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Rod Coronado's Triumphant Homecoming

Rod talks to *No Compromise* about his past, serving time, and his neverending quest for total liberation

NC: How did you first get involved with the struggle for animal liberation?

RC: When I left high school in 1984, I started working with Paul Watson and through Sea Shepherd met my first vegetarians. In 1986 I became one, even though I had already become involved with direct action against whalers and furriers. But 1987 was the year I started my own ALF cell, so I'd say that is when I really began my personal struggle for animal liberation as opposed to reforms or believing animals will ever win legal protection.

NC: What first got you interested in taking direct action?

RC: Seeing Paul Watson confront seal killers on the ice floes of Newfoundland in 1978. When I saw that it was possible to organize and intervene to prevent atrocities against wildlife and the earth, I knew that's what I must do. That was only months before I read about Paul ramming the pirate whaling ship, the Sierra, in 1979. When that happened, I gave up on the animal welfare groups I had joined and began to direct all my support towards direct action.

NC: What were the charges you pleaded guilty to, and do you feel your efforts were worth the penalty you faced?

RC: I pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the arson at Michigan State University's Experimental Fur Farm in 1992, and theft of government property--that being a 7th Cavalryman's journal from the 1876 battle of Little Big Horn. It was a spontaneous action in response to the one-sided portrayal of the battle in the museum that did not recognize that at the time the U.S. was itself in violation of the Ft. Laramie Treaty and Custer's 7th cavalry illegal invasion. I offered to return the book when the truth was told but ended up burning the book instead.

Since then, the battlefield has installed a Native American director and is currently building a monument to the Lakota and Cheyenne warriors who died that day defending their people and homelands. Custer got what every U.S. soldier deserves, a rubbing out. Hell yeah, it was worth it. Four years in prison for eight years waging a guerilla war against animal abusers that cost them millions, saved hundreds of lives and struck fear into the cold, black hearts of the animals' enemies was a good trade-off, considering I was facing twelve years for the ALF charges alone. There were literally dozens of raids I was never charged with, so as a direct action warrior, I think it was a worthwhile sacrifice for tasting true freedom that I will never forget. Given the choice, I'd much rather go to prison for four years than not having fought the battles that I did. That was just one battle; I don't think of it as having "done my time." We all need to "do our time," not as prisoners but as warriors. Isn't that what living is, as opposed to what surviving is? I've lived a good life, I've let it be known whose side I'm on, and I have no regrets (except for wishing I'd never been caught, so I might have burned more torture chambers to the ground).

NC: Can you tell us a bit about your years locked up in prison, what the conditions were like, and how you dealt with that time?

RC: I spent my first three months in a minimum security prison at the foot of Mt. Graham, a sacred site to my people, which I defended while on the run. I was boosted up to medium security because the prison authorities believed me to be an escape risk because of my relationship to that place. I spent the next three and a half years outside Tucson working as a landscaper because I refused to work for UNICOR, the prison industry, because they manufactured equipment for the U.S. military (air-force helmet bags). I also refused to do any kind of work that involved the maintenance of that internment camp. So I watered plants and chased away my boss whenever he'd approach my area with herbicides.

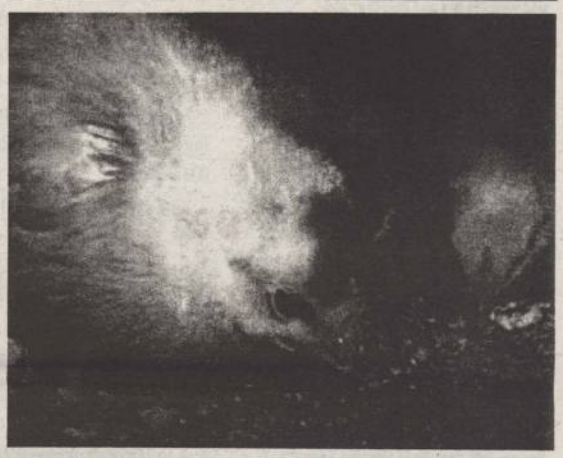
One of the highlights for me was nursing a kangaroo rat back to health. I snuck her into my cell, and she used to crawl onto my chest while I was sleeping and stare at me. As a Native American, I was able to participate in sweat lodge ceremonies every Sunday where I could re-affirm my commitment to defend Earth. I helped organize an animal pow-wow, produced a 'zine for supporters on the outside and another 'zine for those inside. I did radio, T.V. and newspaper interviews in person and over the phone, especially after a successful ALF or ELF raid; I corresponded with hundreds of activists across the world; and I studied resistance struggles in Northern Ireland, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Spain, and France. And of course wrote for No Compromise and the Earth First Journal.

I was constantly debating and discussing our movement's goals with the general prison population as well as regularly attending the Humanists Society and Nation of Islam's meetings. I wrote Memories of Freedom, began work on my own book, and did prisoner support for various ALF activists. At times I was more active inside than sometimes outside of prison. I worked out every day, never left my cell without a book, and read the New York Times and USA Today everyday, as well as the weekly, monthly, and quarterly newsletters of about a dozen groups involved in human, animal, and earth liberation. I made a commitment to improving myself as well as demonstrating to my captors that they had not broken my spirit, and instead only galvanized my determination to be an enemy of their terrorist state. All these things I believe are obligations of ALF warriors in prison. Prison isn't a time to relax. It's a time to strengthen mind, body and spirit for the fight that lies ahead when you are released.

NC: What kind of support did you receive as a prisoner, and what do you think can be done to improve the level of support our prisoners receive?

RC: I received a tremendous amount of support because, fortunately, I had name recognition and over ten years of history with the animal rights and environmental movements. Out of three and a half years in medium security, I received mail everyday except about four days. The greatest thing done to offer me support, though, were the seventy raids against the same fur farm industry I had fought. That's the best form of support. Otherwise I think it's up to the individual prisoner to determine what kind of support is best. As I mentioned, most of my time was spent on activism, but some supporters inquired about other interests, so I also would occasionally receive a country western music magazine since I've always been an in-the-closet honky tonk man--yee haw! Having money in my account was always nice, as were visits. I personally also loved group letters written at EF! and other gatherings. The slimiest non-support actions

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115 Baby Chicks Liberated from Merial

Laboratory with ties to Huntingdon Life Sciences is the most recent to be targeted by Animal Liberation Front

Received anonymously by supportive aboveground groups in the US:

"In the early morning hours of February 27, 2003, the ALF liberated 115 chickens from Merial Select Laboratory (10026 Main Street, Berlin, MD, 21811, Phone 410 641-2060, Fax 410 641-0768)

In the midst of a snowstorm, we made our way to the animal housing units. Using crowbars and boltcutters, we bypassed the alarmed doors by prying and cutting our way through the window panes and wire mesh. After crawling into several barns, we loaded 115 baby chicks into carriers and brought them to safety. They have been taken to temporary housing to live in a period of isolation to ensure that the possible diseases they have been infected with do not spread to others. Afterwards, they will be moved to permanent homes to live freely.

Merial Labs will tell you their research into new vaccines is "helping" animals. The truth is, they are creating vaccines to maximize an animal's life inside a factory farm in order to increase profits from the commodification of life.

Countless animal research facilities commit their atrocities in Maryland, but Merial was targeted specifically because they are a client of Huntingdon Life Sciences. Any friend of HLS is an enemy of the ALF. We know who their clients are. We are out there, and you're next.

until all are free...
the Animal Liberation Front"

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Introductory Ramblings

Dear NC Readers,

Animals are being imprisoned, tortured and murdered each second of the day. Their homes are prisons in which they are held hostage, unable to go home or on vacation with family and friends. Since the suffering that animals feel is uninterrupted, why should we limit our opposition to these horrendous acts to business hours?

This issue our Focus Section, entitled "Making It Personal," gives you an introduction on how to effectively take your message to the homes of the abusers. Just as with any campaign, waging a war on the abuser should not be done without laying the proper groundwork. Therefore, *No Compromise* provides information on how to do the research on an abuser (p. 13) and your legal rights at home demonstrations (p. 13). As always, the Shadow Activist (p. 14) has contributions to make to this topic as well, outlining some tactics used in order to achieve maximum destruction.

The growing trend of focusing on abusers' personal lives has not come without its own criticism, and the featured debate (p. 16) in this issue addresses just that.

This issue we also welcome back Rod Coronado to *No Compromise*. We are thrilled once again to be able to publish his insightful and motivating column (p. 3). Our interview with him (p. 1) outlines why he had to leave us temporarily, what happened during his probation period following his release from prison halfway houses, and his plans for the future now that he finally has his freedom back.

The last few months of 2002 were very busy. The campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences scored a major victory when Marsh Incorporated withdrew its insurance coverage, forcing the UK government to provide emergency insurance to the animal laboratory. Animals made important gains on the legislative side, including the first statewide ban on gestation crates in the United States, thanks to Amendment 10 in Florida. The United States saw another open rescue on the east coast, and groups continued to launch campaigns to bring attention to animal exploitation on all fronts.

As we enter into another year, let's keep the animals at the forefront of our minds, always putting them and their well being as top priority. As you act on behalf of the animals, remember to keep sending us your news, articles, opinions and photos!

To those who continue to suffer... we will never surrender.

Until All Are Free,
NC Steering Committee

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Returning to the Battlefield

After a long struggle for his own freedom, Rod Coronado can finally return to fight on behalf of the animals and the Earth

by Rod Coronado
No Compromise Columnist

In August of this year, I completed an eleven-year battle with the United States Government and private industry. It began as a campaign of sabotage by the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) designed to cripple this nation's fur farm research and developmental base and halt predator control research. My role in the campaign ended with my capture, criminal prosecution, four years imprisonment and a three year period of supervised release (probation). Was it worth it? Absolutely.

When I pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting arson at Michigan State University's Experimental Fur Farm, I knew I'd be going to prison for years. But I also knew it would be years instead of decades before I ever tasted freedom again. The three-year period of supervised release turned into a two-year period where, as an earth and animal defender, I was banned from speaking about, writing, publishing, associating with, working on or organizing anything related to animal rights or environmentalism.

While a test for this generation's fledgling underground resistance, this period was also the fulfillment of a decision I had to make as a member of a society responsible for extreme acts of environmental destruction and animal abuse. A decision to engage in a nonviolent guerrilla war against the legally-protected industries responsible for it. It is the intent of this article to once again encourage other brave warriors to step forward and join this noble resistance.

