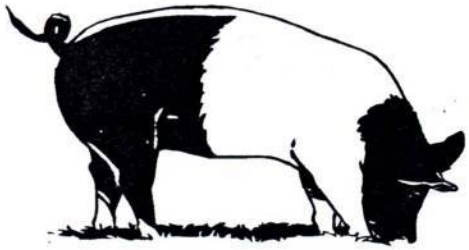
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WILL MAKE VIOLENT REVOLUTION INEVITABLE"

- JFK

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Hello again. Another two months has flown by. Sorry this issue is a little late getting out but one of your editorial peoples spent Xmas in a crate (see AAA group report pg. 6) and the other was looking after her so it was difficult to do the mag. Again the group news was somewhat dominated by Auckland Animal action - come on everyone else!!! NZ's first Animal Rights conference (details pg. 15) is coming up soon, **EVERYONE HAS TO GO**, there you've all been told. Get in touch with your local groups to see if transport is being put on to get there.

The Snotty Frog debacle has thankfully run its course, activists seem to have moved onto other topics now. Because people seem to like ranting so much we've added a new section specially for that purpose, enjoy.

Dee



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.

Woman attempts horse liberation

Rosalie Jones, A 51 year old woman was arrested recently for attempting to liberate horses from an abbatoir. At about 10pm on November 3 she led three horses to a waiting horse float, but could not load the animals and had to return them. She was convicted and given a suspended sentence due to the crime being one of conscience. Like a judge even understands what conscience means!

Vegan trademark

Some profit hungry company is trying to trademark the word Vegan in Canada, the US and Europe. Vegan Apparel Ltd. has applied for the trademark right to over 600 products which would effectively stop other people and businesses selling products with the word vegan on them. There are various ways of contacting them, so do it and let them know that what they are doing is pathetic.

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Gillette in the news

SAFE Activists staged a protest at the Gillette headquarters in Auckland last month. The demonstration involved people on the roof of the building as well as people dressed as the animals Gillette tortures. The banner unfolded by the people on the roof read "Have a Heart - STOP ANIMAL TORTURE" and the animals who were inside a cage each held pictures showing what this sick company does.

Primary school fair disrupted

A number of activists from various animal rights groups in Auckland staged a demonstration at a Maungawhau primary school on 30th November. The School was having a fair in which one of the attractions were some circus animals from the notorious Ridgeway's circus. As well as holding the usual placards, speaking on the megaphone and handing out literature they entered the school and got in involved in (often heated) debates with the circus trainers, and the public. Although response to a demo at a school was negative most people agreed with the activist's aims.

Bears get a new life

9 Asiatic Black bears were saved from death in China last month. The bears whose bile would have been extracted for medicine after they had been killed were handed over to the International Fund for Animal Welfare. In total nearly 300 of the estimated 10,000 bears are to be released from these farms and placed into sanctuaries.

Monkeys sent into space

On December 24th, in a joint Russian/US project, Russia launched 2 macaque monkeys into space. The idea was to test the effects of weightlessness on living creatures. Actress Brigitte Bardot tried to get the US congress to stop funding, but to no avail. She states that "Fourteen electrode wires sunk into seven muscles in the monkeys' arms and legs tunnel under their skin and exit from a hole carved in their backs. Researchers surgically bury a thermometer in each animal's abdomen; a wire in the thermometer exits the monkeys from yet another hole cut in their backs.'' NASA officials say such accounts are exaggerated. (I wonder who I'd believe) The monkeys are to return around the 7th of January.

Elephant gunned down

An elephant chained to a tree for 20 years was gunned down by Thai police using more than 100 bullets after breaking free and going berserk. The 25-year-old bull elephant had spent most of its life tethered to a tree at a Buddhist temple compound in Pathum Thani, 16 miles north of Bangkok. About 10 officers opened fire on the elephant, shooting it in the legs to bring it down and keeping up the fusillade until the animal tumbled into a nearby canal and died.

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.

Wellington Animal Action

♦ Wellington Animal Action (WAA) have been keeping ourselves busy lately, and are now having **regular meetings.**

♦ We also now have an **office space** which is really cool for meetings and having a workspace. There has been a bit of drama already with our new office space, as on Tuesday 26 November the angry proprietor of a hunting shop strode in, aggressively (and quite incorrectly) accusing Wellington Animal Action members of trashing his shop! Lovely person that he was, he wanted to trash the office and take the heads of animal right activists as trophies.

♦ WAA did some **anti-Xmas** stuff to highlight the brutality to animals traditionally associated with the Xmas ritual. They postered Wellington with pictures of dead bleeding chickens, and handed out leaflets with information about animal farming and also with yummy vegan recipes for Christmas dinner alternatives such as nut roast. This aimed at making people aware of the effects of their consumption of dead animals.

♦ WAA is planning Aotearoa's first **Animal Rights Conference** - Action for Animals, which will be held over Waitangi weekend, 7-8 February 1997 at Arlington Community Hall, Taranaki St., Wellington. See ya all there!

Christchurch Anti-Vivisection Campaign

The Christchurch Anti Vivisection Campaign is working on an internet web site that will be NZs best source of AV information on the internet when it is completed in the next few weeks. Another CAVC newsletter (#2) is now finished and available to people. (Write to PO Box 22-076 ChCh, NZ.) News includes info on the Daffodil Day protests, genetic engineering, Hepatitis Vaccines link to Diabetes, and a guide to World Wide Web sites with information on abolitionist anti-vivisection.

Auckland Animal Action

♦ **World Vegan Day Video evening**. The 1st of November was world Vegan Day. AAA had a video evening at Auckland University. We showed the video "Truth or Dairy", a video made by the Vegan society UK. It was great to see heaps of new faces, the number of vegetarians that turned up interested in knowing more about veganism was really encouraging. At least one vegetarian has made the change to become vegan since that meeting. Good on you! We served yummy vegan food and for those that could stay longer 'Hidden Crimes' was also shown. This provoked much conversation as few had seen the video.

♦ **Baguley Vivisector visit**. Self-professed "Director of Cancer" at the University of Auckland's Research Laboratory, Professor Bruce Baguley, was woken early on the morning of 9 November by an angry knock on the door of his house. Four of the seven placard waving animal rights activists waiting for an answer should have been known to Dr. Baguley. The Cancer Society's vivisection fund-raiser Daffodil Day on 30 August saw his office targeted for occupation by these four, who subsequently face trial on trespass charges in the Auckland District Court on 16 January. To the surprise of some, a Professor looking for all the world as if he had just risen from bed, soon opened his door. Clad in bedclothes, with unkempt hair and shaky hand, the animal torturer asked softly whether those gathered would like to talk. Some saw this seemingly conciliatory approach as an attempt to defend the (utterly indefensible) use of animals in cancer research. Others were less convinced, construing this as an effort to defuse the situation, to prevent raised voices and embarrassment to the Baguley's, and those present from taking further action. During the conversation that followed, Dr. Baguley conceded that to claim he "only used rats and mice" was totally irrelevant, and that the use of rodents was no different to the use of any other animal. He also admitted to fearing that his property was being spray painted, when some of those gathered started to wander, presumably after the novelty of seeing such a monster looking so timid and nervous wore off. A few apparently bored police eventually arrived, and asked the Professor whether he wanted his visitors arrested. Dr. Baguley. (known disaffectionately as Dr. Death by some) responded by saying that he did not, and added that the group was just talking. He did however want to be sure that no damage had been caused. One officer replied immediately by saying that the activists did not cause damage, they just aimed to hassle researchers. This reveals not only the fact that this form of protest is now known to police, but also the willingness of the police to jump to conclusions with regard to the group's tactics after just two prior visits (to abusers Ian Le Grice pig electrocuter and Peter Gluckman "Beelzebub"). The Professor was encouraged to lay charges; one of the officers assuring him that the group could be block booked.

All activists were permitted to leave after their details were taken.

♦ **Trial news update: Gluckman** Trespass charges. On 28 November, five activists appeared in the Auckland District Court. The status hearing followed their arrest for trespass after a demonstration on the property of Dr. Peter Gluckman (Dean, Auckland Medical School) five weeks earlier. Colin Amery, who represented the defendants both at the hearing and on the morning following their arrest, attempted to have the bail condition (imposed when the five first appeared) relieved. This condition prohibits the five from entering a 200m wide circle centered on the Gluckman house. The presiding Judge refused to consider overturning the decision made by his colleague - a senior District Court Judge - during the five's first appearance, instead suggesting an appeal to the High Court was in order. This possibility is being investigated by the defendants. The hearing also saw the police attempt to secure a conviction by adding a further charge of intimidation and offering to drop one charge if the defendants pled guilty to the other. This offer was rejected outright by all defendants. The five will face trial on both charges: Trespass and Intimidation; on March 14 in the Auckland District Court.

♦ **Trial news update: Occupation** of an office at the **Cancer societies** research laboratories on Daffodil day. The four of us who were arrested on Daffodil day for protesting against the use of animals in cancer research by barricading and chaining ourselves inside the office of vivisector Bruce Charles Baguley will take place on 16 January at Auckland District Court. The charge is trespass - all four have plead non guilty.

♦ **Protest over display of a baby chimp from Ridgeway's Circus at Maungawhau Primary School fair.** Mr Muggins was brought into the school to be paraded in front of the children for their amusement. AAA was there to protest as were S.A.F.E and C.U.P.A. The joint effort meant that many people turned up to protest at the school. The media were also present. The issue received national news coverage. Several protesters went onto school grounds but most were escorted off by police after entering heated debate with persons from the circus. Mr. Muggins is the youngest of several chimps that the Ridgeway's Circus owns. The circus purports that all the chimps are just like 'part of their family'. However, as soon as their chimps reach 7-8 years age and begin to mature they get too aggressive to handle. The circus then disposes of them. Nice 'family'!! Sonny,(Mr. Muggins older brother) has recently reached this age, his fate is still to be determined - death? Sold to a Australian lab? zoo? All are possibilities. Lola, (Mr. Muggins & Sonny's mother) is due to be murdered in the middle of next year as soon as her current baby is old enough to be without her. MAF have stated that because she has lived her entire life in a tiny cage and no longer has any companion - her partner "Charlie" was killed a last year - so 'the quality of her life should be questioned'. Instead of improving it, letting her spend her final days in a sanctuary, they have agreed that she should die. Despite consistently damming welfare reports from MAF the circus continues to be re-registered each year. This sux. WE HATE THE CIRCUS. Anyone wanting to get more involved with the anti-Circus campaign please contact us. It is a small, rundown, very sad circus. We will be able to help shut it down if people get involved with this campaign. At least two of the chimps lives are in immediate danger. As the circus starts to tour we will be at every performance we can get to.

NOT SO DUMB

1993: A Russian Circus bear is sold & the new owners release him into a forest to use him in a "wild bear hunt". The bear surprises a passing postman causing him to fall off his bike, the bear grabs the bike and pedals off not to be seen again!



♦ **Table at Somerset Gig.** Big thanks go to Somerset for allowing AAA to have a table at their last gig held at the Ponsonby Squash Courts. This was a great opportunity to get the message out to a really receptive audience. We hope to do this type of thing again.☺

♦ Another **McDonalds demo** took place. Henderson McDonalds recently had a 'meet Ronald' day at their branch. Many children and their parents turned up to see Ronald. Ronald arrived with a large float holding a 'Happy Meal Machine' He proceeded to show the children how hamburgers are made. Apparently all you have to do is crank this lever and say some magic words and this wonderful machine just produces hamburgers and cheeseburgers out the other end! It was amazing, no cows, no blood and guts nothing. Just lies and propaganda. As the demo was organised very last minute, only about six of us turned up to meet Ronald. After witnessing Ronald's Hamburger making display we decided to pick up our placards and walk up beside the stage. As we approached the stage a police officer started to come towards us, as he got near us he began to push and shove us. Even after one person threatened to lay assault charges the policeman continued to push her. As we got pushed further away several McDonalds staff came out and surrounded us. They were all strangely enough wearing big gold McShit Rings - Hmmm we asked ourselves was this McMurders Mafia dudes or what. We were soon outnumbered. The staff, sadly, handled the situation very well. While they cornered us and kept us busy talking and arguing with them we were also kept away from the people gathered. Ronald continued talking, never even missing a beat. The McDonalds public relations manger was present. This woman told us that she was from the UK and knew all about the McLibel trial, and that we had gotten it all wrong. She grilled us about everything - eating eggs, dairy, wearing leather etc. Fortunately everyone was vegan and had non leather boots - although this took some proving and one activist in frustration was forced to take off his

boots and show her the vegetarian label as proof. We later found out that the violent officer in charge was called 'Constable Savage', an apt name. Although threatening to arrest us all several times, if we so much as opened our mouths to talk to McDonalds staff, no arrests were made. The crowd of people there to meet Ronald were also incredibly hostile, heaping much abuse and threats at us - in front of their children too! Hint - when you are greatly out numbered it may be silly to aggravate large crowds ☺. You live and learn. If nothing else we made these peoples lovely morning miserable, more people next time please!



