due to of lack of advertised meets for *the Tedworth* and policing we turned our attention to the *VWH*, who looked on in awe of our hound control. Unfortunately it wasn't long before they returning to their time dishonored use of verbal, physical and vehicle intimidation, with death threats, attempted riding downs and attempted running downs.

Later on in January we moved on to *the Cotswold farmers*, who posted their meets on their web site (You can check out your local hunt details on www.mfha.co.uk). Their hounds proved be to be the most responsive of all, leaving the huntsmanís side with just one holla and a quick horn call. This got some of their foot support and Terrier men a little over excited, which came to very little. **Bath & Pewsey Vale** hunt sabs will continue to save local wildlife during this and future seasons until hunting is finally banned. HELP needed, clutch gone on van 02/02/02, local labour or money needed !!!

Cornwall hunt sabs have had a busy season with two small, but dedicated groups going out up to four times a week. *The Four Burrow Foxhounds, the North Cornwall Hunt* and *the South Cornwall Hunt* have all had regular visits, sometimes with the kind assistance of **Plymouth** Hunt Saboteurs.

On 19 January a **Plymouth** sab was run over by a horse-box and taken to hospital with leg injuries during a meet of *the Four Burrow Foxhounds*. After a successful day's sabotage, Andy was walking down a lane when a four wheel drive vehicle and horse trailer drove towards him. He moved to the side of the lane and pressed himself into the hedge. However, the vehicle was allegedly steered straight towards him. The vehicle narrowly missed him, but the horse trailer hit him. Andy said 'It was only pure luck that I managed to get into the hedge as close as I did and the vehicle missed me. The horse trailer took my legs from under me'. An ambulance was called and he was taken to Treliske Hospital with a suspected fractured fibula. Following X-rays he was released from the hospital. The driver of the vehicle did not stop, and despite the incident being a serious hit and run incident, police did not arrive for almost 2 hours. One officer at the scene said that it was 'difficult to prove it was a deliberate act'. The police are still making inquiries.



The North Cornwall Hunt caused two ewes to abort as they drove their hounds onto a farm where they were not invited. Later, sabs returned to their vehicle to find their tyres had been slashed.

On 12 February *the Four Burrow* was caught trespassing in a wildlife sanctuary near Helston.

Sabs have prevented many kills and have actually witnessed several foxes escaping from the area of the hunt. The tactic of feeding hounds has proved very effective at all Cornish hunts.

Please send your next group news in NOW! The HSA may offer preferential financial support to groups featuring in the pages of this magazine.

Make sure you don't miss out!

Below and above: A fine days sabbing on the Hampshire FH



Hunt Havoc and Violence 2002

With the prospect of a ban becoming ever more real, hunt protesters have been subjected to an upsurge in violent attacks from hunters and their supporters. This combined with the routine chaos that hunts cause across rural areas, has led to them losing support and the PR battle at the grass roots level. Following is an incident log of violent and chaotic incidents from just the first 2 months alone of this very short season.

Dec 18 - *Chiddingfold,etc FH*

Hound's leg is broken.

Dec 26 - *South Devon FH*

Hound was shot after breaking its leg despite offers from hunt saboteurs to deal with its veterinary treatment.

Dec 29 - *Bicester and Whaddon Chase FH*

Hunt saboteur has glasses broken after being punched in the face by a hunt supporter

Jan 8 - *Chiddingfold,etc FH*

Four anti-hunt activist told they would receive "the kicking of their lives" as they endured a 15 minute attack involving iron bars. Camera damaged.

Jan 10 - *Crawley and Horsham FH*

Hunt protester trampled by horse. Sunday People reporter present

Jan 15 - *Duke of Beaufort FH*

CH4 & Guardian document illegal dumping of deer at artificial earths.

Jan 17 - *Bicester & Whaddon Chase FH*

Hunt trespasses before crossing main London rail line. At least one, possibly 8 hounds killed.

Jan 17 - *South Hottinghamshire FH*

Mass trespass across gardens in village. Terrified residents. Hunt make public apology.

Jan 19 - *Four Burrow FH*

Hunt saboteur hospitalised after being deliberately driven at by hunt supporter in 4x4 towing horse trailer.

Jan 19 - *Woodland Pytchley FH*

Hunt Steward arrested after attacking a saboteur

Jan 19 *High Harriers*

Hunt supporter drives at saboteurs. A female saboteur lands on the bonnet.

Jan 19 - *Vale of White Horse FH*

Saboteurs receive death threats. Clipped by hunt supporter in van.

Jan 22 - *Chiddingfold, etc FH*

Hunt sab dragged along by coat, then ridden over by wipper-in on horse. Another sab attacked.

Jan 26 - *High Harriers*

Hounds chase hare through field of terrified sheep in lambing season.

Jan 26 - *Garth & South Berks FH*

Hounds chase fox onto Reading-Swindon railway line. Sabs halt hounds preventing dangerous accident.

Jan 30 - *Holcombe Hunt*

Hounds falls 30 ft down cliff. Rescued by sabs. Hunt supporters take away for medical treatment. Suspected dead.

Jan 30 - *Carmarthenshire FH*

A grieving widow says she watched in horror as a hunt rampaged across her land while she sat by her husband's grave. Hounds scatter wreaths and flowers on month-old grave of husband. No apologies from hunt.

Feb 7 - *Grove and Rufford Hunt*

DOG walkers terrified when snarling hounds and horsemen disrupted their peaceful walk through Clumber Park.

Feb 13 - *Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt*

Cotswold resident calls police after 60 hounds stampeded through her wildlife garden. Other villagers were also affected and responded by presenting the hunt with a map charting forbidden land.

Feb 13 - *Vale of Aylesbury*

Children and animals were reported terrified by Oxfordshire residents when 30 uncontrolled foxhounds and horse riders ran amok through Chalgrove, over the playing field and through the churchyard. Hunt apologise

Feb 23 - *Cheshire Forest FH*

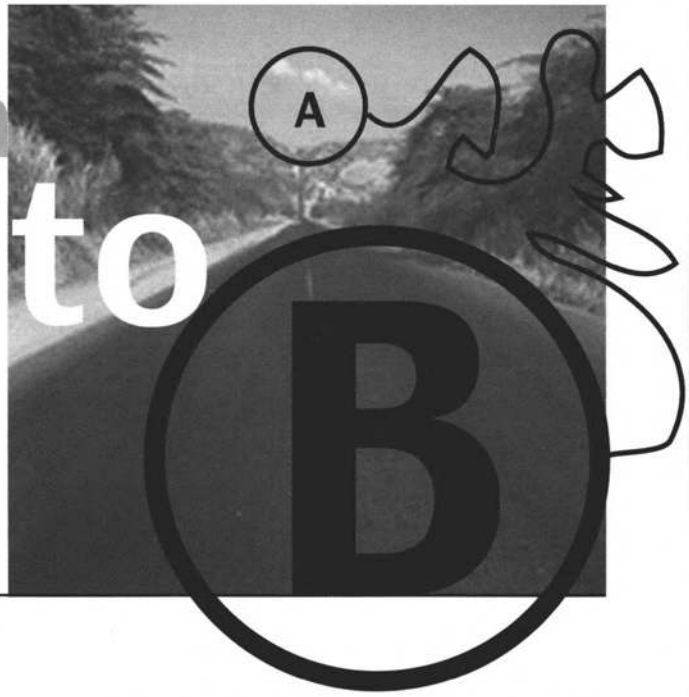
Hunt saboteur is held down by hunt supporters while they smash a concrete bolder down onto his legs, breaking one of them.

Please send any further incidents of chaos and violence into the office. Photos and video grabs are particularly welcome!



A *Chiddingfold, etc FH* supporter casually walks past Sussex Police armed with a billhook. Clearly not an offence weapon - unlike the whips confiscated from sabs the same day.

getting from A to B



A man with a van tells us how it's done.