But we cannot continue this struggle without first addressing the consequences of becoming a member of what the U.S. Government calls "the most active domestic terrorist organization." Only when we are prepared for such events can we as a movement continue to advocate such tactics. Those already engaging in or contemplating ALF/ELF activities must fully comprehend and be prepared for the persecution that awaits earth- and animal-defending warriors if captured.

Previous to my capture in 1994, I had envisioned either going out in a hail of FBI/ATF gunfire or crossing the border to live out my life in the Sierra Madre.

In reality, I walked into a trap and found myself on a year-long path of disempowering federal legal proceedings. The shock of facing the much-publicized, eighty-six years of imprisonment for my accused actions (a myth that contributed to my two and a half years on the run) was removed when my lawyers informed me that such a sentence was impossible, given my criminal history. Media reports of prison sentences awaiting the accused are almost always based on the maximum sentence allowable by law, not the mitigating factors that reduced the time I faced from eighty-six to twelve years. Regardless, none of us should ever pretend to know how the government intends to prosecute our warriors; rather, we should base our opinions on similarly politicized prosecutions and an understanding of the legal application of anti-terrorism legislation.

With the realization that I would be free to fight again, I opted for a strategy of damage control, whereby I pleaded guilty and testified to my own involvement in the ALF, while refusing to testify against others. I ended up with a plea bargain where I pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting arson in exchange for six other similar charges being dropped. The prosecuting U.S. Attorney agreed to a sentencing range of 41-51 months imprisonment, and the judge chose the maximum with an additional six months added on for refusing to cooperate and as a supposed deterrent to other, would-be ALF saboteurs. An act of government repression's effectiveness can be measured by the seventy-plus ALF fur farm actions that continued during the time of my imprisonment.

Seven years later, I wish the situation had called for fewer risks of freedom and illegal actions, but unfortunately, our planet's situation cries out for far more. As I travel through the environmental hotspots of the Northwest, I continue to be shocked to tears by the continuing assault on our sacred Earth.

Last month I witnessed the decaying mass of thousands of Coho Salmon, an entire run killed because government officials refused to release enough water from their dams to allow the salmon to reach their spawning grounds. The Army Corp of Engineers believed that cotton and soybean farmers needed it more. Later I ran into an Earth First!er from Montana who told me of the need for warriors to help protect Momma bison and their newborn babies this spring from the Montana Department of Livestock officials who shoot them as they wander from Yellowstone Park, in search of their ancient homeland.

Even in the liberal haven of Humboldt County, California I've been supporting twenty-three courageous young women and men who have occupied 1,200-year-old redwood trees, putting their very lives on the line for our Earth. The chain saws of Pacific Lumber are cutting the few remnant trees that also are home to endangered marbled murrlets, red tree voles and other forest brethren. Later that day, I was driving on Highway 101 past the town of Scotia, a town given life through the forest's death, and was once more stunned by the immense large yellow monolith of a sawmill that comprises PL's base of operations.

I thought of how many ancient forest groves have been ground up in that mill. How many nests of murrlets, voles and other animals' homes have been destroyed by PL's chain saws? How many salmon runs have been drowned into near extinction with the silt and pesticides from PL's clear-cuts? This jewel of a planet's last ancient redwood forests still being destroyed today, and all we can muster are tree sits? The only appropriate action our yet-to-be-born descendants might say is for an empty airplane to be flown into that evil factory, blowing it to Hell once and for all.

Some environmentalists believe we have to be sensitive to the economic needs of impoverished counties like Humboldt, where the largest landowners and employers are Pacific Lumber and Simpson Timber. I believe nothing of the sort. No job or career that relies on the destruction of entire nations of animals and their homelands deserves preservation. Think of all the pornographers and drug dealers who lose their jobs-- no one cries for them, and likewise, no one should fight for jobs that are equally dependent on the commercial exploitation of others. In the animal liberation movement, we have to remember that we are fighting for

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In Memory of Sue

We remember and say goodbye to one of the founders of the Band of Mercy

By Ronnie Lee

Sue Smith, one of the UK pioneers of direct action for animal liberation, has died at the age of 55.

Sue was involved in the earlier days of the Hunt Saboteurs Association and served as its Honorary Secretary and as a committee member during the early seventies.

She was one of the founding members of the Band of Mercy, which later became the ALF, and took part in many raids against the vivisection industry, hunt kennels, factory farms, etc., when these groups were in their infancy. These included the famous action against the notorious ICI laboratories in Cheshire, when two of the "smoking" beagles were rescued from horrific tobacco experiments.

In the mid-seventies Sue moved from the London area down to the south-west of England, where she worked at several sanctuaries, devoting herself to animal rescue and the treatment of sick and injured creatures, using herbalism and other natural methods.

Eventually she bought a dilapidated farmhouse, which she renovated for use as an animal sanctuary and natural healing centre for both animals and people. Many creatures, rescued from the nightmare of vivisection or factory farming, found care and comfort at her hands.



Sue Smith, 1947 - 2002

Sue, who had been a vegan for the past 30 years, never gave up her involvement in animal rights activism, however, and still found time to go to demonstrations and take part in direct action in different parts of the country. She was even given her own regular spot on a local television programme, in which she spread the animal rights message and opened the eyes of viewers to the various forms of animal abuse.

Despite having lived in Somerset for many years, Sue never lost her jaunty London accent and the terrific sense of humour that went with it – a breath of fresh air in these days when many animal rights activists don't know what it is to have a good laugh.

Sadly, during the past year Sue became ill and eventually her condition became so bad that she was admitted to the hospital in Taunton. Doctors at first thought she was suffering from lupus, but tests showed this wasn't the case and they were never able to determine the cause of her illness.

Having known Sue for 30 years, I was desperately worried when I heard she was in the hospital and phoned the ward to speak to her. She was suffering from pneumonia and had breathing difficulties, but we were still able to have a good chat and a great laugh, and she seem determined to fight her illness and get back as soon as possible to her involvement in the animal rights movement.

Unhappily, this was not to be, and after slipping into unconsciousness, she died on July 29th and was buried, a week later, in the grounds of her beloved sanctuary and healing centre in a very moving ceremony which combined elements of pagan and American Indian funeral rites.

Sue was, to a large extent, an unsung heroine of the movement for animal liberation and, because she was never arrested for direct action, her important involvement in the Band of Mercy and ALF can only now be revealed.

She will be sadly missed, and the world is a poorer place without her.

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Strength in the grassroots and direct action

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much more than what mainstream animal rights and environmental groups fight for.

We're not fighting for more government controls or oversight or a panel of experts or congressmen to look into the situation. No, to paraphrase Chumbawamba, we don't want crumbs from their table; we don't even want our own loaf of bread or even the bakery; we're taking the whole fucking wheat field back.

The radical environmental and animal liberation movement should ask or expect nothing from this 500-year-old, dominant, capitalist society, built on the blood and bones of the Earth and animals. Their intent is war, not peace. And so should be ours. We need to unabashedly support the fight for the total economic collapse of every industry profiting from the destruction of the Earth and animals. Be it Pacific Lumber, Huntington Life Sciences or Monsanto, we need to leave the talk to others and focus more on what we do best. Take action.

Last week in Bella Coola, British Columbia, Nuxalk community members stormed the construction site of a new commercial salmon farm and tore the wooden forms that would have made up the farm's tanks to pieces before the concrete could ever be poured. The indigenous Nuxalk who depend on the salmon for their existence have powerlessly watched as twenty other salmon hatcheries in the area leaked a deadly infection to the wild salmon, causing a massive die off. After attempting for years to stop the factory farming of salmon through legal means, many Nuxalk have once again remembered the power of direct action in defense of all life on Earth.

Direct action in the animal liberation movement also continues to reward our movement with rare victories. Despite groups like In Defense of Animals that arrogantly claim an entire movement's victory, the Coulston Foundation - this nation's largest chimpanzee research laboratory - was shut down only with the continued effort of grassroots groups like Animal Protection of New Mexico that tirelessly campaigned against the lab. Equally responsible are the direct action warriors of the ALF who inflicted a million dollars of damage to the laboratory in September 2001, pushing the nearly bankrupt corporation that much closer to financial collapse. And now we also have the Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty (SHAC) campaign to thank for reminding us, once again, of the power of direct action. In less than six months of protests, Marsh Inc.., the largest insurance company in the world, has been forced by our efforts to drop its corporate client HLS - just one of many victories directly attributable to direct action.

It should come as no surprise that such tactics still work. Whether in Britain or the U.S., every for-profit corporation can only operate in a peaceful environment. The commitment of activists in SHAC, ALF, ELF and other direct action groups is founded in the knowledge that economic sabotage works. With ALF raids, home demos, demonstrations, harassment and outright intimidation of financial backers, direct action activists have been shutting down vivisection labs, breeders, fur shops and farms and other abusive institutions for years.

The tactics might frighten the faint of heart, but no one can question their effectiveness. And it is effectiveness - not media attention - that should determine our strategies. The remaining questions left for animal and earth liberation warriors to answer are: What role will you play in the time-honored tradition of defending innocent life from the evil that would destroy it, and will you allow your fear of what your enemies can do to you intimidate you from carrying out the actions your own heart cries for?

Our job is that of a warrior society. In every indigenous culture there was a warrior society that acted as the protector of life, land and culture. A life, land and culture that coexisted harmoniously with the Earth and her animal children. The very same way of life that we now fight for and argue about is still possible today. Only now we are who are on watch, not the indigenous warriors of yesteryear. But like those last few brave rebels, we also are remembering that once again it is time to burn the Invader's forts to the ground.

I'm thankful for groups like PETA that use their resources to promote an uncompromised case for animal liberation through legitimate avenues, because I sure as hell don't want to see the limited resources of the grassroots animal liberation movement used for such causes. All we ask of the larger animal rights movement is that it not condemn the tactics of our own warriors. Unfortunately, many animal rights activists further separate themselves from those they represent by accepting token change for animals. They think not of the long-term fight, only of their own agenda and fund-raising efforts. No, I believe ours is a greater role to fulfill. The animal rights movement is small enough, with the grassroots animal liberation movement even smaller. Take from this the handful of warriors willing and able to apply a direct action strategy, and the number is even smaller, too small to ever waste time trying to awaken animal abusers to the evil of their ways. People like Andrew Baker and Brian Cass and other corporate animal abusers who have built their comfortable homes and family lives on the torture of animals deserve to be reminded of that suffering, be it at all hours and in any physically nonviolent form. There is no shame in stripping away the mask that hides animal cruelty, be it at someone's home or in someone's lab.

