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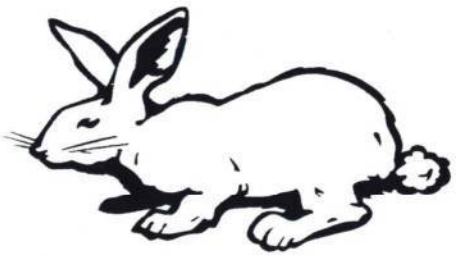
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Merry Christmas!

The season of goodwill....Yeah right!



WELCOME!

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Diary of Events

This is sad! We were hoping to have a nice yummy diary, but no one seems to be doing things. Come on - get to it!

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"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?'. Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?'. Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?'. But conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?". And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him that is is right."
- Dr Martin Luther King Jr

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Hi, there's been a reasonable amount of stuff happening over the last 2 months. Various demos have taken place, and we've started regular visits to vivisectors houses. We got a lot of rather seething mail about last issues "Let's Start Talking About Animal Liberation" article by Snotty Frog. It was good to get replies, but we would rather have got a load of constructive articles written by people on various topics. So all you people out there, if you have something you think might be of benefit to other activists out there in Aotearoa, drop a line and let them know. We need to start sharing ideas and tactics with each other. Oh yeah, AAA have had a few arrests recently. Read about that later....

Anyway, enough rambling. Enjoy the mag.

Aaron



We would like to have news from all around the country; so if you find any news clippings or reports that you think others would like to hear about, please send them in to us.

Butchers threatened

A number of butchers around Auckland, had received notices saying that unless they stopped trading by October the 1st they would be attacked.

The letters said many things, including;

"Be aware that if, on Tuesday October 1, you continue to trade as a retail butcher your business premises, contents thereof and any vehicles associated with your business will be considered legitimate targets."

As yet we have not heard of these attacks being carried out (which doesn't mean they haven't been), so I suppose we can only wait and hope!

Abuser flees to New Zealand

Richard Otley formerly living in England, a shipper of live animals to Europe, has been so extensively targeted by animal liberation activists that he has fled to this country. He had a multi million dollar business completely wrecked by activists, and we wonder if he's coming over here to start up again. We will try and find out where he is and print it in the magazine, so that you can write letters to him, asking him politely not to do the same thing here.

Activists hearing date set

On October 9th, the four activists arrested for occupying the office of cancer researcher Dr. Bruce Baguley of 74a Bassett Rd, Remuera, appeared in the Auckland District court for a status hearing. These hearings are designed to get people to plead guilty and get it over with. They judge commented that if they plead guilty they would be convicted and discharged, but if they went ahead with trial they "might not get the same sentence". All 4 plead not-guilty, and trial date was set for 16th January 1997.

Food poisoning outbreak

Auckland was hit by an outbreak of food poisoning over the last few weeks, bringing a tenfold increase in the number of reported cases. Among the causes are undercooked meat, poultry, offal and unpasteurised milk. Normally the bacteria found in this strain of food poisoning attacks only young babies, but this time it seems to be hitting those between 20 and 40. It's sometimes nice to think that maybe animals are getting their own back a little every now and then.

Activists block slaughterhouse

In Petaloma, California, on **World Farm Animals Day**, several dozen activists surrounded a slaughterhouse, and a number of them locked down to concrete barrels across the entrance. It took about 5 hours to remove the activists obviously delaying the amount of time spent on slaughtering innocent animals. 20 police showed up to stop the 30 activists, 4 activists were arrested and charged with trespass and not obeying a police officer.

The real Ronald steps forward

Ronald McDonald - the real one, a Scot no less, who has been called Ronald McDonald from birth, appeared on Radio One in the UK recently. He's so incensed about McD's attempt to monopolise the "Mc" prefix and about their law suit against "McMunchies" (yes, he described the company as "arrogant and litigiousness") that he's planning to open his own greasy spoon cafe and call it (legitimately) "McDonald's". It will be interesting to see if he can do it. As well as this a Lord McDonald, a clan chief no less, is starting to get annoyed by McDeath also. He claims that as clan chief only he can say who uses the name for commercial purposes.

Activists get personal

An Auckland vivisector has been receiving extra attention recently. A mouse trap covered in fake blood was sent to the old house of Professor Bruce Baguley (see previous item for his new address) who works on behalf of the Cancer Society of New Zealand. Baguley says it's disturbing that the attacks are escalating. We say that's no surprise as he's a very disturbed man. Keep up the good work - whoever you are.

Group Reports



This area is a place for any animal rights groups or individuals to let others know what they have been doing lately. So if you have been busy between issues. let us know about it and we'll print it here.

Auckland Animal Action

◆ On Friday 30th August at 11:30am on the Cancer Society's **'Daffodil Day'** promotion, four of us barricaded ourselves inside the office of the head researcher of the Cancer Society at the Auckland Medical School. We secured the doors as best we could and hung a banner outside the window saying "Animal Research Kills Humans and Animals. Time to take a stand!". After barricading the doors, we chained ourselves together., and to bits of furniture All through this we were chanting various messages to the people gathered outside the room. The police took a while to arrive, but unfortunately had little trouble getting in the room. They asked us to leave and we told them that we weren't going to. The head of research Dr. Bruce Baguley came in to tell us to leave, we got a chance to let him know what we thought of him! After realising we were not going to move, the police then entered the room, cut our chains and proceeded to remove us. One person refused to walk out peacefully and was put in a painful wristlock until he got up. Once in the lift we started chanting, and the wristlock was applied harder resulting in him falling to the ground. The police then told him to get up which was rather stupid as he had fallen over because of the pain, and he couldn't get up with the hold on. We were taken out where the media was waiting and continued to chant.We have been charged with willful trespass, a minor charge which we imagine will not be more than a fine and community service and we have been issued with trespass notices stating that we cannot go into that building for 2 years. A trial date has been set for 16th January.

◆ Auckland Animal Action does **stalls** at Takapuna markets each Sunday, these are going well.

◆ **Vivisector Visits** - AAA has started up regular 'vivisector visits'. This entails going to the home addresses of where the bastards live and leafleting their neighbours, telling them exactly the type of work their neighbour does and explaining why animal research is both scientifically invalid and ethically deplorable. We personally deliver a copy of the leaflet to the vivisectors and demonstrate on their property until asked to leave. Typically then we take our protest onto the footpath. There have been two 'visits' so far. The first took place on Saturday, 21 September. We visited one Ian LeGrice of 10 Fernleigh Ave, Mt. Albert - he was in his lounge when we arrived, and not once did he come outside to confront us. Ian thinks its OK to open up the chests of live pigs then 'electrically stimulate' their hearts! We don't.. This summer break he will be showing med students how to do this. We don't think he should. 11 of us with placards, and a megaphone proceeded to let him know what we thought of his experiments. He used the phone numerous times, presumably to ring the police, but it took them a 1/2 hr to arrive, by that time we had just started to leave. We leafleted Ian's and other vivisectors neighbourhoods, this produced interesting results. Neighbours of Richard Faull, of 3 Pickens Cres Auckland (Richard transplant's brain cells from rat fetuses into adult rats that have been given Huntingtons disease.) sent us a signed petition saying they didn't like getting unsolicited mail. We don't like what Richard's is doing much either, but the animals don't have any choice do they. Our second Vivisector visit on the 20th October was short and not very sweet. We arrived at Peter Gluckman's - director of animal research at the Auckland Med school - at about 8.45 am on Sunday morning. We leafleted his neighbours and took a leaflet to his door. No one would come out so we chanted for a while. We had a megaphone too. Mrs. Gluckman at this point yelled abuse at us and called us 'bastards'. Security arrived and told us to leave which we did. Unfortunately soon after leaving we found police following us, they pulled one car over. Some of us went over to offer support and see what was going on and we were all arrested and charged with trespass. This is strange since we left immediately after been told. We think we are being taught a lesson by the Gluckmans. Six of us were arrested, one was a minor so later released. On 21st Oct the remaining 5 of us pleaded not guilty to the charges. (For more info on the shit that went down- a lot did- see article pp 22) Gluckman, 78 Lucerne Rd Remuera has been vivisecting animals for over 20 years, in the past he has approved experiments on hundreds of dogs in simulated heart attacks. Recently he has been involved in head injury experiments using rats. Obviously he is an extremely sick man.

◆ On World Vegetarian Day, we walked around the city handing out carrots and "Meat is Murder" leaflets.

◆ We had a public meeting on 10th October where we showed hidden crimes, talked about what we should do, and ate yummy vegan food. More are planned in the future.

◆ On the 19th of October AAA protested at **McDonalds**. Wed the 16th Oct was World Anti McDonalds Day and the 19th Oct marked the beginning of world rainforest week. At about 1.30pm approx. 15 of us entered Queen St. McDonalds. With us we took a loud speaker, banners, placards and leaflet s. In general the people inside McDonalds were interested in what we had to say. Most of McDonalds attention focused on the person with the loudspeaker who was telling everyone about how McDonalds is linked to Rainforest destruction, is unhealthy, against free

speech and generally inhumane to people animals and the environment. This left everybody else free to leaflet around McDonalds in peace. By the time we had all been pushed outside a large crowd had gathered, we explained to everyone why we were there. It went really well.

Deidre Bourke & Aaron Koolen.

Wellington Animal Action

◆ WAA had info stalls in the Cuba St. mall all Daffodil day week from which we handed out leaflets about D-Day and other AV stuff. A lot of people were very interested and already knew a bit about the vivisection funded by D-Day, which proves that previous protests and actions are getting the word out about D-Day. On Friday, Daffodil Day, we held our info stall as well as another table with free vegan burgers and vegan fudge which we gave out to people along with a leaflet about the health benefits of a vegan diet. This leaflet had recipes for the food we gave out written on the back. The main reason we gave out vegan food was because the National Bank were selling sausages for $2 to raise money for cancer research on D-Day. Ben from our group was interviewed on National Radio about D- Day and debated vivisection with a guy from the Cancer Society. At 7pm that night WAA had its first video night, which was attended by 30 people. We watched 'Truth or Dairy', 'Angels of Mercy', and 'The McLibel Video'. Afterwards we fed everyone with vegan chocolate cake and hummus. Yum Yum! In other Wellington news, Bette Overell, author of 'Animal Research TAKES Lives - humans and animals both suffer', was interviewed on the breakfast show of Radio Pacific, and the Animal Liberation Front redecorated the Cancer Societies office entrance with quite a lot of red paint!

Mark Eden

Christchurch Anti-Vivisection Campaign (CAVC)

◆ The society's offices in Auckland and Wellington had been hit by vandalism from animal rights groups, but the Christchurch office had escaped such attacks. The Society was prepared in case that did happen. It had extra security and was working in close co-operation with the police. A contradiction maybe but that report doesn't rule out attacks on the Society's shop (rather than HQ), attacks by AVs (rather than ARs), or attacks not on D-Day but earlier in the week. The day preceding D-Day the Christchurch Anti-Vivisection Campaign unrolled 100m of Bette Overell's book Animal Research Takes Lives - Humans and Animals Both Suffer. This was done "Manufacturing Consent" style with the pages joined end to end. This was contrasted with the meagre 3m of Cancer Society propaganda. No media turned up to this spectacular event. We were also graced with the presence of a giant paper-mache vivisection "monster". This monster turns up to many protests (eg APEC etc), with the point being that its all interconnected. On D-Day leafleting was done around Chch. This did make the media with this pathetic piece: "An Inner-City observer last Friday saw humour in 300 boys from St. Bed's College selling daffodils to help fund cancer research. The boys, working to help save lives, were approached by proselytising Christians trying to save souls. Then along came a band of vocal anti-vivisectionists, wanting to save animals." (The Press, Sept 3 1996, p2) Oh well, "he who laughs first doesn't get the joke" or something like that.

Phil Clayton.

ACTION FOR ANIMALS CONFERENCE

Animal rights activists are invited to a conference in Wellington on the weekend of February 7th and 8th and 9th. Action For Animals is the first conference of its kind in this country, and will provide space and time for animal rights activists from around Aotearoa (and hopefully overseas too) to meet and learn from each other. As well as meetings and workshops on practical topics of interest to animal rights activists, we are also planning social events and at least one major protest action.

Please contact the address below if you would like to have a workshop or talk at the conference. Write to us describing what you would like to do. Registration is $20 and registration forms are available from Wellington Animal Action at the address below

Accommodation: Please let us know if you will require accommodation so we can organise it.

Food: All vegan of course. Let us know if you have any special requirements e.g. sugar free, allergies etc. Also be prepared to help with cooking and/or washing up at least once.

Child Care: This will be available if you pre register, so let us know. If you can help with child care get in touch also.

Please contact us

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Letters from Readers

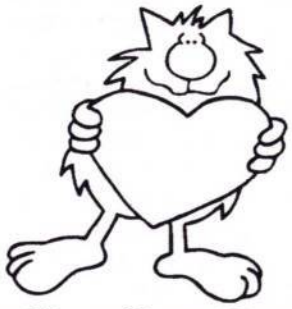
PICK OF THE BUNCH

Dear Auckland Animal Action

What a load of SHIT!!!!

Not in a long time have I read such a load of radical bull (pardon the expression). As a direct action group, stop wasting your time on a fucken magazine and start doing something looooooooosers

The cool vegan - one.





Dear LIBERATE!

Congratulations on your magazine, which I found to be extremely informative and inspiring. This is the sort of thing we need in order to bring useful news and information to keen animal liberators and vegans who should be encouraged to get out there and start demonstrating, instead of hiding in the closet sipping soya coffees and watching Free Willy for the 20th time.

