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"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER,
AND I WILL FIGHT HIS FIGHT.
AND SPEAK THE WORD FOR BEAST AND BIRD
'TILL THE WORLD SHALL SET THINGS RIGHT."

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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Howdy,

Lots of goodies in store for you this issue! Activists have been busy, stopping trucks carrying Kaimanawa horses, sabbing duck shooters, disrupting cancer societies balls. It's all very exciting. The next few months are also going to be very busy with several events planned, including a call for a national weekend of action against vivisection as Australasia's largest PRO-vivisection conference comes to Auckland.

There's been some talk lately about the movement needing a real focus so that we can actually get some changes happening. At present things are a bit sporadic. One suggestion made by Wellington activists is battery farming, an issue already well known and supported by most of the public and also one which Australian groups have been tackling in a very full on way lately. Some networking with Aussie groups is finally starting to happen too which is great. Another obvious focus to keep up the pressure on is vivisection. Peoples input and opinion's on these ideas are especially welcomed.

Big thanx go to RABBIX and Arkangel magazines in the UK for the great reviews and free plugs lately. People may be surprised to know that we actually send more Liberates overseas than we sell in Aotearoa. Come on guys in old NZ!! Where's your support? We need you most, you're the people we created Liberate! for in the first place! Well, I hope all of you enjoy this issue, I think its quite a goody, And to everyone reading this who got a freebie or is reading someone else's - buy your own!

LOCAL NEWS

'Vitality of Meat' Conference

The 43rd International Meat Science & Technology Conference is coming. 27th July-1st August 1997, Auckland, NZ. Auckland, has been chosen as the venue of IMSTC - an international meat conference. The conference is based around a central slogan the "Vitality of meat", its main aim being to "promote meat consumption" The conference will see an international gathering of meat scientists and practitioners from all over the world. Latest research findings will be presented for discussion and debate.

Topics for discussion include:
Effects of spatial restriction and behavioural deprivation on meat quality in grain-fed veal calves; the return to consciousness in slaughter pigs stunned with CO2; influence of rearing systems on processed broiler carcasses; effect of handling pre-slaughter on pork quality; Effect of animal age on cull cow beef tenderness; Effect Pre-Slaughter Handling and Stunning Method on Carcass and Meat Quality of Pigs; Effect of Electrical Stunning on the Quality of Chicken Carcass and Breast Meat, Bacterial attachment in meat and meat related surfaces, Growth of E.coli in ground meat and meat products & Heat Resistance of E. coli in Ground Beef... Need I go on?

WHY PICK NEW ZEALAND?

Apparently our "conferencing facilities and opportunities for social and scientific excursions enhance the value of this venue for delegates and non-delegates alike. N.Z., a small country with only 3.5 million people is vitally dependent on its meat industry for a large proportion of its overseas earnings... Perhaps because of its unique position in the world, N.Z. has had a significant impact on many areas of meat science. Agriculture is the mainstay of the N.Z economy, contributing approximately 40% of the export earnings of the country. Of these earnings approximately 45% is derived from meat and meat industry based products. The other main animal industry products are wool and dairy products which each contribute approximately 20% of the these earnings. N.Z. not only plays a large role in the export sheep industry, it also has a unique role in the farmed deer industry, both having been the originator and now having the **largest industry worldwide.**"

Beached Orca Saved

An 8 year old orca whale stranded himself on Mangawhai South Head Beach after chasing stingrays into shallow waters. Nicknamed 'Ben' the young Whale was kept moist throughout the night by an army of 50 volunteers who bucketed water from the sea over him. Rescuers stated that 'Ben' seemed to know they intended no harm "he lifted his flippers for us to dig underneath him...he knew we wanted to help him". The Orca was returned to the sea and was immediately greeted by an adult female Orca who was probably his mother. On Bens release a pod of Orca who had been playing in a nearby Bay were seen to be heading off in the direction of Ben and his mother.

Shoppers Busted by Cruelty Free Bunny

Several Auckland SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation) volunteers, one dressed as a giant bunny entered Woolworthes Supermarket in Newmarket, Auckland. Customers buying tested products were surprised to be greeted by a finger waving bunny and who was also giving out caring consumer shopping guides. Other volunteers busied themselves clearing all the supermarket shelves of any animal tested toiletries and cosmetics, which were dumped at the front of isles. Helium filled balloons bearing large signs with the writing "buy cruelty free" and "warning tested on animals" were also let go in the store and were visible even from outside the store to customers in the mall. Public response was very positive and even staff at the supermarket accepted copies of the Caring Consumer Guide which lists companies which produce cruelty free products that are not tested on animals.

Cat Poison Experiments

The Matamata-Piako District Council had to abandon an experimental poison drop aimed at killing feral cats in Morrinsville after outrage from residents and animal welfare groups. The poison paste was donated to the council by a Wanganui company, Animal Control products, in return for information about its effects on the cats. The company has a Pesticides Board experimental use permit to try the poison to control, feral or stray cats in urban areas. The company is now searching for another cat population to kill. Please everyone, this is really important, be on the lookout for where this plan turns up next and we can try and stop it. They will have to notify local residents before they use it.

(Source: NZ Herald 28/5/97')

SWEET REVENGE

June 24th, 1997. N.Z. - American tourist; Steven Nelson went out hunting Thar behind Mesopotamia station 70km NW of Geraldine, South Canterbury. Fortunately for all the animals he lost his footing and fell 50m down a loose shingle scree. He died as the result of severe head injuries.



Cancer Ball Disrupted

June 7th Christchurch. About thirty anti-vivisectionists gathered outside the Christchurch Convention Centre on Saturday night to protest the damage to humans and animals done by animal based cancer research. Inside, Cancer Society supporters were holding their annual Winter Ball to raise money for cancer research on animals. Protesters, who included members of the New Zealand Anti Vivisection Society, were dressed in black and many were masked and had painted faces. As the Ball guests began to arrive, the noisy chanting protesters surrounded the guests and their cars. Water filled balloons are said to have been thrown at guests. Police arrived instructed the protesters to stay back from the entrance. Protesters, instead decided to gather outside the back entrance to the Convention centre instead, where they observed that the guests were watching a fashion show inside the main hall of the center. Protesters (all still in balaclavas etc), ran up to the windows and continued chanting at the Ball guests for over an hour. No arrests were made. The protest was reported on TVNZs national news the next night and in The Christchurch Press on Monday. For Anti-Vivisection info: NZAVS; PO Box 22076; Christchurch

Animal Research

'Scientists' at the Malagan Institute in Wellington have been in the news again lately reporting on their latest animal research. The researchers have been using mice that they have infected with roundworm. A CTLA-4 antibody was given to the mice and is said to have triggered a greater immune response from the mice, helping them to fight the internal parasites. The drug is now to be tested on cancer. The present research is founded by the Cancer Society. In the South island, still more scientists at Otago University have been using mice who have been given tumours in their cancer research. Tumours of mice given the vaccine were seen to shrink. Several drug companies are pursuing the drugs, one researcher, Professor Le Gros has already headed off to Europe in an attempt to get $1.5 million to fund the 'critical research'. Of course the researchers admit that even with all this research, some of which has been active for over 17yrs, that they still do not know when an antibody can developed to work for humans. Perhaps if they stopped doing irrelevant studies on mice, and actually looked into how people react and respond they might have a bit more luck! Though if they actually found something effective, all the research grants might come to an end, then they might have to get a real job and get off funding 'welfare'.

Dead Ducks Dumped outside Hunting Shop.

The bodies of several dead birds, the victims of duck shooters were dumped across the doorstep of Tisdall's, in Queen St., Auckland by the group SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation). Tisdall's are a 'sports shop' which sell hunting and fishing licenses, and who encourage parents to take young children out shooting by selling licenses for children under 12 for $1. The protest received excellent media coverage on local television station ATV.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

Contact your local group & get involved!

4th July World Day for Captive Dolphins and performing animals. A national protest has been called for at Marineland in Napier. Marineland has four captive dolphins. Watch out in the news for this one.

July The Kaimanawa horse campaign and protests are still up and operational. Horses have yet to be auctioned and some will go to slaughter. Groups from around the country have been traveling to Waiouru as events happen. More people are always needed. Contact your local group.

24th July. Trial at Auckland District Court of 5 Auckland Animal Action (AAA) activists who have been charged with 'trespass' and 'intimidation' after a home visit and leafleting of local vivisector Peter Gluckman. All activists have plead not guilty, all support welcomed.

27th July - 1st August 'Vitality of Meat' conference in Auckland. Contact A A A.

19-20 September. The largest PRO-vivisection conference in Australasia is being held at Uni. of Auckland Conference Centre. A National weekend of action has been called, activists from round the country will be coming up to Auckland.



Local Groups



This space is reserved for grassroots animal rights groups. Groups are invited to write about themselves and give reports on their activities and actions. We are always keen to hear from new groups.

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AAA is a grassroots, animal liberation group made up of people who recognise the need to take personel action to bring about the end of the oppression and predjudice forced on animals world wide. AAA is a vegan based group that campaigns for ALL animals. We openly support the non-violent ALF through all legal means possible. AAA campaigns through stalls and leafleting as well as regular protest action and civil disobediance.

♦ **Duck shooting season started on the weekend of May 4.** Several members of AAA went out on the lakes to try and save some ducks. The day of sabbing was very successful. 10 activists made it out of bed early Saturday morning - around 6am. Activists very quickly found a maimai with 3 duck killers inside. The hunters had been out killing for some hours already, this was indicated by the large number of dead animals strewn around them. Activists were reserved at first fearing hunters aggressiveness to having a group of protesters present. The main aim being to distract and talk to hunters so that they would get little shooting done. But once the hunters began shooting at ducks flying overhead activists got more vocal and loud arguments insued. The two males in the group received most of the physical hostility with one being head butted in the face, resulting in a very bloody nose, when trying to prevent hunters from taking photo's of people present. As would be expected several wimmin received very sexist comments and jibes throughout the morning from the testosterone filled killers. Hunters were shooting at ducks flying overhead - which were quite frequent. Each time a duck was seen activists yelled and screamed as loud as possible to scare the ducks away. This tactic worked so well that no ducks came within range while activists were present. This meant no ducks were killed. People would break into cheering each time a duck heading towards the hunters maimai would hear the screams and turn away, flying in the opposite direction. The 3 hunters as well as those in another nearby maimai were not impressed by this and several yells of abuse could be heard coming from hunters further upstream who were also obviously having little luck killing things. Sabbing is great and really rewarding because ,you know you are directly saving animals lives. You go home knowing there are animals out there with their families, who otherwise have been killed or left to die slowly by hunting scum. Several dead birds were collected for a SAFE demo a few days later. Their bodies were dumped on Tisdalls doorstep. Tisdalls is a hunting shop on Queen St. that encourages fathers to take their children out shooting by selling permits for kids under 12 for $1.

♦ **KHAN demo** A car load of activists traveled down to the Kaimanawa ranges on the weekend of 17th - 19th May. Protesters from all around the country converged on the small rural town of Taihape for a weekend of action aiming to stop the muster of the Kaimanawa Wild Horses. Three days of protest ensued. On the Sunday activists decided to try and physically intervene in the shipping of the horses to holding pens on nearby farms. The cattle trucks containing horses could leave from any one of several entrances to the army base at Waiouru, so people with cell phones manned all routes. Word came that a truck with horses was leaving from a distant entrance and acitivists raced to try and catch the truck, this took some time. The truck took a small and winding back country road. With the truck just minutes from its destination the road turned straight. AAA's car was one of two cars which then overtook the truck, blocked both lanes in the road infront of the truck and pulled slowly to a halt, stopping the truck. Two activists then jumped out. One D-locked herself under the front bumper of the truck while the other chained to the side. Fearing that the people chained would be dragged several activists (many other cars had caught up by now), jumped atop the cab of the truck and yelled at the driver to stop. The driver tried to back up to escape but instead bumped into another car which had pulled up behind. Activists remained chained for about an hour as others argued with the driver and emplored that he take the horses back where they belonged. Police cars arrived and took names of people chained. A TV3 media van was also present - it had also given chase to the truck - so was able to interview the activists locked to the truck. The interviews made the 6 o'clock news the following evening. By this time the horses were starting to panic and banging could be heard from inside the truck, fearing the horses would hurt themselves the activists unlocked. As the truck again started along the road activists followed in cars, police then initiated a road block. Being wild horses, unloading is a dangerous process, they do not understand fences and many end up injured, activists wanted to keep a careful eye on the whole process. Two activists decided to try and get to the holding pens on foot. Both were subsequently arrested. After an hour the road block was removed and the two arrested taken to the station in Taihape. The two Auckland activists have been, charged with 'obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty'. They were processed and released. The next day activists crashed a media gathering about the wild horses being held on army land at Waiouru. After one activist was arrested several others decided to form a line, lock arms and legs and sit down with their signs. Military and 'normal' police, no doubt angry at being forced to deal with activists infront of media then turned violent. Pulling and dragging activists away to a police wagon. The press present caught this all on film, activists screaming as they were pulled away by their hair, ears etc. This made TV3 6 o'clock news. One woman had a large clump of her hair pulled out another had her clothes all ripped in the process. Activists were held in military cells on the army base then later transferred to Taihape station. In total 8 arrests were made. The activists, have been charged with trespass and given trespass notices. Three of the eight activists are Auckland activists.

♦ **McDonald's Demo** Sat 21st June demo at Queen St. McDonald's. About 25

activists turned up outside the fast food restaurants premises. Several people from Hamilton Animal Action also came up for the day. AAA decided to hold the demonstration to show support for Helen and Steve two Greenpeace (UK) environmental activists who have recently been sued for libel by the multinational giant after they distributed damming information about the company. Over a thousand leaflets were given out to interested passer by's. With the heavy newspaper coverage about the trial in the Herald recently, people were aware of the issues and so most were very supportive. Activists were told several times by McDonalds management, that McDonalds 'owned' the footpath directly outside the store and that they could not stand there. Eventually McDonalds staff gave up and the big banner which was situated across most of the doorway remained up for over an hour. One policeman turned up right at the very end of the demo, as people were leaving the store front. He asked why we were there and what was going on, he was told it was all over and that he had missed the demo. By this stage most activists had disappeared and were already enroute to Boudacea's in search of coffee and some vegan pies and pizza.

♦ **Social evening** Tues. 24th June we went out to dinner at Chinese Vegetarian restaurant in Otahuhu. It was organised at the last minute when several people mentioned that they still had not been to the restaurant. It was a good chance for some of the new people getting involved in AAA to meet people and get aquainted.

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♦ Early in May we gave a **talk to the Victoria Environment Group** (a student group at Victoria University) about veganism. We showed them the "Truth or Diary" film and at least one member of the group went vegan after listening to us!

♦ Three of us did a 30 minute radio **show on Access radio** about animal liberation.

♦ **Kaimanawa Horse protest no.1** On the weekend of 17th to 19th of May, Wellington Animal Action joined with activists from SAFE, the Kaimanawa Horse Action Network and Auckland Animal Action for a weekend of protest in Taihape against the killing of the Kaimanawa Horses. The full story of these protests and the campaign is covered elsewhere in this magazine, but briefly we ate a lot of vegan sausages and eight people were arrested so we could do with some money. If you have any left over after donating to all the other groups doing good things, please send a few bucks to us at PO Box 6387, Te Aro, Wellington.

♦ **Kaimanawa Horse protest no. 2** The following weekend we returned to Taihape and three of our group were arrested again during a protest outside a farm holding some of the horses.

♦ **No.3** A few weeks later we all went north to Taihape again. The previous night Maori from the Ngati Whiti Kaupeka tribe had occupied the council picnic grounds as a protest against the killing of the Kaimanawa Horses and the fact that their ancestral lands (which the horses live on) had been taken from them by the Army. Wellington Animal Action arrived on Sunday morning and were welcomed onto the new Marae. We spent Sunday getting to know some of the occupiers at the Picnic grounds and on the way home we stopped to have a look at some of the Wild Horses being held on a nearby farm. Thanks to Tracey who provided transport for us to get to many of the protests in Taihape and to Hape Lomax who was vital to the success of all the protests in Taihape and Waiouru.

♦ Catherine did another radio show on the many issues surrounding the killing of the Kaimanawa Horses.

If you want to get involved in animal liberation campaigning in the Wellington area, or just want to give us some money, we can be contacted at PO Box 6387, Te Aro, Wellington or phone (04) 3856728

ANZCCART IS COMING

AUSTRALASIA'S LARGEST PRO-VIVISECTION CONFERENCE.

Vivisectors from all over the world are going to be converging on Auckland University Conference Centre between Sept.19-21 for a huge pro-vivisection conference. Some Vivisectors like Prof. David Morton are coming from as far afield as England to talk on subjects like "Recognising animal pain and suffering during experiments" or their "Death as an end point".

Laboratory animals are needlessly suffering, dying horrific and painful deaths RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!, not just overseas and the evil bastards that are doing it will all be gathered together to talk about how they can promote, tidy and cover up their bloody practices. The conference will get press and unless we are there to combat the lies our voices will go unheard. Billets will be available for all activists coming up to Auckland for the conference. NZAVS will be running workshops on scientific anti-vivisectionism and the latest video from SUPPRESS is going to be shown. Small demonstrations will be happening throughout the weekend with a large one planned for Saturday afternoon. Make a weekend of it! Lets get our voices heard! Lets pull the vivisection issue out of the back draw and put it back on the table where it belongs. Lets make sure the vivisectors know what we think of them, that there are still people out here that are willing to fight against animal experiments. Lets draw attention to the horrific fraud that is vivisection, a fraud that is killing thousands of people and animals every year in Aotearoa. We need numbers for impact, we need people who care. People wanting to help out with preparations - organising street theatre, painting banners and signs, composing chants.... Contact your local group NOW. Every voice counts, every person makes our presence bigger.

IF YOU MAKE IT TO NOTHING ELSE THIS YEAR MAKE IT TO THIS ONE!!!



GET INVOLVED!!