Of course, such an effective strategy does not come without a price. It can be seen in the ridiculously high bail given to SHAC protesters and the outrageously long prison sentences now being given to our warriors. Like the Earth and animal defenders of the past, our commitment to natural life has gained us a very dangerous label - terrorist. That is nothing new. Before, they called us bloodthirsty savages. Rather than wrestle with the irony of being a terrorist for opposing the torture and destruction of all life on Earth nonviolently, it is better to use our limited time to prepare for the battles that lie ahead.

Battles that will inevitably once again result in the imprisonment and maybe even deaths of our closest friends. The U.S. Government, with its assortment of anti-terrorist law enforcement agencies, now fully recognizes the threat our movement poses to some of this country's largest industries. Still, we must not shy away from the few tactics that buy the Earth and animals time. Remember always that the intent of repression is to crush resistance. Inaction is only an option for those who can numb themselves to the screams of the tortured ones we should be honored to defend.

We fight for freedom. And we are ready to risk our own for what we believe in.

But that's what the animal liberation struggle is about, and if you're not ready to live up to what's on your buttons or t-shirt, then maybe you should join In Defense of Animals, or step out of the way of our warriors

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Horse Killers on the Run

Two horse slaughterhouses are left in the United States. What can you do to help shut them down?

by Ariana

When the ALF burned the Cavel West horse slaughterhouse to the ground in Redmond, Oregon in 1997, it marked the beginning of the end for the U.S. horse slaughter industry. A series of other plant closures and consolidations left only three horse slaughterhouses operating by the beginning of 2002.

Now, after a mysterious fire burned to the ground a second Cavel slaughterhouse in DeKalb, Illinois earlier this year, only two horse slaughterhouses remain, both in Texas. Together, the Beltex slaughterhouse in Fort Worth and the Dallas Crown slaughterhouse in Kaufman kill close to 50,000 horses a year (down from a 1990 high of nearly 350,000), often shipping them in thousands of miles from states as far away as California and Pennsylvania.

The great irony of this situation is that Texas law specifically prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption. According to the Texas Agricultural Code (§ 149.002 and §149.003), the sale, possession or shipment of horse meat is a criminal offense. Yet for the past 27 years, Beltex and Dallas Crown have been flouting the 53-year-old statute, killing horses and shipping their flesh overseas to European and Japanese markets. Their defense? A specious argument that a federal law permitting interstate commerce supercedes the state law, therefore making the slaughter and sale legal.

Activists begged to differ, however, and earlier this year, they called upon Texas Attorney General John Cornyn to issue an opinion on the matter. On August 7, 2002, Cornyn ruled that Beltex and Dallas Crown are in fact operating illegally, regardless of federal law. He further ruled that the prosecution of Beltex and Dallas Crown falls upon the shoulders of the Tarrant County District Attorney and the Kaufman County District Attorney, respectively.

Not surprisingly, Beltex and Dallas Crown are scrambling to stop the legal proceedings. On September 26, they asked a federal judge to issue an injunction preventing the District Attorneys from going forth with their investigations and from filing charges against them. At press time, the judge had yet to rule on the matter.

At same time that legal wrangling over horse slaughter has been going down in Texas, Congress has been reviewing the horse slaughter issue. The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act is arguably the only pure animal-rights bill to ever come before Congress. Rather than amend existing laws to offer animals meager welfare improvements, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act would completely shut down the entire horse slaughter industry in the U.S. by making the shipment of horses for slaughter between states and out of the country a federal offense. Even if the last two horse slaughterhouses within Texas are successfully prosecuted and shut down, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act will be the final nail in the coffin of the U.S. horse slaughter industry. If it passes, it will provide the necessary, long-term insurance against the construction of new horse slaughterhouses in other states and against the shipping of horses out of the U.S. into other countries for

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Want to take action? Here's what you can do:

» Make a phone call to Congress. The U.S. Capitol Switchboard (toll free: 800-648-3516) will transfer you to your Congressperson's office, where you can ask that s/he support the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. The name of your U.S. Representative (Congressperson) can be looked up easily online at www.Congress.org.

» Send a letter to the Tarrant County DA and the Kaufman County DA, and encourage them to pursue prosecution of Beltex and Dallas Crown for violating the Texas Agricultural Code (§ 149.002 and §149.003):

Tim Curry
Tarrant County District Attorney
401 W. Belknap St.
Fort Worth, TX 76196
fax: 817-884 1667

Bill Conradt
Kaufman County District Attorney
County Courthouse
100 W Mulberry
Kaufman, TX 75142
fax: 972-932-0357

» Finally, don't forget the locations of these two horse killing plants:

Dallas Crown
2000 West Fair
Kaufman, Texas

Beltex Corp
3801 North Grove
Fort Worth, Texas

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slaughter.

There is a final irony to the horse slaughter situation: the biggest obstacle to shutting down the slaughterhouses may be not the killers themselves, but a handful so-called animal groups with a vested interest in seeing the slaughter continue. The American Quarter Horse Association, for one, has come out against the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. It has argued that a ban on horse slaughter would precipitate a rise in abused and neglected horses at the hands of people who could otherwise unload them at slaughterhouses. Certain members of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association have also panned the federal bill, pointing out that horse slaughterhouses supply zoos with a cheap food source for their captive lions and cheetahs.

Meanwhile, the majority of the public opposes to the slaughter of horses. And with the continual decline in the numbers of horses killed each year, the criminal prosecution of the Beltex and Dallas Crown all but inevitable, and the federal bill to ban horse slaughter pending before Congress, the end of the horse slaughter industry in the U.S. appears close at hand.

The past decade has seen the number of U.S. horse slaughterhouses dwindle from a dozen to just two. It is only a matter of time until there are none.

Goodbye, Ake

By anon

Sweden's grand old man, Ake Soderlund, is no longer with us.

He was involved in Sweden's largest animal rights organization and, during the early '80s, he sold more than 20,000 animal rights magazines by knocking on people's doors.

He was a vegetarian since an early age and as a Swedish champion in walking, he fueled up with veggie power in the 1960 Olympics. He became involved in animal rights in the early '70s and took part in one of Sweden's first direct actions on behalf of the animals-a raid at a vivisection lab that liberated cats.

He was a true animal liberationist in every way. Whenever there was a demonstration he was there and always gave his inspiring speeches that made the animal abusers shake with fear!

Ake was no longer an activist on the direct action side because of his age, but he had another side kept secret until his death. He was a big-time supporter of direct action and always was generous. Thanks to Ake, hundreds of animals have been saved due to his financial backing. Ake was the kind of man that never turned down an animal or a friend, such as the time when activists with a broken car filled with liberated battery hens desperately turned up at his house in the middle of the night asking for shelter. Without questions, he fixed a place for the hens, beds for the activists to get some rest, and then he was up all night baking cakes for the activists. In the morning, the activists found him outside with the hens with his eyes filled with tears over what humans do to animals. Before the activists left with the hens in the new vehicle, he pushed all the cash he had in their hands and said, "Here, for the next raid!" This was not the only time Ake sheltered both activists and animals in need of a safe house.

In the middle of the '90s when meat lorries and animal transporters were often burned and all animal rights organizations condemned the actions, Ake decided to go out public to the media and defend the actions.

He was defiantly a man on the right side of the law.

At the age of 77 he sadly passed away after battling with cancer for a long time, and to the very end he refused to take medicine from doctors, something he did not believe in at all. His courage, his dedication and his friendly soul will be sadly missed, especially by the younger people in the movement who had someone to look up to, and even more by the many animals that have him to thank for being alive today.



Ake Soderlund, 1925 - 2002

ALF Spokesperson Steps Down, Encourages Others To Step Forward

The following is the final communication from (former) ALF spokesperson David Barbarash:

Effective immediately, I am resigning my position as North American spokesperson for the Animal Liberation Front and ending my tenure with the ALF Press Office.

I have held this voluntary position since the summer of 1999, and after three and a half years I've come to some conclusions and perspective about the work and role of a public spokesperson.

I have enjoyed the work immensely, and it has been very rewarding to me personally, but I do believe that, overall, my position is not necessary for the furtherance of animal liberation. In fact, in some cases, I believe that it is detrimental to the overall movement forward.

Too many times I have not been able to convey the message that needs to be heard - the suffering of animals, our collective responsibility to end this suffering and the animal carnage which continues seemingly unabated.

Too often I have not been given the space in the media to explain why it is that the ALF take the action that it does, and the underlying reasons why people would want to risk their freedom to save animal lives. Too often the story has been about me, about the "person behind the Press Office," the only public face of the underground movement.

Granted, I can understand the interest in such a story, but this is not what the Press Office or my role was established for.

I now believe that there is no real need for an "official" public face to represent the Animal Liberation Front. The ALF will continue to take direct action as long as there remains animal suffering, torture, and murder, regardless if a pub-

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who deserve nothing but our support and encouragement. This resistance is ancient; it's older than every one of us, and it will be around long after we're gone. It's about making sacrifices for those you love. The people who carried the torch of this resistance have made sacrifices far greater than any we have so far been called on to make. Unless, that is, your name was David "Gypsy" Chain, Beth O'Brien or Robert Bryan. All three were Earth First! forest defenders who died fighting for the trees.

If we as young and able warriors cannot live up to the level of resistance that is necessitated at this time, then we need to come to grips with the truth that we, as members of a very privileged society, are choosing that privilege over the cries of our animal relations. Maybe you really do believe that college degree your parents want you to get will help animals. Still, nothing can hide from us the truth we have discovered, and whether we rationalize a reason to leave the most dangerous fight to others or not, we must recognize that with the realization of horrible injustice also comes an obligation to do something about it. Anything less, and we are still a part of the problem and not the solution.