♦ As part of AAA's "Cruelty Free Xmas" campaign an activist spent 3 days inside small crate in QEII Square Downtown Auckland. This was to protest against intensive pig farming and buying of Xmas Hams. The event kicked off at 1pm Sat 21st Dec when a stall was set up at QEII square. The activist got into the crate at 4pm on Sat 21st Dec and emerged 72 hrs later at 4pm Tues. 24th Dec. Throughout the 3 day event we had a continuous (24hrs a day) display running. We gave out information on: veganism, intensive pig farming in NZ, supporting animal shelters not pet shops who breed animals for profit while unwanted thousands die; buying non animal tested cosmetics and toiletries if buying gifts and having cruelty free holidays i.e. not fishing, hunting, going to circus, zoo's rodeo's and also reminding people to watch out for animals on the roads when traveling.

The focus of the campaign was to try and get people to boycott buying their Xmas ham and turkey, since after all Xmas is the 'season of goodwill'! On factory farms in NZ 80kilo pigs can be kept in a space just 70cm^2, breeding sows are tethered inside crates 2m by 60cm for six weeks at a time. The small size of the crate means that most sows will be unable to walk backwards and forwards or even turn around. In order to highlight these conditions Deidre Bourke spent 3 days (72hrs) inside a small crate in QEII square in downtown Auckland. She ate and drank as little as possible to avoid having to get out of the crate for toilet breaks too often, taking such breaks when few people were around - at 12 hr intervals. Deidre was blindfolded and remained silent throughout the 72hr confinement to highlight the psychological isolation that these intelligent, highly social animals go through when intensively farmed. Most pigs are factory farmed in NZ, throughout their lives most will never get to see the sun, feel the grass beneath their feet, or the wind on their face. Few people were aware of how pigs in NZ are treated. People were able to leave messages pinned on the crate by writing on small cut out pigs. These were so popular we ran out of cardboard pigs.(To see some of the messages left see pg.7 where some are shown. We could not include them all as there were well over 150 messages left.) We pinned a huge banner on the concrete in QEII square saying "Pig out the Xmas" with a picture of Santa letting a pig out of a crate, we also pinned a large laminated picture of two baby pigs on the concrete with the caption "Meet your Meat". Anyone passing had to walk across these and read them, this helped attract attention.

To wind up the event, and celebrate Deidre's survival and emergence from the crate, we hosted a free vegan BBQ from 4-5pm on Tuesday 24th Dec, giving away vege sausages to the public. These went down really well (Thanx to SoyWorks for the great deal on the food). The 3 day event helped highlight the plight of animals at Xmas to the public. The crate demo/ action especially raised media attention, interviews with Deidre Bourke and Aaron Koolen appeared on several major radio stations, news of the event also appeared on Teletext, and in The Sunday News - with a picture even. ATV, Auckland's local TV station also carried good coverage of the event. This no doubt made many stop and think, helping to educate people about veganism. Many people stopping to see the crate said they would not eat their Xmas Hams and many were interested in vegetarianism, in fact the recipe leaflets were the most popular of all. Over the 3 day stall and crate demo AAA collected $459 in donations. Public response was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to SAFE for support in the form of information about pig farming practices in NZ, lending us pictures for the display and for the use of a photocopier to do some leaflets. A HUGE thanks for everyone who helped out on the stall, the combined effort from everyone was the key to its success. Hopefully people got to know each other by the end of the event. Everyone certainly had heaps of practice in talking to the public about veganism. The crate certainly helped get people interested, then we had them!!!

Deidre Bourke & Jeremy Martin.



A special thanks to everyone who looked after me in the crate, especially to those people who did the long, sometimes scary 8 hr overnight shifts in town - thanks heaps Aaron, Michael, Cassie, Jeff, René, and Maria. Thanks also to Marianne, Gary, Jeremy and Aaron for reading to me, to Angie for the free palm-reading session, to the dude who stopped by the crate at 3am Monday night and played me a really lovely song on his guitar and to Cassie for all the cuddles and backrubs. I wouldn't have lasted the distance without you guys!

lotsa love Dee

What an incredible thing to do for these lovely creatures. Makes me humble. Merry Xmas to you and all those piggies who won't see it.

Think your living in heaven, but your living in Hell. 2 wrongs don't make a right. Irietites Irie reveal it. Your best friend can be your worst enemy and your enemy can and your best friend. I don't know much but I know I love you. NGA PUHI NGATI WHATUA TE TI ATEAW Be cool to be kind. Hang loose always. Freedom come to all NATIONS. Free to be. Free to speak. Voice Your Opinion Pied Piper Patiel T.F.M.

This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed home,
This little piggy ate roast tofu,
This little piggy said
"Don't eat me you fucker"

If anyone kills Pigs.
I'll kill you.
Merry fucking XMAS

Vegetarian World: no hunger = Breeding animals a total waste of space. With alternative crops more food! Less gross, sick, primitive crimes eg: murder and war. MEAT IS MURDER. STOP THE KILLING AND VIOLENCE

LOVE - the open heart that embraces all

Its time to stop this barbaric killing. Imagine this was your pet dog or cat!!!

I think what you are doing is commendable. Its time human beings realised that they are not the only living creations on the planet. God bless you and may your campaign be successful

A pig is for life, not just for Xmas

I really admire what you are doing. You are an awesome person, I hope people are touched by what you are doing, as much as I am. Good luck & Good Bless. Michele Strudwick

Kia Ora!! "come on New Zealand" Man and beast were meant to "LIVE" together. Choose life. Love and peace. Bryar Inwood 1996'

We are all custodians of animals. Because we don't hear them speak we choose to ignore the reality of human cruelty to animals...Demi

Great Stuff! Glad to see someone standing up for what they believe. NO MEAT FOR XMAS!! Andrew.

Merry Xmas!!! and may everybody eat Tofu!!! Happy new Year!!!

EATING MEAT SUX

You believe in violence
well, we do too.
Yours is against the earth
ours is against you!

Good Shit. Forget Christmas and a drunken new year X John.

Great time to be out there protesting...CONSUMERISED, TINSELISED, CHRISTMAS. Good on you for acting for the animals. Nikki!!

Animals deserve a decent life as much as humans!

Remember that animals suffer pain too. Love and respect your friends

To Deidre, awesome statement. Only pigs eat pigs! Johnathan.

I'm a vegetarian too - 55 years. Dollas G. Good luck.

Get Pork Off Your Fork

The choice is yours!
With our powers combined!
Go...Go...Vegan Planet!!

I love pigs but not on my plate. SUPPORT THE PIGS!! Merry Xmas everyone

I really admire your dedication Deidre, to make the world a better place for animals. "We all have a right to live" Love Gary.

Plain and simple: WE DON'T NEED TO KILL WHAT WE DON'T NEED TO EAT! love René XXX

Don't kill the animals. by Hassan

Dear Deidre, Bless you for supporting & Caring for our animals. Kia Kaha.

I'M NOT EATING MY XMAS HAM. Merry Xmas

To all my animal friends. We will never stop fighting until all of you are free.

Love pigs for their beauty, not for their taste. Catileya Parata.

Would you eat your baby? they taste similar!

TOFU KICKS ASS!!!

Do not eat your friends!

Pigs and other animals 'belong' to the earth and to people who respect their existence, their rights, their souls. They do not belong in peoples stomachs, or in inhumane and barbaric conditions. Please support animal rights and the salvation and liberation of all animals. Respect, protect, reconnect. GO VEGAN! X

My stomach is not a graveyard

Don't eat the Animals, Go Vegan - Genesis 1:29

This is why I am a vegetarian.

Amazing work, you really showed me the true light. Tony.

Stop the killing, go vegetarian.

Treat the animals with love they are also Gods Children



Letters from Readers

Dear LIBERATE!

I live in Auckland and would like to say that I think its great we now have a vegan based animal rights group that we can all get behind. As a vegan involved in other groups I was always confused to hear that many members ate meat!?!? If they cared about animals so much, what were they doing eating them.

If you're involved in animal rights, to be consistent, veganism is the only way to go. The meat and dairy industries are responsible for the deaths and suffering of countless animals every day and we need a group that will tackle these issues. Cows and chickens and all the other animals that end up on our plates need help just as much as the dogs, cats, mice and other animals in labs. You don't have to be cute and cuddly to be abused.

Aside from Auckland Animal Action, there aren't many groups in NZ who can tackle these issues without being hypocrites. By not being vegans they are supporting these industries anyway. AAA also seems to be more active in other areas of animal rights than other groups. They believe in what they are doing so strongly that they are willing to get arrested for it. While for many of us, getting arrested sounds pretty scary, it seems sometimes that this kind of action is the only solution. Sure we can stand around in cute animal costumes and hand out leaflets all day and it may even get one or two people to stop and think. But is it actually achieving anything or are we just kidding ourselves, thinking we are making a difference.

While a lot of us feel we don't want to get arrested, or we can't for some reason or another, we can still stand up and support those who are willing to. I know AAA isn't just about direct action, they do stalls and demo's too. They seem to be the only ones willing to support such action and the people involved, and in fact the only ones really doing much active stuff at all.

Oh yeah, as for the "cool vegan"; you should get a life.

Well that's enough of a rave from me, I just want to say that I hope everybody gets behind AAA. If, like me, you can't help them actively with your time you can always write a letter to 'LIBERATE!' and let everyone know how you feel or send in a donation to them and feel assured, at last, that every cent you give is going towards helping animals of all kinds.

Good on you AAA, keep up the good work.

A not so cutesy animal

Dear LIBERATE!

I got two copies of 'LIBERATE!' sent to me for which many thanks. I have been to the North Island twice and so was really impressed with the quality and scope of your magazine. For obvious reasons page 30 of your November issue struck a chord with me. Your magazine is a tribute to all those involved in animal rights and I'm deeply impressed.

I now have only 10 months left of a 4 1/2 year sentence for arson upon Jersey's world famous zoo. With good behaviour I'll only do 3 years and an extra 7 days for a minor indiscretion in here.

Jersey prison offers the animal rights prisoner an excellent choice of vegan/veggie food. We have a slip of paper given to us each Thursday and we choose from a menu what we want.

I worked in the kitchens and so I know they are clean and hygienic. I even cooked some vegan/veggie meals for the inmates before being sacked in some maneuver. Jersey prison is very class specific and so those who can clearly articulate a kind of 'jabe consciousness' are shown pragmatic favoritism. Still I'll be out soon.

Much love Charlie.
(Charlie Skinner, no 24250, HMP)

Charlie has been sentenced to 41/2 years imprisonment. He caused £322,000 worth of damage by arson to Jersey Zoo visitors centre - Woohoo!

[Note: LIBERATE is sent free of charge to animal rights prisoners.]

Dear LIBERATE!,

I thought I'd drop you a line to let you know that I think you are doing a great job. I have been over in England for a few years and am involved in the animal rights movement there.

Having been out of this country and out of touch with animal rights news here for a long time I was very inspired to tap into your mag, to get the NZ perspective. It is also good to find out that AR is growing here, particularly in the last six months.

Considering the content and the past criticism, I just want to add that in my opinion there is too much bickering involved in AR as it is. With one group slagging off another groups methods as they don't quite fit in with their own

ethics, or one group is for one reason and another jealous or over protective of work being done. I have seen so much of this and wonder at the amount of energy lost from the movement as people get caught up with this bollocks. Even though I am vegan and campaign on this level, I still acknowledge that there is definitely room for everyone. We should be working together and not alienating anyone that wants to get involved in one way or another. You've heard the old adage 'conquer and divide'. It is so often true. If some people see you as being particularly hard-line, then so be it. They should reflect on the state of the animals world wide, the situation is drastic and very often calls for drastic action to be taken. I don't like violence against anybody animal or human, but destruction of property is often necessary and gets my support. I applaud the actions of those that put themselves on the line to rescue those that are suffering.

When people consider what we are up against I think that they will agree that you are filling a gap more than adequately. It sounds like there are a lot of motivated, energetic people out there. So lets stop the quibbling like a bunch of old hags and do something positive.

Thumbs up LIBERATE! for a job well done.

Helen.

Dear LIBERATE!

Its good to see debate in a mag like Liberate! Too often magazines that promote a cause tend to have a "party line", and won't print criticism either because they see themselves as right and beyond criticism; or else they are scared of "splitting the movement" and would rather keep such things swept under the carpet. The Snotty Frog letter in particular seems to have stirred things up. I feel enough has been said on the topic for it to be worth adding my opinion, but I feel that the letter clearly showed the need for criticism. If people can't handle that then tough luck!