Supporting the ALF

Here we go, yet again. Despite already having gone on radio publicly slamming the ALF and "animal rights" Bob Kerridge from the Auckland SPCA doesn't seem to have gotten it out of his system yet. Bob is back on the attack, ranting for a full page in the most recent issue of 'Animal's Voice' the SPCA's mag (copy below left). Bob's best friends are butchers, so this attack implies that many butchers are very sad at the moment. So despite all Bob's reiterating about ALF activities doing no good there's the proof to the contrary! Bob has gotten alot of his facts wrong, perhaps people should try writing him a polite letter, so that he is better informed about the ALF, and understands them more clearly.

Back on attack - 'Bob's View'

"Every now and then they emerge from under their rocks to make some protest in the name of "animal rights" and, in so doing, in one fell swoop bring the good work of "animal welfarists" into disrepute.

I refer to the Animal Liberation Front - ALF for short.

My first encounter with them was about a decade ago when, on a sunny Saturday morning, I rushed into an Auckland Hospital site to inspect and comment upon the consequences of a petrol bomb hurled by this ALF mob at a building housing both animals and people. The protest was about animal experiments being conducted by the medical fraternity in the hospital.

Thank God neither people nor animals were hurt in that mindless gesture. And where was ALF? Nowhere. They had slithered back under the rock from whence they had come!

The point of the exercise still eludes me. To place the very animals they purport to protect under the threat of being incinerated alive to make a gesture was fruitless. It had no effect whatsoever in changing the attitude toward vivisection, which we all abhor, to the one of reasonable sanity and control that exists today.

More recently (in March to be precise) ALF turned its attacks on butchers and beekeepers by desecrating property owned by these people, presumably in protest at their "vocation" and "intensive farming".

The destructive action was again illegal, anonymous and equally fruitless and cowardly. To target butchers (some of my best friends are butchers) will not change the reality that some people eat meat and others choose not to - that is freedom of choice.

And again where was ALF to defend and justify its actions?

ALF epitomises all that is wrong in the methods which some people will adopt in an attempt to change attitudes and public opinion.

It is as wrong in the animal world as it is in human relationships. (Does chopping down a very special tree, or ruining an historical and proudly earned, internationally famous sporting trophy bring us closer to racial harmony, or does it drive a stake of greater division between us?)

This "animal rights" group has it all wrong. Its members are divisive and destructive in their actions. Their activities are illegal and criminal. They are confrontational, but faceless, hiding (one can only assume) in shame.

And perhaps their greatest mistake is that they perform these mindless acts "for the animals" to demand their rights!

Let me suggest that animals do not demand rights. You will never see animals gesture or stage a mass uprising, demanding anything.

They don't rebel lead revolutions or picket properties. They don't resort to violence or destroy human property to gain attention. They don't break the law, terrorise or threaten anyone for anything.

They place their trust in us to protect them, feed them and to provide security. They seek sanctity of our homes or the haven of our paddocks and our respect for their time on this earth. No demands... just hope and trust in us.

With the clarity and purity of the animals voice, we do not need an ALF to scream for them! No thank you!

"some of my best friends are butchers"

Here are some quick rebuttals to some common accusations made about the ALF, they relate somewhat to Bob's letter so you might like to read that first.

Putting some facts straight

1. ALF probably don't live under rocks

2. ALF do not 'protest'. Protesting is something people do when they are asking for something to stop. ALF don't ask, they smash things. They probably even think that this is a quicker and more effective way to shut abusive businesses down because no one can say "no" to them then.

3. ALF are totally non-violent. No animal or person has ever been injured in an ALF action. No body was harmed at the Auckland hospital incident. However the event probably put a few people off wanting to be vivisectors when they grow up and made animal torturers who worked there think twice as well.

4. ALF's main aim is not to 'persuade the public'. Whether the public agree with them or not, whether they change their views about vivisection or eating meat as a result or not, ALF will probably continue to try and save animals. Infact the aim of the attacks, and the nature of ALF's tactics would seem to have more to do with shutting down abusive businesses and saving animals than lobbying public opinion.

5. If ALF stood up publicly and defended their tactic's they would get arrested. Then they couldn't go out again and save more animals - this is harder to do when your in jail. Actually, if someone did 'come out' many would think them rather silly.

6. Some people talk about their freedom of choice to kill animals. We might ask: should there be 'freedom of choice' to gang rape someone, molest a child, beat up someone because of their skin colour? Ethics and morality are also quite important!

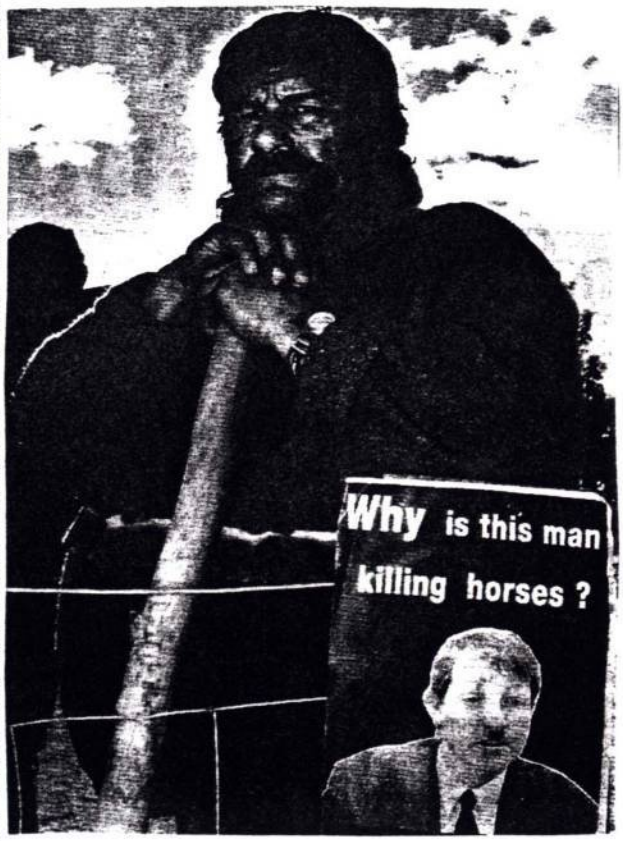
7. Many people actually agree with Bob when he says animals don't need rights. Perhaps they need liberation much more. Instead of having rights within OUR society, rights that we would decide for them, most probably just want to be left alone and stop being tortured every day of their lives.

8. Is Bob an 'infiltrator'? Bob has conned people into thinking he loves animals. They give money for the animals only to see Bob spending much of his time attacking the 'animal rights' movement and non-violent ALF. The SPCA purports to be against factory farming, so why is their executive director always defending butchers? Suspicious?

Tino Rangatiratanga, animal rights

The Kaimanawa horse issue has been portrayed in the media as a simple conflict between horse-lovers and environmentalists concerned about Aotearoa's endangered plant species. However, if we look more closely, we can see that this is not just a story of wild horses and endangered plants - the strands include the Army, animal rights, and Tino Rangatiratanga...

Wild horses have been roaming the Central Plateau of the North Island of Aotearoa for over 150 years. In 1981 a protection order was placed on the herd, which may now number 1500 horses, though accurate counts are difficult. The herd is genetically unique - they carry a protease not seen in other horses, and are one of the few remaining viable herds of wild horses in the world. They are listed by the Food and Agriculture Organisation as biologically unique. A population of at least 1000 is needed to maintain genetic viability.



In 1996 the Department of Conservation produced a Kaimanawa horse "management plan" which proposed to reduce horse numbers to 500, and eventually possibly to zero - ostensibly to protect indigenous plants in the Moawhango region, which they claimed the horses were destroying. They originally planned to shoot the horses using helicopters in Autumn 1996. Public pressure led to this being changed to a muster and adoption scheme which is currently near completion. Horses were to be mustered by helicopter, and then auctioned. Those not chosen were to be slaughtered in a local abattoir, and the flesh exported to Europe, where it is considered to be a great delicacy.

The Moawhango region where the horses live has the North Island's most extensive remaining red tussock lands. Rabbits and hares are abundant in the area, and the Department of Conservation has used thousands of kilos of 1080 to try to control them. The horses are now contaminated with 1080 poison. Around 40,000 kilos of 1080 were dumped in the area last year.

10 endangered plant species have been listed in this region. Many of these were extremely common prior to Pakeha settlement - the red-tufted sedge once populated at least half of the North Island. Several of the endangered species (such as buttercups and bidibidi) are not grazed by the horses. These plants seem to be threatened by human impacts as much as horse impacts.

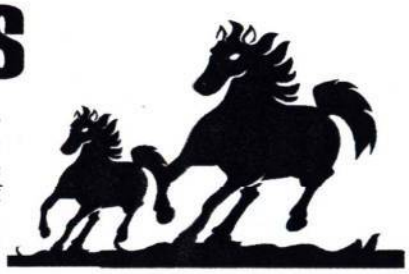
Three reasons have been proffered by the Department of Conservation, as to why they cannot fence off the areas containing threatened plants. Firstly, the Department says that fencing would cost too much. However the cost of protecting the areas with a 2 strand fence would be $54,000 (according to quotes by local contractors). This contrasts with costs of $480,000 for the muster, or 167,000 for a helicopter cull. The Department routinely fences off small areas of important biodiversity in other areas - why not here? Secondly, the Department says that fencing would disrupt Army exercises. Yet what are the Army doing moving their vehicles in these vulnerable areas? Do they have a rare red-tufted sedge spotter at watch on each tank or truck? It seems unlikely. Finally, Department of Conservation argues that the horses may injure themselves on fences. However, this risk seems small compared to the certainty of death by abattoir or helicopters - or the existing risks to the horses posed by Army exercises and mines. The main reason not to fence seems to be pressure from the Army. The Army have been lobbying to kill the horses for decades as they interfere with Army exercises. They opposed the 1981 protection order on the horses, and were lobbying for extermination from 1988 onwards. Army demands were included in the first Department of Conservation draft management plan for the horses, but were dropped when only 3 submissions (including one from the Army) supported removing the herd for Army training.

Extensive Army damage can be observed in the Moawhango region. A recent Army Land Use Study indicated that the Army were the major environmental risk in the area. Environmental impacts caused by the Army include: bombardments, deliberate targeting of wet areas (which are most vulnerable), waste disposal, road construction, and accidental fires. In 1985 about 15,000 hectares of tussock burned out of control for several days on the Central Plateau. Since 1987 Department of Conservation has spent around 3.5 million dollars on fire control. According to English studies, horses grazing in these environments reduce fire risk.

From an animal rights perspective, the horses should remain roaming the central plateau as free wild animals. The horses were introduced by people, so if they are threatening plants, it is up to people to find a way of protecting plants without harming the horses. Fencing seems the obvious solution. Adopting, taming, or breaking in the horses may save them physically, but would take away their right to live free from human control in their natural social groupings. Dispersed, interbred with other horses, and tamed, they would no longer be the Kaimanawa wild horses.

Another major issue is Tino Rangatiratanga. Most of the area the horses are on is Maaori land which is either leased out to the Army, or has been taken over by proclamation. The Waitangi Tribunal has registered a claim over the horses and their land and a complaint has been registered with MAF under the Animal Protection Act about the culling by the hapu Ngati Tama Whiti of Ngati Tuwharetoa. The hapu Ngati Whitikaupeka (of Ngati Tuwharetoa too) also see the horses as part of their land, part of their tikanga. The horses are descended from those released by Maaori over 150 years ago. Maaori see the horses as tapu, and part of their heritage to hand on to their children, because the environment constantly evolves, and the horses are now part of that environment. Under Treaty of Waitangi provisions, Maaori should have been involved in the drawing up of the Kaimanawa horse plan, but at no point were they consulted. The horses were on the land when it came under Pakeha control - Maaori seek the

& the Kaimanawa horses



return of the horses as wild free animals to their guardianship when the lease on the land expires. They demand self-determination both for themselves and the horses.

Activists from Wellington Animal Action and Auckland Animal Action have been involved in protests against the genocide of the horses over the past few weeks.

On Saturday the 17nth of June we met at the Taihape town clock at 9am, and drove to the Desert Road, where we joined KHAN(Kaimanawa Horse Action Network) members standing by the side of the road holding placards - till our arms felt as cold as the mountains behind us. Despite initial problems with the barbecue, which blackened, but did not cook our vegetarian sausages, we managed to serve a vegan lunch and dinner to KHAN. With the arrival of local people who had more information about the land, the following day was more exciting and productive. On Sunday afternoon someone spotted a truck laden with horses, and a car chase began. A small truck managed to overtake the horsetruck, whereupon it conveniently got a flat tyre and stopped, blocking the horse truck. Balaclava-clad activists jumped out of the following cars and leapt onto the truck, scaring the driver somewhat. Two wimmin from Auckland Animal Action managed to chain themselves to the truck, while it was backing into and damaging the car behind it (which was also driven by a KHAN activist). Some rather bemused police arrived but did not interfere as the media interviewed activists and took photographs. After about an hour the horses were becoming distressed, and we decided to let the truck proceed on its way - on the condition that we were allowed to follow it and observe the horses while they were being unloaded so that we were able to check that any injured animals received appropriate veterinary care. However, a few kilometres into our journey, police cars blocked the road, and we were forced to stop. We explained that we had arranged to follow the truck, but the police officers announced that the road was closed, and no-one was allowed to continue, even on foot. At this point, two Auckland Animal Action Activists were arrested, and charged with obstruction. On consultation with a local Maaori elder, Hape Lomax, we decided to return to the marae where we were staying for further discussion and planning.The next day, a group of activists broke into a media briefing given by the Department of Conservation at Waiouru on army land. Although the protest was quiet and peaceful, eight activists were swiftly, and brutally arrested by a phalanx of Taihape and military police. One woman in her fifties was dragged away by her ears, another had a large clump of hair pulled out, and a third nearly had her arm dislocated. All were charged with trespass.

The next weekend, Wellington Animal Action travelled up to Taihape again, and joined KHAN's roadside protest once more. Early on Saturday afternoon, more trucks carrying horses were sighted, and we followed three truckloads to their destination at a holding farm outside of Taihape. There we observed and photographed the distressed horses being unloaded with the aid of electric cattleprods. After the first truck had unloaded and was empty, activists made a brief attempt to lock themselves to the truck once more. However, before anything had been achieved, the police leapt in and arrested three people, again using excessive force - one activist had his arm severely bruised. The 3 arrestees were then kept in a Taihape police cell for 5 hours while the police tried to track down a horsetruck which had gone missing - they believed it had been hijacked. Unfortunately this was way beyond our powers! Eventually the missing truck (which had been waiting at the wrong place) turned up, and the prisoners were released. On the Sunday, we took part in a noisy protest at the picnic area outside Waiouru Museum. One KHAN activist stood on a tank with a megaphone and placards and delivered a long speech, in which he exhorted soldiers to rebel against their commanding officers while the Army supported the cull of the Kaimanawa horses. The speech could be heard even inside the museum cafe. The museum managers, the police, the army, and the military police all looked on in dismay and confusion - as we were standing on public land, they were unable to ask us to move or make arrests!

On the 7nth of June, around 30 people from Ngati Whitikaupeka moved into the central Waiouru picnic ground, protesting in support of their land claim, and against the slaughter of the horses. Overnight they built a marae, the wharenui and wharekai standing on a block of land in between the two main roads in the area. The Maaori flag flew above the old wooden noticeboard "Welcome to Waiouru - Gateway to Adventure", and banners emblazoned with "Stop the muster: To muster is to butcher" hung along the fenceposts. Local people showed their approval by bringing firewood - and even a Port-A-Loo! Four Wellington Animal Action activists arrived on Sunday morning to support the occupation, the first people to be welcomed onto the marae. After we had had cups of tea, three Army officers arrived to brief us on "safety issues" - ie to warn us to stay off Army land! Even though this was clearly meant to intimidate us, the main message we drew from the briefing was the vast extent of Army damage to the land - it is effectively impossible to clean it up. In the afternoon we heard that the Department of Conservation had ordered a digger to bury horses near the Paradise Road area of the Army base. Media and two local activists had tried to reach the spot, but were buzzed by helicopters and finally stopped short by the police and Army. It seemed unlikely that we would fare better, so we drove instead to the farms holding the horses - we hoped to check the number and condition of the horses. When we reached the area, we could see only around two hundred horses, although Department of Conservation claimed to have mustered nearly 1000 horses. Taihape local people assured us that there were no other farms holding horses. This strongly indicated to us that hundreds of horses had already been shot.

The local hapu, Ngati Whitikaupeka were totally supportive throughout. They offered us their marae as a place to stay, waited for us while were in the cells, and Hape Lomax even offered us a permanent house for activists to stay at during the protest. Unfortunately we had to turn this down, as all of us had commitments in Auckland and Wellington. They also gave us lots of advice, and wonderful stories!

Despite all our efforts, the muster went ahead, and hundreds of horses have probably already gone to the slaughterhouse. Our protest and disruption and time spent in the police cells did not save one single horse. Yet we came very close - the police and the Department of Conservation considered us, few as we were, to represent a serious threat, and our actions received unprecedented media coverage. Even the driver of the truck we stopped refused to carry any more Kaimanawa horses. With more people and resources, what might we have achieved? The protest was also significant because for once, animal rights and Tino Rangatiratanga activists found ourselves struggling towards the same goals - for once animals rights activists found an issue which transcended our white, middle-class image. Hopefully, this is just a beginning, and not a memory which fades with our photographs.

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BATTERY EGGS CAMPAIGN

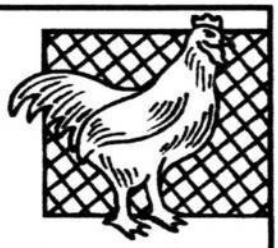


Three years ago a number of groups launched a petition calling for a citizens initiated referendum on the abolition of battery cages. Although this petition failed, the campaign around it made the issue of battery cages into the most widely known animal issue in the country. Since then, the animal rights movement has failed to follow up on all this public sympathy and nothing has been done. Some of us in Wellington Animal Action have been thinking that the abolition of battery cages and battery hen farming can be achieved by the animal rights movement in a few years if we put some effort in and do it properly. After we have won we will also have a much stronger and more radical animal rights movement.