The personal lessons I have learned in the last eleven years have centered on realizing just how little hope, if any, exists for democratic change in this society. All the history and all the evidence shows that it is money, not the protection of innocent life, that makes man's world go around. Money buys political power, once again, not to protect life, but to destroy it. If you as an animal rights activist want to spend the rest of your able years fighting within that corrupt system for the liberty of animals, let me save you some time and say that if it's animal lives you are fighting for, more can be done outside rather than inside of the system. If you want to spend hour after hour trying to talk to the loggers of Pacific Lumber or the vivisectors of HLS, or fighting for "our" government to enforce the weakest of environmental and animal welfare regulations, you're wasting your time and many animals' lives. It's too late. This struggle has lost enough time trying to speak for animals. Now it's only the time for us to prove our commitment with action.

It's been eighteen years since I first threw a brick through a fur shop window. In those years, I've seen hundreds of animals escape torturous deaths from laboratories and fur and factory farms. I've personally smashed and burned millions of dollars worth of equipment that would have been used to torture animals. I've seen the boarded up windows of another animal abuse facility forced to close and the security of animal abusers destroyed by the truth of the ALF. I've seen wild horses, minks and coyotes run free because of the actions of just a handful of warriors. My life has been just one chapter in the story of one warrior. No one reading this should believe that they are incapable of achieving similar gains for our non-human constituents. Just don't get caught!

"The personal lessons I have learned in the last eleven years have centered on realizing just how little hope, if any, exists for democratic change in this society."

- Rod Coronado, former A.L.F. prisoner of war

With my own personal battle now behind me, I can honestly say that direct action ALF/ELF raids continue to be the greatest way individuals within our movement can fight for animal and earth liberation. When doing so for the right reasons and with good heart, you will discover a wealth of power that was unavailable to you before. All that is necessary is for you to believe in what you fight for more than what you're fighting against. The powers of Earth will always be greater than any of man. Never forget that. And despite any sacrifices we might make, our rewards will be ten times greater as we begin to recreate the kind of world we want to live in rather than continue to just see the faults in the Invader's.

On a recent hitchhike into Oregon, I had the blessing of visiting a place on the Illinois River where Coho Salmon struggle upstream to spawn. I stood just a few feet above the roaring white water that served as a natural obstacle to the salmon. Occasionally a dark body would explode out of the water and hurl itself up towards the higher water. In a little over an hour, I saw three salmon make it. As I stood on the shore watching this struggle of life, I found myself cheering for the salmon, but crying for them too. Not tears of sadness though, but tears of inspiring joy. These salmon had survived commercial and sports fishermen, clogged rivers filled with the silt and pesticides from logging sites, reduced water levels redirected for agribusiness, dams and a host of other natural and man-made obstacles. Yet the Coho struggle on. It is all they know. They have no other option except to sacrifice their lives trying to ensure the survival of their race. Against all odds, those salmon literally kill themselves trying to continue their lives. The indigenous peoples of the area honored that struggle with songs, dances and prayers. Now it's time for us to honor our place in the natural resistance that is fighting to defend what is left of the real world. The wild Nations of Salmon have no choice but to struggle. The question you must now ask yourself is: How much are you willing to sacrifice for the beings and places you love?

Texas and SHAC

Activists continue to fight for their rights in the Lonestar state

by Texas Activists

Texans are no strangers to fighting for animal liberation. Unfortunately, we are also accustomed to the tactics of suppression, harassment, and threats used by the police and other agents of the animal abusers. The recent months have proven to be no different, as activists all across the state have been added to lawsuits by Marsh USA (the company that formerly insured the infamous Huntingdon Life Sciences).

During the first regional weekend of demonstrations against Marsh USA, activists from all over Texas and Oklahoma arrived in Houston to find police, FBI agents and private investigators around every corner armed with their usual spate of intimidation tactics: video cameras, restraining orders, and illegal entries of activists' homes. Although nearly all the activists were followed throughout the day, they stayed one step ahead of the police as always, and plans for a weekend of disruption went off nicely.

Months later, activists once again converged, this time in San Antonio. Not surprisingly, the local goon squad was present, along with Marsh's private investigators and lawyers. The undercover cops planted in the crowd (get a clue, guys!) were easily spotted and laughed at. Some of the pathetic attempts to stop the legal, peaceful protest included removing street signs in the neighborhood of Marsh employees. So we just followed the trail of blood. The crowd of cops around other Marsh employees' homes also helped us find our way.

After this week of actions in San Antonio came to an end, local activists continued to press on with daily protests at Marsh employees' homes. During one, police arrested nine activists, charging them with felony stalking (punishable by ten years and a $50,000 fine). The bail was set at a ridiculous $25,000 each, but the day before the court date, all charges were dropped. Just days later, one of these activists was again arrested, handcuffed and hauled away by the FBI at school on charges of "harassing phone calls" ($1,500 penalty). The judge set the bail at $15,000.

The Texas regional demonstration in Dallas began at the two downtown Marsh offices. At an activist workshop, a woman calling herself "Star" tried to sidle up to activists, but her cover was blown when a group of men in dark suits hopped out of an SUV and greeted "Star" by calling her Judith. Whining "No, no! You don't know me," Judith ran for her car while the suits fumbled with a restraining order and the activists drove away.

The next morning kicked off with a visit to Marsh employee Michael DiLoreto's home. Before activists left, his neighborhood got an earful and was plastered with flyers. At the next home (of Marsh office head Sally Dillenback), one of Marsh's lawyers tried to convince the police that we were "stalking," but was reminded that home demonstrations are not stalking and that free speech is a Constitutional right. Next stop: the home of HLS employee Dean Rodwell in Farmers Branch. Here police forced activists to remove their masks and hold name cards for pictures as suspects in a previous paint attack on Dean's home, while Dean's wife Gabriela took photos of the activists from behind the police, saying she wanted to know what cowards look like. (That's funny; she sleeps next to one every night. What could be more cowardly than torturing small, defenseless animals? Oh right– doing it while they are restrained, like they do at HLS.)

The following morning activists put on their cleanest bandanas and headed for Sally Dillenback's church in Plano. After the head of the church invited activists in to join the rest of the congregation in worship, we listened to the service and filled out prayer cards, asking the congregation to pray for the suffering animals around the world. After the service, the protest resumed, and churchgoers told the activists they were welcome back at any time. We will be sure to take them up on that offer.

The police intimidation has not ended with these protests. Austin activists have been threatened and followed to their homes and workplaces. Others have been approached by feds, warning that they would never work in their field again if they did not comply and become a snitch. Another activist was stopped by police when she went to renew her driver's license, told that she was on a list of "animal rights extremists." On a number of occasions other Texas activists have been pulled over by the police for traffic violations only to find out they too have been added to a FBI watch list.

The ACLU in many cities is now paying close attention to the blatant suppression of amendment rights and illegal lists many of us are being put on. If any of the above actions have been taken against you please come forward and let it be known. Now is not the time to give up or keep quiet! Huntingdon must be smashed at any cost; the animals inside have only us.

As the old saying goes: "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"

Covance Campaign

Campaign against CRO launches in North Yorkshire



by Joshua Harper

By now, everyone in the animal liberation movement is familiar with Contract Research Organizations, or CROs as they are more commonly known. These institutions represent some of the worst animal torture the abusers are currently getting away with. They will test anything for anyone who has enough money. Need a beagle's leg broken? Ask a CRO. Need to dump toxic chemicals down a pig's throat? Just look up a CRO in the yellow pages and you are good to go.

The campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences has brought these contract killers to the forefront of anti-vivisection activism, but HLS is not the only CRO being targeted by militant vegans and their allies.

Covance Laboratories is part of the large American multi-national Covance, Inc. Its headquarters are in Princeton, New Jersey. With thirty-seven sites in seventeen countries, 7,500+ employees and annual revenue of about $832 million, it is one of the largest CROs worldwide, perhaps using more animals than any other CRO. It even has ties to HLS. Kirby Cramer, a board member of HLS, is also chairman emeritus of Hazleton labs—a Covance subsidiary.

Currently, a group in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, England is campaigning to have Covance stop using animals and begin using other research methods. Thus far, the campaign has yielded some small victories, such as getting colleges to cut ties with Covance, which acts as a regular source of recruitment and funding to universities such as Leeds. The campaign has also mustered some impressive numbers at recent demonstrations and appears to have gained much public support in the Harrogate area. A recent demo brought out British ALF Press Officer Robin Webb, whose speech beforehand encouraged direct action against vivisectors and drew a wide round of applause even from people passing in the street.

Worldwide, the focus of animal activism will remain on HLS until it closes once and for all. However, other groups are beginning to pick up on similar tactics that they in turn refine and add to. The Covance Campaign, for example, uses many of the same "Name and Shame" tactics and applies the strategic use of phone, e-mail, and fax blockading. Although the Covance campaign has not yet been as militant as the HLS campaign, home demonstrations and posting home addresses and phone numbers on the web is commonplace.

For more information on the campaign to shut Covance, visit www.covancecampaign.com or e-mail info@covancecampaign.com.

HLS Campaign Update

Campaign against lab keeps racking up victories



by SHAC USA

Things are not looking good for animal testing lab Huntingdon Life Sciences. Since our last issue, its supporters, employees, and even directors have abandoned the lab, following the lead of dozens of other former HLS collaborators. As grassroots activists all over the globe unite and push one of the world's largest contract research labs closer to the brink of closure, one question remains: when will the laboratory close its doors for good?

In December, Huntingdon's insurance provider, Marsh Inc., announced its plans to end its contract with the lab. The UK government stepped up to aid the failing lab, a move reserved for companies that are otherwise unable to obtain insurance. This announcement came after a non-stop assault on the company and its employees for months.

A few weeks later, another devastating blow was dealt to the lab: two members of the board of directors called it quits, on literally a few days notice. Kirby Cramer, a US-based director, and John Caldwell, a UK-based director, both made very last minute resignations after months of intense campaigning by activists. Scrambling to find individuals foolish enough to accept a position on the board of a company in the financial red and under siege by animal rights activists, HLS looked all over the globe and thought it had found a replacement in Pakistan. Less than two weeks after HLS announced the appointment of Mohammod Faruque to its board of directors, the lab sent out another communication, indicating Mr. Faruque was resigning from the board. Two new directors have accepted positions on the board: a mysterious Y. Sesay and Mr. A. Junqueiras. The fact that activists were able to take out a director all the way in Pakistan leaves little doubt that the new directors stand little chance of holding out.

Meanwhile, the financial backbone of HLS remains under siege, as do the scientists. Demonstrators have regularly been at the homes of HLS's executive chairman Andrew Baker, as well as Mark Bibi, Baker's legal consultant and key player in FHP, a front group that funnels money into the financially-failing laboratory. At the same time, the scientists who carry out HLS's dirty work on a daily basis have been feeling the heat.