I especially liked your article on animal lib written by Snotty Frog and agree that these organisations such as S.A.F.E. aren't doing enough to organize successful campaigns. I helped S.A.F.E. collect signatures for a petition towards a ban on battery farming. This proved to be a waste of time and was a shit job for a vegan anyway. Regarding NZAVS, it seems they haven't stopped kissing Hans Ruesch's ass yet. Although his marvelous discovery that animal torture is not beneficial to human beings and "vivisection is scientific fraud" prove to be handy back up tools for debate. If we were to solely base our arguments on this, people would start assuming the vivisectors know this too and nothing would get done to stop vivisection. At the end of the day, it's direct action that saves animals. Although the pen is useful, it is not mightier than the sword. In this fucked up world of flesh eaters we can't be doing enough for animal liberation. Our lives have already been made easy, lets get to work.

Again, well done, your mag is something that appeals to me; just don't start printing recipes!

JEFF SANDERS.

Dear LIBERATE!,

Just wanted to drop you a line with my opinions about some of the articles in your magazine.

How Radical is too Radical?

Well from a person who does not consider herself "radical", I personally dislike the negative impression your "radical" article gives. I Felt that I needed to write in to discuss matters raised in the article.

The author of this article appears harsh on those people working to end animal exploitation through legal channels. I wanted to point out, that as you and I have legal protection, so should animals. As worldwide attitude and behaviour is characterised by acts of violence, abuse and oppression, rules need to be made. These rules are laid out in laws, religious teachings, and ethical codes. This is why it is important to gain laws and ethical codes protecting the lives of all animals, from human animals. (Let me say that the above paragraph does not mean to say that all people making laws or upholding the laws are suitable to do so, most definitely not).

As the author of the article questions a witnessing of an abuse: Would you take violent action against the person committing the abuse? Me the answer has to be NO. You would take physical action to immediately stop that abuse; physical actions do not have to be projected violently, but can achieve the same result; then you take legal action to restrain the persons access to commit the abuse again, while there is some form of education given to them. To confront someone "violently" does not stop their intentions, it simply puts them on hold until they (or someone on their behalf) are physically able to resume the abusive act again. To stop the act you need to change attitudes, beliefs and the intention.

The way things are changed is through identifying, accepting, understanding and intervening on a problem.

It is my belief in non-violence, and ethical philosophies of veganism that I have a problem with the authors views. A society that has "peacemakers" committing violence, speaking violence and hate is a very "sick" society. Animal rights "radicals" I view much the same.

Question:- How can a group promoting ETHICAL VEGANISM, openly discuss, and project hateful, violent thoughts? If this VEGAN group, or the author is an ethical vegan, I don't believe it is possible. In an effort to bring about change, reflect on your actions, your words, and consider the true message they put out. It is natural that you react angrily at all abuse surrounding you, but to achieve what must be done, you must get past the anger, hate and revenge. To emit words and acts of hate and violence is counter productive, it does not achieve

respect, nor does it foster the will to learn or nurture change.

There will always I believe exist people that harbor destructive, disturbed emotions and behaviour. These people require careful supervision, attention and aid. To cripple, disable, torture or kill the person to prevent them from committing an abuse is a hostile act of hate and violence. The very principles it appears your group wishes to change.

I would not intentionally harm or kill a person. If I took part in any action that intentionally hurt someone, then I would then consider myself no better than these people committing animal abuses. What is the difference between a "butcher" not caring about inflicting pain on an an animal, and a "radical" not caring about inflicting pain on a person? Not a thing. Destructive, violent thoughts, the foundation of our current society that engages in the exploitation and torture of all animal kind. The butcher thinks the animal's life is of secondary importance and the radical thinks the person's life is of secondary importance. Being violent and prejudice is the same no matter the "well intentioned" reasons.

It is important that all efforts to obtain animal liberation are addressed, but you must remain focused on the most basic belief that all life is sacred. When you start to distinguish some lives as being less important then others, you yourself have become a potential abuser. It is up to those with commitment and compassion to set about change, and lead by example. Whether it be the non-violent ALF, or a lone person giving information, you need to stay focused. Society is a mirror, it reflects what it sees in you. Myself, I will work both directly and indirectly to bring about change, and will not be intimidated by the violent attitudes of those reflected in this article. I will always encourage those that loyally work at change, not attack them for it. All the best with your group, and stay focused.

Non radical animal pro-lifer
Lucy Johnson, Auckland.

Dear LIBERATE

I am just writing to let you know what a great publication your magazine is. I really got angry while reading it. How long will it take for the whole world to realise that we are ALL animals, just different species!? It's nice to finally relate to somebody.

I find it really hard to communicate and even love my own family because they eat meat and buy products tested on animals. They make jokes and hassle me a lot about my vegetarianism. I'm proud of it. And LIBERATE! makes me feel good about myself. At least my partner and I aren't the only ones who respect animals.

I'd like to say that I really enjoyed your article in the first issue called "The Individuals". I really related to it. And "A Day in the Life of a Vegan Schoolgirl". I'm so inspired. I'm going to photocopy some stuff out of the magazine and distribute them around letterboxes. Matthew and I both had a good laugh at the 'Sweet Revenge' articles in your magazine and the comics. Looking forward to your next issue! Always a good read. I feel like writing a poem for you to print...



EXISTENCE



The hours go past, it's always the same,
Living in darkness, number for a name,
I stumble, so weak on the uneven floor,
My beak, just a memory, don't want to live anymore,
I have no life, yet I am not dead,
Panic, frustration swimming round in my head,
Nothing to do, I stand and I stare,
Just like all the others that are imprisoned here,
Sacrificing my life through no choice of my own,
So the human can feed on my eggs, flesh and bone,
The monster appears, "Come on, money to earn!",
I wonder how he'd feel if the tables were turned...?



Keep up the good work and know that you are doing good. Good luck, regards

KIM

Dear LIBERATE!

'LIBERATE!: A very lively, inspiring and informative first issue. I especially approved of the obituary to that good keen man Barry Crump. It cut to the truth about the man - nicely incisive.

Snotty Frog's article was also excellent. But some very dodgy stuff in the Vegecat article. Better to have entitled it 'How to Make a Cat's Life Miserable'. Only works if diet started with new kittens. Older cats loathe it. You say 'I vowed that never again would I take in a cat...' Does this mean you'd be willing to leave some needy and starving creature without help in order to appease your highest principles. Rethink please. Compassion is a noble ideal but sometimes you do more harm by neglecting those in your immediate environment, while feeling good about sticking to your noble principles.

Lots of compassion and honesty in A.K.'s articles but how about leaving off the 'effings' and the 'shits' etc. They detract from the writing, are unnecessary and rather offensive. They lower the tone of the publication and may well limit your readership and turn off would-be

supporters. Your work needs to reach a wide range of people so keep it linguistically clean.

Hope the enclosed will help towards costs of the next issue.

Supporter.

Dear LIBERATE

Some points on Vegan foods, I have a problem with including alcoholic drinks (in the did you know this was vegan section) with the exception of some "non" vegan beer and wine being suitable for vegans when you strongly oppose cigarette smoking. The two industries are so connected you cannot make a distinction between them, they are both huge vivisection gold mines and to make a choice between one or the other is totally hypocritical. Cigarettes are taxed, cause disease, pollution and have been and continue to be tested on animals. They contain harmful chemicals and are addictive - are a drug. Alcohol is taxed, causes disease and pollution and have been and continue to be tested on animals, they are addictive and linked to aggressive behaviour and is a factor in motor vehicle accident deaths - and is a drug.

To condemn those people smoking cigarettes while you sit back and "guzzle your vegan spirits" is the height of hypocracy. One animal tested drug is no better than another. Stay consistent.

Also, I have been feeding a colony of homeless cats (on average about 20 cats) for the past two years. There are carnivorous animals as well as omnivore and herbivorous animals that need our help. I do not agree with people living with "domestic" animals, but unfortunately there are thousands of homeless animals in NZ and having vegan-based ideals we should have compassion to care for them. You appear to be more selfish and concerned about yourself than accepting responsibility for caring for others.

I live with 3 vege dogs and 3 cats (not strict veges). I feed them left over dinners and rice, gluten, soy etc. Cats are natural hunters as if you have a problem feeding them occasional fish as I do, they would find their source of flesh. Cats unlike other animals are not fully dependent on us, luckily. But still with a large colony of cats, they still need extra addition of sustenance and food. A check to ensure they are well, sheltered, and fed. If you were homeless wouldn't you hope for some one with compassion to help you. Granted its easier to care for animals which are by nature not specifically carnivorous but being "vegan" gives you no right to turn your back on an animal in need.

Sam



EDITORS REPLY re Vegecat letters..

Dear Sam and 'Supporter' the Vegecat article was written to inform people that an alternative to killing sheep/cows to feed cats exists. Certainly being vegan gives me no 'right' to turn my back on an animal in need, but what about turning your back on the cows/sheep and pigs just because you love cats more! Surely THIS is the height of hypocracy for vegans! THE POINT IS that no one does need to turn their back on any animal, cats can be fed vegetarian diets and given VEGECAT supplements. It is not because of 'selfishness' that we would feed cats a vegan diet but out of compassion for those other animals that are consistently undervalued even by those who should know better. We would rather cause slight inconvenience to older cats than slaughter and take away the life of another animal. We had expected more interest in the possibility of vegan cats, instead it seems people would rather not force themselves to change and continue to kill animals unnecessarily. If this sounds harsh then it is because we did not expect to be called hypocritical or selfish for suggesting cows and sheep be considered equal to cats, cute and fluffy though they are.

EDITORS REPLY TO SAM re ALCOHOL in "Did you know this was vegan"



We restate our comment, top of the page entitled "Did you know this was Vegan" ..."Any queries are welcomed, if you ever have a problem with anything we list please don't hesitate to contact us, we would rather know if we have made a mistake, so that we can rectify the situation". You are very quick to assume the author "hypocritical" rather than misinformed or ignorant on this issue. Certainly ALL companies that test on animals are inappropriate. We were going on information from the Vegan Society UK and Australia. Both state that all the large cigarette companies test on animals, and both also list beers and wines that are suitable for vegans. If you know of the companies that personally test or give money towards/sponsor tests on animals then this information would be WELCOMED. We have found some beers whose ingredients are vegan, these are in this issue but we will write for more info on this and get back to readers for the next issue, so readers be aware of this query. Regards other comments, we consider whether people choose to use drugs or not a matter of personal choice, as long as they use them responsibly and do not endanger others - ie drive if they have been drinking, or get violent when drunk.

Dear LIBERATE

Thanks a lot for the copy of LIBERATE!, excellent work!. Tried to find you on the net but couldn't. We were a bit bummed to read the dodgy stuff about condoms, any more info on that would be good. I would say most vegans would use them as the women certainly wouldn't want to take the pill! Doesn't leave much choice.

I really enjoyed the article "Lets Start Talking About Animal Liberation" and the problems between the two major groups we have been dealing with. I thought the demise of NZAVS woz a really bummer thing but can see

now how it's made smaller groups and individuals get more of their own groups going. Excellent!

Lydnz

re condoms: vegan non tested brands are still being sourced at present the Body shop Australia say that the brand 'MATES' is ok. The American companies Finley Pharaceuticals and Sagami Inc make suitable condoms, but we don't know the brand names yet or if they are available in NZ- We are stll researching it.

Dear Liberate

I have recently become a vegan, being later in life for me it has not been easy, as I went straight from meat eating to veganism. I would like to encourage those that do this that it is good to have support, as it is a rather radical change - but a very positive one.

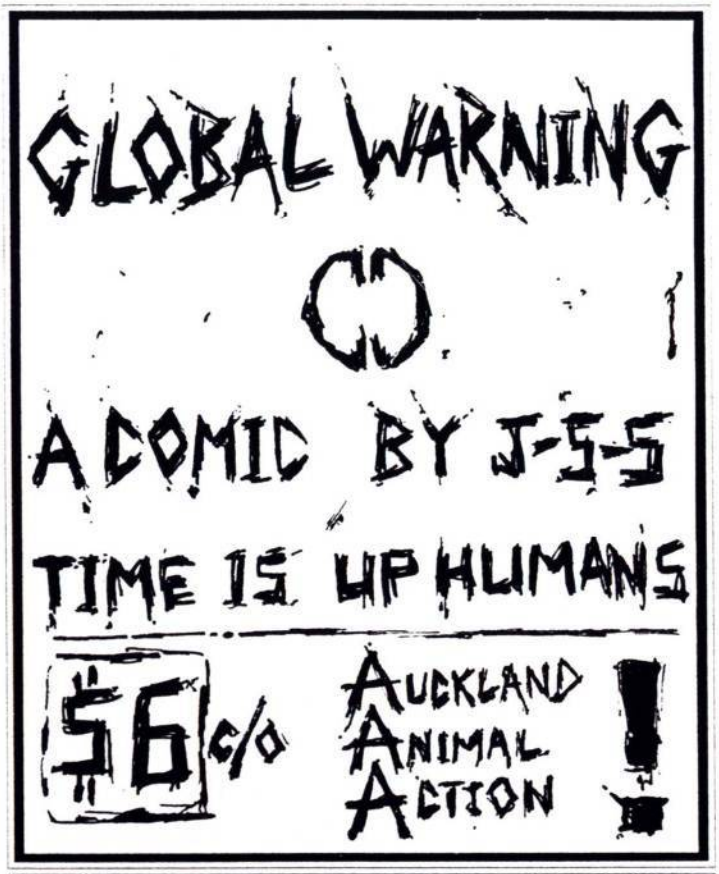
I have involved myself through writing many letters to lots of animal welfare organisations all around the world. Whether it be letters of encouragement to the younger groups or requests for information I have had a tremendous response and made friends as well. My next effort for animal welfare will be to send a letter to as many travel agents as possible, starting with the Auckland area, and tell them about the boycott of Spainish bull fighting events in Spain, which they may advertise for. I will send a copy of the letter and any responses to AAA and Liberate! so look out for it guy's. Please write and encourage Sally Horn, PO Box 2; Llandysul; SA44 4EB; Wales, UK at West Wales Animal Aid and who is doing major things with the Spainish Boycott. This is a major event in Spain and - I quote from Sally's letter "The Spainish seem very resistant to all campaigns, we have been told many times by the 'Spaniards' 'You will never be able to stop it'. Sally remains optimistic and says eventually they will win, they shall never stop trying, I say go Sally.