HOWL has published plenty of articles on field sabbing and the various aspects of it, including some detailed features on navigating, but I've never seen one on driving; a key skill required by at least one person in any successful sab group.

Some of you who are aware of my infamy of getting vehicles stuck may argue that I am not the ideal person to offer tips on driving, but my retort would be: if you've made most of the mistakes at least you can warn others about them! I have had 3 seasons' experience as the main sab vehicle driver in our group: one year spent in a bog-standard 2 WD; the second in a beat-up old Transit; and the last one in a Landrover.

The sab Van

The main purpose of the sab vehicle (to state the obvious) is to ferry a number of sabs to the hunt meet so that they can do their thing and stop the hunt/shoot/match from killing. Unfortunately (for the driver) it does not stop there. Most sabs, excluding the odd fell or marathon runner are not fit or fast enough to keep up with a hunt all day. The van driver should be their legs as much as possible by constantly picking them up when the hunt has left them behind and dropping them off again at a strategically advantageous position to resume sabbing the hunt. While sabs are in the field the van is also used to observe the hunt and keep the sabs updated to its current position.

The Legal Bit

In most areas of the country there is nothing the police love more than hassling the van driver and actually finding something illegal in either the documentation or the van itself. They will quite happily have you sit there while they do a full check of the vehicle while turning a blind eye to the battered old farm pick-up go careering by with a broken tail light and a couple of kids hanging on for their lives in the open back!



Check Your License

Make sure your licence covers you to drive the vehicle. Most groups have a vehicle with 8+ seats. In that case, if you have a normal car licence you must be 21 or over, have held a car licence for at least 2 years, you must be driving on a voluntary basis (some may disagree!) and must not be paid more than running costs (as if!). The vehicle must not weigh more than 3.5tonnes unladen and must not contain more than 16 seats.

Insurance

Some groups have commercial insurance which covers anyone within the previous criteria to drive the vehicle. This is handy in an emergency but is quite expensive. Other groups take out normal insurance for 2 or 3 people. The addition of a low risk mature driver to the insurance is usually simply an administration fee which was £25 when I last arranged it.
In some cases drivers use their insurance policy on their private car to cover them. I would not recommend this if you are a regular driver. The cover tends to be only 3rd party and so does not cover damage to the sab vehicle - only damage to others. In most cases private cover also

excludes commercial vehicles (ie a big white thing with lots of seats in!). If you do choose this form of insurance check the small print on your policy very carefully.

Remember, the van must be insured by someone - you cannot drive an uninsured vehicle on your own car insurance!

Is the vehicle road worthy?

As the driver on the day you are solely responsible for the safety of the vehicle in the eyes of the law.

Check the MOT and tax are still valid before you set out.

Check the tyres are legal (the tread depth limit is 1.6mm now).

Check the windscreen wipers and washers work.

Ask a colleague to check your lights including brake lights.

Working reverse and fog lights are NOT a legal requirement (but reverse lights are useful when reversing 1/2 a mile down a dead-end dirt track). If pulled by the police they may also check the solidity of any seats or seat belts so make sure they are bolted firmly to the chassis - don't rely on a bit of string! Exhaust, steering and suspension can also come under scrutiny if you're unlucky enough to be given a full inspection.

Searches

If your local police force are really arsey they may invent an excuse to search your van. ONLY THE DRIVER IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO GIVE THE POLICE THEIR DETAILS. Their details consist of name, address and date of birth. They may also ask you who the registered owner is as a check to make sure the vehicle is not stolen.

Gadgets

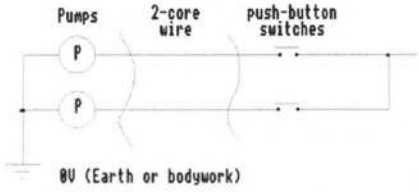
Okay, so far I've only discussed the normal use of a vehicle for transport. The sab van can however be a potent field sab in its own right with little financial input. Any drivers out there who have felt frustrated because they have been in an excellent position to disrupt the hunt?

CB Radio

First thing needed in any van is a form of communication to the field sabs. Many groups are moving over to mobile phones from CB's for greater reliability, security and low cost. Our group chose to have both and purchased a CB as soon as we could afford it. On multi-group 'hits' a CB is still the best option as everyone is continuously on-line. The significant advantage of a phone is any lost (or arrested) sab can easily contact the van. When choosing a CB I found there is a lot of rubbish out there which are little more than toys. After experimenting with a number of aerials we eventually settled with a 'Pre-SWRed' whip with a coil spring base which most truckers have. I also added a serial amplifier which is meant to boost the range but to be honest in hilly regions it does not seem to make much different.

Sprays

The next thing I worked on was a spray system which could be controlled from the driver's seat. I went over to our local scrap yard and ripped out a Volvo's window washer tank, sprays, and pipework. Rovers and Volvos have the biggest tanks and can hold about 5L of fluid. Go for a hatchback so you get 2 sprays. These can be mounted on either side of the van. Twin nozzle sprays are also ideal as you can cover a wider strip of land. To control the spray kit I bought some push button switches from an electrical component shop and about 10m of standard 2-core insulated household cable from 'Wilcos'. A diagram is shown below on the setup.



It is also advisable to fit a fuse as our system has frozen up a couple of times during last season and this protects the pumps from burning out. Fit the spray nozzles at a higher level than the tank or they will leak continuously.



I would recommend the above modification to any group - it is rare that we do not use it during a sab. It has been criticised by some people - 'Why do you need sprays when you can rely on the fumes from the exhaust?' - It is true that revving your engine works well to mask a scent in a hedge/covert at the side of the road but only if the wind is blowing in the right direction!

'Sprays are meant to be set to mist not jet!'. For the same reason you are reliant on wind direction with the exhaust, so too using a spray set to mist. A jet from a windscreen washer has a range of 6 feet or more and can easily clear a hedgerow. It is also a lot faster and more subtle than someone walking along the edge of a road with a pump-action spray!

Beware!