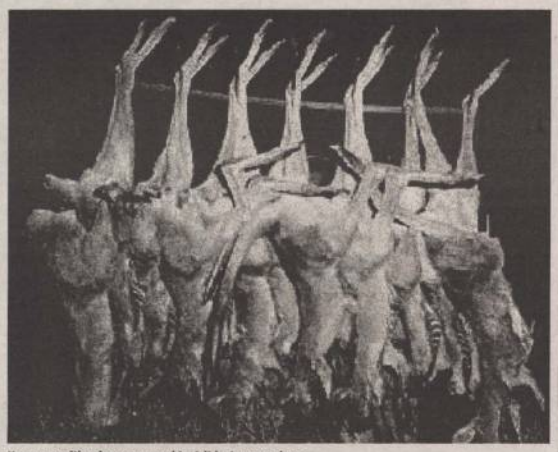
As target after target succumbs to the campaign, the question often arises: whom to target next? Alongside focusing on Legacy (the only market maker HLS has), the financial backers, and the scientists, new strategies are constantly emerging.

Finally, as one of the most dynamic and successful animal rights campaigns the U.S. has ever seen, the campaign against HLS will stop at nothing short of closing HLS. The job will only be done faster as more and more grassroots activists jump on board and take on Huntingdon and its supporters with every tool in their arsenal. Visit www. shacamerica.net for the latest campaign targets in each region around the country.

Boycott Adidas Until It Stops Killing Kangaroos!

Sportswear giant continues to use hides of kangaroos for their footwear

by John Duerk



Kangaroos like these are used in Adidas' soccer shoes.

In the end of August, a familiar name in the athletic apparel industry found itself under attack. Viva! has targeted Adidas for using kangaroo leather to manufacture its soccer shoes. While the company claims to be concerned about the welfare of animals and that it is acting fully within the law, kangaroos are being brutally killed by the millions every year in Australia. Though Viva! mainly focuses on factory farm issues, it could not ignore this issue because these animals could be faced with the possibility of extinction if their mass hunting continues. What makes the situation all the more disenchanting is that Adidas already produces shoes that are composed of synthetic materials. So, why can't they adopt a policy of compassion as an industry leader?

The horror that the kangaroos experience is immense. Hunted at night, their throats are cut, but not to kill them — all those not killed outright die slowly on the back of the truck from shock and loss of blood. If a female is found to be carrying a baby, the baby is ripped away and either killed by a blow to the head or left to fend for himself. All of the joeys not killed die of starvation, cold, maternal deprivation, or predation by foxes. Video obtained by Viva! also depicts some babies being stomped on. According to lauren Ornelas of Viva!USA, "Adidas is giving the stamp of approval to the bludgeoning of baby kangaroos by not getting out of this bloody trade." Unfortunately, the company has chosen a path of denial as it has ignored a certified letter from Viva! (June 24) that expresses concern about the violence committed.

As a result, Viva!USA organized a demonstration at the Adidas headquarters in Portland, Oregon on August 30th. Unfortunately, the company didn't send a spokesperson to engage in a dialog with the protesters. Instead they simply provided a statement to the local media that defends their practices. This is a typical public relations sham. When lauren Ornelas attempted to hand-deliver a letter and video, security refused her admittance as she crossed onto their property. This isn't surprising, of course.

The next day, activists converged on an Adidas store. During that event, company officials closed off the main entrance with caution tape, ushering customers in through an employee entrance so they could avoid exposure to a video displayed on the sidewalk showing kangaroos being shot and babies being ripped from the pouches of their mothers.

People have to be educated. When they see the violence for themselves, their conscience will undoubtedly be stirred. In Ornelas' mind, consumer outreach is the best approach to saving these amazing creatures. "Vote with your dollars and choose products that do not promote animal suffering," she says.

What you can do for the kangaroos:

1) Contact Adidas at the company address below about this unnecessary violence against animals;

2) Boycott all Adidas athletic apparel;

3) Encourage people who buy leather shoes to purchase synthetic ones instead; and

4) Leaflet in your community with free materials provided by Viva! (email: roos@viva.usa.org). For more info, visit Viva!USA at http://www.vivausa.org.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Activists Storm UC Davis During Lab Week

On Sunday, April 20, 1997, activists targeted the new primate facility at the University of California at Davis as part of World Week for Animals in Laboratories. One month earlier, a facility at the University had been visited by the A.L.F. After occupying the rooftop and taking to the streets, a total of 32 people were eventually arrested.

United States Sees Another Open Rescue!

Ten hens rescued; egg industry exposed again

by Paul Shapiro
Compassion Over Killing



A Compassion Over Killing activist holds the carcass of a dead chicken.

The Australian tactic of investigating factory farms and openly rescuing animals, freeing them and then publicly admitting to their liberation, is finding increasing popularity in the United States. From January 2001 through May 2002, there have been four open rescues, all at battery-cage egg facilities, with a total of 66 animals being removed from factory farms, given veterinary care, and taken to relative paradise.

Just as encouraging as the rescues themselves, the publicity these actions has garnered has shined a spotlight on the animal agribusiness industry and the immense misery it wreaks upon animals. More and more people are learning about the cruelties suffered by farmed animals, and many are doing something about it: ending their financial support for factory farming and becoming vegan.

Technically, the first open rescue in the United States was performed by Farm Sanctuary in August 1986, when two investigators found a live sheep on a dead pile at a stockyard, rescued and rehabilitated her, and publicly announced their actions. However, the first organization to import the open rescue model from Australia into the United States was Compassionate Action for Animals (CAA), when its investigators openly rescued fourteen hens in Minnesota in January 2001. Soon after, Compassion Over Killing (COK) and Mercy for Animals (MFA) both used the same model to conduct more open rescues. And in June 2002, COK announced its second open rescue, this time of ten hens from County Fair Farms (CFF), an egg farm in Westminster, Maryland.

While four out of the five previous open rescues were all at major egg producers, CFF is a relatively small operation, with only about 300,000 hens at any given time--a number that seems immense but is actually low by industry standards.

Yet, despite CFF being a smaller facility, the conditions are near replicas of those found at the larger factory farms. As long as battery cages are used (particularly by farms not regulated by their customers), the investigations' findings clearly show uniformity, regardless of the size of the operation. In essence, cruelty is the norm, not the exception, in the egg industry.

In response to COK's CFF investigation and open rescue, the *Baltimore Sun* ran a front-page Maryland section exclusive, beginning with the following text:

Stacked rows of metal cages, each crammed with eight hens, extend longer than a football field in the chicken sheds at Westminster's County Fair Farms. The birds peck at one another. They live suspended above pits of their own waste, shut off from sunlight and fresh air.

The conditions, which allow a half-million hens to produce millions of eggs a year, meet all legal and industry standards, say those who run the farm. But their henhouse recently was the site of a covert operation in which a group of animal activists known as Compassion Over Killing shot video and still pictures and abducted several birds for delivery to a veterinarian.

"It was a horrible place," said Paul Shapiro, the group's spokesman and a proud vegan (a strict form of vegetarian diet) who believes that if people knew the truth about most egg farms they'd never eat an omelet. "And the worst thing is, it's typical."

This type of positive coverage, focusing on the plight of the animals, has been obtained by each of the open rescues to date and, hopefully, will continue for any that may occur in the future. What initially began as an experiment in new forms of advocacy seems to be finding a more permanent and prominent place in the tactical chest of U.S. activists, especially those working against animal agribusiness. This can only spell good news for the more than 99 percent of animals exploited in the United States--those we eat.

Reflections on the Anti-Fur Movement

Looking at the past, present and future of anti-fur activism

by Lydia Nichols

Just imagine: it is the year 2025 and fur is dead. Really dead. People who once wore items made from animals hold their heads in shame for once flaunting such cruelty. Companies that some time ago sold fur products recover from the negative public image they gained by selling animal skins for fashion. Trapping for "wildlife management" and "fur trapping" is a dusty memory. History books now narrate a dark legend of a wicked industry that massacred animals for fur.

A remarkable change in history, but is it possible? Right now it is just a vision.

It is now 2003 and the fight against the fur trade is one of the oldest campaigns in the animal rights movement. The rage against fur intensified in 1980 and carried on successfully for many years. By the late '80s, fur campaigns were diluted for a variety of reasons. The campaigns strengthened yet again in the mid '90s and assisted in building the momentum until recent time. At present, anti-fur campaigns are dead.

What happened to the spirit of our anti-fur campaigns? Fewer organizations are implementing concrete anti-fur projects if any at all.

Groups are moving towards campaigns that are fresh and sexier than the norm. This transformation has caused a devastating impact on the anti-fur movement and helped the fur industry gain back a force of fur fashion. The fur industry is well-financed and employs that advantage against our efforts. The AR movement cannot afford to allow the fur industry the lead on convincing the public that fur is a "fabric" or that animals are not harmed for their skins. If the AR movement does not rebuild our anti-fur efforts rapidly, then we can just prepare to give up this struggle to defend the animals killed for their skins.

We have made progress in the past, and we can continue to do so. Fifteen years ago, most every department store sold real animal fur. It was common to walk into these stores and see racks and racks of mink, fox, beaver, and raccoon. Fortunately, times have changed. Because the animal rights movement successfully educated the public that fur farms and trapping inflict unnecessary suffering, many major retailers such as Bonwit Teller, Robinson-May Co., Bon Marche, and others have vacated the fur business. Then there are the notable, prestigious department stores that still sell fur and, in fact, many of them are major proponents of the fur industry.

Retailers like Nordstrom, Hudson's, and Lazarus have closed dozens of fur departments, but have not gone entirely fur-free. Of course, there is Macy's West that closed all its fur departments west of the Mississippi, but its sister company, Macy's East, continues to operate full-scale fur shops in over thirty locations.

Our efforts are best utilized when targeting large department store chains. Substantial efforts in multiple cities have the best chance of generating national, and international news coverage. Over the last few years, the three main anti-fur campaigns have been Burlington Coat Factory, Federated Dept. Stores (Macy's East, etc.), and Neiman Marcus.