One thing I would like to talk about is the need to see animal liberation in the context of being part of a wider push for change, rather than being an all-important issue on its own. I find veganism and animal lib to be an important part of my own life, but don't let it dominate my view. I have no time for people who think that their cause is the only important one, and will overlook other important issues. For example, why should we work with people who may promote animal liberation, veganism etc. if they hold oppressive views on other things i.e. they are sexist, racist, homophobic etc.?

I also get annoyed by the attitude of "the public don't care about the cruelty, they're all ignorant and selfish" some people hold. Get real! You were once not vegan, you used animal tested products, and "didn't care" until that day you became aware. To expect everyone else to immediately "wake up" just because you have is stupid. These things take time. Ten years ago I knew of only a few vegans, and amongst young people most of the vegetarians were people who became so through youth subculture. Nowadays its a lot different as vegetarianism has become more widespread. Besides, if you're so right-on to avoid animal products then why don't you look at other aspects of exploitation in your diet before you point the finger at others saying they are "ignorant" or "don't care". Your chocolate may be vegan but the cocoa was most likely grown by a multinational corporation that pays starvation wages to their workers after buying up the land and evicting the peasants who used to live there. Yes, how "caring". In fact, many vegan foods, especially tropical fruit, tea and coffee, involves a lot of human suffering in their production. I've heard people argue that humans have more ability to improve their conditions. Yeah, right, tell that to the person in Indonesia who earns $1 a day to make your "cruelty free" shoes. If they go on strike then cops with automatic rifles turn up to "persuade" them to return to work.

Economic factors play an important role in peoples view of the world, of animal liberation or any other cause for that matter. The people who hunt Siberian Tigers know that they are close to extinction, but the severity of their environment combined with the absolutely appalling economic situation they are in leaves starvation as the only alternative.

To cut a long rant short, animal liberation should be viewed in the context of wider change, examining what other forces beyond obvious "cruelty" play a part in stopping us from achieving animal liberation. Those who don't do so are missing the point and slowing down rather than speeding up the process of liberation.

Ross

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

NOT SO DUMB:

Africa: Elephants block a road used by park service to gain access to kill elephants by breaking off branches and piling them across the road. When the branches are cleared the elephants simply put them back again!



SPECIAL TOPIC:
ANTI-VIVISECTION

SCIENTIFIC ANTI-VIVISECTIONISM

by Phil Clayton

The principles of scientific anti-vivisectionism can be paraphrased thus:

1) It is unscientific and dangerous to take any species of animal as a model for any other species of animal. This is due to the organic, anatomical, biological, metabolic, genetic, and psychic differences between species, that are so substantial that knowledge obtained from one species is not only worthless but misleading.

2) Active experiments (causing the disease to study it) is rejected even when the results are to be applied to the same species. This is because an introduced disease is not the same as a spontaneous one.

3) Clinical experimentation (investigating a spontaneous disease) is legitimate when the results are not used inter species.

Given that the above principles are supported by a worldwide movement of doctors and scientists, the obvious question to ask is...

"Why vivisection exists?".

Tens of millions of various types of chemical products are produced each year. These products include pesticides, prescription drugs, food additives, household products.

In order to make these products acceptable to the public the industries that profit from them use vivisection as an alibi. Animal research is presented to the public as a scientific methodology for the assessment of chemicals. When their products cause their inevitable side-effects, such as death or malformations, the companies can claim that they carried out all the required safety tests and thus they shouldn't be liable for any claims for damages.

This alibi has been entrenched by a vast industry that has sprung up around vivisection, ranging from the breeders of the animals to the manufacturers of the incinerators to burn the dead bodies.

The combined chemical, medical and vivisection industries wield such power that through their contributions to political campaigns and their advertising through the media they are able to keep the issue of scientific anti-vivisection out of public debate. Vivisection has only survived due to its lack of exposure. The vivisectionists refuse to debate the issues of scientific anti-vivisection because they know it is a debate that they cannot win.

The vivisection propaganda is easily countered and the best source of arguments against vivisection is **Bette Overell's, ANIMAL RESEARCH TAKES LIVES - Humans and Animals BOTH Suffer.** This book contains fully-sourced arguments that demolish the vivisector's claims. It is available for viewing and borrowing at your public or school library - assuming that vivisectionist censorship hasn't captured your local librarian. It can be purchased for $25 from **Bette Overell, PO Box 2065, WELLINGTON.**

NOT SO DUMB

1979 Nov: Arlinglaas, Sweden: A van carrying hundreds of mice destined for experiments met with 'disaster'. As the van drove along the animals breath steamed up the windscreen and the van careers off the road, the mice ran for their lives!

Activists should be concentrating on exposing the scientific arguments against vivisection. It is the alibi by which our planet, our food and water, and our bodies are poisoned so that multinational chemical companies and the medical and vivisection industries can make financial gains.

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When targeting the vivisectors first show their principle to be invalid and then the horrors of vivisection can be exposed with their pseudo-science posturing irrelevant.

1) Become informed, be familiar with the arguments against vivisection.

2) Take your target's research to pieces by applying the scientific anti-vivisectionism principle to their field, quote other doctors, scientists or researchers themselves.

3) Take the principles used in 1) and apply to all vivisection. Demand nothing less than total, immediate abolition of all vivisection on the grounds of scientific fraud. It is your body and your environment which is being polluted due to vivisection.

4) Don't be sidetracked by talk of alternatives. Vivisection is a threat to health and the environment. There is no need to wait until there is something that can take its place. Remove the threat. Besides there are many valid methods of research already in existence.

5) When campaigning on vivisection don't be side-tracked by talk of other issues. This is the vivisection industry's attempt to keep scientific anti-vivisectionism from being debated publicly.

6) Be prepared to be ignored by the media and politicians. The target of actions should be the vivisection industry, if the media take an interest then use them. Being part of the vivisection industry is portrayed as glamorous, perhaps that glamour would disappear if it was seen to be unprofitable, unpleasant or dangerous to be involved.

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Local organisations to contact for information on anti-vivisection:

NEW ZEALAND:

- CAVC (Christchurch Anti-Vivisection Campaign) A group that focuses solely on vivisection, they have heaps of information and experience with campaigning against vivisection in NZ. They send out a newsletter and are working on getting an internet web site up and running. This site will be packed with information on anti-vivisection. New Zealand's most informative anti-vivisection contact.
  PO Box 22 076, Christchurch.

- Bette Overell (NZAVS) you can order her book 'ANIMAL RESEARCH TAKES LIVES - ANIMALS AND PEOPLE BOTH SUFFER
  PO Box 2065 Wellington.

- AUCKLAND ANIMAL ACTION have some information, especially on vivisectors in the Auckland area. Anyone wanting to get involved with our anti-vivisection campaign is welcomed. This includes info stalls, 'vivisector visits', leafleting vivisectors neighbourhoods and telling people about what the vivisectors do. We also hold video evenings where we show 'Hidden crimes' plus what ever other things people are keen to do. People can obtain copies of 'Hidden Crimes' from us for $5 and Dr Vernon Colemans booklet which contains "How to win debates with vivisectors" and "The moral arguments against vivisection" for $2.50 a copy.
  PO Box 34 641 Birkenhead, Auckland.

AUSTRALIA

- GUARDIANS - A group exposing vivisection in Australia. Have lots of useful literature.
  PO Box 59. Pascoe Vale South Victoria, 3044 Australia. Ph. (0061 - 03) 9386 3778
- C.A.F.M.R. - Campaign Against Fraudulent Medical Research.
  PO Box 234, Lawson New South Wales 2783, Australia. Ph (0061 - 047) 58 6822.

" It often happens that the universal belief of one age, a belief from which no one was free or could be free without an extraordinary effort of genius or courage becomes to a subsequent age, so palpable an absurdity that the only difficulty is to imagine how such an idea could ever have appeared credible"

- John Stuart Mill

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ANIMAL RESEARCH IS A FRAUD -

ITS TRUE, NEW ZEALAND VIVISECTORS ADMIT WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS INVALID

GEORGE ROGERS (Dept. Pathology Christchurch School of Medicine)

George wrote an article in **ANZCCART NEWS DEC 1994 VOL 7 NO. 4** Concerning animal models of liver fibrosis and consequent cirrhosis. George enjoys using animal models for human disease because "Surgery upon animals is terminal for the animals and therefore there is no shortage of material" Great attitude towards the animals George! His article paid special attention to Rat studies- a discussion of the pro's and con's of using rats in his research was included. Although a pro vivisection article, George provided a critique of his own work which will be really useful, thanks George. He states that: In humans fibrosis of the liver is a chronic long term condition, alcoholics develop fibrosis over 10 or more years but rats only live about 3 years so only the shorter term effects are present. In order to simulate long term effects the disease course is sped up which means it is also different. He states that rats are more genetically similar so that variation due to genetic factors is less evident, yet in humans this genetic variation is a large factor; so that the range of responses seen in humans is much broader. Also many factors controlled in the lab would not be in human models - e.g. nutritional deficiencies occur in humans due to damage to the intestinal wall and self neglect. Controlling for these in rats "may result in a model that differs from the conditions of patients".

George even states that from animal studies it is "difficult to generalise to the conditions in the patient. As would be expected, the features of interest differ between species. It is not possible at this point to be certain that the factors leading to fibrosis are the same as in humans" You said it George!

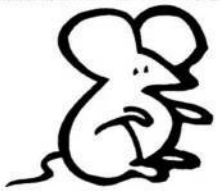
Of course George's critique underpins the basic argument's that because every species is different to each other, and because artificially induced disease is different to spontaneous disease, all animal research is useless. Animal research just complicates the situation and postpones the development of the real cures that need to come from extensive clinical trials on people who already have the disease.

ON TELEVISION: INSIDE NEW ZEALAND "CANCER: BEATING THE ODDS"

On the 24th October, TV3 8:30pm 1996 Inside New Zealand had a special on Cancer. The Cancer research lab in Auckland, went on about a new 'breakthrough' An anti cancer drug called DMXAA. They declared that it had undergone tests in the lab over the past 10 years and was now to be trialed on humans. Well known vivisector Bruce Charles Baguley saw the whole thing as an "adventure" apparently unphased by Dr Paul Thompsons (a colleagues) statements that

"there could be quite different side-effects to those seen in animals. Potentially lethal ones"

Thus the vivisectors admitted on public T.V. that yes, there is a chance of fatality even when drugs have been extensively tested on animals because humans can still react totally differently!!! To cap it off, the programme showed the man who would be used in the first human trials of the drug, and at the end of the programme it was made apparent that he had died since the making of the documentary, way to go Baguley it sure worked didn't it!



NOT SO DUMB

A former laboratory rat was unable to walk because of ulcerated feet, but was fed by fellow animals who brought food to his corner of the cage!

Vivisectors in NZ



It is often difficult to find out exactly what experiments are taking place, where and by who. It is vital that when people obtain such information that they share it with others in the AR movement. Then people know who is committing these crimes against animals and can try and educate them about the invalidity and immorality of vivisection so that they stop. Here is a list of some vivisectors, by the sounds of what they've been doing, these people are extremely sick and in need of some educating URGENTLY.

I HOPE PEOPLE FIND IT USEFUL.

(Source: most from "Report of the Health Research Council of N.Z. for the year ended 30 June 1994" Where other sources have been used they are listed. Sorry for excessively scientific jargon in the descriptions of what the vivisectors do, but its more precise to use that jargon and also that's the form it came to us in.)

Otago School of Medicine:

- Professor R. LAVERTY
  1994-1995 $53,337 grant for one year for research into vascular structure and function in hypertension which included examining "the effects of different blood pressure lowering drugs on the function and structure of blood vessels in rats with inherited hypertension"

- Dr W. A. GOULDING, Dr N. J. LEWIS-BARNED.
  1994-1997 has received a research grant for $151,027 for a three year study using both animal 'models' and clinical studies of hysterectomized women looking at estrogen- depleted bone loss.

- Dr D. B. MYERS
  1994-1995 one year research grant of $67,944. Research was titled "The micro-anatomy and stability of extracellular matrix in the region of blood-nerve and blood-brain barriers in the RAT." Investigating composition and ultrastructure of the blood nerve and blood-brain barriers in the rat.

- Dr D. J. LYTTLE and Dr A. A. MERCER
  1994-1995 received a one year research grant looking at the "development of orf virus as an expression vector" The research includes trying to create recombinant orf viruses which can deliver and express foreign genes in HOST ANIMALS.

- Assoc. Prof. M. R. GRIGOR
  In 1993 began a study looking at the 'genetic basis of hypertension in the New Zealand genetically hypertensive (GH) rat.

- Dr P. R. HURST and Dr D. B. MYERS (again)
  In 1991 carried out a study of the "regulation of matrix proteins in the uterus of the pregnant rat"

Greenlane Hospital - AUCKLAND



- Dr J. M. NEUTZE; Dr T. L. GENTLES; Dr M. B. STARLING and Dr N. J. WILSON
  1994-1996 2 year grant $15,830. Looking at the effects of different drug combinations following cardiac surgery on new born animals. Trying to extrapolate data to human infants!