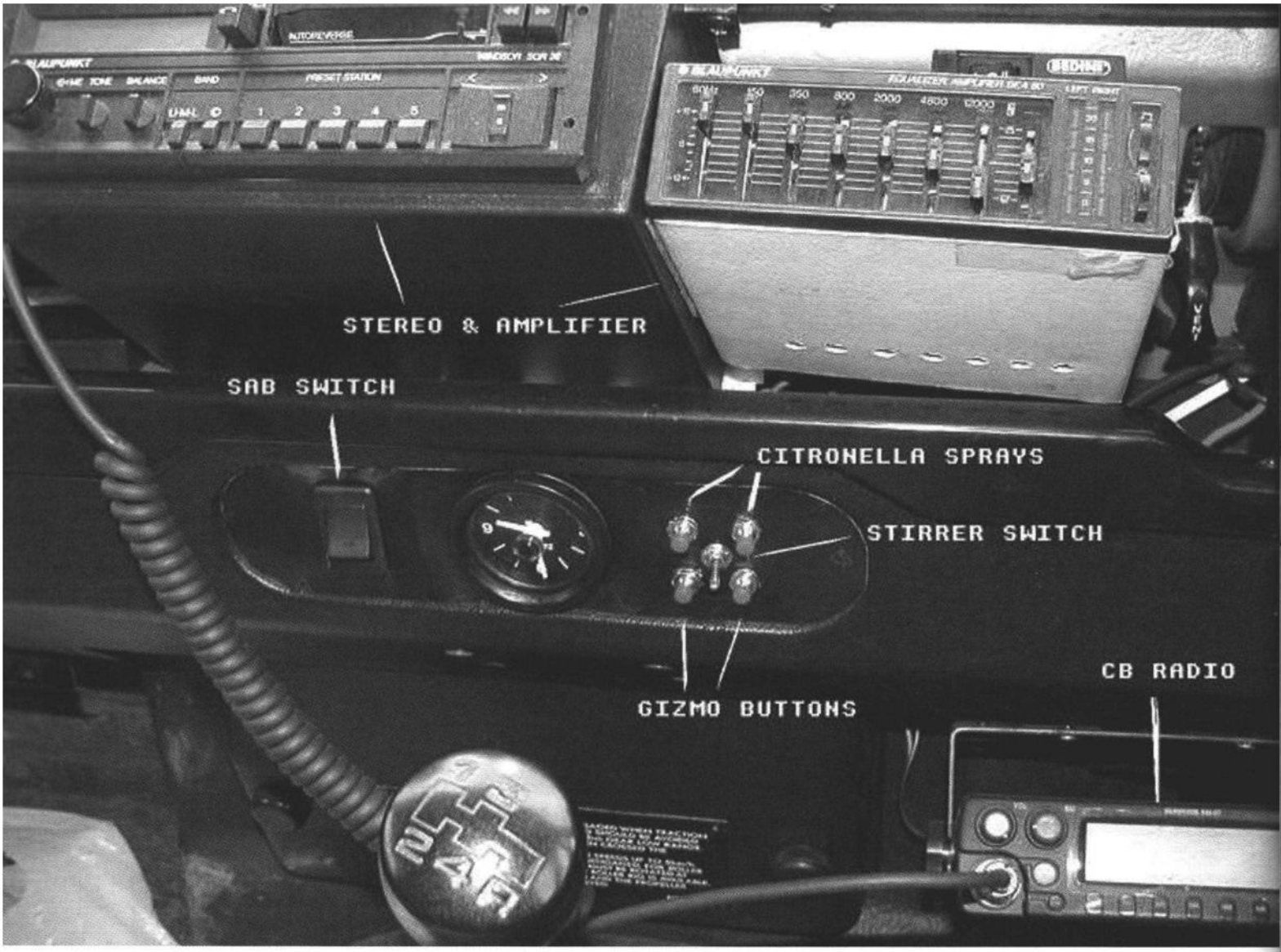
Be careful to avoid the hounds, horses and support just as with a hand-spray. We have received complaints when only spraying hedgerows. Fortunately the local police accepted the spray was harmless and left us to it! This may not happen in all counties!

Gizmo

As I had the dashboard ripped apart in the van while fitting the spray controls, I thought I might as well work on my other pet project. Most vans probably have a stereo fitted to play 'Quo' while on the way home. Has anyone thought what a waste this is for a piece of equipment which could be put to so much good use?

I bought a couple of spare car speakers from a car-boot sale for £3, some standard speaker wire (from 'Wilcos') and some toggle-type switches. (See over) I mounted the speakers externally and by flicking the switches 'Quo' can be enjoyed by everyone outside the van! Of course it might be of more use to play a Gizmo tape!





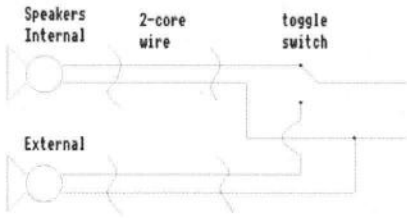
Mounting the speakers was a real problem. I eventually decided on underneath the van body so as not to provide a too-easy target for a pick-axe handle. Unfortunately speakers don't like being regularly doused with muddy water and soon lost their quality.

Current Setup

My current gizmo setup consists of 2x100W speakers mounted to aluminium sheet which fit snugly in the gap when the windows are open. These are fitted and plugged in on the day and are wired though a Blaupunkt amplifier and equaliser for that extra little boost! The picture opposite (Figure 4) shows how our setup has developed. 'The sab switch' powers up the CB radio (and amp), citronella sprays, and switches over to the external speakers. This is all done by a little circuit board under the dashboard using relay switches. The 'stirrer switch' activates an extra pump I added to the citronella tank which creates a little fountain. Citronella oil tends to float on the surface of the water (as oil does) and this helps to pre-mix it before spraying.

Beware Again!

Remember to switch back over to internal speakers at the end of the day! Also when using it remember even if you are on a quiet country track/lane look out for other vehicles and keep your hazard lights on. NEVER use the device on a busy road - only country tracks. See below for the wiring diagram.



I hope this article can relieve some of those frustrations felt by sab drivers all over the country! You don't need lots of money to fit these gadgets (everything I fitted was second hand except the wiring, plugs and switches) - just a little spare time. The approximate costs are shown below:

SPRAYS

Tank, pumps, tubing and sprays:
(from a scrappy).....**£5.00**
Household wire: **50p/metre**
2 push button switches:.....**80p**
Wire connectors: **£1.00**
+ Lots of citronella!

GIZMO

Stereo + internal speakers + optional amplifier	**£30**
2 Speakers	**£20**
Speaker wire (2 core)	**30p/metre**
2 toggle switches	**80p**
Wire connectors	**£1.00**

+ Tasteful tapes!

Other Equipment

Besides carrying all the sabbing gear do not forget to carry AT LEAST one spare, preferably as many as you can carry for those rare times when all 4 tyres seem to go flat while stationary! Has any one tried a roadside repair kit on a slashed tyre? I would be interested to know how it went. Out of desperation you could always try stuffing the tyre with newspaper - I find the latest unread edition of the Daily Telegraph ideal for this purpose. Always remember to carry a wheel brace and jack.

If you can afford it - get your hands on a Hi-Lift Jack. If the vehicle gets stuck the jack can also double as a winch. Alternatively just push the van off the jack when raised up to land back onto level ground.

Other bits and pieces I carry are spare light bulbs/covers, fuses, tyre pump, zip-ties and wire for securing things, wire cutters, screwdrivers, spanners, socket set, extra oil and water, torch, tow-rope, and a shovel. It is unlikely that you will receive a ticket if you can repair a faulty light at the roadside. I suppose some bits I carry may be misinterpreted but I haven't had any hassle yet. Use your own judgement depending on how arsey your local police force is.

The Physics Bit

Find out which wheels do the driving - it may sound silly but it makes a difference with sab driving. Always try to keep these wheels on a solid surface. Ford Transits (our favourite) are mostly rear wheel drive so if possible turn around by going nose first into muddy gateways. Renaults and some others are front wheel drive so back these into gateways.

Road grip is also different. Front wheel drive is great if the van is empty as most of the weight is over the front wheels but take great care when full of sabs and allow lots of stopping distance. Rear wheel drive is more versatile as traction and braking improve with the greater load. Again care must be taken as the handling does still change. Once I had to do an emergency stop just after letting 10 sabs out of the back of our old Tranny. I applied as much braking as I would with a full load and promptly locked the brakes leaving about 20 feet of rubber on the road and almost losing control.

Take the van for a drive around town before the day in question to get a feel for the size and handling. Most vans (especially when loaded) do not corner as well as a car!

Getting Unstuck

Invariably you will get stuck at some time. (I've even got our 4x4 stuck - I'm ashamed to admit!) Before everyone gets out and starts pushing (assuming you have anyone to push) there are one or two things you can try.

Putting your foot down if stationary will worsen your position as the wheels will simply spin and dig in further (and its not very environmentally friendly). Balance the clutch and accelerator on the point of stall - this is where you get the most traction through the wheels. Try to rock the vehicle out of the rut by pumping the accelerator (gently) and the clutch. You can always try reverse as well! Get as many people over the driving wheels as possible and get them to jump up and down to give that extra bit of traction.

Once we were stuck in a field with the van literally see-sawing on a hillock and surrounded by mud (don't ask!). By using these techniques and pushing as well, we managed to get moving again even though there was only five of us including the driver.

If you have some spare time during the week get some short thick wooden planks, wrap chicken wire around them (2/3 times) and staple securely. These are great for jamming under the wheels to provide a nice grippy solid surface.