What went wrong?

We think that, although the previous campaign made battery cages a well known public issue, there were a lot of mistakes made by the groups that ran the campaign. For a start the campaign was run by groups who thought that a petition was going to be enough to stop battery cages. When it wasn't, the campaign stopped and everyone gave up. I know there are still people out there doing good work, but the main groups who were backing the campaign pulled out as soon as the petition failed. Another thing was that the campaign also promoted free range eggs as an alternative to battery eggs. Although free range farming is preferable to battery cages it still involves cruelty and a lot of activists were not comfortable with this aspect of the campaign, seeing it as a welfare campaign rather than a campaign for animal liberation. The campaign was also limited to one tactic, that of a petition, rather than many different tactics moving in the same direction.

BATTERY FARMING IN AOTEAROA



*95% of eggs produced in NZ are from hens kept in cages. This involves 2-2.5 million hens.

* A Battery Hen will spend her life in a cage the size of this A4 Page, it is so small she is unable to walk, spread her wings or dustbathe. The space is comparable to you or I living our entire lives in a compact car with six adults. As a result she will suffer from severe bone weakness.

* A female chick will have part of her beak seared off with a red-hot iron at 3-5 days old. This is done in an attempt to reduce feather pecking and lessen the damage to other birds, but this barbaric mutilation also means her ability to eat, drink and preen normally will be impaired.

* She will never feel the grass beneath her feet or be able to perch, nest or lay in privacy. Hens are shy and sensitive birds, in nature a hen would lay a clutch of eggs and sit on them until they hatch, then rear her chicks. It's only because the eggs are always taken away that she keeps laying more; no wonder she's exhausted quite soon.

* Her life is one of constant pain, fear and distress; caused by the extreme conditions in which she must live. Totally deprived of her most basic behavioural needs she is treated like a machine.

What we want to do.

We want to abolish the battery cage. There are two ways to do this. One is to educate people about the cruelty involved in the egg industry, and the other is to make business for egg farmers as expensive and difficult as possible. Both aims can be easily accomplished if we work hard. We need to have a serious campaign involving as many activists as possible. There are a lot of people still around from the days of the petition and they are all experienced with the battery hen issue, so we need to include them, as well the more radical vegan groups.

The campaign would be for the abolition of the battery cage, but would not endorse free range eggs. We would need to include as many of the people involved in the petition campaign as we could, while explaining to them that free range eggs still involve cruelty to animals by killing male chicks, and still enslaving the animals and killing them when they stop laying eggs.

When dealing with the general public we would focus on the evils of the battery cage, while subtly promoting veganism and vegan recipes as an alternative.

How we are going to do it?

To win this issue we need to work on many different levels at once, all of which must encourage more and more people to be involved in the campaign. Talking to politicians and doing deals with the Body Shop is a waste of time so we don't want to do that. The main focus of the campaign will be on people all over the country getting involved whichever way they can using a variety of tactics, but all working towards the same goal.

A beginning activist can grab a few leaflets or posters or whatever and stand outside a supermarket anywhere in the

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country and educate people about battery cages. Its easy, No one can argue that the cages are not cruel. Its an easy issue and the main points can be made on a small leaflet so anyone can get involved. Every person in the country has a supermarket selling battery eggs within half an hours walk of their house

Animal rights groups could organise weekly pickets/stalls at supermarkets (We all hate supermarkets, here's a way to get at them!) and with a bit of effort could organise high profile civil disobedience type actions at battery farms (there is at least one within half an hours drive of every medium size town in the country) a few times a year. Australian animal lib activists have had a lot of success with this sort of direct action in the last two years and we can learn a lot from them.

I'm sure the Animal Liberation Front would join in on the campaign too. Imagine if the ALF started smashing up supermarkets as well as butchers. Imagine if egg trucks parked on the side of the road became undriveable or maybe even caught fire at nighttime! And the chickens themselves would love to move to new homes provided by the ALF. Public support for these tactics would increase if campaigners for chicken freedom publicly supported direct action and used it to promote a boycott of battery eggs.

There are animal rights supporters in many towns and cities around Aotearoa but we haven't really come up with a long term campaign that everyone can get involved in yet. We think this could be an ideal long term campaign with a good chance of success which already has wide support from the public. If you have any thoughts, suggestions etc or want to get involved in planning out this campaign, please get in touch with us at the following address:

Battery Eggs Campaign



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"The best moment of 1996 was when I collapsed on a floor of hay and was quickly covered with a hundred hens just rescued from hell. The fifteenth rescue at Happy Hens was like no other. It took a nine member team three trips across a paddock flooded in bright moonlight, and twelve hours of extremely hard work to get 105 hens to safety. One didn't make it. She was found lying on the floor of her cage and I just couldn't leave her behind. I carried her so gently, wrapped in a pillow case pressed to my heart. She died on the way to the vet, her weight was a mere 600 grams, one quarter of what it should be" (Patty Mark)

[excerpt taken from the editorial blurb by Patty Mark in 'ACTION' magazine no.57. Feb 97', P. O. Box 15 Elwood 3184, Victoria, Australia]

This excerpt talks about the recent rescues from "Happy Hen Egg World" in Australia. Australian activists have been campaigning against battery farming for some time now. Mainstream animal rights groups like 'Animal Liberation' have done several protests, rescues of hens and direct actions at battery farms. Also see pg 16-17 'News' for more about some of the Aussie campaigns.

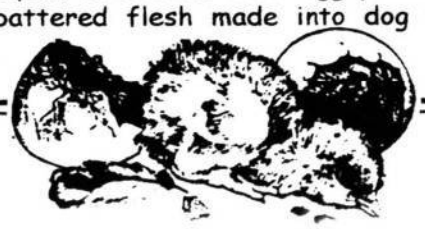
Every day in N.Z. hundreds of baby chicks are pushed ALIVE into mincing machines

WHY?

Because they were born male - and male chickens can't lay eggs

Many people don't understand why some who campaign against battery farming also hesitate to recommend 'free range' eggs. This is because the whole system of egg production is incredibly cruel. To produce eggs you need to produce female chickens but the law of averages says that for every female chick you get, you will also get a male. Half of the chicks that are hatched are killed; male chicks are useless, they cannot produce the one thing that makes them profitable for the farmer - eggs. For this reason thousands of these new born male chicks are killed every week. All egg producing businesses support this system - after all, even free range farms only require female chickens.

Also, even the "lucky" female chicks will go on to a life of relentless laying only to be slaughtered years before their natural lifespan, as soon as their egg production lessen's. Their battered flesh made into dog food, sausages or soup.





The McLibel Trial

- so who really won?



The Battle Lines

In the early 1980s "London Greenpeace" began running an anti-McDonald's campaign. From 1986 onwards, a six page leaflet - What's wrong with McDonald's? Everything they don't want you to know." - was at the heart of the campaign. The leaflet accused McDonald's of being responsible for starvation in the Third World, of destroying vast areas of Central American rainforest, of serving unhealthy food with a very real risk of cancer of the breast or bowel and heart disease and food poisoning, of lying when it claimed to use recycled paper, of exploiting children with its advertising and marketing, of cruelty to animals, and of treating its employees badly; all the while deceiving the public and hiding its true nature behind a clean, bright image. The leaflet was published at a time when there was growing public awareness of issues affecting the environment and the relationship of diet to health. Animal welfare and mass media advertising attracted campaigners. Working conditions have always been the subject of debate. McDonald's became concerned the leaflet was affecting public opinion, particularly in the country where it originated. In 1989 a decision was made to try to stop further publication of the leaflet. Attempts were made to obtain cogent evidence identifying the members of London Greenpeace, who were responsible for publishing the leaflet, and in September, 1990, proceedings were started against Ms Steel, Mr Morris and three others, Paul Gravett, Andrew Clarke and Jonathan O'Farrell. The writ and Statement of Claim sought damages and an injunction restraining further publication of the words complained of in the leaflet. Under this pressure three of the activists ended up apologising They fell from the case. But Ms Steel and Mr Morris decided to fight on. They denied that they had been involved in the publication of the leaflet. They alleged that the words complained of were true or that they were fair comment on matters of public interest. In the run up to the trial which eventually began on 28th June, 1994, the case received much publicity, much of which was, of course unfavourable to McDonald's who became widely perceived as bullies out to stifle freedom of speech. Between March and May, 1994, the U.K. company produced and published a press release, a leaflet and a background briefing to explain why McDonald's was going to court. Ms Steel and Mr Morris took these publications to call them liars and to make other defamatory statements about their conduct. So Ms Steel and Mr Morris counterclaimed damages for libel from the U.K. company. The McLibel trial was to make legal history, becoming the longest trial ever to have run in an English court. It began on June 28 1994 and ended December 13 1996, and took up 313 days of court time.

THE VERDICT

The judge had to rule on each of the allegations made on the leaflet one by one, judging each separately. He only had to disagree with one of the statements for the defendants to be found guilty of libel. The judge ruled:

1. The Issues the defendants won: "It was true to say that the Plaintiffs [McDonald's] exploit children by using them as more susceptible subjects of advertising, to pressurise their parents into going to McDonalds." and the " the Plaintiffs are culpably responsible for cruel practices in the rearing and slaughter of some of the animals which are used to produce their food." They also won the point that McDonald's pay very low wages to their workers.

2. The Issues the Defendants failed to defend: "blame for starvation in the Third World, and destruction of rainforest, and of knowingly selling food with a serious risk of damaging their customers' health... The allegation of lying about their use of recycled paper..." the judge ruled as libelous. Yet even on these issues the statements the judge made were often inconclusive sounding. For example on the issue of the healthiness of the food the judge said that "McDonald's food is high in fat, including saturated fat, salt and animal products" and that such a diet sustained over years "does lead to a very real risk of heart disease". He also stated that McDonald's "pretended a nutritional benefit" in food which it did not have. However he believed that it was unfair to refer to McDonalds food as 'poison'. That it merely increased the risk of heart disease and cancers, and was safe when eaten in moderation.

Damages awarded to McDonald's amount to about £60,000. David Morris is on income support and Helen Steel earns £64 a week.. It is unlikely McDonalds will get their money. McDonalds is not saying whether or not they will try and collect.

Mr Morris claims that the case had only hardened their resolve

" No force on earth is going to prevent campaigners from disseminating alternative opinions and facts about McDonald's to the public".



The verdict is given in full on the McSpotlight web page and is huge taking up some 800 pages! Obviously I cannot go into detail on each issue. But lets take a quick look at the animal welfare issue, as that's most relevant here. Of all the issues it was perhaps the easiest to defend, because, as you will see, the evidence about practices on McDonald's farms and slaughterhouses was particularly damming

On the farming and slaughter of chickens...

McDonalds slaughterhouses use carbon dioxide at high concentrations to kill chicks. This causes a "profound and unpleasant sense of breathlessness" and it takes 2-3 minutes for them to die. Chicks are chucked into barrels and chicks at the bottom of the drum get squashed alive by those on top of them.

Some birds at the McDonalds slaughterhouse miss the stun bath completely on their way to slaughter. This happens if a bird happens to lift its head above water level as it passes the bath. Birds that miss the bath usually also miss the neck cutter which they come to next. This means that **some birds both miss the bath and have their necks cut, decapitated in fact, while fully conscious. The judge worked out that about 5,500 to 7,500 birds a week or 40-50 birds an hour are being decapitated fully conscious on their way to becoming McDonalds products.**

At McDonalds battery farms the " total deprivation of all natural activities save eating, drinking, some minimal movement, defecating and laying eggs, and that the one in three or four of them which suffer broken bones on "harvesting" for slaughter must feel some significant pain" The judge described the battery system as "cruel in respect of the almost total restraint of the birds and the incidence of broken bones when they are taken for slaughter. "

On the Farming and Slaughter of Pigs...

Pigs destined for McDonald's are initially stunned by placing electric tongs behind their neck and ears, electrodes should not be applied here. This **causes pigs to become paralysed but may not render them unconscious.**Observers said that "There was excessive carcass twitching during sticking and whilst the pigs were suspended from the bleeding rail, which made sticking more difficult and more dangerous for the sticker. Dr Gregory saw **two pigs fall from their shackles into the blood channel before they were stuck, so they were shot by a man with a captive bolt gun to make sure that they did not regain consciousness"** The judge found McDonald's guilty of cruelty because " there was a risk that the initial neck application at G.D. Bowes paralysed the pigs, or some of them, and caused them pain, without rendering them unconscious. "

At McDonald's abattoirs 7,500 birds a week miss the stunning baths and are decapitated while they are fully conscious

In summary the judge ruled that "in my judgment they (McDonald's) could use their considerable influence to avoid the particular practices which I have judged to be cruel. They did not, in fact, argue to the contrary. No doubt some changes would raise the cost of their chicken products, but there was no evidence that the cost would be increased significantly. The Plaintiffs did not, in any event, take this point. In my judgment the First and Second Plaintiffs are responsible and culpably responsible."

Some Famous McQuotes from the Witness Box:

- **David Green McDonald's senior vice president of Marketing asserted "McDonald's food is nutritious" and even defended Coca Cola as nutritious in "providing water; and I think that is part of a balanced diet"**
- **Den Fujita President McDonald's Japan: "the reason Japanese people are so short and have yellow skins is because they have eaten nothing but fish and rice for two thousand years","if we eat McDonald's hamburgers and potatoes for a thousand years we will become taller, our skin white and our hair blonde"**
- **Ed Oakly from McDonald's UK stated that there is "no landfill problem in the UK"... "I can see [the dumping of waste] to be a benefit, otherwise you will end up with lots of vast, empty gravel pits all over the country." When asked if he was asserting that dumping waste in land fills was an environmental benefit he replied "yes, it is certainly not a problem"**
- **In a letter from the McDonald's corporation they stated that "we can assure you that the only Brazilian beef used by McDonald's is that purchased by the six stores located in Brazil itself"**
- **Dr Neville Gregory, McDonald's expert witness stated that "Hens kept in batteries are better cared for" He described the battery cage as "pretty comfortable"**

Need I go on?

So who really won?

In the publicity stakes McDonald's could only loose. From the beginning lawyers warned McDonald's of this. The original effect of the leaflet had a few hundred readers but the entire 20,000 transcript of the case has been put on a worldwide web site reaching millions - literally, the site is one of the most active and has been accessed 13 million times! A shorter version of the trial is now available in 17 different languages. It has been written about and featured in newspapers all around the world. The trial ensured that all McDonald's dirty laundry got a public airing. The anti-McDonald's campaign is now one of the most effective campaign's ever run, there's no way this type of coverage would've occurred otherwise!

The cost of legal fees alone, for the trial is estimated to have cost McDonald's £10 million. McDonald's also spent heavily on private investigators. It had at least 7 agents in London Greenpeace - at times there were as many undercover detectives at group meetings as there were genuine activists. The defendants case was supported by the £40,000 worth of donations collected over the course of the trial and many lawyers gave their advice and help free.

And all this for what? Do they really think that people are going to stop distributing the leaflet, they have made it infamous, now people are interested in what we have to say, now we have all the wonderful quotes and stupid statements made by McDonald's in court to brandy about. And how can people even take the results of the trial seriously. Everyone knew McDonald's was going to win, they had all the money, the power, the influence, the experts. The defendants nothing. The result is not going to fool anyone.

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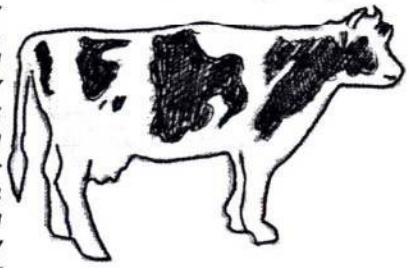
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DANCER

The story of one rescued dairy cow

- By Lois Flynne



"this calf she was going to get to keep forever. On that, I was bound and determined."

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Dancer came to me when she was six going on seven. For the first six years of her life she had had no name - just a number, as part of a large dairy herd. She was about seven months pregnant when she came to me, a Jersey Springer, her great bag swinging, heavy with milk from her last calf long gone, long dead, long veal. Not long ago, like all the rest, her fifth baby had been taken from her, barely a day old, a little boy. You see them at the auctions, in crates out front of the dairies, pathetic little fellows, their navels often-times still wet from their birthing, their little empty bellies unfed, their soft baby voices lowing for their frantic mothers, once more confined to the hydra suck of the godawful machines draining their milk into the vast vats and thence to the maws of humankind.

Five, perhaps six, such babies Dancer had born. From the time she was physically able to have babies, she had carried and birthed a baby a year. For two hundred and seventy nine days each year, she carried her baby curled high in her belly, close to her heart, while the machines sucked and sucked at her teats, sucking the milk of the baby before. One day each year she spent giving birth, twenty-four hours hours to nurse her baby, nuzzling and washing and nurturing the tiny creature with her rich colostrum. Then they would come as they always came, the soul-dead tenders of the hydra machines, and kick and curse her back and seize her baby and drag it away, boys to the vealers, girls to be raised for the same servitude as their mother. Ah, god, the dreadful, deadful, mooomoaning bellow of the two, such a keening knell of awful anguish that surely must move a stone to pity..... to no avail.

One day, shortly after her last baby, Dancer slipped and fell on the wet concrete ramp as she and other mothers were being herded to the milking.

Somehow one of the others trod on her teat and it was ripped away as she struggled to rise, or so the story is told. Perhaps it was mashed by the machine and hacked away by one of the tenders. Who knows how she came to lose a teat, but certain it is that a three-teated cow is no use to the machines. So she was sent to auction, kicked and cussed onto the truck, kicked and cussed thirsty and hungry into the ring for the bidders to start, like all her babies before her. And she stood there with her painful swollen bag, dripping milk and blood from her torn teat, shaking her great head at her tormentors. And she bellowed, as her babies had bellowed, as all of the mothers bellowed, and the babies there bellowed, mooomoan, such a keening knell of awful anguish that surely must move a stone to pity.