National Women's Hospital - AUCKLAND

- Dr J-C SCHELLENBERG and Ass Prof. G. J. S. COOPER
  1994-1996 two year $163,268 grant. Looking at what causes the uterus to contract at birth, studies use Guinea Pigs. SCHELLENBERG did similar studies 1992-1994 looking at the onset of labour in Guinea Pig's, and the role of oxytocin and prostaglandins.

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Auckland School of Medicine Assholes

- Ass Prof Richard Faull. 3 PICKENS Cres Auckland; Dr L. F. B. NICHOLSON & Dr D. R. LOVE
  1994-1997 3 yr study worth $289,008. Studying animal models of Huntingtons and Parkinsons disease, observing brain tissue. MOBILISE no. 38 March 1994 also reports that FAULL received $81,440 1993-1995 to "transplant brain cells from rat fetuses to adult rats treated so they have Huntingtons disease"

- Dr M. DRAGUNOW
  1991-1994 carried out studies on rats looking at gene expression in rat brains.

- Dr. S. POCKETT
  1991-1994 used rats, looked at the "mechanism of synaptic long-term potentation in rat brain"

- Prof. GLUCKMAN 78 Lucerne Rd, Remuera and Dr C. E. WILLIAMS
  1993-1995 $110,253 grant from the Neurological foundation for head injury experiments on rats. GLUCKMAN has been the director of animal research at Auckland Med School.

- Dr I. LE GRICE 10 Ferleigh Ave Epsom Dept. Physiology Med School ext:6206 Ass Prof. B. H.SMAILL & Dr P. J. HUNTER
  1994-1997 3 yr grant looking at electrical activation of the heart. The work this research team is doing MAY involve animal experimentation because we know FAULL will be 'electrically stimulating' the hearts of live open chest pigs this summer break. He has advertsied this work as a summer project to interested students at the med school.

- Dr Sheila DOGGRELL. 47 Caronia Cres, Auckland.
  Uses rats in brain experiments, DOGGRELL has also tested heart drugs on rats: MOBILISE no. 38

- Prof. Janusz LIPSKI 74 Reihana St, Orakei. Physiology Dept Med School ext: 6737
  1990-1993 obtained a $59,988 Grant to carry to fund brain surgery on 150 cats and 550 rats. Sunday times 25/3/90. This summer he is advertising a project for students which involves isolating single neurones from the brainstem of newborn rats.

- Prof Michael EADE
  1990's research on dogs. Simulated effects of a meal by feeding substances into the dog via fine tubes, he placed surgical probes around arteries supplying blood to the intestines to find out whether the liver affects intestinal blood flow Sunday Times 25/3/90.



- Research Fellow Lois ARMIGER, 2/141 Selwyn Ave Onehunga.
  1990's received $68,600 for simulated heart attack studies using 135 dogs from Auckland pounds. Attacks were caused by blocking the dog's coronary artery for 1-6 hrs. Sunday Times 25/3/90

- John GAVIN
  Led the Cardiac pathology research programme 1990 that used dogs in research. Sunday Times 25/3/90

Christchurch School of Medicine:

- Dr S. L. ALEXANDER, Professor C. H. G. IRVINE
  1994-1995 grant of $82, 663 for one yr study into the relationship between stress and the release of hypothalamic, pituitary and adrenal hormones, and the subsequent release of cortisol into the blood stream. Looking at chronic stress in animals, and the effects of chronic excess of cortisol.



Well it looks like it's finally going to happen! After thinking about it for quite a while now, an animal rights conference is going to be held next year in Wellington, organised by Wellington Animal Action. Lasting over the 7th and 8th of February the conference (the first of it's kind in the country) will bring together activists from all over Aotearoa (And a few from around the world). There are going to be numerous workshops being held over the 2 day period, providing useful information to activists, practical knowledge and obviously some theorising about the movement. All the finalising of workshops has yet to be complete but a tentative list I have includes among others;

- Introduction to animal rights
- Scientific Anti-Vivisectionism
- Dealing with the Police and the Media
- Civil Disobedience
- The Animal Liberation Front
- How to argue animal rights effectively

This list is by no means exhaustive, and if there is anything you would like to see or do yourself feel free to let WAA know.

As well as the normal conference style workshops, I believe there are going to be at least a couple of major demonstrations. With all those activists in one area we should be able to have the queen of all demos!

The conference will be held at the Arlington Community Centre in central Wellington and will cost $20 which includes lunches, or $25 if you also want dinners. Accommodation, childcare and transport can be provided if needed and if you have any dietary requirements (all food is vegan) please let them know when you register.

Auckland Animal Action are going to coordinate transporting people from the north of the country down to Wellington, so if you can provide a car or want transport down there, please let AAA know as soon as possible.

So to register for the conference, or find out more information contact;

Wellington Animal Action
PO BOX 6387
Wellington
PH:(04) 3856728

(Send cheque or well concealed cash, and remember to let them know of any dietary, accommodation or other requirements)

READERS RANTS

THE PLACE WHERE ANIMAL ACTIVISTS CAN SHARE PERSONAL IDEAS AND OPINIONS ABOUT THE ANIMAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN N.Z. ITS YOUR SPACE, USE IT.

CONSISTENCY

How can we expect the public to think of animal liberation as a serious issue if the people advocating animal liberation don't seem to be that serious about it themselves. I have seen tables stacked with anti-vivisection and animal rights information on public street stalls, but the activists behind the table are wearing leather jackets and smoking cigarettes! On a recent protest in Auckland, an activist was speaking to some customers at a McDonald's about how unhealthy the food was, meanwhile other protesters were smoking. The McDonald's customers were laughing at this. It was obvious to them that the group of people lecturing them about health appeared to be a bunch of hypocrites. All cigarette companies test their products on animals. Therefore anyone who is against vivisection should quit smoking. And if thats too hard, at least try to do without for an hour or two while you are publicly campaigning for animal rights. Likewise, **leather is dead animal skins**, if you are not vegan yet, at least try to wear non leather jackets and footwear while you are on a protest or street stall. Last year in Christchurch while activists were preparing for a protest against a vivisection fundraising night at the town hall, one person produced a carton of eggs that she was planning to throw at the town hall. The protest was presumably designed to show our anger at the fraud and cruelty of vivisection, so why would anyone against animal abuse go out and buy products of animal abuse and use those products so publicly at a demonstration against vivisection? Anyone who is serious in their commitment to animal liberation will be vegan. But as we are a small but growing movement we will always have new activists getting involved who are not vegan yet. This little rant is mostly directed at these new people. If you are not vegan yet, remember, animal rights is a serious issue and not a joke. Try to remember that your arguments will convince a lot more people if you come across as a sincere committed person who has thought about why they are protesting and is serious. Wearing leather, smoking etc does not help your argument, it makes you and other activists look like people who don't really mean it, and that doesn't help our movement and it doesn't help the animals.

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ANIMALS FIRST



Thank you for Issue 2 of LIBERATE! I read the little article about Animals First on page 31 and I have to object about the authors attitude.

Animals First's aim is not to please a few 'radical' activists. What activity (of a 'radical' animals rights nature) can occur in parliament? None! Considering the policies of the major political parties, and the number of **humans** veganism would adversely affect, there is no way that our fascist government would vote for veganism and abolition of animal cruelty. They can't even manage (and don't care about) their own species (think of poverty, just as a starter)!

To even get into parliament a party needs 5% of the votes (100,000 if 2 million people vote) - I don't believe there would be 100,000 people that would vote for what they see as "mad' vegan anima! rights activists. So they have to have policies acceptable to a 'moderate' audience. Perhaps the author should start his or her own party? Until they do I'm going to state my support for a small voice for animals in parliament by voting Animals First - I could vote to lower my university fees or doctor's costs, housing costs, etc. or vote for a more egalitarian human society (which, you must admit, is well overdue and I believe would be more conducive to respect of other animals). But whether or not Animals First gets in, whether or not they are vegans and stand for vegan principles (some of them are) they are the closest to what I (and you?) stand for.

Thank you, Your friend,
Careena Charming.

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ANIMAL LIBERATION:POLITICAL PARTIES:AND THE LAW

By Deidre Bourke

Most animal 'activists' see the animal liberation movement as having less to do with petitions and political parties than it does with aggressive campaigning and direct actions that save animals. In fact many animal activists take a very "anti-establishment" stance. This position is not surprising when you stop to think about it; for many reasons I think that such an attitude is a logical one to take. Yet recent letters in LIBERATE! have made it clear that such attitudes are not understood by some and in fact have been perceived as very negative and sometimes hostile. I believe this perception exists because many have either not ever thought about the whole issue of what 'supporting political parties' and 'respecting the law' means for the animals or have just never been presented with an in depth explanation for why some activists actually oppose such institutions. This is my attempt to try and explain the reasoning about why I for one am very skeptical of and actually, morally opposed to people voting for parties like "Animals First" .

Two letters in particular have raised these issues. The first popped up in LIBERATE! issue 2. The letter critiqued the "How radical is too Radical" article in LIBERATE! issue 1. I do not wish to talk about the "How Radical.." article only some of the issues raised in the responding letter. For example the letter stated that the relevant action to take when you see an animal being abused is to "take legal action to restrain the persons access to commit the abuse again". In reality this 'legal action' cannot be taken. The law clearly upholds the rights of people to treat animals as property. It is perfectly legal to electrocute then slit open the throat of a cow, or to kill a young pig by hitting it over the head with a heavy blunt object. And it is impossible to take legal action against someone responsible for killing the animal. The comment belies an underlying trust and faith in the law and legal system to be able to deal with animal abuse; but in reality it is the law that actually facilitates and regulates how and when the abuse can occur. It is the law that solidifies the abusers rights to abuse. Instead of taking legal action I would think that the logical and directly practical response would be to try and either rescue the animal or physically stop the abuse from occurring, perhaps by physically intervening. This approach, for the animal is the only real way of saving it from pain and suffering legally sanctioned by the law. These facts are part of the reason that many animal activists have little respect for the law and its ability to help animals.

The second letter I refer to appears in this issue of LIBERATE! and criticises a dig made about the 'Animals First' political party. Although acknowledging that government does not and never will fully protect animals the writer still supported 'Animals First' attempt to get into government. These attitudes logically contradict each other. That the current system does not even adequately cater for all people gives us little faith that it would do any better to protect and increase compassion for other animals. "Animals First" compromises itself to enable itself to appear moderate and engender widest public support. This is exactly why political parties will never bring about total liberation for all animals. The political system is geared up so that any change is made extremely difficult and gradual. The system is designed to force people to compromise their beliefs, to conform. The system in effect ensures that its own fucked up ideas are firmly implanted in all who wish to partake within it. Anyone who rejects those ideas is not allowed entry or a say. That is why the current system will never and can never adequately stand up for the rights of any minority, let alone a group, like the animals, that have no way to speak up for themselves. The 'compromise' requirement is intended to make opponents of the current system totally ineffectual. **They cannot change the system - because it always changes them first.** That this has occurred with regards to Animals first is obvious. "Animals First" has compromised on central ideals in order to play the political game. How can "Animals First" in all good faith claim to stand for all animals when it actively supports and encourages free range farming, a system that still entails animals being slaughtered. Any party that upholds the basic rights of people to kill animals is not a party for animals. Thus I actually think that the jibe that called Animals First "Animals a little bit" was quite generous considering they promote something most animal activists are totally opposed to.

The institutions that hold all the power in N.Z. will never stand up for animals because they are all structured to support, uphold and profit from current inequalities which allow the exploitation of animals. Those inequalities are built into the system. Any effort to place the lives and hopes of the animals in the hands of people who move within this system is extremely dangerous; it gives those people all the power. We must question plugging into a system that brings so much misery into the world. N.Z.'s whole economy is propped up by the animal abuse industries; NZ is very dependent on the meat and dairy industries for revenue. This means that not only do farmers get subsidies from the state, but that animals are classified as 'goods' or 'products'. The system is that morally corrupt.

Perhaps the ideas mentioned above are more easily evident to people if I draw comparison with situations involving human based oppression. People then tend to see the situation more clearly as they are used to thinking in humanocentric terms more.