Need Transport?

This is one of those problems experienced by any new or small group. We started by going out and supporting our neighbouring group for about 2 seasons by catching the train and jumping in their van. This always takes its toll and the day is just too long. In addition most groups eventually want their own identity and to do their own local hunts.

So what vehicle do you go for? Do not push your budget. Plan on having a little extra money left for those little problems that can occur during the year. It is better to go out in a working heap than have a nicer vehicle sitting at home waiting for a new exhaust! Insurance costs depend on your most experienced driver. Always put the most experienced driver (with the cleanest license) as the main driver.

Shop around for your insurance; the big names may promise the cheapest insurance but very rarely deliver. For unusual vehicles it is usually best to go to insurance companies that specialise in that type of vehicle. For Landrovers it is worth buying a magazine and looking at the adverts in the back. Insuring a Landrover is cheaper than a normal car which in turn is cheaper than insuring a van in my experience.

See below for a rough guide on purchase costs of vehicles (running costs are average per sab trip):

£500
Car
£10 per trip

There are some 7-seater cars around such as the Montego Estate and the excellent Peugeot 505 Estate (in diesel and GTi forms!). Very vulnerable to attack.

£500 - 2000
Van
£20 per trip

Go for Transits, Renaults or Ivecos. Do not touch any of the Japanese or Bedford clones as they are a nightmare to repair. Side-facing bench seats are still legal but difficult to insure. Anything with home-made seating, will be impossible to insure. (It's best to plead ignorance on that one!) Look out for the 4x4 Trannies!

£2000 +
Landrover
£25 per trip

Go for the 109, 110 or 130 inch wheelbase. Not much comfort but plenty of seats. Anything going for less than £2000 will need lots of work at some point. Built like tanks - and about as fast - except for the V8 and TD5 versions!

MUSIC TO THE EARS: TIPS FOR USING A GIZMO

- Make sure all batteries have enough charge before leaving home. (Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) rechargeable batteries are the most environmentally sound.
- A continuous recording (both sides) of hounds in cry is necessary. (Make sure it is clearly audible. Any sound engineers out there with the technology to produce the ultimate crystal clear loop, please contact HSA with your ideas).
- Ensure cassette is rewound before playing.
- Hounds have excellent hearing; therefore the gizmo can be set at a relatively low volume when situated upwind of hounds.
- Activate gizmo as soon as hounds go into cry.
- Do not over-expose hounds to the gizmo; they could become immune to the sounds, thereby reducing its effectiveness.
- Some packs respond better than others to the gizmo. Hampshire Hunt hounds have been witnessed looking into the megaphone in search of the phantom pack, but still haven't sussed out the technology!
- Keep a firm grasp of all sabbing equipment when in the presence of aggressive riders or hunt supporters.
- Prevent all electrical equipment from the rain; either carry the gizmo under a jacket or in a water-resistant bag.
- Unless sabs are trying to split the pack, only use one gizmo at a time. A single gizmo will produce a less distorted sound.
- As with hunting horn tactics, run with the hounds as far as possible. The further away they become scattered, the longer the task for the huntsman when he tries to gather them up again.



Legal News

MORE POLICE PAY-OUTS TO HUNT PROTESTERS FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Three anti-fox hunt protesters have received out-of-court settlements from Devon & Cornwall Police following their arrest at a hunt 4 years ago.

Philip Elston was awarded £3,250, and Mary Lynch and Emma Denny were awarded £3,000 each. This is the latest in a series of awards made to protesters arrested around the country where the Police have made payments without admitting liability. Allegations of unlawful arrest and false imprisonment were made against the police.

On 28th September 1997 the three protesters were observing the Western Hunt from a public footpath near Penzance, when they were approached by the police and arrested to prevent a breach of the peace. The protesters argued that they had remained within the law, and that the only reason for arrest that they could see, was their claim that officers were on first name terms with the Hunt Master.

Philip Elston said: *"We did nothing wrong except protest peacefully and lawfully against fox hunting. That the Police have compensated us rather than fight our claims in court shows that they know they should not have arrested us."*

Their legal representative at law firm Irwin Mitchell said:

"We handle many cases where anti-hunt protesters who are not doing anything unlawful appear to be taken out of the way for the convenience of the hunt. These awards are adding up now and the public has to pay for them. It's about time the Police realised that when they arrest someone for spurious reasons they may end up having to pay compensation."



SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

Those imprisoned for 'Animal Rights Offences' need your support. Show them you care by sending letters of support - These are greatly appreciated by most prisoners.

Most prisons now allow stamped addressed envelopes to be sent in with your letters and cards. Please enclose these if you write, so that prisoners don't waste their limited funds on postage.

The best way to support AR prisoners is by sending a donation to the A.L.F. Supporters Group who will provide financial help for them.

Make cheques/P.O's payable to 'A.L.F. Supporters Group'. Send to A.L.F S.G., BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.



NATASHA DALLEMAGNE
TE1592
HMP Highpoint
Stradis Hall
Newmarket
Suffolk
CA8 9YG
Serving 12 months for inciting others to cause a public nuisance

DAVE BLENKINSOP
EM7899
HMP Bullingdon
PO Box 50
Bicester
Oxon OX25 1WD
Serving 3 years for GBH on HLS director Brian Cass, 18 months for burglary of 600 Newchurch guinea pigs & remanded on explosives charges

MEL BROUGHTON
DY8216
HMP The Mount
Molyneaux Ave
Bovingdon
Hemel Hempstead
Herts HP3 0NZ
Serving 4 years for possession of explosives Co-defendant of Tony Humphries

NEIL BARTLETT
FW7083
HMP The Verne
Portland
Dorset
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Serving 4 years for hoax bomb-threats to various instituitions of animal abuse.

VEGGIES
Catering Campaign (Nottingham)
www.veggies.org.uk

Diary Dates

MAY

Wednesday 15th
Countryside Alliance - The Countryside Conference 2002
10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, England SW7 2AR, 0207 589 5466
Tickets for £10 include lunch - (vegan buffet? ... or roast fox?) - download an application form: www.countryside-alliance.org/a/0308.pdf
Please send further details to arc@veggies.org.uk

18th - 25th
Greyhound Awareness Week
Greyhound Action, P.O. Box 127, Kidderminster, Worcs, DY10 3UZ. ph:01562 745778 / fax:0870 138 3993

Saturday 18th
Veggie Pride Festival of Vegetarian and Vegan Pride, Paris, France.
Départ 14h30, place Jussieu, Paris 5e arrdt, métro Jussieu; Arrivée 19h30, place de la Sorbonne. Contact David: +33 (0)4 78 69 90 71

25th - 6th
Global Boycott of Procter and Gamble Day
NOTE: MOVED FROM JULY 13th
Last year activists in over 25 different countries across the world held events from leaflet hand-outs to town-centre information stalls and supermarket demos to highlight Procter & Gamble's continued cruel and unnecessary animal testing policies.
See Uncaged web site; email or phone:0114-253-0020

Sunday 26th
Animal Rights Coalition Meeting
Noon (for 1pm sharp) at Veggies' Sumac Centre, 245 Gladstone St, Nottingham, for all campaigning groups and individuals.Veggies Food. Details from ARCNews:0845 458 0146 . Directions from Veggies/Sumac : 0845 458 9595 / 0787 086 1837

JUNE

Mon 3rd
Kingston Green Fair (note new date).

Saturday 8th
World Oceans Day.
Walks, talks, exhibitions and events worldwide.
Marine Conservation Soc: 01989 566017. Also Earthkind:01202 682344

15th - 23rd
National Anti-Angling Week
Offers of organisational help needed : email: anti_angling@hotmail.com
Campaign for Abolition of Angling, BM Fish, London, WC1N 3XX. Ph:0870 458 4176

Saturday 15th
GlaxoSmithKline demo - date changed - see July 6th.