G.E.

If you have anything you'd like to comment on, be it small or large, write in to us. We have a no-censorship policy, so anything relevant to animal liberation will get printed provided we have the space.

SWEET REVENGE

1977: Northern Greece: A farmer accompanied by his dog pursues a fox to the ground. The farmer leans his gun against a tree whilst he kneels down & attempts to smoke the fox out. The dog knocks the gun over shooting the farmer in the legs & stomach!



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World Vegan Day Special

November the 1st is the day to recognise veganism, what is stands for and to promote the vegan lifestyle (which we obviously should be doing all the time anyway). We thought we'd do a special introductory section on veganism for this day for those of you who don't know much about it.

The Basics

What is Veganism?

Veganism is a lifestyle that seeks to be as compassionate as possible towards other living creatures. The definition, used by many vegan organisations, that encompasses this ethic is that;

Veganism is a lifestyle that excludes, as far as possible, the use of all animal products from the diet and other uses. This includes meat, eggs, milk, honey, wool, leather, silk etc

From this definition you can see that veganism does not just cover the eating of our fellow creatures, but the use of products derived through the suffering of them as well. A lot of people find it easy to understand why meat and leather could be cruel, but they generally don't understand why milk and eggs are cruel too. This article hopes to clarify this.

The Issues

Milk



Ethical vegetarians, who don't eat meat because it kills cows, are generally unaware of the suffering involved in milk production. People are taught to believe that cows live in the paddocks, and daily offer their milk to the farmer for us to drink. I myself never gave much thought to the subject when I was vegetarian, until I heard some facts.

When we stop and think about why cows produce milk in the first place we discover that cows, like humans, only produce milk for newborn babies. In the wild, cows would have a baby about once every 3-4 years, but in order to keep cows producing milk, farmers keep them constantly pregnant and having babies. Once the calf is born, it will naturally, and quite rightly, start to suckle from its mum. Farmers want to have as much milk as possible to sell so calves are usually removed from their mothers just 2-4 days after being born, before they start to guzzle too much of our precious milk. If the calf is lucky enough to have been born a female, it stands a little bit of a chance in not being turned into meat but being kept for the dairy herd. If it's a male, the news is a little worse. It will either be added to the meat herd, fattened up and sent to slaughter after a few years. It is the dairy industry that is the direct supplier of calves to the meat industry, these calves being surplus dairy calves. When you think about these facts, you soon see that the dairy industry and the meat and veal industries are so tightly linked that if you are ethically opposed to eating beef or veal then you really have to be opposed to drinking milk.

The Myth of Osteoporosis

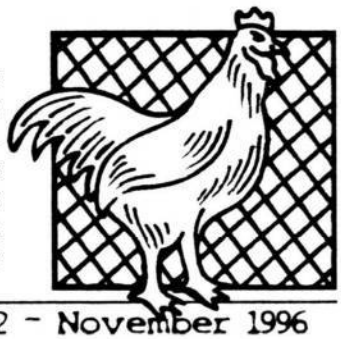
Osteoporosis is a disease that makes your bones frail. It is considered to be a disease of insufficient calcium, which is partly true, but the cause of the disease is what needs looking at here.

When your liver breaks down animal protein be it from flesh or milk it releases toxins like urea and ammonia. These toxins combined with the high sulphur in animal protein dissolve calcium out of your bones. This means that for 3-4 hours after a high animal protein meal, you loose calcium out of your body through your urine. Plant protein is less concentrated than animal protein and is lower in sulphur and therefore less acidic. All these factors means plant protein is absorbed gentler into your body and therefore does not have the same effects on your bones as animal protein. So osteoporosis could be described as a disease of excess protein, as opposed to insufficient calcium. Studies support this also; as countries that have the highest intakes of meat and dairy also have the highest rates of osteoporosis - whereas people who live in countries like Thailand, with typically low dairy intake, osteoporosis is unknown. Now drinking lots of milk and eating no meat will still not help. Milk contains so much protein that it actually will put you in a negative calcium balance. There were studies done on women where they were given 3 8oz glasses of milk a day and at the end of a year they were still in a negative calcium balance. So don't believe the milk ads on television - after all, the Dairy Board makes them.

Alternative Sources

You are far better off to eat foods like almonds, broccoli, carrot juice and spinach. They all have about equal amounts of more easily digested calcium per volume than milk, and they won't leech calcium from your bones. Also, try Soya milk. There are many soya milks readily available at all supermarkets that are far superior to cows milk health wise, and can be used in just the same way as milk in almost all circumstances. They all taste very different so try a few to see what you like most. I give the thumbs up to VitaSoy!

Eggs



Eggs are another strange animal product that has become such a common part of our diets. 95% of New Zealand's eggs are produced in battery farms. Hen s see no daylight and are packed in cages so tight that it would be like

you living in a small car with six other adults. Due to this high density population chickens tend to get aggressive and peck one another, so when young they usually have the front part of their beaks seared off with a hot iron.

Normally, hens would lay about 12-24 eggs a year, but modern laying hens have been manipulated to produce up to 300 eggs a year. In nature hens build their nest and lay their eggs in private, they are shy and sensitive birds. The hen would then stay on her eggs till they hatch and rear her chicks. In modern farms the eggs are constantly removed to induce her to lay more, all the hen's natural instincts and behaviours are supressed.

To produce eggs you need to produce female chickens but the law of averages is such that 50% of chicks that hatch will be males. These male chicks are rather useless to farmers (they cannot be used for meat as they are a different type of chicken) so they are simply disposed of. This is the fate of thousands of baby male chickens every week.

Alternative Sources

There are a number of egg substitutes available on the market. The best I've found is No-Egg which is a completely animal free egg replacement. It's great for cooking, and making batters. You should be able to get it from your health food shop and definitely you can get it from Huckleberry Farms and Harvest Wholefoods up here in Auckland. You can also use Arrowroot if you want substituting it for egg in baking. 1 tsp of Arrowroot works like 1 egg. Also tofu can broken up and 'scrambled' in a similar way to eggs, herbs and spices can be added for a similar taste

Wool



Wool production is completely tied in with the meat trade because a large proportion of the wool produced is 'skin wool' obtained from slaughtered sheep. The sale of wool subsidises the cost of lamb and mutton and vice versa. Lambs are removed from their mothers at 10-16 weeks of age and others are slaughtered for hogget at around 12-24 months of age. Breeding ewes are killed at 4-8 years - their natural lifespan is 15 years.

In their natural state sheep would have enough wool to keep them warm in winter and would shed enough to keep them cool in summer. However, like all farm animals, sheep have been bred for maximum productivity. Consequently many die of heat exhaustion in warm weather and each year thousands of sheep freeze to death soon after shearing.

Shearing is a distressing experience for these shy, timid animals. It is carried out at some speed and the sheep are often cut in the process, hot tar is then dabbed on the wounds. Castration and tail docking are routine mutilations inflicted on newly born lambs. They are usually carried out using rubber rings to cut off the blood supply.

New Zealand's levels of ewe hypothermia, lamb mortality and the practice of mulesing has been especially criticised. Merino sheep have been bred to have very wrinkled skin, the more wrinkles the more wool. This makes them susceptable to fly-strike, a disease caused by maggot infestation in the sweaty folds of the skin. Mulesing, which is carried out to prevent this, involves slicing off folds of skin from around the anus with sharp shears. No anaesthetic is given and if uninfected healing takes 3-5 weeks.

One practice; still carried out by many farmers although illegal; involves the smashing of lambs teeth. Lambs may be fattened on turnips before going to the slaughterhouse so their teeth are snapped off at the gum level with pliers or cutters. This means they can only suck the green tops of the turnips and not damage the bulbs which are used to fatten older sheep.

Alternative Sources

Try acryilic, polyurethane, or cotton.

NOTE: These materials can be HUGE causes of environmental pollution (especially cotton), so try and get organic stuff if you can or buy second hand cotton.

Leather

I find it quite strange that ethical vegetarians can condone the wearing of another creatures skin. If you do not support the killing of animals for food, then not supporting the use of the byproducts seems a logical next step. To me its like saying to someone about to murder your sister, "Please don't, but if you do, I'd love her skin to make me a nice new coat.". It would give the murderer the impression that you really don't care that much about your sister.

Anyone who has seen the price of leather knows it is generally not cheap. This multi million dollar business is a direct off-shoot of the meat industry. Once a cow is killed it makes common business sense to utilise as much of the corpse as possible as to maximise the profit, so we get meat, leather, petfood, gelatine and other by-products.

Suede is another sort of leather that people wear. Elvis should have said "Don't step on my Red Blood Stained Suede Shoes". Suede is not the same sort of skin as other leather, it is the skin of an unborn calf. Pregnant cows that go to slaughter (ie. old dairy cows), have their now obviously dead babies, removed from them and turned into suede to make someones really trendy jacket.

Now I've just mentioned cows when talking about leather, but we should not forget about the tonnes of other animals that get their skin turned into leather and meat (note the continual link) for our pleasure, like :
Ostriches, Aligators, Kangaroos, Albatross just to name a few.

Alternative Sources

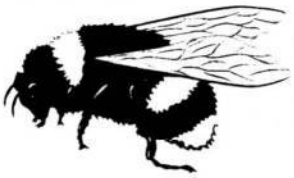
There is a growing number of non-animal clothing places popping up, but unfortunately they are mostly overseas. If you don't need leather-look-a-likes you can buy canvas shoes from a number of regular shoe shops around the country (or you can get canvas boots from army surplus stores). You may have to check the glue though, as that can contain animal products. Otherwise, the best places to look for non-leather goods is overseas. These two places are the most well known:



Vegetarian Shoes
12 Gardner St
Brighton BN1 1UP
England
(01273)691913

Vegan Wares
78 Smith St
Collingwood
3066
Australia
(03) 94170230

Honey



Honey is nothing but bee puke! Bees eat their food, then spew regurgitated honey back up into the hive. In human made hives when it comes time to steal the honey, the farmer will remove slats from the hive after sedating the bees, and then scrape the honey from the slats. In this process numerous bees die, through being squashed on the ground by the farmer's feet and between the slats.

When it's time for a new queen to take the place of the old one, the farmer simply kills the existing queen, leaving it's body among the hive so the other bees register that the queen is dead and so accepts a new one. The Queen then obviously has to breed, so male bees are often electrocuted causing them to ejaculate - oh yeah unfortunately they die too.

Alternative Sources

There are many other sources of sweetness other than honey; Maple syrup, malt and unrefined sugar to name a few.

Silk

As you probably know, silk is produced by a little insect called the silk worm. When they reach maturity these insects (which are actually caterpillars) spin cocoons around themselves and then proceed to transform into moths. Rather than wait for the moth to emerge, silk farmers just grab the cocoon and dump it into boiling water or bake, steam or electrocute it. This causes the caterpillar to die, but it does unravel the silky cocoon. The silk is taken and turned into shirts, sheets and other 'fine' garments.

Alternative Sources

If you really need that type of feel, then use satin instead.

What about other things?

The topics that I've covered are the most obvious ones that a vegan lifestyle would encompass. You will find however that vegans tend to extend their range of compassion quite a lot further. Many of them do not use products tested on animals or attend circuses, races, zoo's or rodeos. This logically follows from the vegan ethic of compassion for all animals.

Conclusion

As you can see, animal abuse occurs on a much wider scale than the obvious flesh eating arena. Animals suffer daily because of the dairy and egg industries, and if we feel strongly about freeing our brothers and sisters, it seems that the least we can do is not eat or wear them, or products that cause them to suffer.

What Next?

Ideally, I'd love you to go VEGAN! But if you still want more reasons or just some help AAA has booklets on veganism:

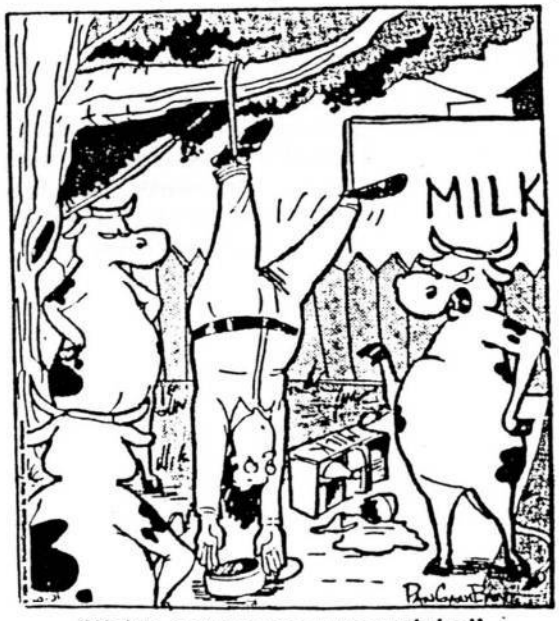
"Veganism - The way forward" ($1.50)
"How to turn Vegan" ($1.00)
"A Beginners Guide to Animal Rights" ($1.00)

Send a SAE requesting what you want and we'll get it out to you. We also have a great video we can send to you called "Truth or Dairy" produced for the Vegan Society UK. The video is a wonderfully humourous introduction to veganism. Cost: $6 without tape, $3 if you send us a tape. Please add more if you are overseas.

Alternatively you could contact:

The Vegan Society (NZ)
PO BOX 876
Auckland

A $10 membership gets you access to their resources and a subscription to their magazine "Vegan Voice" (which is really cool)



'We've got you now, you sicko!'

World Vegan Day

Video/Discussion Evening

Where: 1st floor of the old Student Union Building at Auckland University.

When: Friday, 1st November. 6:30pm

This evening will be an informal gathering to show 2 videos. First up is "Truth or Dairy" a lighthearted look at why people decide to go vegan. Secondly we will play "Hidden Crimes" a look into the dark world of animal experimentation. We will also have some yummy vegan food for everyone to try. If you live in Auckland, please come along and support us!