Anti-fur campaigns can and will come alive again, but organizations will need to re-energize activists. During the peak of the anti-fur movement, groups organized regional meetings and conferences for the grassroots activists. This provided a retreat for grassroots activists to share and cross-train skills, tactics, and strategies. It also offered an opportunity for activists to network with others working on similar issues. Many of these events were effective for recruitment of newcomers and supplied them with excitement and energy to join the movement. A good solid activist base is crucial to making our campaigns effective and strong.

If every organization selected an effective and well designed anti-fur campaign, the fur industry would feel our labors and we would make substantial progress. These campaigns need to be built on a solid foundation based on truth, reason, and a high-quality strategy. It is imperative that groups develop a solid campaign strategy formulated in advance to achieve specific goals and objectives. The result will shower us with victories. Implementing an anti-fur strategy that prepares organizers to utilize volunteers, staff, money, equipment, and other resources will save valuable time and lives.

The anti-fur movement needs to expand and become more effective and more powerful than any of our opposition. It is fantastic news that national groups are taking on more serious fur campaigns this year. However, the grassroots movement plays a key role in obtaining our victory. Over the years, activists have committed to campaigns and vowed to not stop until a victory was achieved. Some activists surrendered the fight, but others have continued their dedication and stood by their vows. Long-term campaigns can be strenuous, dreary, agonizing, and disheartening, but the dedicated keep fighting because they have no choice. These are the champions in the movement. It takes patience, determination, innovative ideas, and a good solid commitment to make campaigns successful.

Everyone who is concerned about animal rights has a place in the movement. Everyone has the ability to make a positive contribution to anti-fur campaigns. Everyone has they key to success to make our goals a reality once and for all.

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." - Lou Holtz



A fox awaits his death on a fur farm. CAFT Photo

Activists Rock L.A. "Neiman Carcass"

by LA Activists

The day after WorldFest, a huge vegan music festival held annually in Los Angeles, activists from all over the country converged in Beverly Hills--the fashion capital of the United States--to demand an end to the sale of fur. Activists met at a local park where they were greeted by the entire Beverly Hills Police Department, who had also invited the Los Angeles Police Department. The undeterred activists took to the streets and marched to Neiman Marcus, where a line of riot cops were barricading the doorways.

Protesters began chanting and, as energy increased, one protester slipped behind the police line. Another protester attempted to join her and the police got out of control and began to beat everyone within their reach. A disabled man with a walker was hit on his chest and fell to the ground, where he experienced a seizure and was taken to the emergency room.

As police continued to strike at protesters, the activists were forced into the street. Despite rush hour on possibly the busiest street in Southern California, the police closed off Wilshire Blvd. The police arrested the two activists who had broken their blockade and the riot cops regained control of themselves.

To respond to the police brutality and show that we would not allow them to take the spotlight off the animals who are gassed, trapped and anally electrocuted for their fur, lead singer of the punk rock band Goldfinger John Feldmann silently sat at the feet of a riot cop blocking the store doorways. Following his lead, 70 activists joined the sit-in. Although the main store entrance had been closed for several hours due to the police blockade, when the store was officially closed, the protesters dispersed.

NBC Channel 4, KTLA Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, CityBeat Channel 13, the Beverly Hills Courier, and the LA Times covered the event. Although one station described the event as "an uprising at an upscale department store," the media was supportive for the most part. Reports highlighted compassionate fashion and the inappropriate police reaction. Both arrestees were charged with resisting arrest and one was charged with battery on an officer; all charges were later dropped. Protesters who were beaten are pressing charges. The disabled man who was injured, a Vietnam veteran, has recovered and has a strong case against the police.

The demonstration was sponsored by: Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade SF, EarthSave LA, Houston Animal Rights Team, Last Chance for Animals, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Rockstar Productions, The Fund for Animals, UCLA Students for Animal Liberation, and Utah Animal Rights Coalition. The WorldFest demo goes to show that when we unite and organize together, our events are bigger, more empowering, and ultimately more effective.

The Fund and the NM Campaign

Nationals & Grassroots work together to rid Neiman Marcus of fur

By Jennifer Allen
Program Coordinator, The Fund for Animals

The Fund for Animals recently accepted an offer from a group of veteran Neiman Marcus grassroots campaigners to coordinate and provide leadership on the "Neiman Carcass" campaign. This campaign provides a unique and positive opportunity for collaboration among activists and groups of all sizes and capabilities. With fur and fur trim on the rise, we can present a unified front against a tangible target. The goal of the campaign remains the same: to persuade Neiman Marcus to stop selling fur. The Fund for Animals will be with the campaign until it is won.

The Fund has established store coordinators for many of Neiman Marcus' 49 store locations nationwide. Some of these coordinators have already been targeting the company as part of a grassroots effort and, for some, this is their first campaign. We hope that activists will maintain a continuous and unwavering presence at these stores throughout the anti-fur season and beyond, starting with Fur-Free-Friday events.

The "Neiman Carcass" campaign is strong for several reasons. First, it allows anti-fur activists across the country to focus their energy on one target, rather than on an assortment of local and regional stores and chains. Second, Neiman Marcus creates the demand for fur to a sizeable degree with its advertising budget and status as a trendsetter. Third, Neiman Marcus has a recognizable image and logo. It will be much more sensitive to protecting its image than less well-known companies. Fourth, because fur represents such a small portion of its overall sales, Neiman Marcus can easily stop the sale of fur without experiencing financial difficulties. All things considered, when Neiman Marcus falls, the rest will follow.

For this campaign, The Fund is suggesting a small, though significant, departure from traditional fur protest tactics. Through its more than 35 years of campaigning for animals, The Fund for Animals has utilized a variety of tactics - including education, civil disobedience, direct animal rescue, legislation, litigation, consumer boycotts, and others.

While recognizing that a variety of tactics can be useful in the cause of animal protection, we must also acknowledge that the tactics must fit the goal and target audience of a specific campaign. Moreover, we must be willing to change tactics in the middle of a campaign when new information or ideas present themselves--often this means trying something new, and perhaps outside of our "comfort zone" as activists.

With these thoughts in mind, The Fund is suggesting a unified and cohesive nationwide strategy of appealing to Neiman Marcus' customers - both current and potential. Neiman Marcus listens to its customers and makes merchandise decisions accordingly. Therefore, we must reach out to customers, listen to them, and educate them on how they can help end animal suffering.

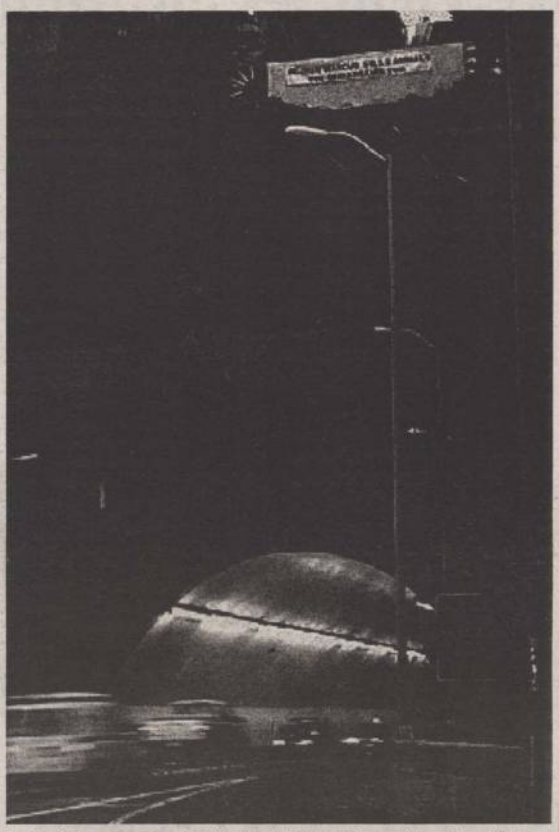
A nationwide poll commissioned by The Fund for Animals tells us that upscale consumers - Neiman Marcus' customer demographic - disapprove of selling fur for two primary reasons: it is cruel and it is unnecessary. We need to reach out to customers with this message. These consumers consider tactics such as cutting up and returning store credit cards, picketing, writing letters, and speaking with store managers to be effective methods of communicating this disapproval of the fur trade.

Our most successful tactic has been leafleting in front of stores (both with and without signs, and sometimes in conjunction with silent vigils or group picketing). Other tactics than those mentioned can be effective in reaching our goal, and fit into the overall strategy, as long as they are carried out in a manner that keeps the focus on animal cruelty, maintains a positive tone, and encourages Neiman Marcus customers to assist with the campaign.

The Fund has designed resources that invite and encourage our target audience, the customers, to get involved with the campaign. These resources are available for grassroots activists from The Fund for Animals. They include leaflets, posters, stickers, banners, and t-shirts. We can also provide media and outreach assistance.

For information on how to get involved, please visit www.neimancarcass.com or contact Pierre Grzybowski, Grassroots Coordinator with The Fund for Animals, at pierre@fund.org or 301-585-2591 ext. 204.

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The Morning Commute: Drivers in California can't help but notice the "Neiman Marcus Kills Animals" banner on their way to work.

The Fur Trade Today

Compiled by Joe Miele
New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA)

The following information has been taken from fur trade journals, trapping magazines, industry press releases, newspaper articles, interviews, private correspondence and other outlets. Sources for the information contained in this report can be supplied upon request.

Trapping

Because the American dollar has lost value, trappers will be paid more for the skins they sell to foreign interests. This may cause more people to apply for trapping licenses in their quest for a quick buck.

Trappers claim to solve many types of wildlife "problems" by killing animals, but the problems are usually more easily solved non-violently. One example is given by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA will be dropping vaccine-laced raccoon baits along the Tennessee/North Carolina border in an attempt to stop the spread of rabies in raccoons. Trappers need not apply. Also, a Canadian farmer solved his beaver problems by playing CBC Radio all night with the volume cranked up. The constant noise drove the beavers from the area.

Trappers tell the public that non-target species are not often caught in traps, but when they talk among themselves the truth comes out. Non-target and "unusual" catches made by experienced trappers include:

Caught in leghold traps: Bullfrog, several pack rats in a trap set for bobcats, a sheep.

Caught in Conibears: Alligators, bull, cow, fish (bass, catfish, grinnels, pike, sucker), snake, and turtles.

Caught in cage traps: Neighbor's toddler in a hog cage trap (I'm not joking JM)

Caught by an "unusual" body part: A bobcat caught by the tail. A fox caught by the sex organs. A grey fox was caught by the throat; he pulled free, stumbled about 10 feet, and died. A red fox caught by the elbow. Muskrats were caught by the head in leghold traps. One opossum was caught by the stomach and another by the testicles.