In voting for a system you also condone it and help solidify it further. It is insensible to vote for things that you are totally opposed to. For example abolitionists against the slave trade in America would never

have partaken in dialogue concerning issues like - how badly you are allowed to beat a slave, how many slaves you are allowed. They would have totally opposed any reinforcement of that system. Instead common tactics were rescuing and hiding slaves, while vocally and consistently opposing all those who supported the oppression. Similarly if I were in a country, like Indonesia which was actively killing some sectors of my community - like East Timorese and I got the chance to vote between one political party that said it would kill 10,000 people and one that would kill 8,000 people I would not vote for either. I would campaign against and also expect the rest of the peace movement to campaign strongly against both obviously fascist parties. Instead I would spend my time, not in open vocal support of one of those parties, but at other more practical endeavors. Like trying to put pressure on one of the parties to change their minds about killing anyone, like dismantling the killing machines, like getting people out of the area where the massacre would occur or hiding people in danger. Perhaps even burning down parliament and revolting. This is because both choices are totally abhorrent and totally at odds with what I would be trying to achieve - a stop to the killing. I think that every movement has a bottom line that when crossed can compromise the whole basis of their position. A point at which if you sell out you actually begin to pull the mat out from under your own feet. If my aim is to stop the killing of any animal then the bottom line from which NO COMPROMISE should be made is obviously that no animals should be put to death. There can never be such a thing as 'humane slaughter', and to pretend that there can is ridiculous. The crux of it all is to remain focused and vow never to betray those who you are fighting for. If we can't even do this much how are we to achieve anything? I will never agree with selling out one species in order to save another, just as I would not sell out my sister to save my brother. Infact I regard anyone who tries to force me to make such a choice as being incredibly cruel. No one should ever be forced to make such morally offensive and deplorable decisions regarding the lives of others. Instead of people in the animal liberation movement applauding Animals First for what they are doing, really, Animals First should have received lots of pressure from activists to try and get them to agree to fight for all the animals, and not sell out the ones who they have written off. No such pressure has been placed on them. The fact this has not happened actually reflects the fact that the animal liberation movement currently lacks the strong rootedness that most other movements have had, it reflects an apathy and lack of determination to get the revolution on the way. If anything, we should be trying to improve and strengthen our stance at this crucial point in time, definitely not selling ourselves out before we have even picked up momentum.

None of the great abolitionist movements ever got anywhere by compromising their basic ideals. If they had, they would have lost, because they would've actually helped the system to undermine and chip away at the very foundations of their own struggle. We need to stand firm when it comes to life and death issues, demanding the life of all beings. That there should be **NO COMPROMISE** with sentient life. Voting in order to save the kaimanawa horses while simultaneously condoning death for animals in laboratories or on farms is unacceptable from this standpoint. That such compromises can be made belies the fact that the movement is not focused in its ideals. In many ways "Animals First" have totally different aims, in many ways I do not even see them as being a part of the same movement as most animal activists.

In fact compromise and mild reform can actually do great harm because it makes the public feel that the situation has been amended, that action has been taken and the issue is closed. People will believe the newer situation to be less horrific, so that the newer practices are even more entrenched in society and harder to eliminate.

Although I feel strongly that all participation with such a system is a betrayal to the animals, this does not mean that I think all those people who are involved in 'Animals First' or who support them are 'evil'. I realise that they are probably doing the best they know how within a very limiting system. Yet I think they are unnecessarily and severely limiting their options because they cannot see beyond the status quo. I see those involved as more misguided, they have lost the plot so to speak. They will never be able to truly stand up for the animals by using such tactics but I know that they may truly believe that they are. Given this I do not think it productive to continually slag off those involved in 'Animals First', such attention should be more practically targeted at the actual animal abusers and industries themselves.

The current system tries to persuade us that we can make a difference, they say we should be patient and act 'rationally', write letters, waste our time collecting signatures for useless petitions with false promises of referendums and changes that are never delivered. These are diversionary, obstructive tactics. So long as we play their game they can control us. When we act within these perimeters, using only certain 'socially acceptable' tactics we allow ourselves to be sidelined, to be kept busy, diverted into 'safe' options. Any real threat we might have posed to the animal abuse industries is eliminated. When we play that game, when we buy into the system, the same system that upholds the killing of animals, we can't really expect to be listened to. If those tactics really worked they would've been made illegal ages ago. Only by developing new tactics, tactics like civil disobedience and direct action, by openly supporting the A.L.F. and any arrested activists will we begin to make a headway. It has always been this way with any freedom movement. We need to get focused on what we want and go for it, and if we believe that animals will only be free when the current system that thrives on their oppression and exploitation falls then we should help it on its way, and not bolster support for it in any way. ☺

RECIPE FOR DISASTER



This article is about trend, the trend of the human race. Patterns and growth. The destruction we have caused during to our violent history of disrespect to the earth and fellow creatures in the animal kingdom. Looking at the big picture of human progression (unless we make a big change) we can see where our future lies.



Assuming we are not all stupid and ignorant, we understand that at some point in time we (the human race) made a departure from the trees and the conventional ape family some 1 million years ago. We lost our hair and acquired an intelligence (probably not in this order) which enabled us to construct tools and alter our immediate environment to better suit us, making life a little more comfortable and easier. This radical development of the brain and our advanced construction abilities has today seen an almost complete separation from nature for the majority of society. Thus resulting in a misunderstanding and ignorance towards the natural world, which by no means should be exploited by greedy men who crave after immediate pleasures, self gratification and the God of today "The Almighty Dollar". (Life continued quite nicely for 4.5 billion years free from human intervention)

Today there are approximately 6 billion people alive on earth. Looking back on a 2,000 year history and adding up all those who have died, the amount of people alive at this moment would outnumber the dead. Every 10 seconds 45 people are born and only 16 will die. Usually throughout the course of an average humans life, material possessions tend to accumulate, we also discard alot of things. The average American throws away 1 tonne of rubbish per year. In this trash there is bound to be a large percentage of plastic, a product which takes 6 thousand years to decompose, far surpassing any humans lifetime. Of course there are countless numbers of other material items that will accumulate and riddle the face of the earth long after we have passed. We continue to take from life to build our dead structures - cities, roads - rubbish. The damage this stagnant waste is causing to our environment is alone staggering, the potential effects are horrifying. There are used tyre dumps that if set alight would burn for 30 years. One could only imagine how much poison would be released into the atmosphere after 30 years of burning rubber. It seems that we are very wasteful and destructive beings. Unfortunately our recycling techniques are in their infancy due to our focus on production and expansion. I could go on about the millions of tonnes of plastic waste dumped into oceans along with driftnets, oil spills, nuclear waste and testing that is choking sea life to extinction and every other ill practice conducted by the human race. But it would take a very long time so I will cut to the two major problems that will cause the downfall of the human race.



Number 1: FLESH EATING

It is believed the ice age forced humans into the consumption of flesh, a frozen landscape leaving a lack of vegetation. This would have influenced humans about 100,000 years ago (at this time a fairly intelligent creature) to, by unnatural means, prey upon other animals for food, using spears and other cutting instruments as humans are clearly not equipped to eat animals. For example we have no claws or fangs, our intestinal tracts are considerably long when compared to other herbivores, let alone a carnivorous creature which by design have very short intestinal tracts allowing meat to pass through their systems quickly blah blah blah... So keeping this in mind, the switch to flesh as sustenance on the part of humanity was one brought about by a survival situation.

Although as intelligent beings still able to function within a structured society, flesh eating has taken its toll and we can see that in one way or another, the unnatural diet eventually causes havoc. The immediate health problems, cancer and heart disease. The human race has more illnesses than people. You can't tell me things are running smoothly on planet earth. Medical experts will confirm the damage a flesh based diet will cause.

It was a survival situation that caused a drastic change in our diet, but we are still feeding the majority on this unnatural diet, the human instincts are being tampered with. A huge percentage of the flesh eating population devour it in large quantities due to the convenience of the addiction. The intake of flesh may trick you into thinking your immediate

survival is of utmost importance, leading you down the path of close-mindedness. Egotistical and self centered attitudes would be a result of flesh eating. Everyone is striving to become the pride of the pack, working fanatically and focusing on a plan to ensure their personal well being. The characteristics of a being or beings in a survival situation are usually fear, panic and defense. These are immediately attributable. Undoubtedly the violent nature of a creature who attacks and kills for food are eventually found. The fear of death and extinction , drawing actions towards ensuring survival for the species, we can see the unnecessary desire to reproduce can be accountable for overpopulation. The way things have developed in a hundred thousand year period we've only made an advancement on barbarianism and not yet progressed past it. We still build walls to mark our property, we still use animals for food and clothing, we only have better tools to cut and kill them with, we still fight amongst ourselves with bigger and more destructive weapons that can now kill millions at a time. We've seen the behavioural problems found in a flesh eating society. Just watch the news, it is obvious that a vegan population who abjure from the use of animals in diet and lifestyle out of reverence for life clearly would not build weapons let alone those capable of mass destruction. Strange as I write this article the TV is screening one on the reduction of nuclear arsenal amongst the "super Powers"... SUPER POWERS??? Anyway enough talk about ICBM's for now. Ah yes, the environmental damages an overpopulated society of flesh-eaters is causing. The clear-cutting of tropical rainforest: over 50% is linked with livestock raising 216,000 acres per day is cleared, it is estimated that these forests (which provide the earth with 70% of its oxygen) will be totally cleared by the year 2010. By this time seeing the extinction of over 500,000 species of animals, as 1,000 per year become extinct, the methane gas expelled by the new occupants (cattle) which outweigh the human population will not do us any good in an oxygen deficient world. This is depleting the ozone layer and causing the earth to burn like an oven. But we all know this.

OK - Problem number 2. Our dependence on fossil fuels.



Our number one source of energy, we run our automobiles on it, planes, ships etc. This is how today's society runs business. The transportation of food, ourselves and almost everything relies on a vehicle which runs on fossil fuels. If the supply were to run out there would be chaos. There is a date on this one too, approximately 20 yrs maybe less. As 45 million litres of fuel is pumped into cars daily resulting in two and a half thousands tonnes of carbon monoxide being expelled in to the atmosphere per day (Its going to take a big switch to solve this problem). But we may not get to run the earth dry as there are other ways supplies can be cut. Most of our fossil fuel comes from the middle east and there resides there now, a nuclear weapon wielding maniac (along with all the others in the world). Usually when supplies become exhausted the mad men start to fight. Because the wrong fuel is running through their veins. Check out what Nostradamus has to say about 1997.

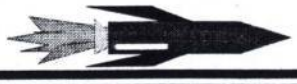
Looking at the overall trend of the human race, growth, fighting, the rape of the natural world. I see this madness resulting in a nuclear exchange which more than likely we will witness in our lifetime. But who will believe me? **As long as there is greed there is poverty, as long as everyone wants to get ahead there can be no equality.** Humankind must awake at last before they themselves become the cause of their own downfall!

"In the day of purification, webs will be spun in the sky and ashes will be thrown onto the earth" - Hopi Indian prophecy



In my short lifetime I've seen so much sickness in the world. I cannot stop the pollution. I cannot stop the deforestation and help the indigenous people who are left starving because of the western worlds greed. I cannot save the millions of animals who are caged, abused, tortured and murdered for food, clothing, entertainment and experimentation. I cannot stop people from fighting as they mistake knowledge for wisdom. The odds are stacked against us and I can now only pray that doomsday will set things straight. The powers of nature are greater than those of mankind...

Hell's coming.



NOT SO DUMB

More than 30 angry baboons killed a man out of revenge in the Tororo District of southeastern Uganda, according to a report from the New Vision Newspaper. A local council official said that the human victim, Okecho, killed a male baboon doe damaging his maize and banana plantations. More than 30 other baboons converged on the compound and "mourned like human beings" before carrying their fallen comrade into the forest. Neighbours said that the animals later returned and stormed the farmers house, knocking down the door. A New Vision reporter reaching the scene saw Okecho lying in a pool of blood with a large hole in his chest where the heart had been pulled out.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT THE PAST YEAR OF RESISTANCE IN AOTEAROA

Nineteen ninety-six saw an unprecedented amount of action in New Zealand on behalf of animals. World Day for Laboratory Animals, April 24, saw an announcement by the Animal Liberation Front that several bottles of *Sunsilk* shampoo had been contaminated with bleach. Manufacturers Lever Rexona were forced to withdraw the product from shelves nationwide to check for signs of tampering. Over 150 butchers in the greater Auckland area received threatening letters in early July, which warned of dire financial consequences if trading continued after October 1 (World Vegetarian Day). The horses of the Kaimanawa mountain range were allowed to live by a government terrified of negative public opinion only weeks before a general election. The country's first anti-vivisection demonstration involving intentional arrest took place on August 30 at the Auckland Medical School's Cancer Research Laboratory, where four activists occupied an office, barricaded doors with furniture, and chained themselves to heavy objects before being removed by Police. The first issue of the magazine you now read was distributed in September. A number of vivisectors in the Auckland area were paid early morning visits by megaphone-wielding activists, who also informed neighbours of the abuser's vile practices via leaflet. *Animals First* - the first political party in Aotearoa to campaign solely on a welfarist platform - contested November's general election. National animal rights(?) organisation *SAFE* had an AGM...