For more information contact 480 8264.
If possible can you contact us and let us know if you are coming beforehand.

DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS VEGAN?

Our definition of Vegan is: containing no animal products at all including those from insects; like honey and cochineal- [from the cochineal bug]. Any household products we list are vegan and have not been tested on animals either the finished products or ingredients. Our policy is to contact the companies in each case; not just read the labels which anyone can do. Any queries are welcomed, if you ever have a problem with anything we list please don't hesitate to contact us, we would rather know if we have made a mistake, so that we can rectify the situation.

BEER

Most beer is clarified using isinglass- from fish bladders. I checked out the larger companies mainly as these are also the cheapest beers and I know this is an important factor.

1. LION Breweries: "Lion Breweries **does** use isinglass in the production of some beers - notably Lion Red and Lion Brown. **All our other brands are not treated with finings**"

2. DB Breweries: Isinglass is used. But "as to the brands that would suit your requirements we would recommend **Heineken** and **Murphy's Stout**." They have no animal products in them.

NOTE A reader informs us that alcohol is tested on animals. They didn't say which companies test. Perhaps they were referring to the fact that alcohol is taxed highly & the government uses our tax to help fund research? In any case we will make queries into this to see if brewing companies here directly contribute to or fund research that involves animals, and get back to readers.

BREAD

Many bread's contain 471 & 472's:these can be either animal fat or vegetable fat. Many breads also contain 481, and 482, these are milk derivatives. A small number of breads do not contain these. In addition to those mentioned last time the following breads are also vegan:

-REIZENSTEINS Rice and Rye Bread this is wheat free and naturally fermented. Very similar to vogels breads.

-"CONNONS Good Old fashioned Wholemeal Bread" Made by Connon's Bakeries. Be careful all Connons breads are packaged very similarly, only this one is vegan.

-Some BURGEN Deli Style breads. Fruit Loaf and Tomato and Herb loaf.

CHOCOLATE

Cavendish & Harvey.Peppermint: Dark Chocolate with Mint Creme Filling. The lecithin in this is soya derived. 100g bars. Green packaging and is YUM! Can be found at many supermarkets

MARGARINE

SUNRISE TABLESPREAD has no dairy products or animal fats We queried the flavours and lecithin (this can be soya or egg derived). The lecithin and all other numbers and flavours in Sunrise are plant drived.

NB For a complete listing of items in issue 1 &2 send SAE.

DODGY STUFF

COCHINEAL (E120): A common red food colouring derived from crushed up bodies of cochineal bugs.

HOT CHIPS: Most vegans/vegetarians check that their take-away chips are cooked in vegetable oil but few check that they are also pre-cooked in vegetable oil. Most takeaways buy their chips pre-cooked; they are usually pre-cooked in BEEF FAT. Ask to see the bag their chips come in. It is more expensive for takeaways to buy their chips pre-cooked in vegetable oil so few do; even those that advertise 'cooked in vegetable oil' can be dodgy.

INSTANT NOODLES (631)

Almost all instant noodles have the flavour enhancer 631. This is derived from sardines!

SHELLAC (904): Shellac is derived from animal sources. It is a common ingredient in CHEWING GUM. Also any WAXED FRUIT you buy can contain bees wax &/or shellac.

FLAVOURINGS These can contain ANYTHING. Always doubt and check out unspecified flavourings An example is the chips Poppa Jacks; for years the label on these read 'flavouring' recently this has been changed to read chicken flavouring. BE CAREFUL.

NEKTA CREAM This product is advertised on the packaging as a Non-Dairy frozen desert. It catches your attention because on the top of its tub it has a picture of a cow with a big red line accross it. Many would assume that this means it has no cow parts in it - tricked! Nekta Cream contains GELATINE (animal bones). Their original packaging did not list this. They state that the latest packaging lists gelatine but many shops still have old stock with the old ingredient lists on them so be aware of this.

HEALTHY HABITS PIES Healthy habits pies that contain TVP also contain Worcestershire Sauce and most commercial brands of this contain anchovies - small fish! These pies are advertised 'Vegetarian' so this is potentially very dodgy. The company has been rung numerous times and different people have gotten different replies, when I rang I was told it did contain anchovies. I will write away to try and offically confirm/deny this for the next mag.

MARMITE The vitamins in Marmite can be plant or animal derived. We rung Sanitarium about this but their reply was less than satisfactory, they took many months to get back to us and when they did, they didn't know anything and told us to ring their suppliers. Yet they were hesitant to tell us who these were. Eventually we were given some places to ring, but told not to mention Sanatarium when we talked to the people! The whole thing gives us the impression that Sanitarium themselves haven't bothered to think about this or source their supplier's very carefully. We'll ask in writing now. (Meanwhile remember Vegemite checked out fine.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS *by Deidre Bourke*

I was going to write an article on the turkey and pig farming industries as a special article for the Christmas issue of Liberate! I meant to go into how they raise pigs and turkeys intensively and tell you all about the brutality and inhumaneness of the system and those involved in it. And then I thought, who gives one! We all know its wrong to kill other beings. Whether the conditions on the farms they were held captive on were good or bad is totally irrelevant; they shouldn't fucking be there in the first place. And they shouldn't be killed. Such welfare arguments try to appeal to those who eat meat and we don't, do we. Instead of wasting time and energy on irredeemable assholes of the world who couldn't give a shit anyway, I thought I'd focus on us, the ones who do care and what we can do to make the season of killing more bearable.



Christmas is a difficult time for many. Once you become aware of animal abuse Christmas is never the same again. Its suddenly quite obvious that the season of peace and goodwill does not extend to animals....for them it is a season of suffering. Thousands are slaughtered for Christmas Dinner's. Christmas presents include cosmetics, bath products and aftershave which has been tested on animals. Many thoughtless people give pets as presents only to have the animal resscue services filled with unwanted animals in the new year. Thinking of all this can make christmas lose some of its sparkle - to say the least.

This time of year is especially hard for us as vegans. Many probably feel anxious every time our family invites us over for Christmas dinner. We know that a member of our wider family, a turkey being, will be slaughtered, disemboweled, beheaded, plucked, cooked, and eaten for this occasion, and want no part of it. To make us happy, perhaps the hosts have made some vegetables for us to eat. We are expected to be content sitting with them as they devour the turkey, as long as we have our vegetables to eat. They expect us to respect their behaviours as long as they respect ours. To continue to talk to them; even when they, accross the table, may be quite happliy munching on someone's leg.

It is a fact that people need other people. We are social beings. Yet, because of our greater empathy and compassion to non humans it is not surprising that we feel disgusted and alienated from others who blindly practice the culture of cruelty. Often we almost feel like we are aliens from another planet. There are times when we feel like we have stepped out of reality and into the twilight zone. Everyone else appears to be blankfaced, mindless, consumers.

The basis for enjoying others company is related to our abilty to find empathy with them, its really not surprising that it is hard to identify with such selfcentred, uncaring, unthinking people. Even when I do make an effort with family at Christmas I usually feel that I am wasting my time with people whom I can't relate to. We don't have to submit ourselves to this abuse each year in the name of civility, friendship or family loyalty. And as far as the turkey is concerned, we are not being civil, friendly, or loyal. It is all human centred bullshit!"

Realise that you are not alone, there are many vegans with the same feelings of alienation who would love to get together. There is nothing so wonderful as eating a meal with other vegans, when you finally feel a connection to other humans. For many its just a matter of finding the right like-minded people. I encourage everyone to get together this christmas and boycott the carnage.

Last Christmas myself and my partner along with about six other close friends left the city and travelled just out of Auckland to a small family owned bach. There we had a wonderful christmas, with true friends and people we really cared about. I'd forgotten what it felt like to be totally relaxed and comfortable at Christmas- not having to worry about someone going to the kitchen and coming back with a corpse, or whether another sad lettuce joke is going to be coming my way.

We encourage people to organise vegan christmas' in their own towns. Anyone in Auckland or Hamilton interested in getting together for a cruelty free Xmas get in touch with us, something will defintely be going on. Anyone who can offer a bach will be especially adored.

Rudolph and his mates had had enough. Santa could deliver his own fucking presents



POOR SANTA

SWEET REVENGE

Malaysia 1992: a piece of rock blasted from a quarry 1 km away, fell through the roof of a Malaysian house causing the death of a woman who was apparently in the process of slaughtering a duck.

Turkeys, a favourite Christmas food for many, are highly individual birds. The females are as maternal as any mother hen. The males (stags) fluff up their fine feathers and 'gobble', to establish their role as protector of the harem. The wild turkey flies at speeds of up to 50 mph and roosts in tree tops. Stags weigh around 17 lbs, females considerably less. Turkeys like to roam in woodland, eating insects and vegetation. Seeds and berries are a favourite food. At this time of year wild turkeys are quite a common sight in the N Z countryside.



(right) A mother turkey perches up a tree in the wild. She folds her wings protectively around her young.

Loose Lips



A little rant about security.

Why the need for security-

The Animal Liberation movement in NZ is young, and until very recently it has also been very small. Presently the scene is seeing a spurt of growth - small grass-roots groups are popping up everywhere and there has been an increase in the activities of the Animal Liberation Front . While this is a good thing, one thing that is always worrying when I hear about ALF activity is that sometimes people say things they shouldn't. Things that might get somebody into a lot of trouble. It is essential people begin to take some basic measures to protect each other. The upsurgence in activity and enthusiasm needs to be nurtured if it is too grow. Direct action; civil disobedience and illegal activity are all essential elements in the fight for animal liberation. But such activities require good organisation and of course good security to be effective.

A recent article in the listener pointed out that NZ police are working with police from the UK where the ALF movement is huge and the ALF is very active and successful. Police are attempting to identify key people in NZ; files are starting to be kept on them and those that they associate with. The situation is being taken seriously by the authorities and this is a signal for everyone to get their shit together.

So, how people can help protect each other.

1. Never ever try to guess or gossip about who you think might be behind all the local ALF actions. It is unnecessary and irresponsible to ask 'who did that?' and 'was that such and such?'. What is important is that actions take place; the people involved and you personally are much safer if you know nothing. People who hint that they know who did something, or consistently try to act self important to gain a good rep are dangerous. Rumour and innuendo is all it takes for the police to start harassing people and get someone, even an innocent person, in trouble.

2. Even if you are trying to start up a new ALF cell **WITH PEOPLE YOU HAVE KNOWN AND TRUSTED FOR A LONG TIME!** you should not tell them about any of your previous ALF actions for the simple reason that they do not need to know. Its always better to be safe than sorry. And people who don't know anything can't talk can they?

3. It is a sad fact that sometimes people do say things they shouldn't, either in person, or worse over the phone or email or even in letters and other channels that can be easily monitored by the police. Always assume phones are tapped - never talk about or organise stuff on the phone. It can be quite a shock to hear somebody tell you something that they shouldn't, but the best thing to do is to interrupt them however you can. Once you are more collected, explain to them about activist security. If you cannot stop a person before they finish telling you something illegal, say "Look, I know you haven't done those things because if you had, you wouldn't tell me about them as it puts your safety and mine, at risk. Now let's talk about activist security ...". By educating them about security, hopefully this will prevent them telling the wrong people one day.

4. Bizarrely it is not uncommon for people to try and find out more about the ALF by approaching A.R groups. DO NOT write to animal rights/welfare groups asking about the ALF. Occasionally queries like "I'm keen to be involved in ALF"; "How do I do Stuff?"; "How can I contact the ALF?" pop up. This is not productive. Firstly, it is silly because no one is going to tell you anything even if they know. You are a stranger and such activities are illegal!! Secondly the person you contact may not be sympathetic to the ALF and you could get yourself into trouble. In any case the ALF is NOT AN ORGANISATION. There is no one you can contact, it is comprised solely of individuals doing their own thing on issues that they feel strongly about. You dont need to contact anyone to 'become a member' you are involved the minute you do anything. Its totally non exclusive. Infact if you are thinking of doing anything illegal animal rights groups may be the last places you should go to. A.R. groups are often the first places that the police will go to and hassle.

5. An activists involvement with the ALF should not be known to anyone other than the other ALF members he or she works with. If other people are informed of their actions, those people become an "accessory after the fact" and this puts their safety at risk. If an ALF activist tells a 'trusted friend" who then tells their 'trusted friend" who goes on to tell another "trusted friend" soon the activists secret is no longer a secret and their safety is highly compromised. It is the police's job to harass and intimidate information out of people and decades of practice have made them very good at it. Close friends and family that know what you do are especially dangerous because they will be very protective of you and may name people that they see as being 'bad influences' on you. Even if you are sure they are trustworthy ie that they support the ALF and are very old friends; the fact is in telling them you are forcing others in your cell to trust

SWEET REVENGE

Iran: A hunter catching snakes presses the butt of his gun behind a snakes head. The snake coils around the butt & pulls the trigger with its thrashing tail & fires one of the barrels. The hunters colleague attempts to help whereupon the writhing reptile releases the other barrel!

your judgement, something they may not be willing to do. Never take risks for others. The best rule remains: the less people who know who is doing what and when, the better. Activists should not have to find out which of their friends they can and cannot trust from behind bars ... but they often do, unfortunately.

Everybody makes mistakes. But by educating people we can prevent unnecessary arrests, police raids etc. There is another reason why we should not let these errors go on without comment. Activists who don't seem to learn after repeatedly being told about security should have their actions scrutinised more closely. If someone deliberately and repeatedly keeps making the same mistakes despite being told over and over again; they are either informers or for whatever reason just can't keep their mouths shut. In either case they should be avoided; they are very dangerous to all the other activists around them.

Everybody must try and ensure that everyone knows how to keep themselves and others safe. There are always new activists coming into the movement who are unaware of the necessary security precautions. These new folks need to be educated and its up to knowledgeable activists to do that.