Wednesday 19th
McLibel: Anniversary of 1997 High Court Victory!
McLibel Support Campaign . See also McSpotlight 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1. 020 7713 1269. Adopt-A-Store Network:0845 458 9595

Saturday 22nd June
Porton Down
March and demo against animal experimentation at Porton Down (DSTL and CAMR establishments).
From 1:30pm in Salisbury and Porton. Details to be announced later. Contact: 01980 629692

24th - 30th
Glastonbury Festival : Green Futures Field

June 28th - July 3rd
Animal Rights 2002
12th Annual Animal Rights Conference to be held at the McLean Hilton Hotel near Washington, U S A. Details from FARM (Farm Animal Reform Movement).

Saturday 29th
RSPCA AGM
10.30 - 1pm at Queen Liz II Conference Centre, Westminster, followed at 2pm by Animal Welfare Conference.
Join early to ensure your vote. 0870 333 5999

JULY

Thursday 4th
International Day for Captive Dolphins. Cetacea Defence

Saturday 6th
GlaxoSmithKline
National demonstration at Stevenage laboratories. Start noon and followed by overnight vigil.
More information: 01438 220480

8th - 14th
National Vegetarian Week . 'A Whole World of Taste'
Phone Vegetarian Society: 0161-925-2000 or email.

8th - 14th
35th World Vegetarian Congress - "Food for all our futures".
Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland.
Workshops & lectures by international speakers, with delegates from over 30 countries.
Hosted by The Vegetarian Society:0161-925 2000

Wed 10th - Sun 14th
Earth First Summer Gathering
Note date set - previously pencilled in August. Probably in Devon.
For info email: summergathering2002@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 13th
End factory farming - before it ends us
Meet Noon at Kennington Park, London SE11 [map] (tube: Oval) for rally and 1pm march to Trafalgar Square. All day 'Food For Life' Festival at the Camden Centre, off Judd Street, London WC1 [map] (tube: Kings Cross). Details from Viva! 12 Queen Square, Brighton BN1 3FD. Ph: 01273 777688, email Becky or see www.factoryfarming.org.uk

Sunday 21st
Freshfields Animal Rescue.
Sanctuary open day 11am-4pm. East Lodge Farm, East Lane, Ince Blundell, Liverpool. Fun dog show, Kids stuff, Veggies Food. Details 0151 931 1604

24th - 28th
Big Green Gathering, on the Wiltshire Downs.

NOTICEBOARD

The Burstow Defendants

On September 1st 2000, hunt protester Steve Christmas was run down and very nearly killed whilst trying to disrupt a cub hunt of the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent FH.

The following day a demonstration was held at the hunt kennels in Felbridge, Surrey to express solidarity with Steve and protest against hunt violence. The police later conducted dawn raids across the South-East with the result that a good number of people are currently on trial for the event. This is despite the fact that the man who almost killed Steve Christmas walked free from court.

They need your help and support.

The State has set aside endless amounts of tax payers money to bring about this show trial. We are asking people to show solidarity with the animal activists and a fund has been set up to help those defendants on low incomes with their travelling expenses.

Please make a pledge now:

Burstow Defendants Fund, c/o 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY

Help build a safe haven for the dogs of Sri Lanka

Home and Abroad Animal Welfare is a small organisation which hopes to improve the lives of animals abroad. In the past, work has been done in Greece, Bulgaria and Tunisia, caring for the stray dogs and cats and the working donkeys and horses.

For the past two years, work has been concentrated in Sri Lanka as there are serious problems with the stray dogs there and it has been felt that the work is most needed in this particular area. The organisation travels there four times a year and concentrates mainly on spaying and neutering dogs, giving rabies vaccinations and treating mange, which is a serious problem in Sri Lanka.

However, the organisation would like to go one step further and build a dogs home there in order to care for the abandoned dogs and be able to treat them in a safe environment. The organisation has a local vet who operates on all mixed dogs free of charge. The group is funded purely by voluntary work doing street stalls and car boot sales every week-end and an annual sponsored walk. The money raised pays for the flights and all the medical supplies which are taken out to Sri Lanka. The group is very keen to set up a dogs home but is desperate for donations and supplies such as collars and leads, dog food, worming tablets, flea powder, etc. If you can help, or if you know anyone who can help, please send donations or correspondence to the following address:

Sri Lanka Dogs Home Appeal, 39, Albert Street, Fleet, Hampshire, GU13 9RL.

CLUB DRAW
☆ WINNERS ☆

As part of our fundraising activities, the HSA operates a 'Club Draw.' If you'd like to take part fill in the leaflet which should be included in your issue of Howl. If the slip is missing, just write to the HSA office and request an entry form.

October 2001	November 2001	December 2001
1st P Fenn	**1st** R Banhay	**1st** F Clark
2nd EF Hamilton	**2nd** G Jebb	**2nd** H C Heady
3rd P Beadsworth	**3rd** M J Clarke	**3rd** P Fenn

VERMIN PATROL

CRUELTY CASES IN THE COURTS

bloodsport
VERMIN

Two hunt employees accused of interfering with badger setts by the RSPCA have had the case against them dismissed. **Gary Edwards** who lives on the Milton Estate, near Bretton, Peterborough and **Cyril Smith** Oakham, near Stamford both work as terriermen for the Fitzwilliam Hunt, had been accused of illegally blocking the holes or damaging a sett. But on 29/10/01 they were acquitted at Peterborough magistrates after the RSPCA said it did not have enough evidence to carry on. George Bowyer, joint-master of the Fitzwilliam Hunt, which is based at Milton Hall, near Bretton, Peterborough, said the RSPCA had never had a case against the men and condemned its decision to bring charges. My men have always been innocent but their names have been blackened.

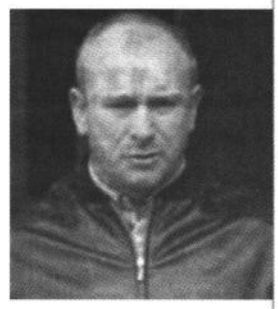
Anne Hull (40) of Maldon Road, Burnham was found guilty in of aiding and abetting interference with a badger sett. But Chelmsford Crown Court overturned the conviction at an appeal hearing on 2/11/01 after ruling there was no direct evidence linking Hull with the blocking of a badger sett. The court heard how Hull was a joint master of The Essex Farmers and Union Hunt when the six-hole badger sett was partially blocked by earth-stopper and terrierman **Bryn Chittenden.**

Charges against a farmer, accused of interfering with a badger set on his land, have been dropped, a court was told on 2/12/01. **Mark Simpson** (45) of Hunter Hill Farm, Seamer, near Middlesbrough pleaded guilty to two charges which alleged he blocked the run of an active set. However, when magistrates were told neither the RSPCA nor the local Badger Watch group monitoring his land had evidence to prove the set was occupied, the Bench ordered Simpson to alter his plea to not guilty. A new hearing was meant to have gone ahead at Richmond magistrates. However, with no new evidence coming to light, the court was told the case against Simpson, had been discontinued. No further action will be taken against him.

A gamekeeper was fined £2,400 for illegally poisoning five Buzzards and storing and possessing a banned agricultural pesticide. **Malcolm Kempson** of Cardenden, Fife went before Perth Court after the offences in March 2000.