The ball is starting to roll, but we need the strength of many more to keep those who continue to fight from being flattened as the ball rolls back. The shackle of apathy responsible for limiting so many of us must be flung aside. An active and effective animal liberation movement *can* be realised if we build on the past year's achievements.

-The Fishy Fiend

G.O.D.SPEAKS...

You harm animals
You deserve to die
There's no excuse
don't even try.

"I need my cosmetics
and that elegaant fur
so what that to get it I supported murder
I just must have more
I want lots of things
if I didn't exploit animals
I couldn't live like a king. "

You harm animals
You deserve to die
There's no excuse
don't even try.

"Its part of my culture
its what we've always done
we beat our wives and kill animals for fun.
So what I harm others
its all relative
Theres no right or wrong
Its just the way that we live

You harm animals
You deserve to die
There's no excuse
don't even try.

"I'm oppressed, I'm poor,
I don't have to think,
I'm just reacting to my environment
It's a dog eat dog world
Everyone exploits me
why should I help
to set others free"

You harm animals;
You deserve to die
There's no excuse;
don't even try.

IF YOU ARE NOT

VEGAN

YOU ARE

WRONG!

G.O.D.

WORLD DOMINATION
Ronald McDonald Style



ODE TO THE GREAT URBAN MYTH

Inside the ministry of MacDonalds,
They speak of it with reverence,
Before vast flocks of servants, sitting,
The great God Ronald MacDonald,
Loving arms stretching infinitely out,
Like a preacher he shouts,
"Bring me your weary, poor, your wretched!"
I want to throw up!

Drunken sloths at Thursday night wallow,
They speak of it as fact
After inevitably spilling their drink,
Swaggering out for a slash in the trees,
Their evolution complete,
Whilst in the factories,
We sacrifice aluminium and steel,
Into the jaws of gaping presses,
Gargoyles for the God industry,
Sucking out individuality.

O praise the great urban myth
Like Gods and Greeks, superstition and Greed!
Growing and flowering out,
Past pages, through thought,
Just when I thought there was no inspiration left,
Maybe one day some famous artist,
May favour.

A myth from today.

McLIBEL GATHERING

MOBILISE AGAINST BIG MAC

The Mclibel trial began on June 28th 1994. October 1996 saw closing speeches being made, Helen and Dave from Greenpeace (London) gave 6 weeks worth of speeches and were followed by McDonalds who gave a weeks worth. The verdict is expected around late January. It is the longest civil case in British history. For perhaps the first time in history a multinational corporation has effectively been put on trial over its business practices - promotion of junk food, exploitation of workers and animals, aggressive advertising to children, damage to the environment and robbing the poor. Dave and Helen were taken to trial on 16 different points, according to the law if they are found guilty of one point they lose the entire case. Despite the unfairness of the battle, the oppressive libel laws and the Defendants' exhaustion, the general feeling of observers is that Mcdonald's critics have been completely vindicated by the evidence during the trial. The case continues to receive publicity worldwide and the grassroots movement against McDonald's and other fast-food chains is growing in strength across the globe.

The Mclibel gathering in central London in October was a positive event bringing together concerned people from all over the country. It was held at a time when the trials end is in sight, to mobilise people to step up the action. Already a million and a half leaflets have been given out in the streets on the UK alone since the writs were served. The organisers at this important time want to put pressure on McDonald's to get the message across that we will not be silenced once the trial is over. It was a day of speeches, discussions about the case and the evidence uncovered and local/regional networking of anti-McDonald's campaigners.

As the case stands Mcdonald's should lose. They have not a scrap of evidence to prove the original charge that Helen and Dave were giving out the leaflets 'What's wrong with Mcdonald's. They can't prove it, so on those grounds they should lose. To take away from this oversight they changed their stance to attack the leaflet itself. This is why the trial has been such a drawn out process, with every point on the leaflet being exhaustively examined and picked through. Mcdeath's being the multinational villains that they are and having the finance to back them it looks like the verdict may go against the Defendant's. That on paper the Defendants' will lose, but whatever way you look at it they have already won the battle. By taking up the trial and not backing down when McD's wanted to make a deal, the campaign has mushroomed from the otherwise localised campaign thus making adverse publicity for the fast food giants. Thank you McD's for giving us this opportunity.

They want to get their hideous tentacles into every corner of the earth. World domination and profit is their aim at any cost. They don't care who or what they step on as long as their profit margins keep on growing. Lets show them that we won't stand for their lies and bullying tactics. To stand back and not do anything is as good as condoning what they do. So get out there with your friends and fellow free thinkers and get leafleting against McMurder's, McDeath, McPollution, McJunk, McDollars etc.

If you want to follow the case closer you can access information on the internet McSpotlight http://www.McSpotlight.org/UK

PRACTICAL HINTS FOR ANIMAL ACTIVISTS

Let's Get Nerdy!



Yup, I have to admit it. I'm a computer nerd. I've been into computers for about 13 years and I've used them for games, work, programming and other things. Now I'm spending a lot of my time working for animal liberation I have been becoming more aware of how much computers can help in that struggle. In the ease with which you can network with other groups, researching topics, and playing games to relax after doing a stall where 10 trillion people told you "Plants scream when you pull them out of the ground!" ☺

Now I'm not going to go into the expected mode of telling you about where you can get information on certain topics and useful web sites to visit. I am going to talk about something a little more serious - electronic security. Or to be more precise, PGP encryption.

PGP

PGP stands for Pretty Good Privacy and its name says it all really. It provides you with security that is so good that you can write messages or send files to people with practically no chance of anyone EVER being able to pry into the contents (apart from the intended recipient). The program is simple and easy to use and any activist who communicates over the internet should use it. As activists who realise that sometimes more extreme measures must be taken to further animal liberation, I believe we are fools if we don't make use of encryption when communicating electronically.

WHY SHOULD WE USE IT?

Well the obvious answer would be so other people can not pry into your private email. The government or any other member of the public should not have the power to look into your personal life. Your messages to other people are private and are meant for the recipient only. But unfortunately with email, it's all too easy for someone to intercept your mail. A message sent from here to Australia may go to the US, across to Europe and over to Japan before it reaches its destination - visiting many computers along the way and being susceptible to prying eyes at each one of them. For this reason you want a method by which you can stop people seeing what you are writing. PGP is it. It is available freely from many places around the world, it's easy to use and arguably impossible to crack (A good programmer of a cryptography program would never claim their program is crack proof).

As we start to use email more and more and as the movement starts to get more effective in tackling animal abuse, we have to start looking at ways to protect ourselves. If you are trying to organise mass actions among cities or countries - If you are an ALF member and want to inform certain organisations of your activities - or if you are an infiltrator in an animal abuse industry and don't want anyone to find out you should make sure your email is only going to be seen by the person it's intended for. We can become much more effective if our mail is completely private.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

PGP works on a system called public key cryptography. When you get PGP you run it and give it a password that only you will know. What the program turns out is a pair of related numbers called a private key and a public key that the computer stores on disk. (A **KEY** is simply a number used to "lock" and "unlock" messages like a conventional door key and looks something like this)



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-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

The private key is something you store on your computer and only you can access, but the public key is something that you send to people freely (The usual way is simply to attach it to the end of every email message you send). When someone gets your public key, they can use PGP to store it on a their **public keyring** along with other people's public keys. If they want to send you some email they write the message then run PGP telling it to encrypt the message with

your public key. PGP uses your public key to encrypt the message into some sort of gobble-de-gook and then they send this encrypted file to you. When you get the file you run PGP at your end and it takes the encrypted file and uses your private key to decrypt it, turning it back into it's original form for you to read. Of course before PGP can use your private key you must supply the password thus ensuring only you get access to the private key.

Now, since PGP relies on you sending your public key out freely, anyone can get it. Someone unsavoury could get your public key, write you a message and put my name at the bottom thereby fooling you into thinking they were me. They would then encrypt it and send it to you. You'd decrypt it and read it thinking it was from me because It has my name on it. PGP stops this as it allows you to electronically "sign" a message. You can encrypt a message to someone using not only THEIR public key but YOUR private key (NOTE: They can't find out your private key from this). When they get the signed message, they will be able to tell it is definitely from you as the signature can only come from YOUR private key which will match up with your public key that they have on their key ring.

WON'T THE AUTHORITIES GET SUSPICIOUS?



Think about this: Are the authorities suspicious of everyone's post just because it's hidden in envelopes? No - because it's taken for granted that's what people do. People send all manner of stuff using this method almost all of it perfectly legitimate. The government doesn't have the time or money to check all mail, so they don't bother except in special cases. If we all started using PGP for sending all our email regardless of whether it's "legitimate" or not the authorities would probably give up monitoring people or at least it would make their job a hell of a lot harder. They not only have to find out what people are potentially a problem to them, when they get the email they can't decipher it anyway! So by using PGP and getting others to use it, we are making police a sight more ineffective.

IT CAN'T BE COMPLETELY SAFE CAN IT?

Nope, no it can't. Say you get thoroughly drunk one night and blab to someone the password for your private key and then they get hold of it off your computer. Maybe you decrypted a highly incriminating message, saved it to your computer, then deleted it. A deleted file is not entirely gone until the physical space on the computer's hard drive is re-written so potentially the authorities can scan the hard drive and retrieve the message. All these actions can compromise your security and I don't think there will ever be a completely secure way of communication but there are a few things you can do to minimise these problems. You can eliminate a lot of them by storing your private key(s) and any messages on a floppy disk that you carry around with you at all times. Or you can make sure that you never save any decrypted messages to disk where people can get at them. Even better, once you've read a "dodgy" message delete even the encrypted version.

NO PROGRAM IS UNCRACKABLE IS IT?

Philip Zimmerman, the guy who wrote PGP, has stated that he will never say that his program is uncrackable - He would be foolish to do so. Maybe one day someone will do it - maybe they never will. The top experts in the world are trying, and it doesn't seem like they have yet. It's up to you to make up your own mind as to PGP's efficiency and safety, but even if one day it is cracked at present you are definitely better off using it than using insecure communication.

OK WHAT NEXT?

Now, hopefully you're interested in using PGP. So what I've got listed below are some World Wide Web addresses to various PGP resources that you might like to take a look at.

To find out some more on cryptography check out these sites;

http://world.std.com/~franl/crypto.html
http://www.arc.unm.edu/~drosoff/pgp/pgp.html

To get the PGP program itself;

http://www.ifi.uio.no/pgp/

For an easy to use PGP tutorial;

http://www.seattle-webworks.com/pgp/

PGP is a DOS based program and so is quite user unfriendly for those of us used to windows. There are a number of windows interfaces to PGP and they can be got from;

http://www.primenet.com/~shauert/pgpwins.htm

Although different from the usual "Practical Hints" section I hope you've gained some insight into why we should use secure electronic communication. If you have any questions or want any more info, write in or email us. We can then give you Auckland Animal Action's public key or you can get it from our web site. (soon)

SUPPORT FOR PRISONERS

I know that it seems like we are far away from everything overseas, down here in little New Zealand. But it is still important that we all support prisoners that have given up their liberty in the cause of animal liberation. They have been imprisoned because they are struggling for a better world. Prison is not a pleasant place but it also not the nightmare that the authorities would have us believe. Every day thousands survive in prisons with little, or no, support. With your help, ALF and animal rights prisoners can have an easier time of their incarceration. Think of the sacrifice the activists have made and then ask yourself if you cannot spend a few minutes a week writing a letter to them, or even some spare cash now and again to send them a book, or magazine etc. Prison attempts to isolate and discourage, with a little effort you can combat that so that the prisoners come out feeling strengthened, not demoralised. Imagine the extra buzz prisoners get from receiving letters from someone right on the other side of the globe. To know that people so far away, people they have never met or are likely to meet still appreciate what they tried to do. This article will hopefully give you some ideas about what you can and can't do to support our fellow imprisoned freedom fighters.

WRITING TO PRISONERS

This is possibly the most important thing you can do. Prison distances people from the 'real' world and a friendly letter breaks down that feeling. It does not have to be news about the movement or gossip, just a personal note reminding the prisoner that others believe as they do and support their actions wholeheartedly. If you cannot think what to write, send a card or postcard, or just ask what the prisoner needs. Do not worry about being curious about prison - ask questions. It not only breaks the ice but shows you have an interest in the welfare of the prisoner.

Do remember that all letters are censored, so do not write anything that might jeopardise other actions or anyone else's freedom. We suggest that you put no names of other people except your own, unless you have that persons permission first. Don't expect a reply to all your letters as some prisons limit the amount of letters which can be sent and in those which do not, the prisoner still has to buy stamps and envelopes. Try sending an 'International Reply Coupon' that you can buy from the post office, the prisoner will be able to use this to write back. Some prisons do not allow letters with out return address, but if you would like a reply you will obviously have to put one on anyway.