I bought Dancer. Not only did I buy her, I paid her auction price, a bargain to be sure, because Dancer now carried a calf. And this calf she was going to get to keep forever. On that, I was bound and determined.

As her time grew closer, I obsessively began counting days, looking up gestation tables in the manual again and again. Always it said the same: 279 days for a Jersey. I counted the days off on the calendar, August 1st. Every time, it came up August 1st. Again and again. I counted forward. I counted backward. August 1st.

While I fretted, Dancer wandered the range with her friends, grazing the grass. She sat with her circle in the shade by the creek, chewing her cud. Morning and night the cows came to the barn for their hay and their grain and their treats, apples, carrots, bananas, grapes. A week before August 1st, I prepared Dancers stall. Was 16 by 32 large enough? Too large? Too small? When should I confine her? *Should* I confine her?

Dancer herself settled the confinement question. When I tried to lock her in, she bellowed with such anguish that I immediately turned her loose with her friends. I decided to go with the advice of my rancher friends who ran cattle wild on the range. Keep an eye on her from a distance," they said. "She's had calves before. She'll know what to do. She'll pick her spot."

And so Dancer dropped her calf right on schedule, at dusk in the cool of the evening on August 1st. She picked her spot, as the ranchers had foretold, a clean spot, surrounded by a fierce stand of thigh-high star-thistle bristling with one-inch thorns situated at the southwest corner of a 40-acre paddock in which all the water and shade was at the northwest end. In the gathering dark from my distant perch, I barely discerned the ease and grace of the birth, the competent way Dancer cleaned her calf, licking and loving its tiny form, nudging it carefully to its feet for its first tentative steps and flop back down. Then she nudged it back up again. Stronger steps this time, though still a comedy walk, guiding it, guiding it back along her side to her dripping bag, crooning softly to it reaching out...oops, it loses its balance and sits back down. Patiently she starts the whole process again...and again...till it fastens on and sucks for maybe a minute. Then it rests. Then up again. Another

minute-long suck, then a little later a stronger minute...caught in flashlight glimpses. Dancer has done it. She has had her calf, a fine healthy calf, mother and baby doing well.

But now I had a real problem. Suddenly it struck me. Dancer and baby are at one end of the field surrounded by a thicket of thorns.Water, shade and sweet grass are at the other end of the field. The barn is even farther away and August 2nd is forecast to be a scorcher, 110 degrees in the shade. I did not have a pick up. All I had was a 1983 much-abused Toyota 4-wheel-drive wagon. Nine a.m. came, and Dancer was still in her star-thistle fortress.

In retrospect, the story is funny. It was serious at the time. Knowing Dancer's history, the whole notion of picking up and moving her calf was anthema to me. How do we explain to them the sometimes horrible things we do to them, we do out of love, in their best interests to the best of our soul-searching perceptions? That was how I approached Dancer, torn. I knew that picking up her calf would bring back all the nightmares of all her other calves, the dreadful desolation. I knew it would also be but momentary. The sun was already burning down. She and her calf had to move from her thorn fortress into the shade. I drove to within twenty feet of her and the calf and brought her grain. She would have none of it. She tossed her head and pawed the ground and did her fighting bull act. A long time ago, perhaps as a child growing up round my father's greyhounds and running free around relatives farms, in with the pigs and the cows and the bull, and with older sisters who were legendary horsewomen, I had learned that, unless they consider you something good to eat, non-human animals simply do not want to hurt you. They will posture and threaten. Even when they are acting to protect themselves, they generally choose to use the minimum force necessary. They mostly just want to get away.

I did not consider myself brave when I approached Dancer and picked up her baby. I was much more worried about her distress than any threat to me. Moreover, I was in more danger from the star-thistle scratching through my jeans and stabbing through my sneakers. Dancer danced around me, threatening, making missing passes at my body with her head. I picked up her baby and carried it to the car, placing it carefully in the rear compartment. I was too preoccupied to appreciate how perfectly exquisite it was, with its great ears and great eyes, soft nose that wrinkled at my smell, tiny hooves still encased in its birth slippers. Most of all I remember its perfect trust, it obvious belief in a benevolent world that would continue to love it as its mother loved it. How could anyone ever hurt such a creature? How can we let the hurt continue? How can we stop it? I guess ***one calf at a time, one mind at a time. One calf's story reaching many minds one by one.***

Slowly, I started to drive toward the shade, the baby quieted, relaxed in the back, seemingly enjoying the jaunt. Not so Dancer. She ran frantically round and round searching for her baby, bellowing the awful bellow that will tear my heart for eternity. But she did not seem to know to follow the car. The baby now started to fret, "maaaaa." I promptly drove back to Dancer and opened up the rear door to show her the baby. Once more I tried to drive away. Once more I drove back. The sun was going for its personal best in scorchers. I lifted the baby from the car and started out across the field with it in my arms. This worked. Dancer followed, dancing around making soft noises to the baby, then gently butting me along to speed up the process that was getting heavier at every step. Bang. Another butt from Dancer. Stagger a few more steps. Bang again. So it went for the whole miserable thousand feet, every rotten miserable inch of it with star-thistle stuck in my sneakers and jeans.

The baby was a girl. Dancer nursed her till she was almost eighteen months old. Of course, they are still together, here at the sanctuary. Leanna Pavlova will be two in August. Dancer no longer becomes frantic at the sight of cattle trucks coming on the property, bringing new arrivals. She dances with her very grown-up baby and the other cows under the light of the moon. Sometimes, they let me dance with them, whirling and swirling, such light-footed giants, in tune with the earth and the beauty of being.

A cow being able to do something as simple as get the chance to see her own calf grow to maturity, to suckle her own baby until it is weaned, should not be such a rare occurrence, yet such a thing is rare indeed.

In N.Z. dairy cows have their calves taken from them at 1-2 days after giving birth. The mother cows are allowed to give the first feed only because this first feed, the colostrum contains elements essential for bolstering the newborn calf's immune system. Like all mothers, cows only produce milk to feed their newborn baby. Because of humans unnatural taste for cows milk thousands of baby calves are 'disposed of' every year so that greedy humans can steal this milk to have in their tea or coffee, cereal, ice cream...

To ensure an ongoing supply of milk dairy cows are kept continually pregnant, this also ensures a continual supply of veal. The two industries are closely intertwined. Dairy cows are killed when their milk yield begins to drop and it becomes more profitable to bring in a youngster. Few dairy cows will live out more than 8 or 9 of their expected 20 year lifespan.

This is why vegans don't consume milk or milk products.

But perhaps Dancer is one of the best reasons.

THE Vegan SOCIETY

Membership is $10 p.a. includes free subscription to their magazine

VEGAN VOICE

Vegan Society of N. Z.
PO Box 876, Auckland

200 PROTEST AT FUR AUCTION

20 May Finland. Oikeutta Elaimille, a Finnish animal rights organisation and anti-fur activists held a demo at an international fur auction at the Fur Center. 200 protesters gathered at the front gate of the center and were greeted by 60 police with riot barriers ready to guard the center. It was a peaceful demonstration with protesters holding banners etc. After some time people decided to try and go into the fur center in groups of five. Many were stopped but some got inside. 130 people were taken to the police station and their details taken then they were released. Activists in Finland are concerned about false media claims as to the violence from protesters at recent demo's. They state that media reports of 'riots' are very exaggerated and that demonstrations have always been non violent.

KIDS FREE CRABS

Vancouver, Canada, June 5. A group of kids dressed up as crabs and held a protest outside a Chinese restaurant that have live crabs. A little girl was interviewed on TV and told of how she had gone to the restaurant with her parents and heard a horrible shriek. She asked the waiter about it and was told that it was just a crab being killed in the back. She said that made her very sad and thought it was wrong for them to kill crabs for people to eat. Her class at school held bake sales every day for 2 weeks to raise money to buy the crabs so they could free them. The TV camera's accompanied them to the restaurant and to the beach to let them go. There they interviewed a little boy who said that today he "felt like a responsible citizen" who was "doing something to make the world a better place" They showed the kids giving the crabs flowers, wishing them a happy life and putting them back into the ocean.

4 ARRESTED AS ACTIVISTS BLOCK SEATTLE FUR EXCHANGE

RENTON, WA -- Four anti-fur activists were dragged away from the front entrance of the Seattle Fur Exchange about 7 a.m. Sunday 18th May after they blockaded the building where more than 1 million animal furs were up for auction for buyers from as far away as Asia and Europe. The auction is one of the biggest fur auctions in the world.

Some injuries were reported as police dragged the activists -- who were locked together -- to awaiting police vehicles and took them to the Renton Police Station. Activists were held overnight after refusing to pay their bail which was set at US$250. At their hearing on Monday the judge reduced bail to zero and they were released.

The demonstration, drew activists from throughout the Northwest, and was part of a growing campaign against fur. An estimated 35,000 mink have been freed since 1996 from more than a dozen fur farms in the U.S. and Canada. And, underground activists burned a building and caused nearly US$1 million in damages to a fur farm co-op in March.

Sales of fur in the U.S. dropped last year for the first time in nearly 6 years and activists attribute it to 2 years of solid protests and underground attacks on the fur industry.

The demonstration was jointly coordinated by Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT), a Dallas-based anti-fur group that sponsors national protests against furriers, and Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN), based in Seattle.

Six activists were arrested at the SFX last year at a similar demonstration.

7 ARRESTED AT RODEO

VANCOUVER, Canada - 7 people were arrested on Friday 16 May following an attempted civil disobedience action at the Cloverdale Rodeo, in Surrey, in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Two of the protesters ran onto the field and tried to chain themselves to the chutes. 3 youths and 4 adults were arrested. According to a report in the Province newspaper they were released on condition they would not return to the Cloverdale fairgrounds (site of the rodeo) again.



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MORE ARRESTS IN ATLANTA AS ACTIVISTS PAY HOME VISITS TO

Activists are keeping the pressure up on vivisectors at the Yerkes Primate center in Atlanta despite threatening letters, police pressure and still more arrests...

Sunday 18 May Activists attempted to hold a protest outside the home of Dr Thomas R. Insel. Insel is the director of Emory University's Yerkes Primate Center, a notorious vivisection lab in Atlanta recently the site of mass arrests on World Day for Laboratory Animals where 64 activists were arrested after police set upon the crowd with tear gas, concussion grenades, pepper spray and other violent tactics in an attempt to end a peaceful march to Yerkes primate center. Activists were refused access to Insel's street by police. Three TV channels turned up. The protest lasted 4-hours, and some live news coverage went out. Passers by showed support of the protesters by honking car horns. Dr. Jerry Vlasak, and Dr. Ray Greek were among those visiting Insel at his home to "discuss" Insel's false charges against activists on WDLA, and the fallacy of animal experiments at Yerkes. Activists have maintained that their WDLA demonstration was meant to be nonviolent, and that police initiated violence against about 120 marchers from as many as 18 different states.

May 30, Atlanta. The director of Yerkes Primate Center, Dr. Insel sent "threatening" letters to a prominent surgeon and a local animal protection advocate -- apparently because they have been critical of the expenditure of public funds for what they believe are useless animal experiments at Yerkes.

The letter talks about a "possible lawsuit for money damages against you based on your actions on May 17, 18 and 19, 1997, specifically including the picketing and obstructive behavior by you near the Insel's home and the false placards and leaflets distributed by you describing Dr. Insel as a "murderer"." and "legal claims against you on behalf of all the Insels for intentional infliction of emotional distress and invasion of privacy." also "a claim against you due to your defamation of Dr. Insel." The purpose of the letter is to strongly advise them to "cease immediately (bold) any further picketing in Dr. Insel's neighborhood of distribution of false leaflets regarding Dr. Insel." The letter states that "While you may have the right, within legal parameters, to demonstrate against animal research at Emory University, your actions against Dr. Insel personally and his family are malicious and solely calculated to inflict emotional distress on the Insels, and subject you to compensatory and punitive damages now and in the future should such actions reoccur."

The letter on behalf of Dr. Insel, was hand delivered to Dr. Jerry Vlasak, a Connecticut surgeon,

36 LOCK DOWN AT AUSSIE PIGGERY

Recent court decisions in Australia have condoned the trespass by animal rights activists who videoed conditions at some of Australia's largest poultry farms and piggeries to highlight the plight of the animals there.

On April 15 Corowa magistrate, Mr Clive Werry imposed no penalty and recorded no convictions against trespassers who produced a video depicting conditions at the 250,000-pig Bunge operation at Corowa. 36 activists locked down at the Bunge Piggery in Corowa Australia and 2 investigators were arrested for trespass after video taping the horrendous conditions there. The video shows 3 sows with maggot infested bleeding prolapses being trampled by other pigs while they squeal in pain. It also shows over 600 pregnant sows locked in individual stalls barely larger than their bodies and tormented bored and neurotic animals madly sucking at the bars of their stalls, yelling in distress. The Bunge piggery is he largest pig farm in the Southern hemisphere.

In another case, Canberra magistrate Mr Michael Ward recently found that trespassers at the 260,000-hen Parkwood Egg farm at Belconnen "had a reasonable excuse for trespassing." Mr Ward said it was "impossible not to be overwhelmed by the evidence" gathered during the trespass incident. He said the production of eggs by means of battery farming hens was "inherently cruel to the hens." and that the practice of hens being "jammed three in a small cage" gave "some validity to the actions" of the trespassers. A "good measure of the savagery of the system" was that "the hens are kept in conditions so bad that they are useless and put down after about one-third of the normal life span of a hen". Mr Ward said a senior veterinary officer with NSW Agriculture had detailed shortcomings of the battery hen system, including restriction of movement, bone fractures, cannibalism, loss of feathers and a high rate of prolapse as a result of inability to peck for food; debeaking, resulting in acute and chronic pain; foot and claw damage; and deprivation and frustration as a result of inability to nest. These shortcomings were clearly in breach of the basic behavioral and physiological needs detailed in the code of practice allowing for the battery farming of hens. Mr Ward said the trespass had "caused no harm to anyone, no drop in production, no interference with work, no damage and they did some positive good by helping obviously sick hens"

MILLERS FURS TARGETED

Dozens of Compassion Over Killing (COK) activists converged on Miller's Furs in D.C. on Saturday May 3rd for a peaceful demonstration. Approximately one hour into the protest, an anonymous activist hurled "blood" on the storefront, screaming: "The blood is on your hands, Miller's!" The activist ran off, escaping arrest, leaving behind a bloodied window. Moments later, police arrived on the scene, randomly arresting 5 activists--activists who are "coincidentally" COK leaders. They were falsely accused of "simple assault" by Jo Fisher-Hall(a customer) and Duane Walker(a Miller's Furs employee). However, the entire demonstration was caught on videotape, clearly showing that the ONLY assault was when a Miller's employee pushed two COK activists. All activists are pleading "Not guilty" (obviously). Since then the charges against the minor have been dropped.

As a tribute to the pathetic attempt to keep COK from protesting the weekend of May 17-18 was designated "Millers Furs protest Weekend". There was a protest on the Saturday at the D.C. Miller's. The cops, as usual, showed their bias towards the fur customers. One activist was pushed by a customer and even though the police saw this, they said the customer was provoked and would not arrest her.

There was also a home demo at Manny Miller's house on Sunday May 18th. Reporters from the Montgomery Journal and the Potomac Alamanac were present.

Not surprisingly, the ALF joined in on the weekend of fun. An artistic masterpiece was created at the Miller's Furs in Chevy Chase, MD. The front of the store was covered with the following slogans:

STOP OR BE STOPPED MURDERERS ALF(3 times)

The art continued onto to the side of the building:

FUR IS DEAD ALF STOP NOW KILLERS KEEP THE PRESSURE ON MILLER'S!

BATTERY HENS RESCUED

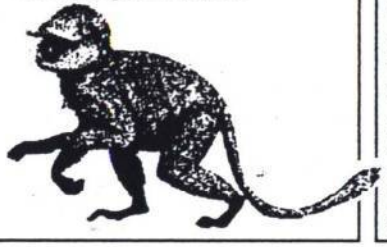
Australia's Animal Liberation Action Rescue team entered Happy Hens Egg World in Victoria and individually stamped thousands of battery eggs with the message "made with cruelty". They also removed several birds from the horrible conditions. The birds were given veterinary attention.

Dr INSEL DIRECTER OF YERKES PRIMATE CENTER.

and Ms Sue McCrosky, an Atlanta area animal advocate, by Insel's lawyers.

The letter has shocked activist leaders and civil libertarians who note that while "picketing" is, in fact, guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, Dr. Insel's letters could themselves be viewed as an assault. "Dr. Insel has himself threatened the emotional well being of Dr. Vlasak and Ms McCrosky, invaded their privacy, and no doubt is attempting to violate their civil rights," said Crescenzo Vellucci, executive director of the Activist Civil Liberties Committee. The letter specifically referenced pickets near Insel's home May 17 when several dozen activists attempted to peacefully picket in his neighborhood. Free speech rights are guaranteed for Dr. Vlasak and Ms McCrosky, threats to the safety and emotional well-being of them by Dr. Insel, or by his agents are actionable, Vellucci charged. Dr. Vlasak and Ms McCrosky are considering legal action against Dr. Insel.

Saturday 31st May Atlanta. Not to be intimidated by Insel's letter activists - who had been protesting outside Rich's (a fur shop) - decided to do a spur of the moment home demo at Insel's house. 15-20 activists turned up at Insel's house. Police soon arrived and arrested two activists on charges of protesting outside of a private residence. Another two activists received tickets for the noise ordinance (use of a bullhorn). No warnings were given. The police turnout and effort was impressive. A total of four police cars turned up at the house, Yerkes security were present taking photo's, undercover officers were up trees with video cameras, and an off-duty police officer who stays at Insel's house was also present, as was the FBI!! They certainly have people worried!