On 27/2/02 Dolgellau magistrates heard about six men who were found allegedly digging a badgers' sett in a wood. They were accompanied by a dozen dogs. The men told police they were digging for a fox which had gone to ground. They denied all charges. The court heard that two dogs were seen trying to get into a tunnel at the bottom of the hole and a squealing noise could be heard. When one of the dogs, a terrier, was pulled out of the tunnel it was heavily bloodstained and had badger hairs in its mouth. The six were: **Tony Edwards** (pictured left) (27) of Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk;





Gerrard Gary Daniel Stanley (pictured right) (38) of Cloucas Gardens, Ormskirk; **John Garreth Griffiths** (34) of Ty'n Llwyd Terrace, Trawsfynydd; **Donald Keith Edwards** (44) of Cysgod y Coleg, Bala; **David William Thomas** (36) of Old Tan y Banc, Penrhynndeudraeth; and **William Evans** (40) of Pengwndwn, Blaenau Ffestiniog. **Tony Edwards** was also found not guilty of an additional charge of causing unnecessary cruelty to his Lakeland terrier. Donald Keith Edwards said he had seen a fox enter one of the holes in the area. All six told the court they were hunting for foxes and denied they had visited the site to dig for badgers. David Thomas, who farms at his mother's farm at Blaenau Ffestiniog, told the court: "I've got no interest in digging for badgers. "Why should I go all the way to Llanfrothen when I've got badgers on my own farm?" William Evans said outside court: "I'm glad it's over and our names have now been cleared. "The boys hunt every week and have been doing it for 20 years and we want to carry on hunting."

On 7/12/01 a magistrate said lessons had to be learned on both sides after dismissing a case against a man whose actions had wrecked an active badger set. **Sean Sanders** (38) of New Road, Porch field admitted removing up to eight feet of undergrowth, shrubs and small trees after he had been hired to clear a plot of land. Denying committing the offence, Sanders told the court he was unaware any badgers were present. Magistrates accepted that inspection meant Sanders had not been reckless in his actions even though the clearance would have affected the active badger set.

Three men re-appeared before Wirral magistrates on 13/3/02 charged under the 1992 Protection of Badgers Act. **Stephen Baker** (37) of Overpool Road, Ellesmere Port; **Stephen Butler** (29) of Cedar Gardens, Queensferry; and **Stephen Fowell** (29) of Whitfield Street, Birkenhead, all deny digging for badgers at Heswall and interfering with a badger sett. The case was adjourned until early July for evidence to be called.

Martin Joseph Quinn (41) of Africana Road, Moss Bank, St Helen's, Merseyside, was caught on land in Lincolnshire chasing hares. Lincoln magistrates were told on 24/1/02 that Quinn and a co-accused were spotted on a farmland in Metheringham fen with two lurcher dogs. A farm employee saw the pair hare coursing with dogs. They were watched for 20 minutes and then reported to the police. The co-accused's dog was seen to attack and kill a hare. Quinn returned to a vehicle and left the co-accused to continue pursuing hares. Quinn admitted trespassing with intent to pursue game. Quinn told the court he only went to look at a dog. "I was not on land but I've admitted it to get it over with," he said. The self-employed builder was fined £110, including costs.

An illegal hare courser has been fined £420 after admitting trespassing and hunting with dogs on farmland. **Reuben Butler** was in a party of three men, two of whom had dogs, Spalding magistrates heard on 5/3/02. Butler was taken to Spalding Police Station where he admitted illegal hare coursing. For daytime trespassing in pursuit of gain Butler of Crawley was fined £70 and for illegally hunting with dogs he was fined £350. He was also ordered to pay £60 costs.

Three men and a boy accused of holding illegal dog fights at a house in Cambridge denied all the charges against them when they appeared at Ely magistrates on 12/12/01. **Andrew Crowe** (35) of Brampton Road, Cambridge, **Mark Willis** (31) of High Street, Chesterton, **Glenn Brown** (27) of Stourbridge Grove, Cambridge, and a 14-year-old boy denied a total of 16 charges relating to dog fighting and cruelty to animals. Crowe denied permitting unnecessary suffering to two pit bull terriers, causing two dogs to fight, attending a dog fight, possessing two dogs which have been bred for fighting and using premises for dog fighting. Brown denied permitting unnecessary suffering to two pit bull terriers, attending and assisting at a dog fight and possessing a dog which has been bred for fighting. Willis denied attending and assisting at a dog fight and possessing a dog which has been bred for fighting. The 14-year-old denied attending and assisting at a dog fight. A pre-trial review will be held at Ely magistrates on 15/1/02.

On 21/12/01 four men from Worcester were fined more than £2,000 after they were caught hare coursing. The group, all from the Lower Smite Caravan Park site at Hindlip, each admitted two charges of entering land in pursuit of game. **David Butler** (52), **David Butler junior** (27), **John Butler** (19), and **Harry Butler** (25) all from the caravan park off Pershore Road, were each fined £510. Both David Butlers were ordered to hand over their cars. A fifth man, **Harry Smith** (33) of Cherry Brook Close, Hereford, was also fined £510.

A dog suffered in agony for days from a broken back after its owner failed to get help. The greyhound was found lying on a urine soaked floor in an outhouse. The dog's owner, **Brian Waggott** (51) of East Clere, Langley Park, near Durham, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to an animal when he appeared in court at Consett on 22/1/02. Magistrates banned him from owning a pet for five years for the offence and ordered him to do 120 hours community service with £260 costs. The greyhounds had been injured when it ran into an iron fence while chasing a hare.

A hunt enthusiast was jailed on 20/3/02 for having an illegal gun to kill foxes. **James Hearne** (26) of Bryn Coch Road, Sarn, Bridgend admitted swapping his terrier dog for the illegal gun to kill the animals. But the court heard his experience being in jail on remand means he will never go hunting again. After four months custody, Hearne told how he felt like a "caged animal" and he will never touch another weapon. Cardiff Crown Court heard how Hearne had swapped a terrier dog at a country fair in Ludlow for the gun to kill animals "humanely". He told police he the gun for the purposes of shooting foxes. Hearne admitted possessing a firearm without authority, possessing expanding ammunition without authority and was jailed for 18 months.

Allegations of animal cruelty were adjourned by magistrates in Bodmin on 7/3/02 after not guilty pleas were entered to a total of six charges. **Stephen Heard** (44) of Allen Road, Padstow, denies five charges of causing unnecessary suffering by failing to provide reasonable care and attention to beagles and foxhounds at his hunt kennel at Tregonetha. He also pleaded not guilty to failing to dispose of a horse carcass at the kennels without undue delay. The hearing was adjourned until April 5 when a pre-trial review will take place.

On 8/3/02 a man charged with two counts of causing suffering to a dog has been refused his request to have the dog back in his care during the court proceedings. **Paul Nightingale** of Thornfield Avenue, Waterfoot, did not appear at Rossendale magistrates but was represented by his solicitor who made an application that his crossbreed terrier be returned to him. But the magistrates believed the dog was being looked after adequately in the care of the RSPCA and refused his request. Nightingale is pleading not guilty to both offences that he was concerned about the care his dog was receiving while not with him. The dog disappeared and was found by a dog warden and taken to kennels in Whitworth. When Nightingale collected it two days later he was told it needed medication for a mouth ulcer. The case was adjourned for a pre-trial review on 4/4/02. This man has a previous conviction for badger digging and ill-treating a dog.

Three men who attended a cockfight in a warehouse on St George's Quay have been conditionally discharged by magistrates on 13/3/02. **Alan Stewart** (42) of Vale Road, Lancaster, **David Brockhill** (34) of Hale Carr Lane in Morecambe and **John Harrison** (41) of Oxcliffe Road in Morecambe all pleaded guilty to attending the event. Harrison also pleaded guilty to taking part in bets at the fight, and was fined £150. In addition to their conditional discharges, Brockhill and Stewart were both ordered to pay £162 in prosecution costs. Harrison was ordered to pay £195.80 in costs. Several dead cockerels, some with their heads removed, were found at the scene by police. Other cockerels were also found in boxes and cages, making noises that sounded as though they were in distress. Numerous birds required veterinary treatment to their feet and heads. Spurs, binding tape and weighing scales, was also found at the warehouse. Lists relating to betting were also seized.

equine VERMIN

On 14/1/02 farmer **Vincent Nash** (63) was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to the two horses which the vet had to put down. Nash of Pillhay Farm, Hewish, near Weston-super-Mare, was given a conditional discharge for two years. He was ordered to pay £2,000 towards the RSPCA's prosecution costs of £5,980.