According to "Animal Control" trapper Phil Nichols, this is how to humanely kill skunks without being sprayed. "I tried everything on those fur-line skunks, but settled on injection with acetone, also called dimeth-

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Food Not Fur

By J Johnson

Every year, 40 million animals die by barbaric methods such as gassing, trapping, anal or vaginal electrocution, neck breaking, clubbing or drowning simply so they may be skinned to make a fur coat. Every year, 8,760,000 people die of starvation in the United States. The gap between the rich and poor in this country is larger than at any time since the Great Depression. The richest 1% has as much after-tax income as the poorest 100 million (38% of the population). The Activism Center at Wetlands Preserve and Food Not Bombs have joined together to protest the fur industry and help eradicate starvation by holding launching their "Food not Fur" campaign.

Food is a right, not a privilege. In this country, stores are throwing away large amounts of perfectly good food while people in their own communities are starving. Food Not Fur is attempting to redistribute this food to people who need it, while at the same time educating the public about the horrors of the fur industry. Serving free vegan food to anyone who needs it in the heart of the New York City fur district (29th & 7th Ave.), Food Not Fur is putting the realities of exploitation right in people's faces. Forcing them to ask themselves how they can justify not only wearing fur--a garment that is responsible for the senseless murder of 40 million animals every single year--but spending thousands of dollars on a fur while people are homeless and starving. They are begging for money in front of the very stores that are selling these useless luxury items. "In the face of poverty and suffering, flaunting your wealth and prosperity is utterly crass," says Food Not Fur member Adam Weissman.

The animal rights movement has always embraced the idea that there is a link between animal exploitation and human exploitation, yet very few groups have taken on the struggles of both species. In turn, many animal rights activists have been seen as being single issue, not caring about the struggles of other movements. Food Not Fur is attempting to remove that notion by bridging the gap between the animal and human rights movements. Its members are working to end exploitation in all of its forms through community outreach, street theater and public demonstrations. They are fighting for a world free of suffering, for a world where all creatures are respected regardless of race, class or species, for a world where everyone's needs are met. They are fighting for Food Not Fur.

Food Not Fur is a project of NYC Food Not Bombs and the Activism Center at Wetlands Preserve. For more info call (212) 947-7744 or e-mail foodnotfur@bigfoot.com.

Election Day Victories for Animals

Animals continue to gain momentum at the ballot box

By Ariana, Tofupup, and Chloe

It is no secret that agricultural and other animal abuse industries exert powerful influence over legislators. No surprise then that animal advocates often find it next to impossible to get even the most minimal animal protection measures passed into law. So what's a frustrated, aspiring political animal to do?

In more than one state, grassroots animal activists have taken to generating citizen ballot initiatives taking the issues that legislators ignore directly to the voters. Their efforts have been rewarded. Five of the eight statewide trapping bans have been achieved through citizen ballot initiatives all in the past decade. Another five states have banned certain types of hunting as a result of voter-approved ballot initiatives. But the ballot box hasn't been all a bed of roses for the animals; in four states, voters have approved constitutional amendments giving hunting "constitutional recognition," evidence that the ballot box is fast becoming the animal activists' new battleground.

This Election Day saw animal protection issues emerge once again as the dominant theme among ballot initiatives. In five different states, citizens were given the chance to vote on a wide range of animal protection issues. Each of these ballot initiatives was the culmination of a hard-fought battle by grassroots activists to collect enough signatures from citizens to qualify the measure for the ballot no small achievement, by any account. Nowhere is this truer than in Oklahoma, where signature gatherers had to contend with a nearly constant stream of harassment: death threats, stalking, and even dead chickens left on doorsteps, all courtesy of the pro-cockfighting factions.

While campaigners in other states had less harrowing experiences to report, their victories were equally rewarding. Below is a summary of the results of the 2002 ballot initiatives affecting animals.

ARIZONA Proposition 201, which would have expanded gambling at greyhound racing tracks and provided new revenue for the industry, was defeated by a margin of 80 to 20 percent. The public's resounding rejection of the measure indicates a growing citizen awareness of cruelties of greyhound racing.

ARKANSAS Initiated Act 1, which would have made extreme acts of animal cruelty, including cockfighting, a felony, was defeated by vote of 62 % to 38%. Stephens, Inc. (the Arkansas-based investment firm that formerly funded HLS) worked behind the scenes to defeat the initiative, funneling tens of thousands of dollars into the opposition's coffers. Their highly effective misinformation campaign spurred a drastic drop in public favor, and campaigners saw support for the initiative drop from 80% just one year before the election to 60% to 50% to 45% and eventually to 38% in the final weeks.



Florida was the first state to ban the use of gestation crates on pig farms, setting a precedent for better standards for animals (Photo credit: Farm Sanctuary)

FLORIDA Amendment 10, which bans the use of gestation crates (two-foot-wide stalls that keep pregnant pigs immobilized for most of their short lives) on pig factory farms, passed by a 55% to 45% victory. Volunteers collected 690, 000 signatures to qualify Amendment 10, which is considered a monumental victory for factory-farmed animals. It symbolizes the first time that the public has chosen to abolish a standard factory farming practice because of its cruelty, and paves the way for the abolition of similar, cruel factory farming practices in the future.

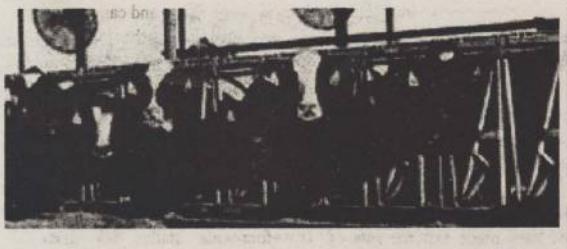
GEORGIA Amendment 6, to create an "animal-friendly" license plate to fund companion animal sterilization programs, passed easily by a 71% to 29% vote. Nineteen other states have similar license plate programs to stem dog and cat overpopulation.

OKLAHOMA State Question 687, which bans cockfighting, was approved by 56% to 42%, making Oklahoma the 48th state to ban the practice. Immediately after the vote was tallied, cockfighters in a desperate, Hail Mary gesture persuaded judges in 15 of 75 districts to issue temporary injunctions against enforcement of the ban, pending a state Supreme Court hearing on its constitutionality. At the same time, state Senator Frank Shurden, a longtime ally of cockfighters, declared he would introduce a bill to drop the penalties for cockfighting from a felony to a misdemeanor and to make cockfighting legal in the individual counties that voted against a SQ 687. Meanwhile, proponents of the ban have responded in kind: while the Oklahoma Attorney General has vowed to preserve the integrity of the ban, the state government has asked the Oklahoma Supreme Court to overrule the injunctions blocking enforcement of the ban.

OKLAHOMA State Question 698, an anti-animal Constitutional amendment, was defeated by 54% to 46%. SQ 698 would have required citizens to gather twice the number of signatures to qualify any initiative concerning animal protection for the ballot. SQ 698 was referred to the ballot by Oklahoma state legislators as a cynical attempt at revenge against animal activists who use the initiative process to circumvent a hostile legislature.

Citizen-Sponsored Animal Protection Ballot Initiative Victories

Year	State	Measure	Effect
1930	Massachusetts	Measure 30	Bans steel-jawed leghold traps
1972	South Dakota	Measure 1	Prohibits mourning dove hunting
1990	California	Proposition 117	Prohibits sport-hunting of mountain lions
1992	Colorado	Amendment 10	Prohibits hound-hunting, spring-hunting, and baiting of black bears
1994	Arizona	Proposition 201	Prohibits steel-jawed traps and body-gripping traps
1994	Oregon	Measure 18	Bans bear-baiting and hound-hunting of cougars
1996	Alaska	Measure 3	Bans same-day airborne hunting of wolves and foxes
1996	Colorado	Amendment 14	Bans leghold traps and other body-gripping traps
1996	Massachusetts	Question 1	Restricts steel traps and other body-gripping traps and ban hound-hunting of bears and bobcats
1996	Washington	Initiative 655	Bans hound-hunting of bears, cougars, bobcats and lynx and bans bear-baiting
1998	Arizona	Proposition 201	Bans cockfighting
1998	California	Proposition 4	Bans use of cruel and indiscriminate traps and poisons
1998	California	Proposition 6	Bans slaughter of horses and sale of horsemeat for human comsumption
1998	Missouri	Proposition A	Bans cockfighting
2000	Alaska	Measure 6	Bans land-and-shoot wolf hunting
2000	Washington	Initiative 713	Restricts steep traps and some poisons
2002	Florida	Amendment 10	Bans the use of gestation crates on pig farms
2002	Oklahoma	State Question 698	Bans cockfighting



Dairy Industry Exposed by Viva!

Group reveals horror and abuse inside dairy 'farms'

By Jennifer Greenberg

Last July, Viva! USA launched its nation wide anti-dairy campaign. The campaign has two goals: to educate the public about the cruelty behind the dairy industry and, on a local level, to halt the influx of mega-dairies that were attempting to move into the smaller farming neighborhoods of Solano County, California.

Through undercover investigations, Viva! found that most cows are confined to small areas with dirt and cement floors, some with a chain attached to their necks to limit movement. Mastitis and lameness are commonly found in the prisoners on dairy farms. Mastitis is an inflammation of the mammary glands, and signs may include abnormal secretions, fever, loss of appetite, dehydration and depression. Lameness is caused by poor hoof care, an overuse of concentrated feeds, dirty conditions and rough, abrasive concrete. Dairy cows are generally slaughtered about five to six years of age, despite their normal lifespan of twenty-five years.

Repeatedly artificially inseminated in order to continue producing milk, dairy cows have their babies taken from them almost immediately following birth. Viva! discovered baby calves and their mothers bellowing for one another after having been separated but still within earshot.

The fate of each calf is contingent upon a few factors. The majority of the female calves are destined to live the same lives as their mothers, confined and artificially inseminated to produce milk. Male calves are considered useless to the dairy industry since they are unable to produce milk. Those who are not selected to become breeding stock are generally used for veal. Some veal calves are known as "bob" veal and are slaughtered at about three weeks. The majority, however, are "special fed" veal. They are confined in stalls small enough that they cannot walk or even turn around, as movement will build muscle and "toughen" their flesh. They are allowed no interaction with other calves and are slaughtered at about sixteen weeks.