BOOKS

Some prisons accept books sent through the post. A few may demand that they are sent direct from the book shop. Some alternative book shops may agree to send in books which are not bought in their shop if you want to send in a second hand book. Ask them to stamp the packaging or include headed note paper to avoid problems.

TOILETRIES AND FOOD

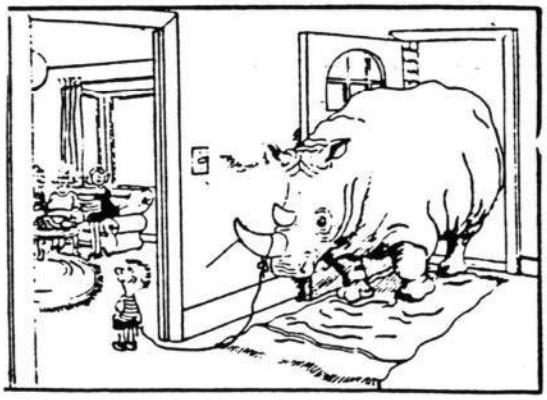
Prisoners are expected to buy all they need through the prison canteen. This obviously causes problems for vegan prisoners but most can arrange through the governor to have cruelty free items sent in straight from the companies. Prisoners may need help organising and paying for this. No food items can be sent in any way. If you find that a prisoner is having trouble getting Vegan food write the Vegan Society UK. [7 Battle Rd, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA,] They have someone who deals with prisons and vegan prisoners and have been very successful in arguing the cause of prisoners who are having trouble getting Vegan food and other items.

REMEMBER

Whatever you are thinking or sending to a prisoner, find out first what the prisoner wants, as there is often a limit on what can be received. It is also wise to ring the prison to check what they will accept and how you should send it. If a prisoner tells you they want an item which you cannot afford then contact the ALF Supporters Group who will pay for it. Some prisoners feel uncomfortable taking money off the Supporters Group even though it is their main reason for existing.

AFTER PRISON

When a prisoner is released you may think that their problems are over. This is far from the case. Some people have great difficulty adjusting to 'normal' life, especially after a long term inside. Many animal rights prisoners have been given long terms even for a first offence. A few letters or phone calls can help a recently released prisoner. It is normal for such persons to be depressed for a period after release and even though letters from inside prison may have indicated that the person is handling the ordeal well, this may not be the case afterwards. It is normal for ex-cons to express a wish to return so don't be too surprised if this happens. A helpful ear or address to write to can make all the difference and speed the return to the persons normal outlook on life. Compassion is what the animal liberation movement is about and it needs to be offered to all activists as well as the animals in need.



That's nice, dear. And what does your 'Animal Liberation Club' do?

Since its formation in 1976 the Animal Liberation Front has saved thousands of animals from death and suffering. Its actions have also played an important part in the closing down of many animal abuse establishments. However, the price paid by ALF activists has been high. Well over 200 have been sent to prison and many more fined by the courts for their acts of courage and compassion. Such good people should not be abandoned to their fate, but deserve as much help and support as can be given to them.

SUPPORTERS GROUPS: One way to help prisoners is to join one of the ALF Supporters Groups that exist. Supporters group memberships are not cheap. But they do a lot to help the prisoners.

For example the ALF Supporters Group UK (the largest) : pays for books and educational material for prisoners and anything else that may make their sentences a little easier. They help visitors with the cost of often long and expensive journeys. They encourage people to write to the prisoners offering solidarity and support. ALF activists are seldom wealthy people. In fact the opposite is usually the case. Therefore, when they are fined, the SAG also does what they can to help them with the financial burden. They do not limit support purely to ALF activists, any animal rights person imprisoned for their actions on a demo or Hunt Sab will receive the same amount of support, as is their due for fighting for animal liberation. They publish a regular newsletter detailing addresses on the prisoners and other information of interest to encourage people to use the interest generated by ALF action to educate the public about vegetarianism and cruelty free living.



Supporters groups to write to:

- ALF Supporters Group, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. E-mail <100302.1616@compuserve.com>
- North American - ALF Supporters Group: Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 4K3 <an246614@anon.penet.fi.>

PRISONERS LIST

◊ **Melanie Arnold GJ0940**
HMP Eastwood Park, Falfield, Wotton u. Edge, Gloucester, GL 12 8DB Great Britain. On remand charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester and at two Milk depots in Cheshire, and conspiracy to commit arson at various other meat wholesalers, lairage companies etc.

◊ **Gurjeet Aujla HV2047**
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd, Birmingham, B18 4AS Great Britain. Serving a 6 year sentence in connection with postal devices sent to various companies and individuals involved in the meat and live export trades.

◊ **Dave Callender HV 3314**
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd, Birmingham, B18 4AS Great Britain. Currently appealing against a 10 yr sentence for an arson attack against a lairage used in the live export trade.

◊ **Darren Cole XD2301,**
HMP Exeter, New North Rd, Exeter, EX4 4EX, Great Britain. Serving a 3 1/2 year sentence for an arson attack against a lairage used in the live export trade

◊ **Rod Coronado #03895000,**
FCI, Box 23811, Tuson, AZ85706, USA. Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as a spokesperson for the North American ALF, and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans.

◊ **Michael Green AV2923,**
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS Great Britain. Co-defendent of Melanie Arnold, charged with arson at an abattoir in Gloucester, conspiracy to commit arson at various meat and lairage companies,

◊ **Barry Horne VC 2141**
HMP Bristol, Cambridge Rd, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS Great Britain. On remand charged with possession of explosive materials with intent to cause damage.

◊ **Keith Mann EE3588**
HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York. Y04 1PS Great Britain. Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody.

◊ **Gillian Peachey RL3415,**
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road,London N7 ONU, Great Britain. On remand charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause criminal damage, and arson.

◊ **Mike Roberts GE3743**
HMP Lewes, Brighton Road, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 1EA Great Britain. On remand charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage.

◊ **Geoff Sheppard MD1030**
HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5NX, Great Britain. Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and possession of items for making incendiary devices.

◊ **Charles Skinner 24250**
HMP La Moye, St Beades, Jersey, Channel Islands, Great Britain. Sentenced to 4 years for causing over £322,000 worth of damage by arson to Jersey Zoo visitors centre.

◊ **Erik van de Laan 1648819**
◊ **Frank Kocera 1648820**
Penitentiaire inrichting, Over Amstel (Bijlmer) Postbus 41901, 1009 CE Amsterdam. Awaiting trial on various charges of arson against the meat industry in Holland.

ANGLING THE NEGLECTED BLOODSPORT

Why do most people react in horror at the thought of a dog being deliberately dragged behind a car, but have no problem with tales of fish being impaled with barbed hooks and dragged into an alien environment in which they are frequently left to suffer death by asphyxiation? If the same was done to a mammal or bird, there would be a public outcry.



There are a number of possible reasons for this seemingly strange reaction to the suffering of sentient creatures. Firstly there is the myth that since fish are cold blooded, they somehow cannot feel pain. This has been disproved by many scientific studies and we know additionally that they are like us in experiencing fear and stress. Pain exists to tell humans and other animals to remove themselves from a situation which is damaging, so it is common sense that fish, (which share with other animals a brain and central nervous system) suffer when subjected to noxious stimuli. Like us they produce pain-transmitting chemicals (bradykinin and substance P) when a nerve ending is damaged and pain-blocking substances called endorphins when in severe pain. Why would fish need endorphins if they did not feel pain?

"Experimental evidence of the behaviour of fish, and the proirity they give to pain when faced with a choice indicates that pain is an extremely powerful experience to them. As angling and behavioural experiements show, fish rapidly learn to avoid painful experiences, sometimes performing elaborate processes, or depriving themselves of food for extended periods of time to do so."
Steve Kestin, Pain and Stress in Fish, R.S.P.C.A.1994.

The behaviour of fish is also a strong indicator of their ability to feel pain. Experiments at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands for example, showed that fish react in a comparable way and with similar pain thresholds to humans. One of the scientist who performed this morally objectionable work is an angler, however he still concluded that fish are definitely able to feel pain and that they additionally experience considerable fear when caught by an angler.

Fish additionally have the misfortune to not appear cute and cuddly like dogs and cats or be able to scream in agony, which leads few people to empathize with their suffering, in the same way as occurs with companion animals. The fact that fish are restricted to an aquatic habitat means that few people come in to contact with these creatures except when they are corpses also doesn't help their popularity.

These reasons lead to angling being widely socially acceptable. Everyone knows either family members or friends who go fishing and the traditional role this bloodsport has in New Zealand culture leads to few questioning the cruelty involved.

WHAT THE ANGLERS SAY

Anglers try to justify their 'sport' by saying that it fulfills the hunting instinct in people. Does this mean that following all natural instincts is morally right? That could be the justification of the rapist, since rape is common in nature.

Others say that they have the right to catch their own food. This however does not stand up to examination, since it is not necessary for anyone to eat fish or indeed any other animal product. Those who use the excuse that fishing allows them to get away from the pressures of modern life, need to use their imagination and find a non-violent way to experience the tranquillity of the outdoors.

Livebaiting is the practice of using live fish as bait to tempt other fish onto the angler's line. The live fish is impaled on hooks through its lips, body or even its eye sockets. The terrified fish is then cast out in to the water where it can only struggle in agony on the hooks until it is eaten by another fish (which is then reeled in by the angler) or it dies from its injuries. Not only is livebaiting barbaric, it is a threat to fish populations through the movement of bait fish from one water to another with the consequent risk of spread of disease.

"...fish used as live bait are exposed to prolonged and inescapable terminal stress...this state must be assumed to be indicative of severe suffering."
What we may and may not do to fish, Verheijen, 1992..

COUNTERING ANGLERS' ARGUMENTS

If fish felt pain, they would swim towards the angler when hooked rather than resist and struggle to get free.

Fish will fight vigorously when hooked because they are unable to make the connection between the hook and the angler. Frenzied struggle is the result of fear of the unknown (or for those who remember being caught, fear of being dragged out of the water) and just as animals in leg-hold traps have often been observed to chew through their own limbs to escape, fear over-rides pain in such circumstances.

Because it has been known for a fish to be caught twice in the same day, fishing cannot be an unpleasant experience for the fish.

Anglers go to great lengths to disguise hooks with maggots, fake flies, etc. to trick fish into biting. Many anglers will admit that it usually requires unusual skill to entice a fish which has been repeatedly caught to take a baited hook. Although the fish may become wary if the same type of bait is used, it does have to feed to survive.

A hook cannot cause pain because fish eat shell-fish and other spiky objects. The mouths of fish are designed to be lacerated.

Animals tend to avoid anything which gives them the sensation of pain. Therefore, it cannot be painful for some fish to eat other fish covered in spines, sea urchins, shellfish etc. However donkeys and goats eat thistles which would cause a human pain and we don't conclude from this that donkeys and goats can't feel pain. It is unreasonable for anglers to consequently assume that a hook does not produce pain. A hook inflicts a deep injury, often completely penetrating a lip. The wound is aggravated by the often prolonged tension of the fishing line.

WHY ANGLING IS IGNORED BY MANY ANIMAL CAMPAIGNERS

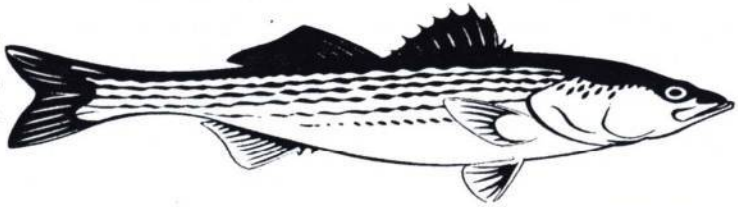
Angling is a barbaric pastime which has been overlooked by many animal protection groups. Some campaigners seem to believe that to speak out against angling will alienate too many of the public. However the same could be said about campaigning against the meat trade or medical experiments on animals. Others avoid angling because they think it not a priority issue when there are so many areas of animal abuse to be tackled. However the sheer scale of angling in Aotearoa, involving millions of fish and other creatures who suffer and die, means that this popular bloodsport should not be overlooked.

TAKE ACTION

Anything you do, no matter how small it may seem, will start to change attitudes.

- Auckland Animal Action are in the process of compiling a detailed file on angling in New Zealand. If you have any information that could help, in particular info on regulations relating to species, methods used, competitions, etc., please send them to AAA, P.O. Box 34641, Birkenhead, NZ.
- In the meantime, until leaflets have been produced, you can order literature (leaflets to distribute and poster to display in sympathetic shops, schools, etc.) on angling from the U.K. group Pisces, who campaign to abolish angling. (See address below)
- Write a letter to your local paper describing the cruelty involved in angling. It is best if you send this in in response an article or news item concerning angling. It doesn't take long to write a letter, but it will be seen by thousands of readers. Watch out for any pro-angling replies. If you need further info contact AAA or Pisces.
- AAA have a copy of Pisces' video "Angling the Neglected Bloodsport". This can be hired or purchased at a cost of . This is 18 minutes long and suitable for all age groups. Why not get hold of a copy and show it to friends and family.