The owner of an Shire mare is awaiting sentencing by Bath magistrates on 23/1/02 after pleading guilty on 8/1/02. The horse was found emaciated, almost totally bald and crawling with lice - very dejected. There was practically no grazing in the field, just odd piles of straw. It was a ramshackle place with old cars. The paddock also contained the carcasses of four other horses including one foal. The owner **Dennis Wall** of Peasedown St John, Somerset, who is known to have kept horses for years also pleaded guilty to failing to dispose of carcases properly. The mare has now have made a full recovery and is looking for a suitable home.



A fantasist who lived out his SAS dreams by using ponies as target practice for his crossbow was jailed for two years on 23/1/02. Police raided **Mark Telford** (above) of Wordsworth Avenue, Whickham, Gateshead after the attack and found that he was making a copy of an M16 assault rifle. Newcastle Crown Court heard that Telford had a sick obsession with the SAS and boasted he had mastered the crack unit's techniques in bringing down animals. While most of his hatred was directed at animals, on one occasion he even shot a child who was running down the street outside his home. He was condemned as "sick and twisted" by the owners of two show ponies which were grazing in a field when he shot them with 18 inch steel bolts. Telford used a Commando 2 crossbow in the attack - one of the most powerful in the world. Next morning the horses were found cowering by their owner with the bolts still lodged inside them. Both animals recovered. Telford (28) denied the attack but at an earlier hearing at Newcastle Crown Court was found guilty of two charges of damaging property. Telford was jailed for two years after being convicted of damaging property. He admitted manufacturing a firearm, possessing an unlawful firearm and possession of the crossbow and bolts. He was jailed for 20 months for manufacturing the gun, a further 20 months to run concurrently for possessing the gun, three months for shooting the horses to run concurrently and four months for possession of the crossbow and bolts, to run consecutively; a total of 24 months.



A woman has been banned from keeping horses for life after she was found guilty of neglecting the same horse twice in less than a year. **Deena Khan** (53) of Burford Road, Whalley Range, Manchester was successfully prosecuted last year for causing unnecessary suffering to the pony. She received a five-year ban from keeping

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equines and the pony was confiscated but she successfully appealed against the sentence at Manchester Crown Court in October 2000. The pony was returned to her in good condition. But following a complaint the pony was found once again an emaciated condition. On top of her lifetime ban Khan was fined £100 and ordered to pay £300 in costs.

Stephen Graham (40) of Stoney Gate Gardens, Felling, Gateshead, was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to his three-year-old horse on 28/2/02. It was unable to stand on its left rear leg due to an untreated gash caused by a four-inch long wire wrapped around its fetlock. Gateshead magistrates also heard how the horse's compound at Stoneygate Lane, Felling, was littered with glass, barbed wire and metal and there was no water. However, magistrates gave Graham a conditional discharge and allowed him to retain ownership of the horse. Graham was sentenced to a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £225 costs.

domestic VERMIN



On 25/2/02 a woman who threw her pet iguana at a policeman has been convicted of two charges of animal cruelty. A tank was set up at the Isle of Wight magistrates to house a green iguana, during the trial. Owner, **Susan Wallace** (pictured left) (47) of The Close, Seaview, Isle of Wight, was found guilty of two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to the reptile by throwing it and another charge of common assault. She admitted a charge of criminal damage. The case was adjourned for pre-sentence reports. The court heard that Wallace, known as the Lizard Lady among local drinkers, had brought the iguana into the Anchor pub and was asked to leave when she started to upset customers by placing the iguana on their shoulders and heads. He described how after he had asked her to leave twice, he escorted her from the pub where she attacked him by throwing the iguana at him twice and kicked him once.



A man has been allowed to keep two dogs - despite being convicted of a savage attack on a third. Neighbours who saw **Kenneth Bull** ((pictured left) 48) of Perth Street, Breadsall Hilltop jabbing and hitting his Staffordshire bull terrier with a wooden pole begged him to stop and called the police. The dog suffered wounds to its body, throat, face and mouth. On 7/3/02 Bull pleaded guilty at Derby magistrates to ill-treating the dog and was disqualified from getting another for 10 years. But magistrates decided he could keep two other dogs he owned because he had never shown any signs of harm to them and they decided it would be kinder for them to be left with Bull. Bull was fined £250 with £200 costs. The dog has recovered and is now with a new family.

On 26/2/02 three people appeared before a judge accused of animal cruelty and conspiracy to publish obscene material containing animal cruelty. **Craig John Chapman** (27) appeared before Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court accused of conspiring with **Sarah Cooke** (21) to publish obscene material namely animal cruelty. He is further accused of a similar offence of conspiracy with **Christine Bestford** (25). Chapman is also accused of publishing an article, namely animal cruelty for financial gain. He is further charged with causing or procuring another to cruelly infuriate, terrify and torture a guinea pig; causing or procuring another to cruelly beat, infuriate and torture a kitten; cruelly terrifying and torturing a kitten and sending obscene articles by post, namely Animal Cruelty. Bestford is accused of conspiring with Chapman to publish obscene material and cruelly beating, infuriating and torturing a kitten. Cooke is charged with conspiring to publish obscene material namely Animal Cruelty and two offences of cruelty to animals, namely mice. All three defendants are set to reappear before the crown court on 7/5/02.

A cat with a lump in its mouth, open wounds and maggots was left without veterinary care by its owner magistrates at Stoke-on-Trent heard on 20/2/02. **Anthony Aston** (39) of Burnett Place, Norton, had not noticed that his pet cat was infested with maggots as a result of four wounds to its rear right leg. Aston had at an earlier hearing pleaded not guilty to a charge of unnecessary suffering to the cat by unreasonably omitting to provide proper care and attention. Magistrates found the case against him proved and he was disqualified from keeping any animal for a period of 10 years and ordered to pay £600 costs.

A man who let his dog starve to death over 15 days has been banned from keeping animals for life. **Alan Helps** (19) of Cumberland Road, Rochdale trapped two dogs in a room in his house. He wedged the door shut with the handle of a broom and left two bags of unopened dog food for the animals. By the time they were found one had died and the other was skeletal and barely alive. They were found surrounded in their own faeces and urine. Helps pleaded guilty at Rochdale magistrates on 29/1/02 to two counts of causing unnecessary suffering and two counts of abandoning the dogs. As well as the life ban, he was given a two-year community rehabilitation order and ordered to pay £245 costs.

A former part-time policeman and his wife could face a lifetime ban from keeping animals after mistreating their pets. Ex-special constable **Brian Carr** (36) and his wife **June Carr** (32) of Mill Dam, South Shields each admitted three offences of causing unnecessary suffering to two dogs and a cat. The couple appeared before Sunderland magistrates court on 19/3/02 and the case was adjourned until 17/4/02.

A mother and son have been banned from keeping animals for life after pleading guilty to neglecting their pet dog. On 5/3/02 magistrates heard how **Norma and Harry Skilton**, of Greenbank Road, Darlington, failed to take the four-year-old collie to a vets after the dog was infested with fleas and skin infections. The dog has since made a full recovery and is now living in a foster home. Bishop Auckland magistrates heard how Skilton (45) admitted she did not really know how to care for the dog and a man had come to her home to shave its fur in an attempt to ease the discomfort of the infection. Both Skilton and her 21-year-old son were banned from keeping animals for life, as well as being fined £200 each and ordered to pay £120 costs each.