As the animal liberation movement becomes more effective we have to expect more and more monitoring from the police. They can get a lot of information just by listening out for rumours, and any information they get will be sent back to headquarters. That is why activists should practice self censorship. Over the last year or so, the ALF has caused tens of thousands of dollars of damage to animal abuse businesses throughout the country and the police have only arrested two or three people on very minor charges. The National Bureau of Criminal Intelligence (NBCI) has set up an investigation into the ALF so we can expect increased surveillance, phone tapping and possibly undercover cops. As they have no idea who the ALF is, they will be looking at everyone in the animal rights movement, and the best thing we can do to support the ALF is to make sure we all practice good security. Both to protect the ALF and ourselves.

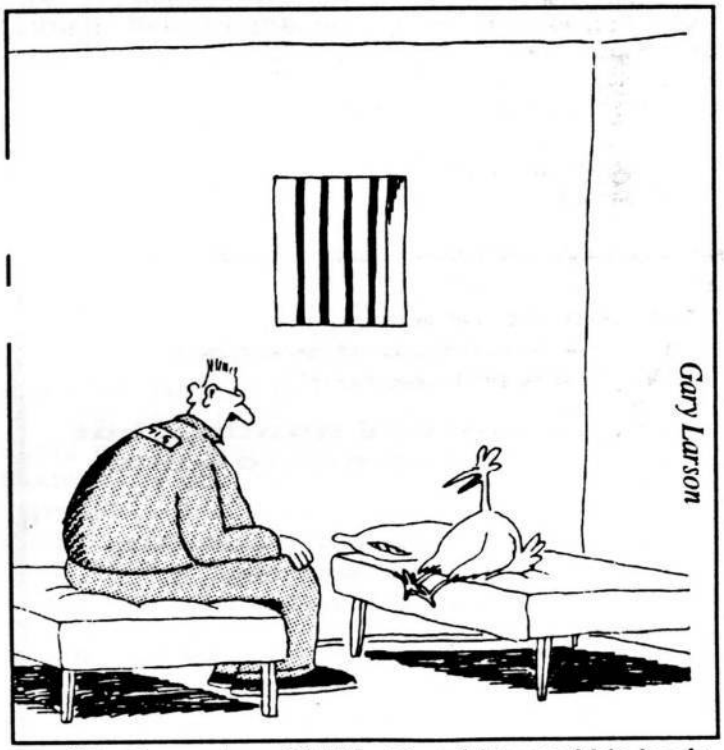
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"So then, when Old MacDonald turned his back, I took that axe, and with a whack whack here and a whack whack there, I finished him off."

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THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Last time in an article entitled "How Radical is too Radical" you heard some of the arguments for why some animal activists feel that violence against animal abusers is justified. This article follows that up, it aims to give people some insight into one of the more violent sectors of the animal liberation movement. Most people have heard of the A.L.F but fewer are aware of the many other groups fighting for animal liberation through more radical means. One of these groups is, aptly, known as the JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

The JUSTICE DEPARTMENT is largely a British based development. Unlike the non-violent A.L.F; the J.D. does not worry about harming animal abusers, infact this is its very aim.

Already there is one J.D. prisoner; Gurjeet Aujla. Gurjeet was sentenced to 6yrs for alleged J.D. activities against numerous animal abusers. Whether you agree or not with their tactics, these people are a part of the movement. Their motivation is to free animals from pain and suffering by going directly to the source of the abuse and eliminating it. They risk very long prison terms to this ends. As the movement in England grows, it is of no surprise that more tactics are being tried; that the extremes are becoming more extreme.

So where did it all start.....?

On Wednesday 6th October 1993 a package addressed to a person involved in bloodsports exploded in the mail sorting office at Watford, Hertfordshire, England. The police claimed that other devices had also been intercepted. At the time there was confusion over who sent the package. Later a group calling itself the JUSTICE DEPARTMENT claimed that these packages had been the first wave of devices, and proved their authenticity by listing all the targets; information the police had never revealed.

Three weeks later, on the 28th October 1993, two animal abusers were injured when parcel bombs detonated at their homes.

On the 23rd November the ALF (UK) Press Office recieved a statement from a new group calling itself the JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. It claimed the 28th October devices and sent a film showing the internal components and construction of a device and its subsequent detonation. Their statement read:

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

"On the 28th October two animal abusers were injured and given the shock of their pathetic lives when they opened parcel-bombs sent by us. We don't need to explain why these two - Colin French, farm animal abuser, and Christopher Brown, laboratory cat supplier - were targeted, suffice it to say they cause animals to suffer great cruelty, and they deserve it.

In spite of their relatively minor injuries they will now be very much aware we mean business and, were they not our 'guinea pigs' for the testing of our experimental devices, would have been more permanently physically injured. This will be the case next time.

We've sat back for years and watched AR activists ask nicely for all the abuse to stop - the more daring risk their lives and liberty but still the unacceptable number of tortured animals keeps rising.

The torturers become more extreme; they attack and kill their non violent opponents. All this without fear of retribution from the authroities and at worst property damage c/o the ALF, which we wholeheartedly encourage.

On November 15th two much more powerful devices were despatched in search of Arlin Rickard, BFSS p.r.o. and George Murray, Cheshire Beagles hunt master and Alan Summersgill benefit fund organiser. In light of the recent parcel bombs sent by the HRS to bloodsport fanatics most are aware of the threat and may well call the police on receipt of parcels! Paranoia sets in! The lack of media hysteria suggests we didn't get through but we will. We only have to get lucky once.....

We won't be asking anyone to stop messing with the animals and will make no excuses for our violent

We cannot stop vivisection, but we can stop a vivisector

We cannot end hunting, but we can put an end to some hunters,

We cannot cripple the fur industry, but we can cripple some trappers,

We cannot put a halt to cars and trucks disabling animals, but we can disable cars, trucks and roads."

Screaming Wolf 1991.

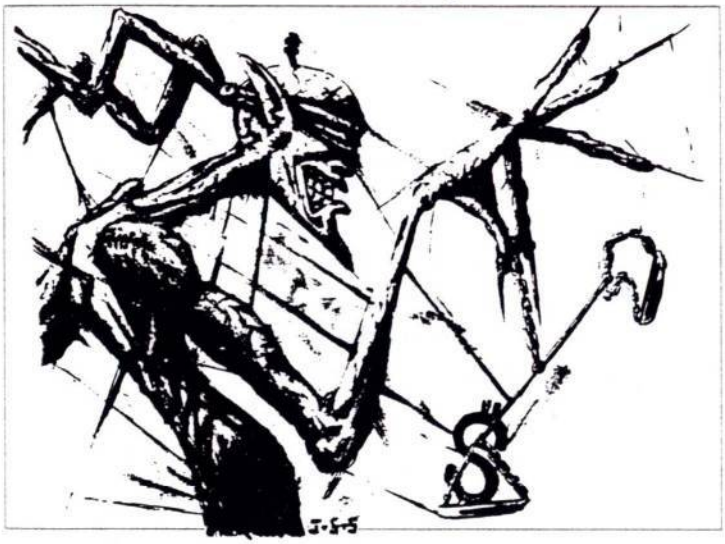
intervention - they've had it too good for too long.
NO MORE TORTURE NO MORE LIES...."



ENDS.

The following months saw more devices like in the video plus poster-tube designs and powerful timed incendiaries, most of which recieved ever increasing publicity. The poster tubes each contained six hypodermic needles packed in with explosive materials. A claim was made that as AIDS had apparently been created in a laboratory, some HIV-infected blood had been stolen and may be used in the future to return the virus to the vivisection community. This saw the beginning of the real media blackout, possibly because the authorities recognised the first devices were too complicated for many people while the new devices were within the capability of anyone who could use a catapult or glue a lock.

At this time Somerset County Council decided to allow a bloodsports group onto local authority land to hunt, thus overturning a previous ban.



On 19th February the JUSTICE DEPARTMENT made its reaction clear...

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT:

"If our arguments weren't believeable before the latest example of political corruption, perhaps now there are a few more converts.

80% of the population are opposed to bloodsports, clearly the majority of local councils - which have banned hunting - did so because the majority voted for that, now we're told it's not proper to go with a democratic decision. So be it.

We never had faith in the political system so used direct action to fight the many obscenities inflicted on the animal kingdom, and proved its worth.

Now we hope and anticipate more will join the war being fought by so many good people outside the hopelessness of asking people with nasty habits nicely to stop destroying animals lives. They insult humanity so deserve to be insulted and humiliated.

They deserve more we think, soon they'll get it. JD and company."

> "It is time to physically stop human oppressors, and allow our brothers and sisters, and the environment in which they live, to heal: it is time to love animals with deeds and not mere words, and a time to hate humans for their callousness, bigotry, and greed; and it is time for war on humankind, and a time for peace in our hearts by freeing ourselves from this massive machine called society, whose wheels turn with the blood, sweat, and tears of animals"
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> Screaming Wolf 1991.

ENDS

As the JD's campaign continued and increased, so solid victories were at last achieved..
- 'Hyline Rabbits' had been visited by the ALF and rabbits rescued and property damaged. A device was sent to Hyline's owner and ALF activity stepped up. On 27th June 1994 the company went into voluntary liquidation
-On 18th April 1994 the JD sent the first device against the live export trade, on 3rd June six more were despatched. For the first time in 40yrs major ferry companies announced that they would no longer be carrying animals for slaughter. Exporters began to find alternative routes through smaller ports and companies. Animal rights groups joined forces with local people who were now outraged enough to take part in campaigns to prevent the trade continuing. The JD continues the pressure; sending a device to the manager of the Port authority at Shoreham. Through the JD there finally seems real hope that this trade will be ended with the help of firm and spirirted local and national campaigning.

The number of J.D. attacks has dramatically increased, in 1994 alone over 100 devices are known to have been sent to various targets. On 22nd of November the JD popped up in the Irish Republic. Hearing that Captain Mark Philips was visiting that country to hunt because "there is no opposition to hunting there" they sought to prove otherwise. Devices were sent to the hunts.

On 16th February 1994 the first wave of metal mouse traps primed and fitted with razor blades were sent out. Pieces of razor blade were superglued to the snap bar of the trap it was then primed (set), wrapped in paper and packaged in a small jiffy bag. Murmurings from the hunts to sabs indicate that something certainly got through.

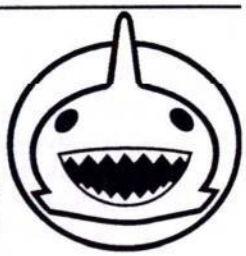
As yet there have been no deaths due to justice department activity. This may partly be due to the fact that powerful devices take some skill to make and so few are able to send these. The majority of devices sent are small; the threat is more one of injury. Although certainly sooner or later someone will inevitably get killed.

Source from Underground #3

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR ANIMAL ACTIVISTS

An important part of being an effective animal activist involves training and teaching yourself basic information and skills. Although not the most exciting of tasks it is perhaps one of the most essential. Your effectiveness as an advocate for animals relies on what you know. The more you know the more power you have. If you want to go on hunt sabs you should be informed as to what the best tactics to use are, and a knowledge of how to care for a wounded animal could be the single most important thing for you and the animals on the day. This page is a basic guide for animal rights activists so its scope is wide. Any information that can be used to help animals in a practical sense can apply here. Please send in any ideas- hints you have that you think others ought to know. Examples of ideas include how to check dead possum's pouches for babies, hints on tactics for use when sabbing hunts i.e. Duck or rabbit shoots. How to look after baby birds...

ANGLING-SABBING TACTICS



Sourced from Underground 4 'Tactics for sabbing angling'

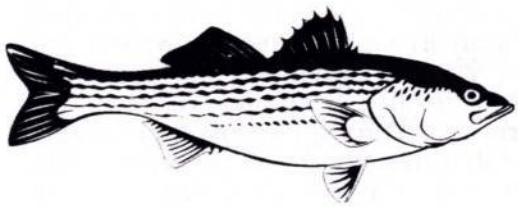
WHY SAB ANGLING?

Anglers are everywhere, it is easy to find out where people fish. Even small measures can cause them major hassles. Angling is one of the easiest bloodsports to sab. Anyone can sab anglers and your actions will directly save the lives of many animals. The tactics below specifically relate to sabbing angling competitions, but you could use the ideas to sab recreational fishers too.

1. Find Out About Local Angling Competitions.

Look in angling mags in shops; fishing tackle shops may have posters/noticeboards and lists if local clubs, this info. is often given out on request. Tourists are often taken out fishing; check out what DoC advertises for them. Check out local newspapers and radio stations.

2. BEFORE THE MATCH



*Ring up the organiser and book in. You could ask for directions to the venue.

*Sometimes, esp along banksides, pegs are placed to mark out the areas where the anglers can set up, removing or changing around peg numbers on the morning or night before will cause confusion and maybe confrontation among the anglers.

*Wire up gates to the water. Drive a car onto the boat ramp, activists cars have been known to stall at such times, and if you have accidentally locked your keys inside your car you will be unable to move it away. The anglers may be unable to get their boats into the water for some time. Remember every minute they are delayed more fish are saved.

*Talk to local anglers or people in tackle shops to find out the best day, weather conditions and stretch of water to fish from so you will know when and where to concentrate your sabbing.

3. DURING THE MATCH

*Blow a whistle just before start, some anglers may start fishing and be disqualified. Blow again near the end of the match and some may pack up early.

*Get in the water in a canoe or boat to prevent anglers casting or make them reel in. Go near them and disturb the surface of the water with the paddle to scare the fish away.

*Swimming, wading or splashing your feet in the water (wetsuits, waders, wellies are advisable depending on the situation) to stop anglers casting and scare away the fish. If you can, remove the line from the water, try not to break it or damage any other tackle.

*Making noise in the water by submerging metal objects (e.g. dustbin lid and spanner) and banging them together will scare away the fish . Equally, make noise above the water with whistles, shouting, airhorns, etc. This has

SWEET REVENGE

1987: Somewhere off the coast of California: A fisherman tries to reel in a large fish, a Wahoo, it leaps from the water sinking its razor sharp teeth into the mans hand & forearm causing severe injuries.

the added bonus of annoying the angler and detracting from the enjoyment of the "sport".