SAVE NYU CHIMPS

21st April activists locked down with pipes at NYU demanding that 100 chimps which NYU has tortured and maimed for nearly 30 yrs be transferred to a sanctuary rather than to notorious toxicologist Fred Coulston. After being ignored for some hours activists unlocked and changed entrances going to the main entrance of the building atop which a "secret" animal research lab is being built. At this point police, students, crowds and media started to take notice. There was much chanting and over 2000 flyers were handed out. Despite police begging people to unlock they refused until the vice president of the school agreed to talk to them about the issue. Activists have vowed to return to NYU if their demands are not met.

Every activists guide to...

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES OF NEW ZEALAND

Most people have heard of the 'adopt a McDonalds store' scheme, well what about a 'adopt your local slaughterhouse' one as well? This quick tour of the abattoirs in Aotearoa, provides you with a easy to access full page map showing the approximate location of all major meat processors. We have included a special section called, "LIBERATES! Top 12 Slaughterhouses" which looks at more detail at the abattoirs and key animal abusers involved in the business. For Auckland activists we have a special treat indeed: the home address of none other than the Mad Butcher himself!

LIBERATES! TOP 12 SLAUGHTER HOUSES

In no particular order the winners are:

1.Taylor Preston

Private Bag 13908, Johnsonville, **Wellington.**
PH (04) 472 7987 Fax: (04) 471 1319
Board of Directors: Rod Preston, Scott Preston, Andrew Taylor, Christopher Grace, Chairman: Keith Taylor.
Operations manager: Ivan Sincock
Marketing manager: Grant Cunningham
Financial controller: Geoff Vautier
The plant at Ngauranga, Wellington is a multispecies plant. It has one chain for sheep and lambs which can **kill 5500** a day. It has one **chain for cows which can kill 450 a day**. It is halal certified for mutton, lamb, cows, goats and bobby calves
Pelts and Hides go to 'Tomoana Pelt Processors Ltd. They export beef, lamb, mutton, goats, bobby calves, offals, wool, pelts, hides and rendered by-products to The Middle East - Dubai and United Arab Emirates. This amounts to 4.4% of New Zealand's total national sheepmeat export and 3.4% of our beef.

2. Auckland Meat Processors Ltd. (est 1871)

Head Office: PO box 22-188 Otahuhu
Ph (09) 276 0900 or 0800 420 042 Fax: (09) 276 09 86
Private company jointly owned by Benmore products Ltd, Wilson Foods Ltd, and Hellaby Proctor Ltd.
General manager: **Greg Roberts**
Operations manager: **Dennis McClenaghan**
They do service slaughter for local and export processing. This huge multispecies plant in South Auckland has the capacity to kill **1100 cows and 4,000 sheep/lambs a day. Making it the single largest killer of cows in the country.**They employ 240 people. Their associated export company is Benmore Products Ltd.

3. Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Ltd. (est 1987)

RD 1, Invercargill Ph (03) 231 3421 Fax: (03) 231 3457
Directors: Graham Cooney, Peter Houlker, Peter Carnahan, Malcolm McMillan Chairman: Barry Thomas
General manager: Malcolm McMillan
Plant manager: Ivan McCreath
Procurement manager: Craham Cooney
Production manager slaughterboard: Garry Mainland
Production manager further processing: Kevin Fowler
Administration manager: Jeff Rule
Company secretary: Stephanie Halder
Lamb and sheep plant at Morton Mains (near Invercargill) 1 chain kills 2200 a day - two shifts. They export 2.5% NZ's sheepmeat. 305 employees. The company has substantial farmer shareholding

4. Waitotara (owned by Waitotara Meat Co. Ltd (est 1988))

Head Office: PO Box 7074 Wanganui.
Ph (06) 346 5888 Fax: (06) 346 5878
Public unlisted company (Waitotara Farmers Holding Company 51.3%, Horizon Meats NZ Ltd 28.9%, Lowe Walker NZ Ltd. 10.9%, Kanematsu NZ Ltd 7.9%)
Directors: Gray Mathias, Peter Houlker, Richard Rowley, David Pearce, Graeme Lowe, Alistair Polson. Chairman: **Roderick Pearce**

Waitotara company	General manager: **Scott Weir**
	Finance manager: Mike Doyle
Waitotara Plant:	manager: Dave Baillie
	Operations manager: Andrew Robertson
	Processing manager: Bob Stanley
	Slaughter manager: Ian Flutey

1 chain: 3250 lambs/ day the plant operates 2 shifts a day of 10 hours length, 7 days a week.

5. TIRAU (also owned by Waitotara Meat Co. Ltd (est 1988))

Head Office: PO Box 7074 Wanganui.
Ph (06) 346 5888 Fax: (06) 346 5878

Tirau Plant:	Plant manager: Jim Doodall
	Processing manager: Alistair Martin
	Slaughter manager: Craig Weir

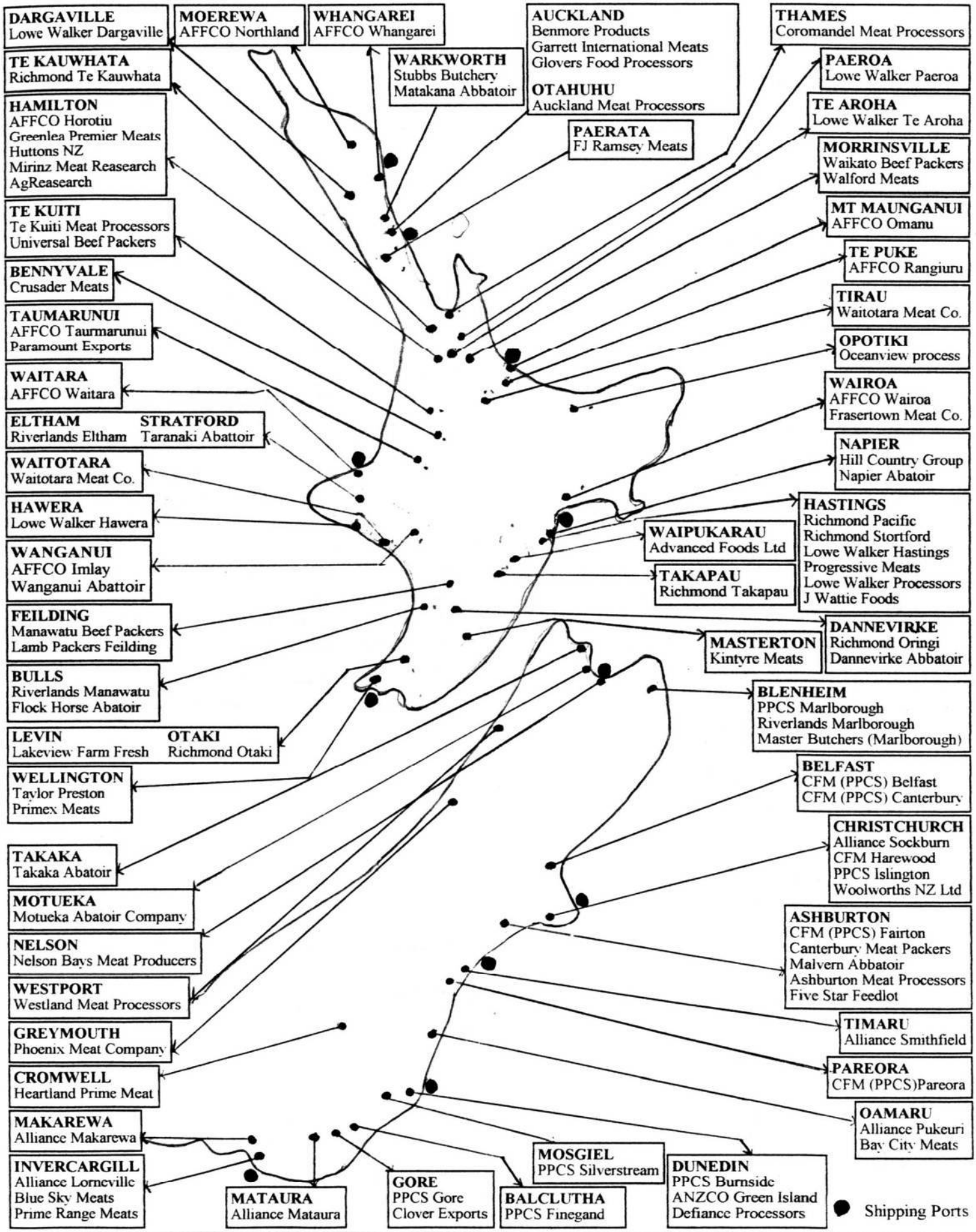
Lambs and sheep killed. 1 chain killing 2100 a day operating 10 hrs a day 7 days a week.

6. Crusader Meats New Zealand Ltd. (est 1996)

Office RD 7 Te Kuiti Ph (07) 878 7077 Fax: (07) 878 77080
Plant manager: Cameron White
Lamb and sheep, also goats and **bobby calves** at Bennydale.
1 chain kills 2000 lambs a day Export: lamb, mutton, goatmeat, **veal**. To EC, US and Japan 100 employees

SWEET REVENGE

Nigeria, 97'A hunter with 30 years experience killing was himself killed and almost swallowed whole by a huge python while, yes you guessed it, he was out hunting. His body was discovered in the jaws of the python. The snake had swallowed the mans legs and belly by the time the search party reached the scene.


DARGAVILLE
Lowe Walker Dargaville
MOEREWA
AFFCO Northland
WHANGAREI
AFFCO Whangarei
AUCKLAND
Benmore Products
Garrett International Meats
Glovers Food Processors
OTAHUHU
Auckland Meat Processors
THAMES
Coromandel Meat Processors
TE KAUWHATA
Richmond Te Kauwhata
WARKWORTH
Stubbs Butchery
Matakana Abbatoir
PAERATA
FJ Ramsey Meats
PAEROA
Lowe Walker Paeroa
HAMILTON
AFFCO Horotiu
Greenlea Premier Meats
Huttons NZ
Mirinz Meat Reasearch
AgReasearch
TE AROHA
Lowe Walker Te Aroha
MORRINSVILLE
Waikato Beef Packers
Walford Meats
TE KUITI
Te Kuiti Meat Processors
Universal Beef Packers
MT MAUNGANUI
AFFCO Omanu
BENNYVALE
Crusader Meats
TE PUKE
AFFCO Rangiuru
TAUMARUNUI
AFFCO Taumarunui
Paramount Exports
TIRAU
Waitotara Meat Co.
OPOTIKI
Oceanview process
WAITARA
AFFCO Waitara
WAIROA
AFFCO Wairoa
Frasertown Meat Co.
ELTHAM
Riverlands Eltham
STRATFORD
Taranaki Abattoir
NAPIER
Hill Country Group
Napier Abatoir
WAITOTARA
Waitotara Meat Co.
HASTINGS
Richmond Pacific
Richmond Stortford
Lowe Walker Hastings
Progressive Meats
Lowe Walker Processors
J Wattie Foods
HAWERA
Lowe Walker Hawera
WAIPUKARAU
Advanced Foods Ltd
WANGANUI
AFFCO Imlay
Wanganui Abattoir
TAKAPAU
Richmond Takapau
FEILDING
Manawatu Beef Packers
Lamb Packers Feilding
DANNEVIRKE
Richmond Oringi
Dannevirke Abbatoir
MASTERTON
Kintyre Meats
BULLS
Riverlands Manawatu
Flock Horse Abatoir
BLENHEIM
PPCS Marlborough
Riverlands Marlborough
Master Butchers (Marlborough)
LEVIN
Lakeview Farm Fresh
OTAKI
Richmond Otaki
BELFAST
CFM (PPCS) Belfast
CFM (PPCS) Canterbury
WELLINGTON
Taylor Preston
Primex Meats
CHRISTCHURCH
Alliance Sockburn
CFM Harewood
PPCS Islington
Woolworths NZ Ltd
TAKAKA
Takaka Abatoir
ASHBURTON
CFM (PPCS) Fairton
Canterbury Meat Packers
Malvern Abbatoir
Ashburton Meat Processors
Five Star Feedlot
MOTUEKA
Motueka Abatoir Company
NELSON
Nelson Bays Meat Producers
TIMARU
Alliance Smithfield
WESTPORT
Westland Meat Processors
PAREORA
CFM (PPCS)Pareora
GREYMOUTH
Phoenix Meat Company
OAMARU
Alliance Pukeuri
Bay City Meats
CROMWELL
Heartland Prime Meat
MAKAREWA
Alliance Makarewa
MOSGIEL
PPCS Silverstream
INVERCARGILL
Alliance Lornevile
Blue Sky Meats
Prime Range Meats
DUNEDIN
PPCS Burnside
ANZCO Green Island
Defiance Processors
MATAURA
Alliance Mataura
GORE
PPCS Gore
Clover Exports
BALCLUTHA
PPCS Finegand
Shipping Ports

7. Progressive Meats Ltd (est 1981)
Office: PO Box 36 Hastings. Phone: (06) 879 7148
Fax: (06) 879 9176 e-mail: progress@ramhb.co.nz
Managing director: **Craig Hickson**
Slaughter co-ordinator: Ross Davidson
Office manager: Cynthia Jones
Lamb processing co-ordinator: Paul Corlett
Venison processing co-ordinator: Tom Goodger
Lamb and mutton plant. **1 chain killing 2100 lambs a day**
Game processing: **killing 150 deer a day**.
120 employees killing lamb & 35 killing venison

8. Lamb Packers Feilding Ltd (est 1995)
PO Box 62 Feilding ph: (06) 323 6677 Fax: (06) 323 5300
Managing director: Craig Hickson
Plant Manager: John Signal
lamb and sheep plant. **1 chain boasts killing 3 lamb/minute. Halal certified**

9. Paramount Export Ltd.
established in 1987 at Te Kauhata shifted to Taumarunui 1992
Office PO Box 26 172 Ak. Ph (09) 524 8790 Fax: (09) 520 5143
Plant: Private Bag, Piriaka, Taumarunui. Ph: (07) 895 3039
Fax: (07) 895 3077
Managing director: Ron Russell
General manager: Mark Russell
Plant Manager: Grant List
Horsemeat chain, sheep and goat meat chain at Piriaka, Taumarunui. **Killing 1200 sheep a day and 4,000 horses a year.**
Exports: horse, goat, sheep and lamb to Europe and Asia.
Initially said they would take the Kaimanawa Horses for killing but went into receivership

10. Coromandel Meat Processors Ltd (est 1990)
Office: Main Road, Thames
Ph: (07) 868 6199 Fax: (07) 868 9249
Subsidiary of Masterpiece Holdings Ltd.
Directors: Andy Tomlinson, Rod Slater, Bryan Clark
Chairman: Lomond Seel
Managing director: Andy Tomlinson
Plant manager: Grant Kerry
Livestock manager: Bryan Clark
Domestic sales manager: Bryan Clapcott
A multispecies plant it **1 killing chain for cows 250 a day; another for sheep/goats/pigs** (1 ½ chain) 80 employees

11. Te Kuiti Meat Processors Ltd. (est 1988)
Office: PO Box 169 te Kuiti Ph: (07) 878 6045 Fax: (07) 878 7787
Private company.Owned by Taranaki Farmers co-op Ltd/ Davmet
Directors: Doug Hazard, Colin Francis, Ian McGarvie Secretary: Trevor Harrop Chairman: Brian Train
Operations manager: Ku Taylor
Livestock & administration: Anthony Shrubsall
lamb and mutton plant at Te Kuiti 1 chain kills 2300 a day
155 employees

12. Nelson Bays Meat Producers Ltd. (est 1992)
Office: Private Bag, Nelson Ph (03) 544 6089 Fax: (03) 544 8245
e-mail staff@nbmp.co.nz
Joint ownership: Alliance Group (49%), Phoenix Meat Company (49%) Atas Beef Packers (2%)
Chairman: Frank Wall
Alliance Rep: John Bayley, John Falconer, Grant Cuff
Phoenix rep: Richard Cornelius, Peter Roselli
Atas rep: Gary Robilliard
General manager: Terry Kreft
Financial controller: David Pattinson
Plant manager: Ross Mitchell
Chief engineer: Gordon Vanderlinden
Livestock manager: Chris Molineaux
This multispecies plant at Stoke, Nelson has 1 beef chain killing 210 a day, 1 sheepmeat chain killing 3200 a day.

There you go, that's our hit picks. I've tended to go for the ones which slaughter the most animals. This means it's biased towards sheep abattoirs which are able to kill alot more animals than the cow slaughterhouses. Most cow killing sites kill between 200 and 400 cows a day. Perhaps I'll do a special on cow slaughterhouses next issue if there's interest. It's up to you what you do with the information, I'm sure people will be able to come up with a few idea's... which reminds me here it is, as promised, for Auckland people, that all important home address...

Mr Peter Charles Leitch
aka "The Mad Butcher"
1/75 The Parade
Bucklands Beach



For those wondering what the **"How radical is too radical"** workshop at the Feb A.R. conference discussed here's the article from which we drew alot of the topics talked about. It looks at how far people should take veganism with arguments against things like - keeping pets, building roads, using cars etc. Realistically very few people change their lifestyles to address these issues, I certainly haven't dealt with most of them even though I agree with many of the ideas in theory! But just because these things may be hard to address doesn't mean that they are not worth talking about. **This article makes some good links between the struggle for animal liberation and the environmental movement and the ideas may be especially relevant when we are thinking about what our 'ideal' vegan society - which we are all working towards - would look like. I suggest people read the article in this light** (it can be overwhelming otherwise) **Dee** ☺

The Every Day Holocaust

Today, more than at any other time in history, people are a product of society. Our lives are filled with messages from advertisers telling us how to act, think, and feel. Whether it's television, radio, billboards, newspapers, magazines, books, or the mail, people are under constant bombardment from advertisers trying to brainwash consumers. And it works. Advertisers were once even able to elect a mindless actor to the office of President of the United States.

In a world where your senses are overloaded with bullshit, all of which concerns people, its hard to think about animals. Even if human nature was amenable to an ethic of respect for animal life, this society would not allow it.

Animal abuse in society takes two forms — overt and covert. The overt forms are common knowledge to anyone who has read a book on animal rights or seen a movie describing animal exploitation.