For more info contact Pisces, P.O. Box, 90, Bristol, BS99 1ND, UK or send an e mail request to pisces@pisces,demon.co.uk or visit their web site at http://www/envirolink.org/arrs/pisces/index.html.



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.

Now, that said I'd like to add that this time around I took over the job of the column and failed miserably when it came to finding stuff for you to be sure about eating so I sort of had to adlib.....

HEALTHY HABITS PIES

These were researched again and we have been assured that no animal products are in the worcestershire sauce in their pies. Yaaaaay!

JEFF (Artist extraordinaire)

I've known Jeff for a while now. Seen his art - read his writing. No problem there!

OXYGEN

Scientific studies have shown that oxygen is not an animal, hence it's vegan.

ORAL SEX

An often asked question by those people who've never partaken of it.....YES it's vegan!

BOGEYS

In most cases, nasal excreta is vegan, just watch out for the odd bug that may get caught up there from time to time.

OK, so hit me! Sorry.....Next time I'll have my shit together. - Aaron

YUMMY VEGAN FOOD IN AUCKLAND- Vegetarian restaurants.

The Fresh Tofu Vegetarian Restaurant 9 Mason Ave, Otahuhu. Ph 276 6846. ALL VEGANS HAVE TO TRY THIS ONE. Its an almost totally vegan restaurant and its in Auckland - one dish (of about 40), the curried vegetable dish, has milk in it. Serve many mock 'meat' dishes, it feels funny ordering things like BBQ ribs, sweet and sour Pork, or 'chicken' dishes but they are REALLY YUMMY!! You order a selection of mains, which are placed in the centre of your table on a rotating board, you get as much rice and tea as you like. Great value for money, mains are $7-$15 each. 4 mains are plenty for 5 people.The **BEST** vege restaurant I've found yet.

Musical Knives 272 Ponsonby Rd. Ph 376 7354
Auckland's only fully licensed totally vegetarian restaurant. One of many small trendy restaurants on Ponsonby Rd. Many vegan dishes and not too expensive. They have a very international cuisine, with dishes from around the world. Good selection of savories and snacks for lunch too. Ring to confirm opening hours.

Simple Cottage 50 High St. Ph 303 4599.
A vegetarian restaurant in central Auckland, they guarantee several vegan dishes will be available every day. I recommend the vegan nacho's - with hummus instead of cheese/sour cream. A good salad bar. Most main meals are around $7-9. The cheapest lunch is to get a couple of potatoes with peanut sauce for $2.50. Soy milk is available with all hot drinks, they even make cappuccino's with soya milk - called soyccino's. However - be aware that deserts labeled 'vegan' probably aren't, they may contain honey, always check. BYO.

Raw Power 5 high St, Century arcade. Ph: 303 3624
Raw power is a vegetarian cafe in the city. Most known to vegans for their yummy vegan chocolate cake and other slices. Try one of their large fruit cocktails, the large ones are $5 but HUGE and many are vegan. They also serve salads, lentil patties etc. They are a good place to go for lunch but shut early so don't serve dinner.

The Loft 204 Broadway, 1st floor Newmarket. 529-1529
Serve vegetarian food 7:45pm to 8:30 Tues, Weds, Thurs and Fridays. The cost is a donation, $5 suggested.

Rasoi Vegetarian Restaurant 211 Karangahape Rd. 377-7780
Vegan food available, most deserts contain milk however.

Gopals Pure Vegetarian Restaurant 291 Queen St. 303-4885
The availability of vegan food varies - much Indian cooking is done in clarified butter, or ghee so inquire about which dishes are suitable.

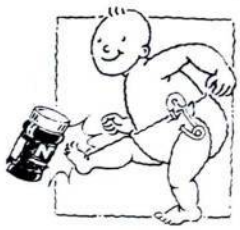
- Anyone wanting to do a small eating out guide to their city send it in and we'll put it here. I know many cities may not have even one vege restaurant - but you can list places that can serve soymilk with drinks, cook/precook hot chips in vege oil, places that make an effort to serve a couple of vegan dishes etc.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST NESTLÉ

Boycotts

SPOTLIGHT ON Nestlé

Don't be a mug.



Give Nescafé the boot.

According to UNICEF one and a half Million babies are dying worldwide every year because of unsafe bottle feeding.

The boycott of all Nestlé made products was imposed by the campaigners 'Baby Milk Action Group' to put pressure on the company until they stop promoting its baby milk products. The boycott began in 1974 and continued to get great support until Nestlé convinced the World Health Organisation and the world that they would conform to WHO's regulatory standards. Such as on advertising and promotion of a product that should only be a back up in the event that a mother cannot breastfeed for one reason or another. The boycott restarted in 1988 when it became apparent that Nestlé was reneging on many of its promises.

There are other multi-nationals such as Johnson and Johnson and Wyeth (in America) so why concentrate the campaign around this particular company?

1. **Unsafe water** is often used to mix with the powder leading to diarrhea and often death..
2. Expensive baby milk means that it can cost more than half a family's income. This means that often poor people **over-dilute** the powder to make it last longer and their babies are then likely to become malnourished.
3. The baby is not getting the **immunity** past on from its mothers milk and is open to infections and diseases.

Nestlé being the biggest of such companies to aggressively promote their baby milks to mothers and health workers, ensures that infants are bottle fed. With an annual turnover of $7 billion and growing fatter yearly this company wants to protect their profits. Nestlé play on the fact that if babies are given bottles, they are less able to suckle well. This makes breastfeeding failure more likely. Such promotion is condemned by UNICEF and WHO.

Breastfeeding is free, safe and protests against infection. Even undernourished mothers can breast feed. Nestlé knows this and also knows that if they don't get babies on the bottle, they don't do business.

Don't let them get away with it!! It is so absurd that so many innocent deaths can be the direct result of a companies blatant lust for wealth. These babies are dying not because their mothers can't feed them, but because of **misinformation** and **lies**. Help keep the pressure on by boycotting Nestlé products. It is so easy. There are so many other smaller companies that supply good products and deserve your support. If you are hard pressed to find a decent coffee in NZ, try Trade Aid who also have sound human rights policies.

To make it easier for you the Baby Milk Action group have compiled lists worldwide:

In Aotearoa/New Zealand

Beverages: Nescafé, including Cappuccino, Classic, Expresso and Fine Blend; International Roast; Andronicus; Caro; Carnation; Milo; Nesquik, Vittel and Perrier Mineral Waters; Nestea.

Confectionery: Kitkat; Smarties; Rolo Quality Street; Life Savers; Milky Bars; Milo Bar; Scorched Almonds; After Eight; Allen's Confectioner, including Oddfellows, Mackintosh's Toffees, Koolmints, Raspberry Twists, Soothers and Vita C; Allen's/Heards Confectionery including Barley Sugars; Black Night; Granny's Licorice; Pixie Caramel; Chokito; Chocolate Raisins/Peanuts; Nut Roll; Crunch; Regina Confectionery including Marshmallows, Party Mix, Pineapple Chunks, Strawberry Hearts and Choc Orange Slices; Nutoata Bars; Canterbury Oaty Bars.

Cooking products: Nestlé Baking Cocoa, Nestlé cooking chocolate, Chocolate Melts, Chocolates, Milkmelts, Highlander condensed milk, Reduced Cream, Quick Custard Mix.

Processed food: Maggi, Findus frozen food including Lean Quisine; Buitoni Pasta and Sauces; Nada pasta; Crosse and Blackwell relishes/pickles.

Pet food: Friskies, Go Cat, Cat Meow, Fancy feast, Tux, Trusty.

Dairy Products: Yoplait.



This photo tells the tragic story of the often fatal consequences of bottle feeding. The babies are twins: the child with the bottle is a girl - she died the next day. Her brother was breastfed and is thriving. The mother was told that she wouldn't have enough milk for both children. But she would have certainly have been able to feed both babies, since the more a baby suckles, the more milk is produced.

There has been no action group on this issue for the past five years. Anyone interested in reactivating a group should contact Tul Bevan New Zealand Lactation Consultants Association, PO Box 29279, Christchurch.
Tel: (03) 4738677.

For more information about this campaign try the internet. Beyond McDonald's has further information about various topics including Nestlé.

http://www.mcspotlight.org/beyond/UK

BABY MILK ACTION

CONTACTS

Auckland Animal Action

P.O. Box 34-641, Birkenhead, North Shore, Auckland

Grassroots animal activist group.

Wellington Animal Action

P.O Box 6387, Te Aro, Wellington, Aotearoa.

Grassroots activist group tackling all animal abuse.

S.A.F.E.

50 High St. Auckland Phone:309 7738

P.O Box 13366, Christchurch, New Zealand

Our National animal rights organisation. Great source of information on anything to do with animal welfare and rights.

Vegan Society (NZ)

P.O. Box 876, Auckland, New Zealand.

The Vegan Society will provide you with lots of information and help on becoming vegan. If you're a new vegan then definitely contact them.

Christchurch Anti Vivisection Campaign

P.O Box 22076, Christchurch, Aotearoa.

The only group in the country dedicated to abolishing vivisection. Provided with sounds scientific arguments they can tell you anything you need to know.

McLibel Support Campaign

P.O Box 14156, Kilbirnie, Wellington, Aotearoa.

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

The place to go for information on the biggest libel case in British history.

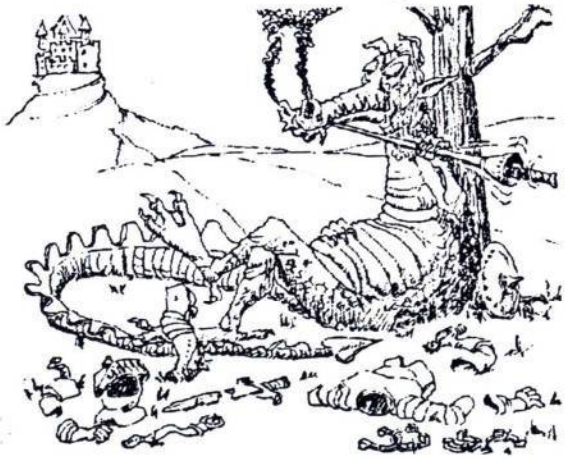
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Sometimes the dragon wins...



That's another Issue of LIBERATE!, we hope you enjoyed it. Good to see so many people writing letters and rants. Keep them coming. Although AAA does LIBERATE! we don't want to dominate the contents. Other groups should feel free to rant, blurb about what you are doing, how things are going with you etc. Part of the aim of LIBERATE! is to keep everyone informed about what is happening in NZ to help fight for animals, its also here so that activists can share ideas, views and tactics to progress the movement. To promote activism and encourage people to get off their bums and go do something. When writing articles please keep in mind you are writing for activists and slant it towards **activism**. We want to fill a niche and try not to copy what other mags already do i.e. Vegan Voice or Safeguard. Theory and general information is perfectly cool, but try and combine it with some practical stuff to do. I mentioned it last issue, but the web site still hasn't been updated. Rather than just update a few little bits of news and the like we are seriously thinking of going the whole way and doing a full on, fully informed web site. This will obviously take a while to sort out so bear with us, it may be a bit messy for a while. A plea to people who say they will write an article - to get it printed it must get to us by the closing submission date. If you have promised an article and know we have reserved a space PLEASE WRITE IT, or we get very stressed trying to fill in the gaps (Or at least let us know early on if you can't do it). Another plea - LIBERATE! is not cheap to produce, we can no longer afford to give away free copies, if you have received a few freebies - now is the time to get a subscription! Its $2 an issue - very cheap and what great value!!! BYE - see you all at the conference!





Pigs are our friends	Cops are not
Pigs mind their own business	Cops do not
Pigs have curly tails	Cops have batons
Pigs excrete un-selfconsciously	Cops are anal
Pigs are highly intelligent creatures	Cops are known to possess a certain small cunning but are not generally characterised as intelligent
Pigs grunt with joy	Cops grunt with agression
Pigs are oppressed	Cops oppress
Pigs are maligned by those in power	Cops are glorified by those in power

So who are we really insulting?

Fascist pig, Imperialist pig, Capitalist pig, Male Chauvinist pig... We label pigs with the most unappealing characteristics that human culture has ever produced, but WE put the pigs in those conditions in the first place. Pigs are consistently abused, tortured, raped, confined, and slaughtered because of the very structures they are so often identified with. They are victims, not aggressors. The last thing they need is to be associated with the police state. In a society founded on the oppression of all who do not possess heterosexuality, all who do not possess whiteness and maleness and wealth, how can we fail to recognise the oppression of those who simply lack humanness?
by P. Bean. (Taken from Underground #2 Nov 94'