*Talking to anglers disturbs their concentration. Get information and be able to argue against them. (This is easy, we have info packs available see end note)

*Standing behind anglers can make casting more difficult and your shadow on the water may scare away the fish, especially when the water is clear and still.

*Use poles (ie long bamboo canes) to disturb the float and/or line. Lift the float and/or line out of the water, but again be careful not to break the line or damage the float.

*Use high powered water pistols aimed at the anglers float/line to encourage him/her to remove the tackle from the water

*Empty keepnets. Ideally 2 people who are in the water. Some keepnets have removable bottoms held on with clips. Others have only one way out - at the top. Ensure that the fish will exit the net downstream. Keep the net submerged at all times and do not touch the fish. Move the keepnet in such a way as to encourage the fish to swim out without touching the mesh. If in doubt do not attempt it, as keepnets can do a great deal of damage to fish.

Pleasure anglers are easier to sab as they may be present in smaller numbers and are more likely to pack up, as they are out for relaxation, peace and quiet. Use the tactics above plus when you first arrive, explain to the anglers why you are there to make them aware of your purpose: Erect "No Fishing - Contaminated Water" signs or similar. Make them look as professional as possible with the name and address of the local regional authority.



ALSO...

-Clean up litter and discarded fishing tackle. This can injure or kill fish, birds and animals. We are the conservationists not the anglers who leave all their mess behind them.

-Record incidences like poor handling, tackle victims, discarded tackle in the river, trees, poor emptying of keep nets etc. You may be able to get the angler in trouble.

WARNING

DO NOT throw tackle in the water, it is a danger to fish, birds and other animals. Remember that maggots will drown in the water.

DO NOT break fishing line for the same reasons.

DO NOT take pets along. Hooks, line, discarded tackle can be dangerous.

DO NOT pre-feed fish., this will attract them to the area.

DO NOT throw stones in the water, you can hit fish. Also fish may confuse small pebbles with the ground bait anglers use to attract fish.

(For info on angling send SAE and $1-2 to AAA.)

SWEET REVENGE

Sri Lanka: Some anglers are out fishing, one catches a garfish, (which resembles a swordfish). But the Garfish manages to spear the neck of the would be angler!

THE HEDGEHOGS REVENGE

(From Green Anarchist no. 42 pg. 24)

"Many people think it's fun to run down hedgehogs- but not anymore...

If you find a dead hedgehog in the road, take it home, skin it (no, don't complain!) and fill it with a brick.

Put the 'fake' hedgehog in the road where it could be easily avoided if the driver wants to. If hit by a hedgehog killer, it'll puncture tyres and wreck rims."

***Maybe people could construct fake hedgehogs somehow and thus avoid the grossness.

SWEET REVENGE

Midlands: Hebert, A trigger fish in a pet shop aquarium burrows into the sand at the bottom of his tank causing coral reefing to collapse and heating elements to hit the glass. This resulted in 5000 pounds worth of damage being done! (Don't worry Herbert survived).

Tactics- 'Vivisector visits'

By Deidre Bourke

This article discuses tactics by looking at the possible ways we can campaign against vivisection and be effective. Auckland Animal Action feels particularly strongly about vivisection and have started up, what we think are, some very productive efforts. The response we have had so far indicates we are having an impact already.

Tired of doing the same old reactionary style, anti-vivisection demo's once or twice a year on appointed days like World day for lab animals or Daffodil day, Auckland Animal Action decided that we wanted to tackle the vivisection issue in a more direct and persistent way. Any vivisector or business can handle being hassled a little once a year. Instead we decided to take ourselves and opinions directly to the source and visit the vivisectors at their homes. This tactic has worked really well over seas. Lets face it the animals never get a break, why should those that inflict so much pain get it easy. We compiled a list of known vivisectors in the Auckland area and obtained their home addresses (Look in the telephone book then confirm it in the electoral role-available at most libraries). We then made up a leaflet for each animal torturer to distribute around their neighborhood. The leaflets inform their neighbours about who they live next to. They state the research that the person is involved in, and if possible how much they have made off the torture; usually hundreds of thousands, but one vivisector in Auckland has received well over a million dollars! Also we always include an explanation for why the experiments that the researcher carries out are scientifically invalid. (We also aim to get photos of the vivisectors blown up so we can create a poster for each of them to put up around town, making individual T-shirts with their photo is another idea in the works.) We try to get to their houses really early on Saturday or Sunday mornings, and have found Sunday best as many still go to work on Saturday's. We try and all meet by 7am. We then 'visit a vivisector'. We try and hand deliver a copy of our leaflet to the vivisector and explain why we are there. Usually a demonstration takes place, we have a megaphone and lots of placards. Whistles would be another good idea. The placards say thing's like "An animal abuser lives here' 'Scum' 'Stop now' 'Animal tests animal torture' 'animal research is scientific fraud' etc. We chant; favourites include the ever popular "Scum Scum Scum"; "'Vivisection is a lie, animals and humans die" and "vivisection cures no ills, vivisection kills kills kills" . We talk to any interested neighbours, and encourage the vivisector to come out and talk to us - they seldom accept this offer. So far we've done two demo's. The first went smoothly, but the second produced more interesting results...

On the 20th of October several Auckland Animal Action members went on their second 'Vivisector visit'. This was to Peter Gluckman's of 78 Lucerne Rd, Remuera. He is the Dean at the Auckland Med School and has been vivisecting animals for over twenty years. Recent experiments include head injury experiments on rats. In the past he has also been responsible for approving experiments on hundreds of dogs. This 'research' involved simulated heart attacks. The demo was pretty normal, Mrs Gluckman was home but didn't wish to come to the door to collect our leaflet about her husband. Instead she preferred to yell abuse from her window. She must have called security because they arrived a little later and told us to leave the property - the Gluckmans have apparently hired their own security, that's Remuera for you! We left as soon as we were told, getting in our cars and departing - to avoid possible trespass charges you must leave a property immediately after you are asked to, so we do. You can just go onto the footpath if you want to continue the demo. While driving away from the Gluckmans we noticed a police car following us, when the last car got caught at some lights and separated from the rest of us the police pulled it over. Several of us then hopped out of the other car and went over for support, thinking the police were just being a pain and checking the car for warrants etc. ALWAYS ENSURE ALL YOUR CARS HAVE UP TO DATE WARRANTS etc. To our surprise the people in the car and those of us who had gone over were all subsequently arrested. We were charged with trespass which is strange as we left Gluckman's as soon as we were told. Mrs Gluckman arrived in a cop car and

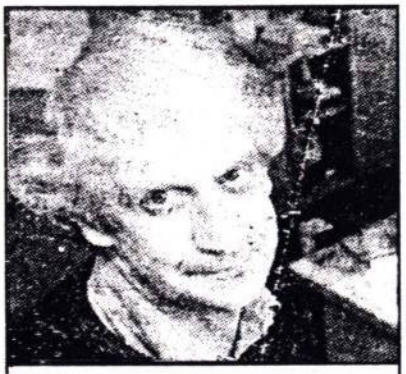


PETER GLUCKMAN - 78 Lucerne Rd, Remuera (09)529-1979

although she wouldn't get out she apparently identified us and told the police to arrest us.

Right from the start it was apparent that the police were going to be pricks - threatening to arrest people who wouldn't take down the hoods on their jackets. The police had one person's drivers licence and asked that person what their date of birth was. The person said 8 March and the police angrily said " that's not what it says on your licence" - on the licence it just said' March'. Smart assed bastard! After going to the local police station the five of us who were formally arrested were taken to Auckland central. One member Aaron Koolen was singled out several times and got his own separate police car to travel in. Once at the Auckland Police Station three of us (including myself) underwent the thrilling experience of being strip searched for no apparent reason other than to make us feel as threatened as possible. Making it clear that you are totally powerless once in police custody. A few hours later we were released and summoned to appear at court the next day to enter a plea.

The next day was equally exciting, on Monday 21st October five of us appeared at Auckland district court to enter our 'not guilty' plea, only to find that bail conditions were being set. The police asked that as a bail condition we all agree not to go within 2 kilometres of Gluckmans house! We felt this to be hugely excessive and an infringement on our rights to free speech and rights to protest. Also, it would have effectively limited our ability to do vivisector visits as many of the scumbags live in the very posh Remuera suburb, including our old friend Bruce Baguely from the Cancer Society. We thus choose to take the matter to a judge. Hours later and after some 'discussion' the judge 'balanced' Gluckmans right to enjoy his property without disturbance and our freedom of speech. Despite police disapproval our bail conditions were reduced to 100m of Gluckmans house, yes we know it suxs. It still effectively stops the five of us from doing demo's at Gluckman's so there is actually no 'balance' of our right to free speech. If we had been more prepared we would probably have not accepted this but the whole thing took us totally by surprise. We very nearly just accepted the 2km order, not thinking! Our next court date will be November 28th, when we have to appear at court for a status hearing.



BRUCE BAGULEY - 74a Basset Rd, Remuera (09)522-2383. Likes to inject cancer cells into mice and then tests drugs on them to see if tumours grow.

Status hearings are relatively new and designed to encourage people to plead guilty. You go before a judge who offers you a 'soft' sentence if you plead guilty and 'stop wasting the courts time'. Four of us arrested at Peter Gluckman's had also been arrested in September for the occupation of Bruce Baguely's office at the Cancer societies research laboratories. In the Status hearing for that trial much pressure was placed on us to plead guilty. The police offered three of us diversion, that is - if we plead guilty and apologised to Baguely for being naughty we would get no conviction, we of course refused this. The judge then said he was willing to convict and discharge us all without any punishment if we plead guilty. Again we refused. At Status hearings it is common to hear the judge say things like 'this is the best offer you are going to get, if you decide to go to trial I can't guarantee that your punishment will be so lenient'. You are also expected to tell the judge the grounds on which you will be defending yourself at the trial, often this gives the judge another chance to tell you that you don't have enough of a case to to go on with. You cannot skip a status hearing no matter how sure you are that you are pleading not guilty!

Because our next court date for the Gluckman trespass charges is not until November 28th, had we refused bail conditions imposed on October 21st, they could potentially have locked us up for over a month. It would have been interesting to see if they would have done this, we could really have kicked up a fuss. I doubt whether Gluckman would have liked the publicity of having five people who were protesting against his research, in jail, on hunger strikes, for trumped up charges. Had we had longer to consider things we may have done this. As it stands now we may still be able to appeal the bail conditions.

SWEET REVENGE:

1978: Sri Lanka: An ivory poacher bends down to remove the tusks from a bull elephant he has shot; another elephant knocks him down then the entire herd trampled him!

Auckland Animal Action is not intimidated, the Gluckmans have not won, already others in the group are

even more angry so that even if we cannot return, there will be many others to continue the protest. The 'vivisector visits' will continue. It just means that five of us will have to wait down the street a little, while the rest visit Gluckman. Obviously we are starting to have some effect in Auckland. This situation is obviously an attempt by the vivisectors and police to 'nip it in the bud' so to speak. They cannot, they have just strengthened our resolve.

Obviously visiting the vivisectors at home is a tactic that works. The responses we have had show the vivisectors are getting really uncomfortable. One Richard Faull was so worried that he bothered to go around all his neighbours and get a petition together. This must have taken some considerable effort. And judging from the excessively abusive response Mrs Gluckman gave us she is a little upset also! The vivisectors cannot just continue to get away with it. Once people are educated, this is an issue that they will support us on. While in the cells I talked to many people about vivisection, most of whom had never heard of vivisection or animal research.



RICHARD FAULL - 3 Pickens Cres, Auckland (09)849-2009. Transplants brain cells from rat fetuses into adult rats that have been given huntingtons disease.

I strongly encourage people in other areas to get involved with setting up this sort of thing, its dead easy. On our first visit we had 11 people and it went really well. The first time is usually a bit unorganised as you've never visited the places before. PLEASE : DO NOT BE PUT OFF BY OUR LATEST EXPERIENCE, it actually shows the tactic is working. I doubt that they will get away with what happened here, the whole charge against us seems ridiculous. If you want to avoid arrest just leave the property when told to and follow police orders - within reason. Remember you have the right to protest. Don't let anyone intimidate you, you are in the right. Remember the small inconvenience you pose for the vivisectors is nothing compared to what they put the animals through each and every day. Every large Polytech and University in New Zealand is involved in some type of animal research, so no matter where you are you can try this type of tactic. We have all been too quiet for too long, people need to realise the degree of feeling that's out here.

We need to start following up 'days of protest' with proper campaigns if we want to be effective. For example if you demo outside an animal circus once a year you will do nothing. If you follow them everywhere you start to make a difference, you cause them constant financial loss by discouraging people from going to the circus. Persistence is key. Yes, I know, the fact that many of us have done things like petition government for abolition of vivisection or battery farming, collecting thousands of signatures only to be ignored has been really disheartening. But after the petitions failed it seemed like we all gave up. Instead of getting apathetic we need to realise that the problem in the past has been due to ineffective tactic's. Government was never going to help us, they have been bought off. But if we are focused and persistent enough we can be really effective. Direct action combined with persistent boisterous campaigning, especially when it is supported by related ALF activity can make a difference. Most of the major changes overseas were achieved by such a mixture of tactics. The fur trade has all but been shut down in the UK due to illegal activities such as liberations of animals and burning of fur farms, but also constant and aggressive demonstrations outside all fur shops, direct action's, and demo's and visits at the homes of those in charge of the shops and fur farms. The live export campaign has similarly attacked from all sides; only such cohesion breeds results.

Get Involved!

Want to get involved with vivisector visits or any other Auckland Animal Action activities? Membership is by participation, so contact us and lets get doing stuff!