Overt forms of animal exploitation are a part of our society's daily consumerism. Most obvious is the use of non-humans for **food**. Another is the use of their body parts for **clothing** and **ornamentation.** Perhaps the most common body part used for these purposes is skin. Living animals serve as ornamentation. Fish tanks and bird cages are a private zoo for the common man, displaying animals as if they were merely pretty or amusing objects, never really meant to live free. **Sports** enthusiasts use animals in overtly abusive ways, as well. Some get pleasure entering the homes of wild animals, the forest, the desert, lakes etc. and killing them with either bullets or arrows. Sports fishermen get great pleasure hunting sea creatures. And some rough and tough cowboys get pleasure beating up farm animals in rodeo's. The use of animals in **testing cosmetics** is an abuse animal supporters are trying to make overt. Some people now realise that their household cleansers, cosmetics, perfumes, and soaps were developed with animal testing. Besides killing though these tests, the products themselves contain ingredients derived from dead animals. Soaps are often made from animal fat, another application of dead animal products obtained from slaughter houses. Both over the counter and prescription **drugs** are developed and tested on animals. **Movie Makers** use non-human beings in their productions. As in **circuses,** these animals are taught to perform tricks to amuse insensitive humans. The glitter of Hollywood blinds people to the abuses that occur backstage, where the animals are trained not to be animals but puppets.

These are just some of the overt abuses to animals. They are overt because they are easy to see by the unprejudiced eye. Before getting into covert forms, what about the heinous abuse of animals which even many alleged vegetarians support. It is the use of animals in the production of dairy products and eggs. Many people think of these forms of liquid flesh as benign, since the animal is not killed in the process. Few people know about the connection between the dairy industry and the veal production business. The same people who shun veal should never drink milk.

Eggs also seem cruelty free. But once you reflect on the horrendous conditions of factory farm laying chickens and the fate of all chickens, even "free-range" ones, once they do not produce enough to support their feed bill, it is clear that we would not want these family members to be treated in the way they are.

According to this argument, no product coming from domesticated animals can ever be cruelty free. Domestication is slavery in service to humans. Through genetic manipulation people have selected character traits for animals to perform specific functions. Today's chickens lay unnaturally high numbers of eggs. Cows produce so much milk their udders are virtually hanging on the ground and are kicked each time the animal walks. These freaks are products of mankind's ingenuity and exploitative propensity. Nothing from them is ever cruelty free.

You might agree that the above abuses of non-humans must end. Towards that goal you commit yourself to a strict vegan diet and lifestyle, avoiding all animal products and animal suffering in your food, clothing, and household goods. You will watch no movies which exploit animals, and avoid zoos and circuses. And so long as you don't engage in abusive sports, you can live a fairly peaceful life, and feel you are a true animal supporter.

Yet covert animal abuse is a normal, virtually unavoidable part of our society. This nation was built by people who ignored the rights of any beings other than white Christian Europeans. We all know what happened to the Maori. But they were treated like kings compared to our non-human family members.

Consider for a moment what it would be like if we had no roads with cars and trucks traveling along them. This image is impossible to envision, unless you imagine some tribal existence where small bands of people live in harmony with nature. In the reality of today's cities the image is pure fantasy. But did you know that road kills are the number two destroyers of non-human life? Millions of animals are run over by cars and trucks every year.



Think about that the next time you drive. If you are going to a rally to protest against fur, you may accidentally hit a possum being, or rabbit being or deer being. And the situation is even more devastating if you consider insect beings. Some people extend their compassion even to spider beings, fly beings, moth beings and other small beings. They would let them out of their homes if caught inside. And vegans avoid honey and silk because of respect for the bees and worms, who clearly make their products for their own use, not man's. Yet these same conscientious people slaughter these creatures, sometimes in the hundreds, when they drive just a few miles in their metal assassins.

If you really loved animals, you would not drive your car. You may think that suggestion sounds absurd. But the fact is that you are driving through the homes of other creatures when we take a ride through the forest, desert, countryside, or even the city streets. Animals do not see the highway as off limits. The road

is simply a cleared area of their living space. They are sometimes even attracted to the asphalt pavement for reasons of warmth, or to scavenge the decaying flesh of other creatures who were flattened and splattered by some vehicle. Driving a car is like entering a crowded forest and shooting a gun. At some point you are bound to hit and kill someone.

If you have not killed any mammals or birds while driving, it's only a matter of time. Of course, we all call such events "accidents" when they occur. That means we didn't plan on them happening. If you fired a gun in the woods, say, while target shooting, and some innocent animal was shot and killed, you would call that an accident too. But knowing that someone could have been shot by your target practice makes that act irresponsible. You certainly would not practice shooting in an area where children were playing. If you tried you would be arrested. And if you killed someone, you would be charged with manslaughter. The fact that it was an accident when a child was shot does not release you from the burden of having killed him.

The same thing goes for driving a car through other creatures back yards. Some will die because of your actions, and you know that. To continue to drive despite this fact is irresponsible and an act of aggression against these innocent creatures. It doesn't matter, from the animals point of view, what your intentions were. You may have been driving to the pound to rescue a dog. The animals you kill will not rest more peacefully knowing that you meant them no harm.

People don't know what to think about this problem. Even those who are conscientious about their respect for animals ignore this issue. Those who have mentioned it lament that little is done about road kills, and suggest that people drive carefully. What a bullshit suggestion! Would you accept people driving carefully through your backyard with your five year old brothers and sisters running around?

The fact that this is such a difficult issue is precisely because driving is an integral feature of modern day life. People drive to work, shopping centers, schools, friends and family, entertainment centers, vacation spots. The car has become a necessity of life, a fact that pleases every auto manufacturer, oil driller, highway constructor, steel plant operator, and tire maker.

Not only do individual families believe they need cars to get around, but our food, fuel, clothing, and nearly every other consumer item are shipped by truck. The nations and world's communities are not self-sufficient. Transportation is the life blood of the world economy. Without it people would have to live in small, self-reliant bands.

We must all be for the leveling of society and living within a small band of peaceful people. That is a fantasy that has been fulfilled for a few people of like mind and heart who have decided to "drop-out" and live on a commune. But even this does not solve the greater problem of road kills, since the bulk of our nations people are not about to give up their big homes in sprawling cities and suburbs, or their two cars and off road vehicles.

Related to road kills are two other covert abusers. One is the **oil industry.** Most people are now aware of the environmental impact of oil drilling. Their concern, however, is usually directed at the economic impact of oil spills. Will it damage commercial hatcheries, or wash up on beaches located in resort areas? Seldom is it considered that the homes of our brothers and sisters are being polluted, regardless of the economic significance of those homes to humans.



Each year there are dozens of oil spills of all sizes, killing millions of animals. We suffer with our brother, the water skimmer as he flies over the water, dipping his lower beak into the top layer of ocean to sieve water for food, and finds his mouth coated with tar and oil. Imagine what marine mammals feel when they get covered with oil, the sticky, smelly substance clumping their fur, stinging their eyes, and clogging their nostrils and mouths. It doesn't take much empathy to imagine what these aquatic family members feel when their world is contaminated with oil. It doesn't take a genius to realise that "accidents" will happen, and that more oil spills will occur. Is this enough to stop society from using oil products? Of course not. Some people say they would willingly use an electric powered car, if it was available. Unfortunately, those people regret, it is not available at the present time. **If you respected animals, you would not participate in the system of oil production that kills so many creatures.** Also driving electric cars would still not get you out of animal abuse on the roads.

. Even if one ignored these two massive problems in our society, one could not ignore the third covert abuse related to transportation. **Roads** have to be built to allow transportation to occur. The land chosen for their location may already be occupied, and almost assuredly is. If those occupants are human, then the State reimburses them for taking their land. If the occupants are possum or deer or Fantails or millions of insects, there is no consideration made. **Animal beings are treated as natural resources who receive consideration when they can fulfill a human being's needs. At other times they are mere obstacles, objects that must be cleared out like dead tree stumps that are uprooted or plowed under, making way for human progress.**

Whenever you drive or consume products of this driving society, you are implicitly accepting the abuse that this transportation system commits against members of our family. Even if you eat a vegetarian diet, consisting of organic food shipped directly from local farms, you are participating in the destructive distribution system that enabled the foods to get to market. You may have been fortunate enough to have missed the hedgehog that ran out of the bushes onto the road a minute before you drove past, or to have swerved in time not to smash into the rabbit that darted across the highway just as you approached her foraging area, or to have stopped short in time not to crash into a dog running across the street to catch a cat. **It doesn't matter that you do not have fur sticking to a dent in your front fender. By participating in this cruel system, you have simply let someone else do the killing for you.**

The transportation system is enough of an inherent feature of our society to condemn our system as irrevocably abusive to non-humans. But there's more! **Wildlife habitat destruction** is not only committed in the name of highways. The roads lead to **building projects,** whether they are new condominiums built on what had been an "undeveloped" hillside, or a shopping center constructed on what had been a "vacant" lot consisting of trees and grass.

There are quotation marks around "undeveloped" and "vacant" because these are human-centered words. "Undeveloped" simply means not yet built to human specifications. Trees, moss, and other vegetation, burrows for small animals, ant hills, bee hives, and nests are natural developments in the lives of non-human creatures. Likewise, the notion that an area is "vacant" limits its reference to human inhabitants.



The clearing of land is nothing less than theft from its original inhabitants, the animals. People should approach every location on the planet with respect for its

current inhabitants, and consider whether human presence would be unfair to the other creatures. We expect other humans to give us the same courtesy. It wouldn't be fair if someone came into your neighbourhood and decided to bulldoze your home to build their home. Why should we treat our brother and sisters any differently?

As far as the animals are concerned, it doesn't matter why their homes are destroyed. The issue is that they cannot eat, sleep, play, walk, or raise a family in an area taken over by humans. And humans will take over land for more than building projects. Ski slopes are on clear cut mountain tops. Mining not only levels mountains and buries the area in tailings. It also pollutes waterways, extending its destruction for miles. Utility easements, making way for power and telephone lines, cut wide tracts of wilderness out of existence, so that metal monsters can march across the landscape. The lumber industry rapes forests and desertifies once pristine lands.

Perhaps the greatest exploitation of land is caused by the **grazing of domestic animals**, such as cattle and sheep. It is becoming common knowledge that rainforests are being cleared largely for the grazing of cattle. But the issue is bigger than it seems at first sight. Wild animals are destroyed, along with their habitat, to feed domestic animals, and these domestic animals are then slaughtered for human consumption.

Pesticides and herbicides are religiously and liberally applied to crops. The **chemical** industry is a tremendously powerful interest. Organic farming practices may be on the increase for direct consumer crops. But these constitute a minute portion of all crops grown. The majority of agribusiness's output goes to feeding animals. Fields are sprayed, and these poisons kill hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of field mice, rabbits, hawks, and others who have managed to adapt to life in the few trees or bushes that line the farmlands. One shouldn't forget that the more land that is in production, the more energy is consumed, contributing to the oil problem discussed above. Energy is always an implicit component of any operation, and its covert use of non-humans must not be overlooked. **Hydroelectric plants** employ **dams** which alter the entire ecosystem of huge expanse of land. Deserts become lakes, and rivers downstream dry up to a trickle so that they can only support a fraction of the beings that had come to rely on their life giving waters. And no discussion of the damage to nature and its animals would be complete without mentioning the burning of **coal** and its consequent production of acid rain. Lakes have become barren waters and forests have been reduced to brown, lifeless rubble by the effects of acid rain. Where did the millions upon millions of animals who inhabited those lakes and forests go? **Sadly most people don't think about the effects of their energy consumption on non-human beings. Who wants to see that when they turn on a light, they turn off a life?**

Some people have accepted the moral necessity of living as strict vegetarians (vegans), which, by the way, is a minority position even among those who call themselves "animal rights activist's". Yet many of these devout vegetarians open a tin of cat or dog food to feed their companions a dinner of chicken, cow or fish flesh. **How can anyone proclaim a love for animals, but kill one type of animal to feed another?** The answer has invariably come back that dogs and cats are not naturally vegetarian, so feeding them meat is allowing them to live according to their normal tendencies. This ignores the fact that dogs and cats are domesticated creatures, alienated from their natural states. Their eating habits cannot be justified on the basis of wild animal behaviour. Also, when carnivores kill they do so as an amoral act. When a cat or dog kills, it is not an evil deed, committed from immoral intentions. It is what these animals do. When humans kill cows to feed cats and dogs, it is an intentional, premeditated act and therefore has moral dimensions. **Why choose the dog and cat over the cow?** Each time someone opens a container of pet food, they are feeding their companions the flesh of innocent creatures killed for speciesist reasons. It is a conscious choice of helping one species of animals over another. This time the speciesism is not maintained in a certain species of non-humans over others. Its a little broader minded, perhaps, but speciesism, nonetheless. Cats and dogs can be kept healthy on strict vegetarian diets, as some people have discovered. But the feeding of dogs and cats a vegetarian diet takes some effort. The multi-billion dollar pet food industry, which is closely connected with the slaughterhouse business, capitalises on the compassion of short sighted people who like companion animals. The pet food industry supports the pet store industry, which supports the breeding industry. All this is paid for by the participants in the system, who buy pet food to feed "their" animals. Such participants could be animal researchers or little old lady animal lovers.

You may be having difficulty swallowing this position. Its possible that some people exposed to these ideas may be stressed beyond their tolerance limit, causing them to go off the ideas completely. That's a very heavy rap to take, especially if you think of yourself as a compassionate person. You will probably conclude that you have no choice but to participate in these things hoping to ease your conscience by saying it is out of your control. **How can you live without a car, or without using electricity generated by abusive means, or without buying consumer products shipped by killer vehicles, or without paying your taxes?** You can't be part of this society, keep your job, raise your family, and go on living a normal life if you are as extreme as this article suggests you be.

"Maybe some abuse is necessary to keep on working within the system to end the abuse?" you may ask. If your reasoning for continuing to support these things is to enable you to fight for your family, its understandable. That's what you should be doing! **Most people however work within the system because they are consumers, just as society trained them to be.** They like driving cars, buying furniture, having a nice home, being respected members of their community. **They work within the system because they want to be part of society. Its for them, not the animals.**

In short, animal abuse is an integral part of social reality. As social creatures manipulated by the abusive forces that be, we are accomplices to the assassination of our family of creatures. Combined with the limitations of human nature in respecting non-human life, a deadly, impenetrable barrier exists to the liberation of animals. But **only a revolution, the complete termination of this society will enable us to save our family from torture and death.**



This article by 'Screaming Wolf' was modified in places to Kiwise it, and reduce its length. I focused on extracts that were especially relevant to issues we talked about at the AR conference in Wellington Feb. 97' in the "How radical should we be" workshop.

Letters from Readers

DEAR LIBERATE!

Your article on The Media (Issue 5) contained unsurprising comments on Radio Pacific's talkback radio show. This is the same radio station that invited me onto their show several years ago to talk about ALF attacks on the Cancer Society. A short time into the interview, midway through a response, I was disconnected and an advertisement for the Cancer Society was aired.

Hour-long shows are purchased by advertisers, who then have full editorial control. Talkback is by no means an open forum. I have heard avs cut off on the "health" show as soon as the first mention of animals or vivisection was uttered, because it was displeasing the sponsor (once again the Cancer Society).

Radio Pacific is possibly a legitimate target for the ALF.

Rather than listening and not getting through to Radio Pacific, more rewarding (although there is often a small charge) could be public access radio where you have full editorial control, even a monthly show would be great.

It is also unsurprising that Radio Pacific concluded that the reason for the ALF is that they suffer from dietary imbalances. I have heard of Eating Disorders Units within this country's public health system class vegetarianism as an eating disorder - with all the ramifications of the Mental Health Act and compulsory treatment orders.

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DEAR LIBERATE!

So just a quick whine about the depressing number of people that seem to be in animal rights to further their popularity stakes but anybody whose reading such a wonderful magazine as liberate couldn't fall into this category so I want to say something positive to cheer you all up.

If you want to feel some hope that animal liberation is going to be achieved just go and talk to some kids. If you do a stall or go and do a talk in a school the amazing level of enthusiasm from most kids especially when it comes to taking away literature to read really blows you away. They may not be able to change the world straight away - although the hassle they give their parents may make them seem like their trying to. But they will grow up to have the power to be able to change things. Its important to show them how to have little victories not just against animal abuse but in anything they disagree with. Because empowered people won't allow themselves to be oppressed into a job, a mortgage and a car. But I don't recommend people having any children to produce more animal rights activists because you never know when a meat eater might slip out. And it would then be really stressful to have to deal with killing your own kid.

Serial Mom

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Some problems with using violence to fight for animal Liberation.

Some personal thoughts on the violence/non-violence debate
by Dee

First I want to say that I believe that there is a difference between 'violence' and self defense. Using force in self defense, to protect yourself or others is non malicious, it aims merely to stop a greater violence. It is also non-vengeful. The aim is to protect not get our own back or punish. If I was being savaged by shark, or my partner was, I would have no problem in hitting it to drive it away. Many times acts, or intervention's with an abuser who is killing animals or intending on killing them fall into this category. But **where I have a choice I would pick non-violence every time,** it's my personal preference. **For several reasons I think a non-violent philosophy is a preferable approach.**

A large part of the battle to get people stopping abusing animals entails fighting for a peaceful world free from oppression. In this way animal liberation is part of a larger struggle against the inhumanity and violence of our society. If this is our aim, a less violent world, then it only seems logical to keep a non-violent stance. It's too easy to be drawn into violent actions. Think about it, **non-violence is the hardest option,** it takes the most guts. It is dangerous to go up against violent people, and put yourself in violent situations being non-violent yourself. It means really putting yourself on the line. A friend was telling me about sabbing experiences in England. Scuffles amongst sabs and hunters are common, most people who go out take it for granted they may end up in a fight. But she told me of one guy who always went on sabs who was a staunch believer in non-violence. This didn't stop him trying to save animals. What it did mean was that he got beaten up quite alot. After all, if you are aiming on saving animals that means being prepared to put yourself between the hunter and the animal and run the risk of getting shot or beaten up by a frustrated, angry animal killer. If you are never the initiator of violence you have to be prepared to take the first blow i.e. to be hit first. Despite the danger, this guy would pick himself up and be out there again the next time saving more animals. Now that's what I call brave, that's what I call dedication and compassion! In this way **the people who I actually have the most respect for are those who can maintain a non-violent stance AND <u>remain effective for the animals</u>**. Most people don't have what it takes to do this, most people will give in to the pressure, the anger, and lash out; or whimp out and not confront or stop the abuse. Most people wouldn't think that I prefer non-violent tactics, because I often get very angry with people who advocate non-violence. But this is because **most people use their non-violent position as an excuse to do nothing.** I have **NO RESPECT** for people who dodge confrontation because they dislike being around violence. Animal abuse is violent. Its cool to believe in non-violence but if that stops you from saving animals then that's when it becomes ineffective. If it comes down to a choice between supporting people who may be violent, but who go out and save animals; or those who choose to stay at home, avoiding the situation and leaving the animals to die out there alone, I know which people I have more respect for - the ones doing something!