Shaun Crossley-Wilson (42) of Tarvin Walk, Halliwell, was jailed for three months after admitting leaving his emaciated dog to die. Crossley-Wilson was also banned from keeping animals for life. The dog was found wedged between a window and a cushion in the front room. On 15/3/02 Bolton magistrates were told the room was littered with faeces and smelt strongly of urine. The dog weighed seven kg under her desired weight and was blind and partially deaf, was later put down. He pleaded guilty to one count of causing unnecessary suffering to the dog.

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Christopher Barrett-Jolley (55) the former head of an aviation company, pleaded not guilty on 25/2/02 to importing 271kg (597lb) of cocaine to Southend airport. Barrett-Jolley is the former head of Phoenix Aviation, which ran a controversial veal export business from Baginton airport in Warwickshire during the 1990s. Jill Phipps an animal rights activist, was crushed to death by a lorry at one of the protests against Barrett-Jolley's trade in 1995. **Barrett-Jolley**, from Somerset, appeared at Basildon Crown Court on 25/2/02 with his two co-accused – his brother-in-law **Peter Carine** (49) from Henshall, North Yorkshire, and **Martin Lake** (60) from Storrington, West Sussex. The pair also denied smuggling the drug. All three were remanded in custody and are due for trial on 9/9/02.

On 15/3/02 **Stephen Hall** (23) of Kensington Road, Hull was jailed for six months after a trainload of commuters saw him having sex with a goat. Hall pleaded guilty to one charge of buggery with an animal after the assault on the female goat. Hall had a previous conviction for indecent assault against a six-year-old girl. Hall was seen holding on to a belt that had been put around the nanny goat's neck with one hand, while masturbating with the other. He was then seen with his trousers around his ankles having "penetrative sexual intercourse" with the animal. Forensic tests matched semen taken from Hall's clothing to that found at the scene and samples of the goat's hairs were also found in his underwear.



Heaven Scent:

The beauty of Spraying

by Philip Elston, **Spraymaster General**

One essential item that should be in every sab's toolkit is a citronella spray. Even the first time sab can be effective and save a hunted animal's life by having one handy in his or her pocket.

People like to feel they are playing a part in the field and spraying is easy. It can take weeks or months to master the hunting horn and produce something that doesn't sound like a fat man blowing a raspberry.

It can also be fun experimenting with scent-masking ingredients. Most chemists or aromatherapy outlets stock citronella oil and it is advisable to buy a large bottle, which should last a season, or longer. Another oil, which I like to add, is eucalyptus. Mixed together with a few drops of citronella, water and a tiny dash of environmentally friendly washing-up liquid (to break down the oils) the solution should produce an odour similar to Bob Martin's Antimate: a proprietary spray designed to obscure the smell of bitches on heat.

Some sabs like to strengthen the smell by adding garlic water. This is made by steeping crushed garlic cloves in warm water and leaving for as long as possible. There are two-year old mixtures currently in circulation, which can be detected by the human nose at 50 metres. When your solution is ready, strain it through a coffee filter. Fragments of garlic will easily block the spray nozzle.

Most gardening shops sell cheap plastic spray containers and it is a good idea to buy a couple, bearing in mind that such items are occasionally confiscated and can end up stinking out police stations. Unfortunately, some spray bottles can leak especially when the owner is running. I spend most Saturday evenings travelling back home by train plastered in mud and, much to the disapproval of other passengers, emitting a strange garlic-lemony smell.

Spray bottles fitted with a filter at the bottom of the internal tube are best. Some like to travel light and utilise old Body Shop cosmetic containers, which are smaller. Jiff lemon squirters are fine in an emergency, but won't last very long. I prefer to carry one that holds at least a pint of liquid. By making an extra strong solution it is possible to refill an almost empty spray at a river or stream and still be left with a suitable strength scent-duller.

Spraying Tactics

Keep the spray where you can get at it quickly, for example in a coat pocket. One of the most crucial times for spraying is if a fox breaks cover. Without indicating to the hunt or the supporters that you have seen the fox, generously spray the edge of the covert or hedgerow where the fox has crossed. Others can spray the surrounding area and as much of the route of the hunted animal as possible. Hounds will stop dead at a well-sprayed location. Combined with other tactics, such as blowing the hunting horn or rating hounds as necessary, spraying can enable a fox to be saved.

If hounds go into cry it is likely that the fox will break cover downwind of the pack. Pre-emptive spraying at this stage can be highly beneficial and it can give a sab great satisfaction to watch the hounds wander into an area that is engulfed in citronella. Sometimes it can be a good idea to spray behind the hounds if you are fairly certain that they will be hunted back in the other direction again.

Basically, a trail of citronella aroma can do no harm on a hunt. One has only to experience the fury of huntsmen when sabs are armed with sprays. They know exactly how good these substances are and they have lost many a fox through its use. Hunt heavies are also trained to seize them from sabs, so hang onto your equipment!

Happy sabbing.



USEFUL ADDRESSES

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A.L.F. Supporters Group
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BM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX

Animal Rights Coalition
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Arkangel magazine
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Visit: www.arkangelweb.org
email: arkangelweb@hotmail.com

Campaign for the Abolition of Angling
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BM Fish, London, WC1N 3XX

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade,
publishes Anti-Fur News
PO Box 38, Manchester ,M60 1NX

Countryside Protection Group
Oakliegh House, Oakleigh Court, Newbury, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4HZ

Earth First!
publishes EF! Action Update
Dept 29, 1 Newton St, Picadilly, Manchester, M1 1 HW
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The Fox Project
The Old Chapel, Bradford St, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1XY

Green Anarchist magazine
BM 1715, London, WC1N 3XX

Genetic Engineering Network
publishes Genetix Update
PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY

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www.jfsc.atfreeweb.com/

London Animal Action
publishes London Animal Rights News
BM 2248, London WC1N 3XX. 0171-278 3068.

National Anti Hunt Campaign
PO Box 66, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2TR

National Fox Welfare Society
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HOW YOU CAN HELP END BLOODSPORTS

The Hunt Saboteurs Association needs your help in defeating bloodsports.

Organisations such as the Countryside Alliance are backed by some of the richest people in Britain, and can spend millions on advertising and paid campaigners. Their wealth and power gives them a stranglehold over most of the media and some of the most influential people in government.

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) 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.
- If you are already a HSA member then please photocopy the form and pass it on to someone else you think may like to join us.
- Ask the office for back copies of HOWL to leave in places where they can be read by members of the public (ie. doctors waiting rooms). If you are still at school or college why not leave a copy in the library reference section?
- Support us by buying HSA T-shirts and other merchandise. Phone the office if you don't already have a salesgoods order form.
- Let the hunters know what you think! Write to your local newspaper's letters page and write to your MP to let them know your views on Government plans either regarding hunting or hunt saboteurs. Your MP's address will be House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA



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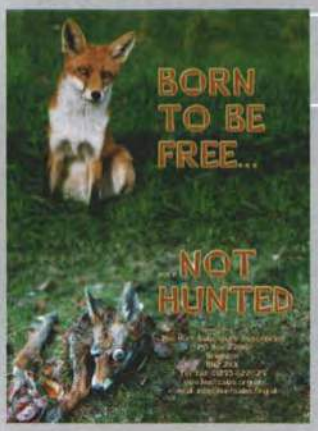
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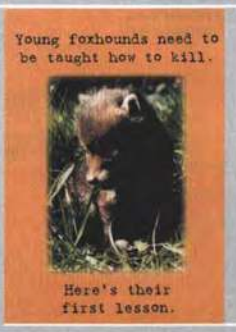
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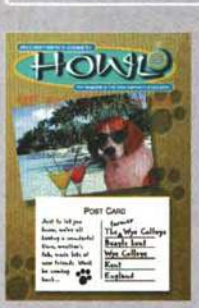














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