The public will always judge the degree of enthusiasm we have by what we do. If we only do one demo a year, it says that we really can't be bothered tackling the issue very deeply. If you get 20 people quietly protesting it says - we are concerned. But

10-15 of us visiting vivisectors regularly in Auckland, bothering to get up early and making as much noise as possible tells others that we are starting to get a little pissed off. Having four of us chain ourselves inside the office of Bruce Baguely at the Cancer societies research labs in the Auckland Med school made it clear to everyone that some of us are so emotive about this subject that we are willing to get arrested for it. Recently in Auckland a hand delivered note, with a mouse trap covered in fake blood was placed in a letter box. It was intended for Dr Bruce Baguely Cancer researcher. Part of the note read "Stop killing animals. Enough is enough" This has been the strongest indication yet of the anger felt up here in Auckland. This latest development means that the battle is now being fought on all fronts. At last things are starting to come together. It's hard work but rewarding. The recent Gluckman over-reaction tells us that we are getting to the vivisection community.

Lastly, it is important that we start to take notice of what the ALF in our local areas is doing and take a more public stance on the issues they target, whether it's hunting, the fur industry, vivisection, whatever. When we begin to tackle things cohesively we can make a difference. In consciously doing this we also give the ALF very direct support, they can get the public voice they don't usually have.

The bottom line is if we want to start changing things we have to try make a real impact on the animal abusers and animal abuse industries. It must become more difficult for them to continue to hurt and maim animals.

Those of us arrested would like to say a special thanks to the people who were waiting for us at the station on Sunday after being arrested for the Gluckman demo. It was great to have a friendly face there when we were released. Also thanks to Scruff, Suz and Paula who came to court with us on Monday, we know it was a long and boring day. Knowing we are not alone is really important. Also thanks to people who were there for us on Daffodil Day, especially Sam who was there when we were being dragged out of the med school, a friendly face in the crowd, and for coming down to the station, waiting for us and giving us a lift home.



Change of Address

TO OUR FRIENDS IN BALACLAVAS: Rat-traps covered in fake blood have been sent to the wrong address. Please note that Baguley - alias 'Doctor Death' - now resides at 74A BASSETT RD, REMUERA He no longer lives in Mt Roskill. We wouldn't want any further confusion to occur.

SWEET REVENGE

A Chinese farmer kills three young mice who were living in his house. The mother mouse takes revenge biting him as he sleeps, causing injuries to his hand and ear!

KILL THAT FROG!



We recieved several letters regarding an article in issue one entitled "Let's Start Talking About Animal Liberation" by Snotty Frog. This provoked much 'debate'. LIBERATE!, and specifically Auckland Animal Action recieved much criticism and became the butt of many accusations over this. Here we print those letters unabridged. We decided to write an editorial comment since many of the criticisms were directed at AAA directly and also because we largely agree with many of the points Snotty Frog made.

"The Enemy Within"

Bette's (head of NZAVS) reply...

In the past two decades, the writer has been taunted by members of the vivisection syndicate, including the media, hounded with threats of law suits from heads of cosmetics companies, derided by members of an uncomprehending public, repeatedly smeared in the news-media by the mouth piece of the organisation SAFE, and received covert threats from workers in the meat industry.

And now, a stab-in-the-back from an animal activist!

The unintelligent attack by a member of the activists to whom I dedicated my book ANIMAL RESEARCH *T A K E S* LIVES - Humans and Animals BOTH Suffer flows over me harmless as I learned from Hans Ruesch many years ago that criticism manifests one's success. It is however an unfortunate blow to the New Zealand ALF movement more tragic than will be immediately recognised, though it's confused author did not have the wits to envisage the damage before putting his tainted pen to paper.

Almost twenty years ago, probably before the writer of the article was house-trained, I put the terms vivisection, rights for animals and the Animal Liberation Front into the concept and the vocabulary of the New Zealand public, few of whom had hitherto heard them. The latter I promoted and supported years before it reared it's head in this Country, backing and promoting it's activities, financially, in my writings and in the media at the risk of my life and my home. That I am still doing so is evident on the enclosed recorded interview in which I supported the ALF on Daffodil Day 30 August 1996.

That AUCKLAND ANIMAL ACTION could accept for publication such an unsubstanced cocktail of fiction, lies, assumptions and conjecture of a misguided character who lacks the courage and confidence to identify himself, and who has not the slightest knowledge of the issues at stake, is catastrophic, not only to the reputation of AAA which was foolhardy enough to print it, and to the N.Z. ALF as a whole, but to the animals, as potential candidates who might have considered devoting themselves substantially to the relief of their suffering will turn away in horror and disgust as they see this insolent attack on Hans Ruesch and myself.

Assuming that the article's author was actually a financial member of NZAVS he should be asked whether he undertook any of the exhaustive routine workload entailed in running this organisation? Does he understand the intricacies and pit-falls of the abolitionist movement? Could he elaborate, in three minutes flat, the principles of "scientific anti-vivisectionism" that binds abolitionists like an invisible thread world-wide? Did he attend the AGM's and volunteer to become a Committee member when positions were repeatedly offered? Was he prepared to take responsibilities, when he, like all other members, had the opportunity? Indeed would he be capable of doing so? As the first prerequisite of a representative of any organisation is the intelligence to understand it's basic tenets it is extremely doubtful as the very title of his article reveals his appalling ignorance of the boundary between abolitionist and animal rights movements, across which I have for years trodden a fine line. Others who have the ability to think more deeply that your correspondent recognise it and thereafter seek no further need for never-ending "talk" and debate.

I consider it fortunate indeed that NZAVS did not fall, or become maneuvered into the clutches of those like the writer of your contemptible article for the result would have been chaos and destruction of all NZAVS' past efforts and the ruination of it's long-standing goodwill and excellent reputation with world leaders on the abolitionist movement. The article has however one worthy redeeming feature, it's endorsement of the wisdom of my decision to put NZAVS into a state of wind-up, rather than risk it's destruction by allowing it to pass into the hands of incompetents who were unable to come to grips with it's fundamentals.

Where will this self-appointed know-all in the affairs of NZAVS, (who cannot even understand it's policies or Constitution), be in twenty years' time? Will he, like others incapable of logical thought still be drifting in and out and between the many groups, causes and organisations, always disrupting, never managing to fully comprehend fundamental principles? Will he, like other professional critics who erroneously consider themselves expert in all issues regardless of their complexities, still be pouring out his impertinent judgment of others who struggle day and night with their lonely voluntary workloads?

I have an assorted mailbag, every day brings a surprise, some good, some bad, but almost without

exception from individuals and organisations who seek my assistance in some form or another, from requests for information to be posted immediately, massive amounts of materials which they expect to be produced and prepared without prior notice and delivered personally, to requests for donations to a wide variety of causes. Today's despicable anonymous article on page 8 of AAA LIBERATE is the work of an unbalanced nonentity, who I have reason to suspect recently directly benefited from an appeal to which NZAVS donated a cheque for $250. If this is correct, considering the devastation he's already done to THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT with his pen I suggest he gets back to his spray-can and catapult with which he's better qualified.

That "animal rights activists" of such limited perception as the author of your published article are of greater danger to the relationship between ALF and the abolitionist movement, than all the vivisectors and animals abusers on earth rolled into one, is made obvious as I now request that AUCKLAND ANIMAL ACTION delete my name, and that of NZAVS, from it's mailing list and ask that it never again seeks my support in any issues or appeal.

My request is the direct consequence of your endorsement, by publication, of inappropriate, dangerous, bordering on slanderous statements of an anonymous contributor, who writes, that which many, both here and overseas, will agree is a disgrace to all those involved in, or connected with, the animal liberation movement.

Bette Overell
NZAVS
Wellington

"GROSS INJUSTICE"

Dear LIBERATE

I felt I must write re the article by Snotty Frog. It is a gross injustice to say that NZAVS founder Bette Overell doesn't care about the people she works with! I've known Bette for many years, she cares very much for those she has/is working with!

As for NZAVS being dogmatic and paranoid, the truth is NZAVS was extremely well informed and aware! Infiltration of societies is a reality and great damage is done to the cause. Bette, by being firm, aware and ever vigilant ensured NZAVS remained as it was intended to be: A source of accurate information, a gathering of people who were prepared to stand boldly against the mainstream of the population and speak against the fraud of vivisection. That eventually many of these people lost interest or courage and NZAVS closed is not a reflection on Bette, but a testimony to her personal determination and courage that she kept going so long. Indeed I believe regardless of all the slings/arrows fired at her, she is a person who knowing what is right will continue to say so, no matter what!

Sincerely, Debby Ward.

SNOTTY FROG "OFF THE MARK"

Dear Auckland Animal Action,

As a member of the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society from 1984 to 1996, I found your article in LIBERATE! issue one, "Lets start talking about Animal Liberation", so far off the mark, that it was no surprise the author wasn't prepared to put his or her name to it, or your group to print it without a disclaimer. (NZAVS never had to resort to pseudonyms and stood behind everything it printed.) The article contains several contradictions. Briefly:

It states "we should not let leaders speak on our behalf", but goes on to say there should be leaders speaking to the media. For every NZAVS campaign (World Day for Laboratory Animals, World Animal Day, etc), regional coordinators would contact every member in their region to organise (not "start talking about") an event, and media spokesperson was a responsibility open to any member prepared to make the effort.

Secondly, the author denounces capitalism yet gets upset about the decision to end NZAVS, saying it was "decided without any input from the members who donated all the money". membership fees of NZAVS didn't even cover the newsletter costs and although donations were greatly appreciated, money certainly didn't buy influence, active membership did.

Also denounced is "government", yet there is praise for Save Animals From Exploitation being "more democratic" than the "very authoritarian, dictatorship" of NZAVS. NZAVS printed articles like "The hypocrisy of Democracy, Why Anarchy Prevails" and conclusively exposed the fraud of NZ's democratic government with it's lethal dose 50 and abolition of vivisection in NZ petitions. The direction of NZAVS was decided by the very structure the anonymous author advocates, ie. it "represented the beliefs of the activist's who (were) actually doing the work".

The most glaringly obvious omission from the article you chose to print is that NZAVS was an anti-vivisection group and SAFE is a PRO-vivisection group. A few examples (all can be easily documented):

SAFE opposed the NZAVS petition to abolish the LD50 test in NZ.

SAFE opposed the NZAVS petition to abolish vivisection in NZ,

SAFE petitioned for the continuance of all "medical, non-painful and necessary vivisection"

SAFE participates in the animal ethics committee system which oversees the execution of vivisection in NZ

SAFE supported Gary Knapp, MP and cancer vivisection fund-raiser, and his efforts to fortify vivisection in NZ through "accountability" legislation.

SAFE financially support famous animal rightist Peter Singer, who tours the world arguing the medical advances made through vivisection and how it should continue.

On top of these examples (of which there are many); SAFE repeatedly attacked the Animal Liberation Front and ridiculed the "conservative leadership" (?) of NZAVS for supporting the action of the ALF at every opportunity.

SAFE have stated that teenagers should not be involved in animal rights and that any group like NZAVS containing punks has no credibility.

So to label SAFE's leadership as mere "reformist animal welfarists" is a disservice considering the above! More important is why this situation has been allowed to continue - firstly because SAFE adopted the international tactic of hiding your PRO-vivisection agenda under a plethora of popular animal rights issues (and changed

their name from Save Animals From Experiments to Save Animals From Exploitation). Secondly, both vivisection, and PRO-vivisection groups thrive while well meaning members continue to send membership money, visit the groups shops and offices and read their newsletters (revel in Safeguards "really relevant information" on animal rights while turning a blind eye to the PRO-vivisection policy.) All activities that Auckland Animal Action promote in LIBERATE! issue one.

So if indeed NZAVS and Hans Ruesch were "paranoid of dealing with other organisations", consider that 95% of their opposition to the abolition of vivisection came not from the media, politicians or public but from those acting under an animal rights banner. The insidiousness of the vivisection industry becomes apparent when even the staunchest vegan, ALF supporter will read the newsletter of pro-vivisection groups and go "wow, cool animal rights stuff".

I would of liked to have had the time to rebut all the misinformation "Lets (sic) Start Talking About Animal Liberation" disseminates about NZAVS. Instead I have focused on insights which will most benefit the animals and the movement forming on the demise of the NZAVS. It would be tragic if mistakes of the past are repeated.

Yours sincerely, Simon Cottle.

TALKING

Dear Liberate!

I am involved with the Christchurch Anti-Vivisection Campaign, and in the past five years my activities have included NZAVS Christchurch Co-Ordinator, and member of NZAVS Executive Committee. Here are my comments on "Lets' Start Talking about Animal Liberation" by Snotty Frog, Liberate!, Issue 1 , September 1996, pp 8-9.

When campaigns opposing vivisection on the grounds of scientific fraud get publicly attacked by the animal rights groups, when no animal rights group supports petitions to abolish vivisection on the grounds of scientific fraud, when evidence is presented to show how animal welfare/rights groups here and overseas have been infiltrated by the vivisection industry, then it is justified that an organisation campaigning on scientific grounds to abolish vivisection has to be careful when dealing with animal rights groups.

Initiative from below was encouraged within NZAVS, if somebody wished to take responsibility for a campaign then they were given the support required. An example being the Daffodil Day campaigns, the initiative for these did not come from the "leadership".

How can the "animal rights movement in Aotearoa" be "dominated" by NZAVS and at the same time when "NZAVS goes out of its way to avoid contact with anyone involved in `animal rights'." This seems to be an inconsistency and not a problem for anti-vivisectionists to address.

Those that are "confident & sure of their beliefs" (ie those who are doing the work) are the ones in control. Does Snotty Frog wish the "animal liberation" movement to be in control of those who are unsure if they believe that there have been successful attempts by the vivisection industry to infiltrate animal rights groups? Does he or she wish the "animal liberation" movement to be controlled by those not confident enough to argue that vivisection has caused human and animal suffering with no benefits apart from those to the vivisection industry's finances? Here are my suggestions for "What to do_"

- Retain your focus. Campaigning against fur coats one week, an animal circus the next etc results in no progress on any of the issues and plays into the industry's hands.