A RESPONSE TO "THE MYTH OF NON VIOLENCE"



by Running Man

I examined "The Myth of Non Violence" with interest over the past week, and find that I am suitably moved to write a response of sorts to

1. Establish that the article and central arguments are flawed
2. Establish a case for Non Violence

The central argument for the impracticality, insufficiency, inefficiency of non violent action is based on an analysis of one main historical figure prominent in the "peace movement" - Mohandas Gandhi. The author would like to assert that Gandhi is the "originator of the modern day peace movement" and implies that because of this fact, it can be established through an examination of the non violent resistance approach put forth by Gandhi that such an approach (taken as representative of the peace movement worldwide presumably) is

1. "Ineffective"
2. In itself insufficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse"

I will not need to bother with an analysis of the body of the work should I demonstrate that this key argument contained within the introductory body is itself flawed, thus rendering the proceedings from these premises irrelevant.

Let us then proceed to examine this argument. looking initially at one of the first premises - "the foundation of the peace movement is found in" a biblical paradigm. I am not altogether convinced that this statement is necessarily true. An examination of other religious texts also yields evidence for a case for peace. An examination of human history will also yield similar evidence. From the early beginnings of civilisation, humans have had to learn peaceful ways of social interaction for reasons of survival and resource use viability at least. this tends to suggest that the foundation of peaceful prerogative lies at the very roots of human

cont...

There are two more reasons why I think that the use of violence can be problematic. The animal rights movement is not big and strong yet, it would be foolish to declare an open full-on war, we don't have the guns and power - our enemies do. **If it comes down to a physical battle using force, then lets face it, we will loose, the evil bastards have the bigger guns, they also have the police, the army...lots of us would end up dead.** That's one reason why the violence remains underground and on the fringes of the movement, it's more wise at this point. Another thing to remember is that instilling fear into animal abusers to get them to change their behaviour only works in the short term. Because it doesn't change them inside, any change will only last as long as people can keep the pressure up. As soon as the danger is removed, the incentive is lost and they will kill again. For long term change we have to instill an ideology of non-violence. That's just a few quick idea's I thought I would add to the debate.

consciousness.

The assertion that because Gandhi is "the originator of the modern day peace movement", it can be established through an analysis of his particular model or non violent resistance that non violent resistance is ineffective and insufficient in itself to "halt worldwide animal abuse" I propose to prove erroneous. I point first to the fact that Gandhi's model of non violent resistance is but one of many possibles. Next, the step generalising from Gandhi's model and its effectiveness to asserting absolutely that a noon violent approach is itself ineffective and insufficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse" is an unjustifiable one, particularly as it is quite evident that not only one paradigm of non violent resistance is existent in potential and in actuality. It should be clear then that the assertion that a non violent approach is inefficient and insufficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse" (because an analysis of a Gandhian paradigm of non violent resistance purportedly establishes this, and Gandhi is the 'originator of the modern day peace movement", and as his paradigm is representative of non violent resistance and action worldwide) embodies fundamental flaws which render the assertion invalid.

Let us go further to examine the assertions that a non violent paradigm or approach is:

1. Inefficient
2. Insufficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse"

Regarding the first claim, to say that a particular paradigm or prerogative (i.e. the peace or non violent prerogative) is inefficient is to avoid a fundamental issue. The issue in question involves a moral question. Is a peaceful prerogative in fact a moral, ethical, or evolutionary prerogative? There are many who would argue this case. This is not to say that such individuals are necessarily right. However this is enough to raise the question of whether a peaceful prerogative is in fact a moral, ethical, and or evolutionary purpose is a creative one rather than a destructive one, and it is evident from evidence from around the globe that violence typically leads to a destruction of some form (whether psychological, physical, emotional, or material), and in fact, the purpose of violent action is destructive on certain levels. should it prove to be the case that a peaceful prerogative may be established as a moral, ethical, and or evolutionary prerogative, then the issue of such an approach or paradigm being inefficient or irrelevant.

Concerning the second claim that a non violent paradigm is insufficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse", I would like to point out that a non violent paradigm is not in itself necessarily a means to an end. Namely, such a paradigm is not *in itself* a (or the) means to "halt worldwide animal abuse". Such a paradigm is a *prescription for the manner in which action and resistance may be carried out.* And it is clear that peaceful and non violent means of societal and planetary change exist! Perhaps the most powerful tool available to those involved in the Animal Rights Movement, and to those involved in other related movement concerning such issues as Racism, Sexism, and Ageism, is education and the pursuit of mental and cognitive development, and the corresponding expansion of consciousness. Already, within the field of contemporary Philosophy, a strong and near unshakable case has been established for the ethical rights of animals. the reader is at this point referred to articles and books by Peter Singer available at the Auckland University Library as well as at libraries throughout the world. it is the dissemination of this consciousness and awareness from Academia down to the grass roots of society that will most likely prove to be the most successful and efficient to "halt worldwide animal abuse". And it is from the standpoint of this awareness that arguments for the ethical treatment of animals are the most persuasive. Particularly persuasive to governmental and local bodies; in recognition of the role Academia plays as the conscience of society.

It has been established that the two claims mentioned above are unjustified claims.

I will now proceed to attempt to establish a case for non violence. If we examine the practical and theoretical developments within the Animal Rights Movement, it will be clear that the case for the cessation of animal abuse and exploitation is predominantly an ethical one. It should also be clear that it is only from an ethical standpoint that any argument for humane treatment of animals may be supported as a valid and rational argument. Increasingly in various sectors of Academia, a case is gradually growing which encourages a movement in consciousness towards peaceful, non exploitative, and non abusive relation with the animal world. Increasingly, vegetarianism is becoming an economic imperative as the resources of the world, coupled with a burgeoning world population decrease. This imperative is revealing itself rapidly in the field of Economics and Political Science, and an examination of related literature will support this claim. Within the field of Philosophy, a case for the ethical treatment of animals has been established by Peter Singer among other prominent ethicists. Examining this case, it should become evident that embedded within is a case for peace and or non violence. The ethical argument for equal treatment of animals established by Peter Singer is based one non speciesism. This involves treating animals as one would humans. In the conception of how animals should be treated, it is clear that treatment should be non abusive, non exploitative, and respectful of life. Most, if not all animal rights activists would include in this prescription for treatment a **strong element of peace an nonviolence towards animals.** By the very same argument, this strong element of peace an non violence should apply equally to humans! Here we have a case for a non violent prerogative! An additional argument for non violence comes from an evolutionary perspective. The entire purpose of evolution is creative and growthful, as opposed to destructive and non growthful. It stands to reason than that a progressive and forwards thinking perspective would emphasize non violence and peacefulness, as opposed to violence and destructiveness. (Implicit in the very notion of violence is the notion of destruction). Conversely, violence and destruction can but lead the individual down a path of devolution and regression. Here we have two arguments for the acceptance and living out of an authentic paradigm of non violence.

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that far reaching societal and planetary change will most likely come from a sound ethical basis, through an approach of non violence and respect for all life (animal and human).

"Animal/Earth Liberation are one and the same. What's the point of saving a deer from a hunt if you then let it die at the hands of a contractor destroying its natural habitat? Why save the Whales from the harpoon if you let them die from pollution in the sea? Animal liberation and Earth Liberation go hand in hand"

RABBIX

A LETTER FROM THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

(ANONYMOUSLY SUBMITTED)

To begin, let me say that while associating with animal rights activists (something I try to avoid) I often hear people speaking thrillingly about articles they've read in the press or seen on the news about animals being liberated, laboratories being trashed, lorries being torched, fast food restaurants being burned to the ground, etc. Along with these conversations it is practically guaranteed that one or more persons will exclaim the greatness and empowerment of the action followed by a "Gee, how do I get involved with that group?" There are many others, but all basically asking the same thing: "How do I get involved?" This is how I found the answer to that question.

After reading stories about lab break-ins and fur stores being torched I too desperately wanted to join this group. But how? There was really no place to start. All of my friends in the animal rights movement had less interest in illegal direct action than I did, and even those who showed some interest were completely clue-less as to how to meet these people. At one point, I wrote to an animal rights group letting them know that I would be willing to help them raid a lab. Needless to say, that letter went unanswered. Finally I realized what I was doing. I was waiting for someone with a plan to drop out of the blue and ask me to join them in a lab raid. Now stop and think about this. Would anyone who put hundreds of hours into planning a covert illegal direct-action that could land them in prison for years, risk asking a basic stranger for help simply because he or she is a vegetarian or belonged to the local animal rights charter?! NO! (At least not if they want to stay active and out of jail!) So how did I, or a better question is, how do you end up "joining" the animal liberation front? That's easy. Come up with your own plan! Really. It's not as hard as you think. Let me repeat this important point which everyone must realize. Come up with your own plan. This is very important. One of the reasons there is not a lot more illegal direct-action happening is because there are only a few people willing to invest the time and energy necessary to choose a viable target, research the facts, recon the place and any other work necessary to execute a successful direct action. There are always plenty of people who want to help in the actual execution of the plan, though not many people are willing to dedicate and invest time, money, energy, and stress that go along with the planning. people are always willing to share in the "excitement" but not in the actual work. Simply put, no one wants to help bake the bread but everyone wants to eat it.

Many people will easily shrug off planning a direct-action for many reasons. (Nearly all mere excuses which could easily be overcome) One of the most overused reasons is people tell themselves they don't know anyone who could help in the final execution of the plan. For example, they don't know who could find homes for X amount of animals. they don't know who they could trust as a lookout. Don't know who could loan or rent them a vehicle to use, etc. I want to emphasize here that if you are faced with a problem like this, continue on! these problems usually seem to resolve themselves when the plan has finally reached that stage. there are many bridges that one can foresee that look un-crossable during the planning of an action. these problems seem unresolvable and often discourage people from continuing on with their plan. Again I must emphasize, continue. these problems either solve themselves or are more easily solved when you actually reach that point of the plan. (The other option usually being the plan is aborted for some other reason long before the problem ever had to be confronted.) Something else that should be thrown in here is that you should expect about four out of five plans you've invested time and money in to fall through. Again, this shouldn't deter you. If you approach direct action with the knowledge that most of your plans may not work, then you should not be discouraged from battling on if some of your plans fall through. Though it is not necessary, before taking any direct action one should read as much literature as possible about direct action. this is much easier to do now thanks to a "revival" in the grassroots to illegal activities should be mailed to a fake name at a P.O. Box or private mailbox center. If this is not possible perhaps a well-trusted friend (who could handle police/ federal harassment) and is not involved in illegal activities themselves would be willing to have it sent to their place. Another possibility would be to get this information off of a web site (from a library, campus, or other cyber-coffee shop computer.) Though some of these security precautions may seem ridiculous, paranoid, and unnecessary, you will be thankful you followed them if you continue to increase the frequency, severity, and effectiveness of your actions; thus producing more intense local and federal investigations. But wait a minute! You still don't know if there is anyone you can trust. This does not mean that you shouldn't consider doing an action. When I realized that no one was going to drop in and ask me to help them with their plan - when I finally realized that I was the ALF - I decided to target a fast-food restaurant myself that I had noticed appearing vulnerable. This was my first step: realizing I was the ALF and that it was up to me to find a viable target, in this case the fast food restaurant. Though I still didn't know who could help me with this plan I proceeded to scope it out the next few nights, still thinking I would find someone to help me. Though I had no experience at "casing a joint" it came very easily and naturally. Between 2 and 3 am (the time I decided would be safest to strike the place) I would carefully scope it out. Some nights dressed head to toe in my jogging gear (now is not the time to be caught there in your balaclava) I would jog up and down the street past the restaurant. I was careful to look for possible activity inside the building, employee's cars in the parking lot, amount of traffic, amount of police presence, how well lit the parking lot and building are, if there are any drive thru or security cameras (to look out for and to sabotage!) etc... Other nights I would walk my boyfriends dog up and down the street looking for the same things. In no time at all I was very familiar with the activity of the area (and had walked two emergency escape routes I would take should I be interrupted.) I was soon confident with this target.

AnimaL info

News for Animal Liberation

For all your information on local direct action (contributions welcome) and prisoner support.

Single Copies: $1 by mail.
Bulk: $10 for 15.
Overseas: Free if you send letter of animal lib news.

PO BOX 22459
ChristChurch,
Aotearoa/NZ

Unfortunately, I still didn't know anyone that I would trust divulging my plans to. I knew what I wanted to do. The day before I was going to execute my plan I drove to a neighboring town, bought superglue, spray-paint, and some garden gloves from three different store making sure to pay in cash at each store. That evening I went for a walk wearing my gloves and ended up picking up two large rocks and half a brick that I determined was small enough to carry around and handle yet enough to smash through the thick plate glass windows of a fast food restaurant. Though I would've felt a bit more comfortable with a partner to lookout for me I was tired of waiting around for apathetic and unmotivated people. That night, dressed in black from head to toe, I went jogging. As I got near the restaurant I slowed to a walk. Seeing that there was no traffic around and the building looked dark and empty I approached the building. Walking briskly across the lot, I pulled my mask down over my face. At the back of the building quickly took off my black back-pack and got out my supplies. I quickly filled the two back doors with super-glue and small pieces of paper clips that I had snipped especially for this occasion. I then proceeded to spray-paint slogans over the entire back of the building and on the side that had the drive-thru. This, done, I peeked around the building. Headlights were approaching from up the street so I just remained calm and motionless. my stomach dropped when I saw it was a police car. The cop then sped by without slowing down or looking my way. delighted, I walked around to the front of the building and quickly tossed all three of my projectiles through three separate windows! I saved this part of the action for last because of the loud sound it would make. And with the three explosions of glass I quickly sprinted through one of my pre-arranged exits and into a residential area where I quickly vanished. I then removed my black turtle neck and balaclava, ditched them in an apartment complex dumpster and went home. my point here is that with enough planning, determination, and self confidence, one person can pull off a successful action! Of course the "bigger" or "more severe" the action the better it may be to have a look out with clear communications to you. Never the less, one person shouldn't feel helpless and inactive because they don't know anyone willing to take illegal direct action. Besides, taking action is your first step in feeling out potential comrades who share the same philosophy as you and are ready and willing to take action.

It is very difficult really to explain to someone how they can find close, trustworthy partners, willing to take the same risks, and knowledgeable and strong enough to withstand heavy bouts of police interrogation, intimidation, and harassment. though you never plan to be faced with this situation, it is a realistic risk and you and anyone you work with should understand with a firm knowledge that if this situation arises you and anyone you work with will not cooperate at all with any law enforcement agencies!

There really is no cut and dry pattern or formula for choosing or finding partners. THIS IS GOOD. If there was a pattern or formula, it would open the door for infiltration of law enforcement and corporate agents.

However, by executing the fast food action by myself, it lead me to a second person whom I later hooked up with. Another member of our current cell really was not "chosen." We had merely known and trusted each other since high school when we used to forge passes out of study hall so we could skip school and go swimming in the river. we had both been vegetarians (and outcasts) in high school and I taught him about animal rights as he shared with me his views of deep ecology. it wasn't long before we started working together. My point is that there was no formula to evaluate my friend with. Merely, I had spent years with him as a best friend and we pretty much knew each other inside and out. these are the best kind of partners to have since you already have an established relationship and friendship that no law enforcement agent would be able to make up. So I'd like to emphasize that this is the best way of "finding" a partner. By working with someone you have a history with. And always trust your intuition. if someone doesn't feel right or you get "weird vibes" from them, DON'T work with them! The opposite is true here also but I don't need to explain that since when you find that true connection the feel is pretty much unmistakable.

The other partner that I connected with after the fast food restaurant action had a long history in the environmental movement. And I only shared my interest with her on illegal direct-action after she had complained to me repeatedly about a billboard advertising animal products and how someone should correct the billboard so consumers would know exactly what suffering that product really hid. After hearing repeated complaints from my friend (was she checking me out too?) we went for a walk. Here I told her that the billboard she hated so much appeared easily accessible (I had already reconned it) and that if she wanted to help redecorate it, that would be jolly. Needless to say, she thought this was a grand idea and within a matter of days the billboard had been corrected. red paint bombs made from Christmas ornaments also gave the appearance of blood running down the advertisement. the day after the billboard action my friend and I went on another walk (we NEVER talked inside a house or car!) to discuss and critique our action. This may seem silly to some , but it is the best way to learn from your mistakes and make improvements for further actions. Meetings like this restricted to only those involved with the action are great to learn from. other than that they should never be discussed again. in this case we realized that the warning system we had set up to warn of cops (aloud whistle) didn't work. I had been warned twice of police in the area by her whistle, but I was never sure when to resume work on the billboard. Also, the whistling merely attracted attention to my partner rather than to me. Because of this, we ended up putting together our savings and buying a police scanner and frequency book and a cheap pair of two-way radio headsets. Because of the headset's low price ($49.95 for the pair) I knew they would not be reliable for an action where the lookout is a long distance away. Nevertheless, they would suit our needs for more billboard, fast-food, and fur shop actions. these are the actions that should be done most often to build up confidence, unity, and comradeship. the more of these types of actions done the more competent, confident, and experienced you and your cell will become and you can soon move "up" to bigger and better actions. (Bigger and better being defined here as a larger and more severe amount of damage being done to the target. This, of course, including arson attacks.) these actions will come in time if you and your partners stay active and build up a unity and confidence that becomes almost intuitive. The two individuals I currently work with and I have almost a psychic sense in which we usually always know what the other two people are thinking. this will not happen over night and if you expect it to you will be let down. that is why I must emphasize motivation and persistence. It took me about two years of actions like this and now I currently work regularly with two separate cells and a handful of other people who occasionally seek my assistance. Through persistence and perseverance you will build up a network resources including tools, money, people and experience. If you tell yourself that there are no suitable targets to strike you should stop and ask yourself if this is what you really want to be doing. If it is, just go to the nearest phone book and let your fingers do the walking. the yellow pages will give you the names, phone numbers, and addresses (and a map of the local area) of countless animal exploiters. This is an invaluable and easily accessible resource, available 24 hours a day in any city or town you may find yourself in. In one instance our cell drove two states away to "remodel" an establishment profiting off animals deaths. Once there however, we realized this would not be possible. Instead of going home disappointed we simply went to the nearest pay phone and let our fingers do the walking. Before we left that state, one animal abuse establishment had been completely destroyed!

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. In each case we have contacted the companies and must have it confirmed in writing. 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.

* sugar free or non refined sugar

BOTANICA

Frozen Tea Infusions* (ice-cream!!)

Since Vitari Ice-cream has been unavailable some ice cream parlours have searched around for a dairy/sugar free replacement and they found this one. It is sweetened using a corn sweetener, fruit puree, beet sugar and malt. Different flavours are based around different herbal teas - although it doesn't taste at all like herbal tea. It is soft-served and consistency is similar to what I remember whipped cream to be. It is guaranteed completely dairy and fat free. Flavours are: Lemon Ginseng Sensuality; Ginger Mango Vitality and Wild Berry Longevity. It is available at the ice-cream parlour in St Lukes in Auckland but I'm sure other places also stock it.

WATTIES

We wrote away to Heinz-Watties Ltd. for a listing of animal free products. Sadly they gave us a thorough listing of products which were egg/dairy/sugar/gluten free, but forgot to say which were free from actual animal parts (meat extracts & flavourings). So we'll get back to you on those things. Instead, for those who do not eat refined sugar, it might be worthy to note the many products that are sugar free*:

Oak Tomatoes Peeled in Juice
In Watties canned fruit range: Diced two fruits; Diced Peaches, Diced Pears, Pears in Fruit Juice; Pears in Clear Juice; Pear Quarters - Lite; Peaches in Fruit Juice; Peaches in Clear Juice; Peaches Sliced - Lite; Fruit Salad in Clear Juice; Fruit Juice - Lite; Fruit Cocktail in Fruit Juice; Simply Apple; Apricots 1/2s in Clear Juice; Nectarines Sliced in Fruit Juice.
Watties Tomato Products: Whole Peeled Tomatoes in Juice; Whole Peeled Tomatoes - no added salt; Tomato Paste.
Watties canned Vegetables: Green Beans; Whole Kernel Corn (no added sugar, no added salt); Cream Corn Style (no added Sugar)

LONG JOHN SILVERS CHIPS

Fast food chain 'Long John Silvers' chips are guaranteed pre-cooked and cooked in vegetable oil. The lemon-pepper seasoning they put on their chips after cooking contains no meat products such as chicken extracts. There is an unspecified flavouring in the seasoning which has not been confirmed vegan yet - it could contain milk products. We will check this out. In any case they are confirmed vegetarian and most outlets will leave off the seasoning when asked. Note that many shops also cook the chips in a separate oil vat than the one they cook their meat products in. Though this varies from shop to shop.

DODGY STUFF

Here we list products that are not strictly vegan.We haven't included obvious things like cheese flavoured chips etc. Where possible I have tried to say what they have in them which is dodgy.

Ocean Spray Juices:

Ocean Spray Juices: Ruby Red, Ruby red & Tangerine, Kiwi Strawberry, Island Guava , and Cranberry contain cochineal. The cochineal is not synthetic but "a red dye derived from the dried bodies of female insects". They claim that the dye is natural and non harmful - but its still gross!

Heinz-Watties:

The following products may sound vegan but contain dairy &/or egg products:
Watties Spaghetti products which contain dairy products:
Spaghetti; Alphabet Spaghetti; Numbers Spaghetti; Spaceship Spaghetti
Watties concentrated soups which contain dairy: Mushroom; extra tomato; Tomato Soup; Premium Tomato. Premium Pumpkin & Orange; Premium country mushroom.
Soup for one range: Tomato; Pumpkin & Orange; Country mushroom.
Note that all Watties Dressing contain egg products.
Oak Spaghetti contains dairy products.
Oak Mushroom soup contains dairy

SUGAR & OTHER SWEETENERS:

Sugar is avoided even by some vegetarians because its processing may involve a bone char filter. An activated carbon filter, often made of bone char, decolonises sugar to make it white through an absorption process. Bone Char is used by many large sugar companies worldwide, including Chelsea in New Zealand. The bone char usually comes from the bones of cows. Bone is heated to an extremely high temperature which results in it changing into pure carbon. Companies claim that bone char is the most economically feasible and efficient filter. All commercial sugar undergoes some degree of refining even "raw sugar". Beet sugar is never refined with bone char so is vegan. Also smaller companies may not refine using bone char - make sure they say how the sugar has been processed. Billington's sugar is unrefined. Also Britain's sugar is bone char free, so products from there are safe. Bone char is widely used in the United States however.

Molasses - IS VEGAN. It is a by-product of the refining process of sugar but is removed before the sugar has gone through the bone char filter. Companies do not need to use the filter as they do not desire to eliminate its brown colour.

Maple Syrup - may or may not be vegan. The process of making maple syrup requires an agent to reduce the foam of the syrup by adding a small amount of fat to the liquid. Traditionally local producers would hang pork fat over a tub of maple syrup and let drops of fat drip into the syrup, others use milk, cream, or butter. Many commercial companies now use vegetable oil, or synthetic defoamers, especially in the U.S. but many still use animal fat.

Caramel colour - probably vegan. Lactose is one of several permitted raw carbohydrate reactants that can be used to produce caramel. Potatoes, wheat and glucose syrup are others. But Sethness the worlds largest caramel colour company says that lactose is not used by any caramel producer in the world almost all use glucose.

CONTACTS

Useful animal rights groups and contacts around the world.

Groups in Aotearoa

Auckland Animal Action

PO Box 34-641, Birkenhead, Ak
e-mail at: aaa@ihug.co.nz/~aaa
WWW : http://crash.ihug.co.nz/~aaa
Grassroots animal activist group. Campaigns: People for Possum, veganism (egg/dairy esp), anti-vivisection (med).

Wellington Animal Action

PO Box 6387 Te Aro Wellington
A grassroots activist group tackling all animal abuse. Anti-vivisection, and anti-zoo and duck-shooting campaigns actively running.

S.A.F.E.

Offices:
50 High St. Auckland. Ph:309 7738
133 Worcester St ChCh Ph/fax3799711
Addresses:
PO Box 33 1139 Takapuna, Auckland
PO Box 15 198 Dinsdale, Hamilton
PO Box 1917 Island Bay, Wellington
PO Box 13 366 Armagh,Christchurch
e-mail: safe@chch.planet.co.nz
Our National animal rights organisation. Great source of information on anything to do with animal welfare and rights. Major campaigns started or coming up: Animal testing (cosmetic), Veganism and vegetarianism, Live exports. Ak SAFE: also has an anti Circus campaign

Vegan Society (NZ)

PO Box 876, Auckland.
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.

N.Z. Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS)

PO Box 22076 Christchurch.
A group totally dedicated to abolishing vivisection based around the principles of scientific anti-vivisection.

McLibel Support Campaign

PO Box 14156, Kilbirnie, Wellington
http://www.ch.planet.gen.nz/~mcspot/home.html
Information on the biggest libel case in British history.

Australian Groups

ACTION MAGAZINE
ACTION ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM
PO Box 15; Elwood, Victoria 3184
Ph:61(0)3-95314367 Fax:61(0)3 95314257
Direct action at battery hen farms.

ANIMAL LIBERATION NSW
Suite 509 410 Elizabeth St.Surry Hills 2010
Protests and direct action against intensive piggeries, most recently the Bunge piggery, and battery hen farms.

ANIMAL RIGHTS EDUCATION
Po Box 273, Somers, Victoria 3927
Tel: 61-(0)3-59-831-891
Works with students.

ANIMAL WATCH AUSTRALIA
http://www.envirolink.org/orgs/animal_watch/au.html
e-mail: animal_watch@envirolink.org
Po Box 1630, Collingwood, Victoria 3066
Tel/Fax:61-(0)3-9415-1797 (until Oct 97)
Mainly internet work. Focus on intensive farming systems.

AUSTRALIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION
http://www.lexicon.net.au/~adder/
adder@lexicon.net.au
Good net site on wildlife smuggling

COALITION AGAINST DUCK SHOOTING
37 O'Connell St N.Melbourne Victoria 3051
Tel: 61-(0)3-9238-2843
Successful and well known to the Australian public duck rescue direct action operations on a large scale. Anti-shooting and Anti-gun

FREEDOM FOR BIRDS
FREE THE COCKATOOS INC.
Po Box 172, Mt. Evelyn, Victoria 3796
Rescue/direct action for caged birds. Recent good media for getting busted for 'stealing' a cockatoo from a pet shop.

GUARDIANS -
A Group Exposing Vivisection
PO Box 59, Pascoe Vale, Victoria 3044
Tel/Fax:61-(0)3-9386-3778
e-mail: guardians@werple.net.au
A website coming soon!!!Great group.Abolitionist, informative.Supports direct action against vivisectors.

PUPPY FACTORY CAMPAIGN
8 Anderson Street Kallista Victoria 3791
Tel:61-(0)3-9756-7275
Direct action on puppy farms/factories.

United Kingdom

There are too many groups to list all, most national groups have been listed. If you require a more thorough listing including local groups or further details about any group contact Liberate!

Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group
BCM 1160 London WC1N 3XX
e-mail 100302.1616@compuserve.com
Give financial & practical support to ALF prisoners in UK. Quarterly newsletter.

Animal Aid
The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge Kent TN9 1AW
Fighting all animal exploitation. Publish the bi-monthly magazine 'Outrage'.

Animal Concern
62 Old Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, Scotland G3 8RE
Scottish a.r. group incorporating the Scottish Anti-vivisection Society.

Anti-Bullfighting Committee
PO Box 175 Liverpool L69 8DX
Liaises with Spanish groups to persuade holiday makers to boycott bullfights, discourages travel agencies advertising them

British Anti-Vivisection Association (BAVA)
PO Box 82 Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF
Campaign to abolish animal experimentation on basis of medical fraud.

Campaign Against Leather & Fur (CALF)
BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX
Campaigns against fur, leather, silk and wool. Making the link that leather is the same as fur. Give out vegan info packs.

Cetacea Defence
PO Box 11 SEDO Office, Manchester M18 8GUI
Protecting the worlds Dolphins & Whales. Involved in the Free Corky campaign.

Doctors & Lawyers for Responsible Medicine (DLRM)
104 Weston Park, London N8 9PP
Campaign for the immediate and unconditional abolition of all animal experiments on scientific and medical grounds.

The Fellowship of Life
43 Braichmelyn, Bethseda, Bangor, Gwynedd, North Wales L157 3RD
Christian based animal rights group who support all aspects of the movement.

Hedgehog Preservation Society
Knowberry, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3LQ
Campaign to protect hedgehogs.

Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA)
PO Box 2786 Brighten, BN2 2AX
e-mail: hsa@gn.apc.org
Prevents hunting by direct intervention on the killing fields. Brilliant quarterly magazine 'HOWL'. Much tactical info on sabbing

International Animal Welfare Alliance
PO Box 43, Dudley DY3 3DG
Initially an anti-circus group coordinating 'Circuswatch' now have several campaigns

Justice & Rights Associates
PO Box 83 Brackwell Berks RG12 7QH
Against Ostrich, Emu & Rhea farming.

The Marine Connection
PO Box 2404 London NW11
Campaign against the keeping of marine mammals in captivity.

McLibel Support Campaign
5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX
Provide support for the two London activists being sued for libel by McDonalds.

National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS)
Ravenside 261 Goldhawk Road
London W12 9PE
Produce magazine 'Campaigners'.

National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC)
PO Box 66 Stevenage Hets. SG1 2TR
Campaign for an and to all bloodsports.

NOW Against Live Exports
St. Josephs, Souldern, Bicester,
Oxon OX6 9LA
Support demo's where-ever animals are shipped from. Against live exports.

Nurses Anti-Vivisection Movement
PO Box 32 Matlock Derby DE4 3JY
Nurses who publicly denounce vivisection, ensuring anti-vivisection discussed in official nursing colleges and boards.

Pisces
PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND
e-mail: pisces@pisces.demon.co.uk
web site: http://www.envirolink.org/arrs/pisces/index.html
Campaign against angling, quarterly mag.

Sea Sabs
PO Box 5 Dover Kent CT15 4GD
Marine action group confronting animal abusers on the water incl. live exports.

Shark Protection League
BM LAPL London WC1N 3XX
Exposing the cruelty in shark angling.

The Shellfish Network
Springside Forest Road, East Horsley,
Leatherhead, Surrey KT24 5AZ
Increasing public awareness of cruelty in the production of shellfish for food - including selling of live lobsters.

Teachers for Animal Rights
c/o Lynwood Rd London SW4 6HP

Uncaged
14 Ridgeway Rd Sheffield S12 2SS
Against vivisection on scientific & ethical grounds, anti-Proctor & Gamble campaign

Vegetarians International Voice for Animals (VIVA!)
12 Queen Square, Brighten BN1 3FD
Active campaign against Ostrich meat, magazine 'VIVA!'. Promoting veganism.

United States

Again only larger or national groups are listed, for more thorough listing contact LIBERATE! There are literally dozens and dozens of small grassroot direct acion groups in the US.

Campaign Against the Fur Trade (CAFT)
PO Box 822411, Dallas, Texas 75382
e-mail: minklib@aol.com
http://members.aol.com/CAFTNET/caft.htm
Large, national, active anti fur organisation run grassroots style. Regular CD's - blockade fur shops entrances, disrupt fur breeders conventions. Pro-ALF.

Animal defenders League (ADL)
PO Box 2443, Bloomington, IN 47402
e-mail: ADL@indianna.edu
http://ezinfo.ucs.indiana.edu/nadl/adl2.titm/
Militant, national,grassroots, pro-ALF animal liberation group. Involved in civil disobedience.

North American Animal Liberation Front Supporters group (NA-ALFSG)
Box 69597; 5845 Yonge St, Willowdale,
Ontario, Canada, M2M 4K3
e-mail: naalfsg@envirolink.org
Support ALF prisoners, put out a brilliant magazine called 'Underground'

Compassion Over Killing (COK)
PO Box 9773, Washington DC 20016
e-mail: shapiro5@capaccess.org
Animal rights activist network. Grassroots group that coordinate lot of demo's.

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society
PO Box 628, Venice, California 90294.
e-mail: nvoth@estreet.com
http://www.seashepherd.org
Direct action on the water to save marine wildlife. In the past Sea Shepherd boats have rammed many whaling and driftnetting vessels, sinking several. The only group to actively enforce international laws protecting sea animals.

Students Organising for Animal Rights (SOAR)
235 Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave, SE Minneapolis, MN 55455.
e-mail: soar@waste.org
http://www.waste.org/soar
Active group of students organise demo's etc. Based at University of Minnesota

People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
501 Front St. Norfolk VA 23510
e-mail: peta@norfolk.infi.net
http://www.envirolink.org/arrs/peta
Largest a.r. organisation in the world with over half a million members.

In Defense of Animals (IDA)
131 Camino Alto, Suite E, Mill Valley, California 94941
http://www.idausa.org
Large national animal rights group

No Compromise
PO Box 240655 Apple Valley, MN 55124
e-mail: NoComp@waste.org
http://www.envirolink.org/arrs/nocompromise/
No Compromise is the magazine of grassroots animal activists in the US, its AWESOME! People are strongly advised to check out their web site

This issue marks a full year of Liberates! We did it, we actually pulled off a bi-monthly mag, 6 issues in a year!!! Looks like Liberate is here to stay. And I was worried that not enough would happen in little old Aotearoa to be able to keep filling a 32 page mag. It looks like the animal liberation movement is finally happening. This time last year there was little 'action' for animals now several new groups are established, NZAVS is back up on its feet and Auckland SAFE is more active than it has been in ages. Also a.r. protests in general have been taken to a new level with several of the new grassroots groups trying new tactics including CD's and rowdy demo's. 13 arrests down at Waiouru alone in recent months, 9 arrests for anti-vivisection activists in the past year, Christchurch activists doing demo's hooded up in their ballies!! Wow, nothing quite like this has ever happened here before and we still have ANZCCART to come! There's also been an increase in ALF activity, the pressure is really been put on the vivisector and butcher scum, and just two activists arrested so far!

Lets keep the pressure up, lets keep the movement going forward, now is the time for everyone who has been thinking about doing something for the animals to get off their buts and join in the war. It doesn't matter what you do as long as you do something. EVERY BIT HELPS. Everything you do is something that would not have happened otherwise. Writing letters, leafleting, veggie BBQ's, stalls, postering vivisectors neighbourhoods, disrupting rodeo's, circuses, angling competitions, sabbing duck shooters, smashing up and burning down... but I digress.

GET INVOLVED! GET MOVING! GET INSPIRED!

oh, but most importantly:

keep writing to and buying your Liberate!

luv Dee☺