- Become informed - not just about the issue you are campaigning about but also the tactics of the industry. The big industries don't like informed debate and will often try to block out extremists by introducing their own moderates, who then make the abusers look nice as they do what they can to put the industry in a position where the abusers are agreeing with the moderate antis and the status quo remains.

- Expose this tactic, unmask infiltrators and don't compromise your policy.

- Utilise and support campaigns that are already underway, and the resources and groups that exist.

- Take responsibility. It's no use telling the leaders what you want to do if you are not prepared to put any effort in yourself. It is only fair that those carrying out the work decide which campaigns they wish to be involved in.

Phil Clayton

LIBERATE'S! Editorial comment

1. LIBERATE! prints a disclaimer because some of our stuff will offend. It was not put there because of the Snotty Frog article - which we thought was quite tame compared to other articles in the mag. LIBERATE! has a no censorship policy, anything relevant to animal rights/ veganism will be printed. Since we don't know who Snotty Frog is, she/he can't answer for his/her self (Given the responses I think readers will understand why the person choose to be anonymous) here is our perspective on the article:

2. The main focus of the article by Snotty Frog entitled "Lets Start Talking About Animal Liberation" was on UNITY. It was exactly all this infighting bullshit that it was trying to cut through, it is this sort of ongoing picking that has divided the movement in NZ in the past years. As the letters clearly show NZAVS and many of its supporters prefer to attack those who offer any opinion other than NZAVS is GOD, and cannot handle even the mildest criticism - Snotty Frog's critique of NZAVS consisted of just over a paragraph of 6-7 sentences, in an article that was well over a page long. No organisation is perfect, handle it! Every organisation has facets within it that others will disagree with, its just a fact of life. Anti-vivisection groups, for whatever valid reasons, are very paranoid, tightly controlled organisations; and they tend to be anti animal rights. Some people's belief systems are such that they will have to work differently, its a difference of ideals and priorities, no one is totally right or wrong in this. That some aspects of NZAVS methods alienate others is just a fact.

3. We understand Simon Cottle's criticisms of SAFE, it is important to educate people about SAFE's

background which has been dodgy, and agree the criticisms are valid. One thing that should be said however is that many of the criticisms date back to events that occurred almost a decade ago. The people responsible for all the crap that happened are not involved anymore (they are now in Animals First - ie Adrienne Hall). In fact the present National coordinator is a vegan and in the recent Listener article about the ALF, SAFE's comments were much more positive than they have been at any other point in the past. We particularly agree with Simon Cottle that SAFE is too image conscious and non accepting of those who they term as too 'scruffy' ie. punks. Also that their focus is overly welfare rather than liberation based, they tend to tackle only those issues that are already won in the eyes of most of the public. Vivisection (medical) is not one of these. We are less cynical however tending to see this fact as less a plot than it is a tactic to engender the widest possible public support- yes this still fucken suxs.

4. It should be pointed out that Snotty Frog criticised both of the national organisations *equally*. The criticism of NZAVS was on its structure and methods not its standpoint or aims which were applauded. That Hans Ruesch is dogmatic and paranoid is easily evident. I draw attention to the latest CIVIS where he clearly states that anti-vivisection organisations *should* have no room for democracy and be run as "dictatorships"- his words! We agree that the fact Bette would rather wind up NZAVS than hand it over to anyone else is symptomatic of this type of thinking. That many people, particularly those with anarchistic leanings have been very alienated from this type of structure is understandable. The Snotty Frog article criticised SAFE equally but more on the basis of being overly conservative. It must be said that Snotty frog's article was given to members of AAA over a year ago for a mag we were compiling then. We realise that some comments are now dated. For example most of the good vegan activists involved as local SAFE coordinators have disappeared, some at least ,due to overly stringent constraints on them and SAFE's general dislike for the 'radical'. Yes SAFE can also be very controlling.

5. In the main, the article by Snotty Frog addressed the need for and development of more consensus based grassroots animal rights groups in NZ, a trend that we fully support. If SAFE is pro-vivisection then obviously this is a gigantic, unforgivable fault but that NZAVS has been consistently anti-animal rights is just as larger disservice in our eyes. This factor has totally divided the movement and alienated the majority of people that would have wished to participate more fully in NZAVS.

6. That Bette feels we are doing disservice to the ALF we cannot even start to understand. She seems to be very sure that Snotty Frog is male and an ALF activist, both are blatant assumptions. Somehow she also feels that in alienating AAA and Snotty Frog she is doing damage to the ALF? Why? - Is she saying she will cease to support the ALF because of this? Or perhaps she believes that the ALF is solely anti-vivisection rather than animal rights, strange since the largest targets seem to be butcher shops! We just can't figure this one out.

Our wish was not to take sides in the old NZAVS vs SAFE battle. Both groups have their good and bad points. A.A.A. has an 'Animal rights / liberation' base. This takes us beyond campaigning solely against vivisection or welfare issues. Our ideology believes that all harm is unjustified, the animal liberation philosophy is such that even if vivisection were scientifically valid (we know it is not) it would be unacceptable. Thus we can also campaign against tests which are carried out purely for 'scientific curiosity', or research on lab animals to further veterinary studies. It also goes beyond what the welfare groups address; we don't want bigger cages we want NO cages, we want total abolition on BOTH scientific and ethical grounds and use each argument according to need realising that different people will be swayed by different arguments. In this way both organisations can aid our ends, NZAVS gave us the information to be able to argue using scientific rationale. But to find out about any other issue ie. circuses, zoo's, bloodsports...Welfare groups are more useful. It is emotive pictures of the cruelty that are perhaps most influential with the public. However when talking about vivisection to media or when facing vivisectors themselves it is often best to reiterate the scientific arguments immediately as this is what holds weight in those realms, and thus always receives less attention. Many in NZAVS seem to believe that animal rights equates to a pro-vivisection stance, this is a ludicrous idea from those that do not seem to understand the difference between 'animal rights' or 'animal liberation' and 'animal welfare'. Perhaps this is because until recently the animal rights/liberation movement in NZ has been totally suppressed by both S.A.F.E and NZAVS. The distinction, I feel is clear to most activists in the trenches.

It is very apparent that NZAVS feel very propertarian about the abolitionist movement. Everything is seen in terms of enemy vs ally, they cannot understand that some may wish to address vivisection as well as other animal rights issues. All animal rights groups must stay out of their territory or else adhere strictly to their commands and ideas about how to handle the vivisection issue. This is a very authoritarian attitude.

Members of AAA feel so strongly that vivisection is wrong that we risked arrest over this issue to try and highlight it, in our occupation of the Cancer Society labs. We expected more support from those whose aims are so similar, instead we get abuse and accusations. When so few in NZ are doing anything AAA is carrying out occupations and doing regular protests at vivisectors houses. As well we are educating people about scientific anti-vivisectionism. We also try to pass on all the most up to date information we find about vivisectors and what they are doing. Infighting only cripples what should be a united movement. To say that Snotty Frog is a worse threat than all the vivisectors combined is silly. If the pro-vivisection factions are trying to divide the movement then this type bickering can only aid and abet this aim. Everybody has forgotten who the real enemy is. Lets get focused, it is the vivisectors who are evil. All this energy could be directed so much more effectively.

editors: Deidre Bourke & Aaron Koolen

(Note:This is an editorial response, not a response from AAA as a whole)

Boycotts

This issue I decided to focus on companies that carry out animal experiments in N Z. In many cases the nature of the animal tests is unknown, so I have simply listed the companies involved. All of the companies listed have applied to the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee. The committee puts out an annual report, in this the companies that have applied for approval to carry out animal tests and received that approval are listed. Studies on animals are scientifically invalid. Animals are anatomically, physiologically and psychologically different to humans. Animal tests cannot tell us about human reactions to disease, chemicals and surgical techniques because animals will react differently to humans due to species differences.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Ciba Geigy

CIBA GEIGY (CIBA GEIGY NZ Ltd: 45-53 Patiki Rd, Avondale, Auckland)

Overseas it is known that Ciba Geigy tortures dogs, hamsters, mice, monkeys, bats, fish, squirrels and salamanders in smoking experiments. Skin irritancy tests of NICOTINELL on rabbits force them to absorb large doses of nicotine through a patch applied on to their shaved skin. Guinea pigs are injected with nicotine. Ciba Geigy also CARRIES OUT NUMEROUS ANIMAL TESTS IN N Z. Experiments in NZ include: Ciba Geigy Limited has carried out drug experiments on animals at Auckland Zoo. In a drug trial in 1992 Ciba Geigy injected the then experimental drug Domitor into 24 Spider Monkeys; 18 bonnet macaque and six of the endangered Orangutans at Auckland Zoo. While attempting to dart an adult female Orangutan with Domitor a baby Orangutan, Intan, (Indra's baby) was darted and thus recieved an adult dosage, meant for an animal 4 times her size! The baby went into "excessively deep anaesthesia" although given antidote several times following this she was still drowsy some eight hours later. The research was monitored by one of Ciba Geigy's own company veterinarians. Auckland Zoo sees the drug tests as perfectly acceptable, and have stated that they are even "proud of what we do" in regards to this.



SMOKE INHALATION EXPERIMENT

SOME COMPANIES THAT TEST ON ANIMALS IN NZ (1995):

ROCHE PRODUCTS
RHONE-POULENC CHEMICALS
GENESIS RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CORP NZ
IMMUNO-CHEMICAL PRODUCTS LTD
COOK LABORATORIES C/-ALPHA BIOLOGICALS
NZ ANCARE NZ LTD
CYANAMID NZ LTD
CIBA GEIGY NZ LTD
LIFE TECHNOLOGIES LTD

COMPANIES THAT HAVE CARRIED OUT ANIMAL TESTING IN NZ UP TO 1995

SMTHKLINE BEECHAM (NZ) LTD; SHELL CHEMICALS NZ LTD; PFIZER LABORATORIES LTD; AGRIMM BIOLOGICALS; ARTHER WEBSTER (NZ) PTY LTD; TRAVENOL LABORATORIES LTD (now BAXTER)

Do not think that animal experiments are something that are only carried out overseas. Approximately 300,000 animals a year are used in New Zealand for research, testing, diagnosis or teaching purposes. Tests include exposing animals to parasites, micro-organism's, drugs, chemicals, radiation, electrical 'stimulation', abnormal diets and surgical 'intervention'.

In 1994 alone over 150,000 of those animals used in tests, died or were destroyed, this included:

113,737 mice	1,667 rabbits	2,692 birds	75 cats	70 Dogs
7,338 fish/fisheggs	321 Deer	3,134 cattle	455 Hamsters	43 mustelids
404 pigs	1,932 possum	776 amphibians	16,912 rats	5,024 sheep
8 horses/Donkey's	2,844 Guinea pigs	13 goats	and 45 unspecified 'others'	

The commercial sector is the largest participator in animal testing in New Zealand. 40% of the animals tortured owe their pain to these large companies. The Universities and Crown Research Intsitutes together are responsible for another 40% of the suffering.

Boycotts do work, several large companies have ceased animal testing because of public pressure. Avoid any product that does not specifically state on its labeling that they have a non animal testing policy. Obtain a copy of S.A.F.E.'s cruelty free guide, educate friends and family.

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Christchurch Animal Action
P.O Box 22076, Christchurch, Aotearoa.

Christchurch Anti Vivisection Campaign
P.O Box 22076, Christchurch, Aotearoa.

Vegan Society (NZ)
P.O. Box 876, Auckland, New Zealand.
Supplier of information on veganism, and they put out a magazine called Vegan Voice. $10 for a year's subscription and membership.

N.Z.A.V.S.
PO BOX 2065, Wellington.
Brilliant source of scientific anti-vivisectionism information.

McLibel Support Campaign
P.O Box 14156, Kilbirnie, Wellington, Aotearoa.

http://www.ch.planet.gen.nz/~mcspot/home.html

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I've Been Thinking..

Shouldn't Animals First be called Animals A Little Bit. Have you looked at their policies?

- ***Controls*** on hunting, shooting and fishing. (Kill them more lovingly)
- Encouragement of ***free range*** farming. (Be nice until it's time for them to die)
- Phasing out of animal experiments, reduction and replacement. (Too bad about the millions of humans and animals that die in the meantime)

Dat's not very veeegan!

Well, it was nice to see there was some controversy re: Snotty Frog. Pity it was about something so uncontroversial. We would like to make a serious appeal to everyone out there for contributions. There are only a couple of us that write for the mag, which is fine for the regular things, but it would save us a lot of time if others would write articles too. This would also give new perspectives on issues and spread fresh ideas. Like Richard Prebble we assume you too are thinking, so why not write it down in a full page article, so we can print it for others to read and enjoy :-)

For those who visit our web site - Sorry it hasn't been updated for quite a while, we've been very slack; but it should be updated very soon. We'll put lots of info on the web page about vivisectors that we've recently found and we'll probably print it in the next mag also. We'll be adding a section on all our court happenings for those interested. Hopefully an Animal Info site will be up and running soon hosted by us so keep checking...Take note M@x!

Hope you had a good read, that's it from us.
Until next time, keep fighting.





Isn't man an amazing animal?

He kills wildlife - birds, deer, possum, dogs, feral cats, rats, mice, rabbits - by the million in order to protect his domestic animals and their feed.

Then he kills domestic animals by the million and eats them

This in turn kills man by the million because eating all those animals leads to degenerate and fatal health conditions like heart disease, kidney disease and cancer

So then man tortures and kills millions more animals to look for a cure for these diseases.

Elsewhere, millions of other human beings are being killed by hunger and malnutrition because food they could eat is being used to fatten domestic animals.

Meanwhile some people are dying of sad laughter at the absurdity of man, who kills so easily and so violently, and once a year sends out cards praying for "Peace On Earth"!