Vegan outreach events have been happening all over the country, from the busy city squares in New York to the sunny streets of California, where Viva! USA is based. Over the summer, campaigners set up tables near or in front of ice cream shops with information on factory farms and the horrors of the dairy industry. As well as sharing with the public their useful information, campaigners also shared their soy ice cream treats! The goal is to show people that alternatives to dairy are ethical, as well as delicious, and to spread the word on the awful truth about animal agriculture as well as the benefits of a vegan diet.

When Viva! heard that two, 6000-animal mega-dairies were planning to rear their ugly heads in Solano County, it began to inform the inhabitants. As the United States' leading dairy state since 1993, producing nineteen percent of the nation's milk supply, California is no stranger to dairy farms. The average dairy herd size in California weighs in at 656 cows.

The residents of Solano County were concerned that they might be the next small California town to fall victim to the negative impacts of factory farming. Viva! spoke at the county's Planning Commission meetings, Board of Supervisors meetings and City Council meetings, bringing reasonable and rational arguments to the public about why allowing the mega-dairies to move in would be detrimental to them and their businesses. With the fear of having to turn in an environmental impact report to a county where they were already unwelcome, one of the mega-dairies pulled its request application on October 25, 2002. Although Viva! does not condone any animal agriculture, regardless of size or ownership, it saw the chance to make an impact on the larger evil of a wholly evil industry, took advantage of the opportunity, and won.

For more information on the dairy industry, please contact Viva! USA. Contact information can be found in our Activist Resources directory on page 30.

Free the Baylor Bears!

SHARK works to end the cruel confinement of bear mascots at University

By Rupert Murdoch

During "Parents Weekend" at Baylor University this semester, school officials topped off a weekend of football and campus tours with a late-night party at the concrete pit that houses the school's mascots: two American black bears.

Loudspeakers placed next to the pit blared music late into the night, and spectators took flash photos. Partygoers were on top of the bear cages.

The Baylor Chamber of Commerce performed skits in the bear pit.

Donna Hertel, an investigator with SHARK, traveled to the Baylor campus in Waco, Texas and videotaped the event and its effects on the bears, Joy and Lady. According to Hertel, Joy perched herself high in the cage, trying to climb away, and then began pacing. Lady tried to hide in her den. Meanwhile, the party raged on.

"The videotapes clearly show distressed bears in horrendously poor conditions," said Rob Laidlaw, director of Zoocheck Canada. "The housing provided is antiquated and does nothing to satisfy their biological or behavioral needs. They should be removed and placed in more appropriate accommodations elsewhere as soon as possible."

SHARK's investigations are part of its campaign to end the use of live animals for mascots at Baylor. The campaign began in July 2002, when a 16-year-old activist attending a debate camp at Baylor videotaped the bears' living conditions. He sent the tapes to his mother, a SHARK volunteer, and planning for a campaign began.

Since then, both SHARK and Baylor have been notified by officials at Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Texas that if Baylor agrees to pay half the cost of building a retirement enclosure for the bears, the bears will be given a permanent sanctuary.

Not only do Baylor officials refuse to respond, they flaunt their callous treatment of Joy and Lady. SHARK held a press conference condemning the "pit party" and the effects it had on the bears. The next day, the Baylor Chamber of Commerce had another party.

This cruelty is nothing new at Baylor. Since the late 1920s, the university has kept captive bears, bringing them out of their cages for photo opportunities and parading them on leashes for sporting events. The University discards bears every two years, even though their lifespan is 25 years.

One of the former Baylor mascots, Bobby, now lives at the Austin Zoo in Austin, Texas. The zoo had to demand payment from the University to cover dental treatment because the bear's diet consisted "mostly of Dr. Pepper and Oreos," said Cindy Carroccio, director of the zoo. "Bobby damaged his teeth further by gnawing at a chain link fence out of frustration and boredom.

In August, a SHARK volunteer videotaped a guided tour of the university, in which a tour guide told the crowd that the bears "do drink Dr. Pepper--Dr. Pepper being the official drink of Baylor--so they drink Dr. Pepper and the bears have done that for a really long time."

Other bears have been killed falling from trees, and many infants have died because they were housed with adult males.

SHARK sent Baylor officials video footage that showed the stress and neurotic behavior exhibited by the bears. SHARK also requested a meeting with university administrators, which was denied.

Instead, the university chooses to make outrageous claims, such as a statement by Jerome R. Loughridge, Baylor Chief of Staff, that: "If you are to have public education about animals, how else would you propose that folks receive education on black bears or any other animals?"

Baylor University showed its tolerance for animal torture in March 2001, when a Baylor baseball player admitted shooting a cat named Queso with a pellet gun, before decapitating him and skinning his head. The university refused to punish the athletes involved, and a jury found the baseball player innocent of misdemeanor animal cruelty.

SHARK's campaign has garnered national attention and has shown that the Queso murder wasn't an isolated instance of cruelty at Baylor.

"Retiring Joy and Lady and replacing the live animal mascot program with human mascots representing bears will not only end the animals' suffering," said Michele Rokke in a letter to Baylor president Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., "But also will help repair Baylor's reputation and regain the trust of valued alumni and sponsors."



SHARK works to ensure the release of Joy and other Baylor University "mascots."

Irish Foxhunting

Saboteurs work to end this 'sport' of cruelty

by John Tierney

No one has ever asked Vulpes vulpes if it wants to take part in foxhunting. Foxhunting with hounds is defined as the hunting of the fox in its wild and natural state with a pack of hounds.

The objective behind releasing a pack of up to thirty fox hounds followed by a large contingent of mounted and foot hunt followers into the countryside is to hunt down and kill a fox. In Ireland, foxhunting followers have been forced by Irish animal rights organizations to find a justification for this activity.

For foxhunters to say that the sole justification for foxhunting was to provide a recreational need would simply not have an impact in public and media relations circles. Foxhunters needed to create a perceived need for their presence in the countryside. Foxhunters worked hard at marketing the myth that foxes need to be controlled. And that the only humane, selective and efficient method is to hunt them down and kill them with a pack of hounds.

Their efforts have allowed a falsehood to seep into the mindset of the general public who more through ignorance than factual belief assume that foxes are vermin and in need of controlling. In fact, under Ireland's wildlife legislation there is no legal status for the term vermin.

Every aspect of a foxhunt's operation is directed towards the end result of a well hunted and dead fox. Foxhounds are bred for stamina not speed. As a result of this breeding the fox's advantage in terms of speed in the initial stages of the hunt is cancelled out.

To ensure that a fox is to be found above ground on the day of the hunt any fox earths, badger sets and other natural openings in the area that is to be hunted are blocked up during the night before the hunt.

Not content with chasing the fox across miles of countryside and leaving in its wake the impact large numbers of horses and hunt vehicles has in disrupting rural life, foxhunters slip further down into the basement of evil when a fox does find an underground sanctuary.

Even though the fox has given the hunt followers a gallop across the countryside foxhunters want the animal abuse to continue. Foxhunters in a further expression of their twisted version of "sportsmanship" set about digging out the fox.

Hunt officials not wishing to soil themselves with this task rely on terrier men who, with the aid of terrier dogs, will dig out the fox. Digging out foxes so that they can be thrown to the hounds is a brutal and unforgiving activity.

Dug out foxes do not come out without a struggle. Grabbed and pulled from its brief underground sanctuary, a waiting hunt official grips the fox. The animal is then either whacked on the head with a hunting crop or shot with a humane killer before thrown to the hounds. Even foxhunters will concede that not every fox is rendered lifeless before it meets its bloody end in the hound's mouths.

Urged on by the almost orgasmic yells of foxhunters the frenzied hounds savage the fox. Shortly all that remains of one of Ireland's most beautiful wild animals is carcass scraps trampled into bloodstained grass.

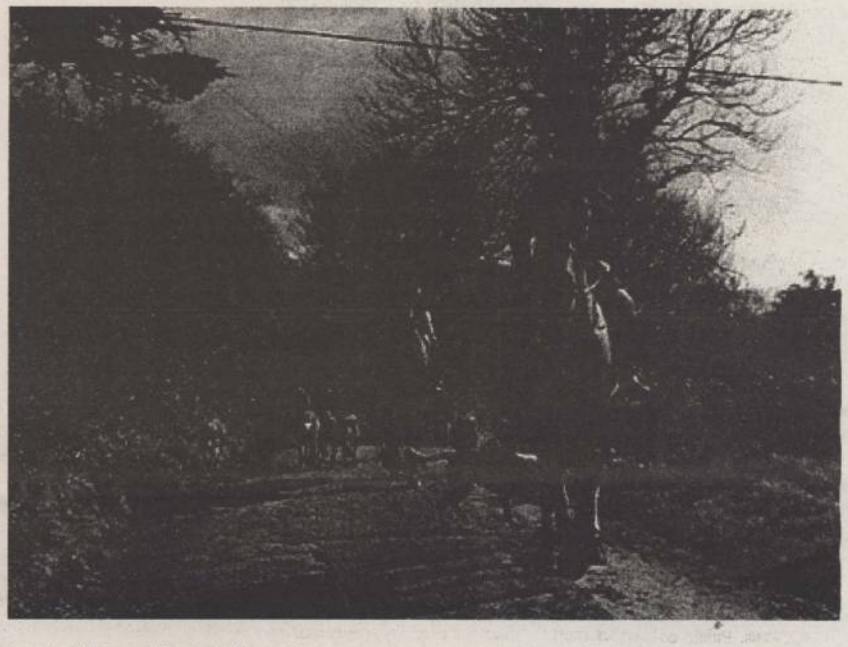
That is the harsh reality of foxhunting. Foxhunting and indeed all activities that set animal against animals and the anti-animal climate it engenders should be removed from society.

When foxhunting is outlawed, draghunting will be its natural humane successor. This violence-free activity mirrors all aspects of live hunting with one exception—no animal suffers or gives up its life during the day's hunting.

Draghunts operate very successfully in Ireland, yet hunt followers refuse to embrace widely this version of hunting. Why should this be remains an unanswered question Foxhunting represents an attack on the weak by the strong. Its removal from the Irish countryside would represent a major leap towards a society where the right of an animal to live its life according to its natural order with unnecessary interference by man is accepted, protected and defended.

Spare a thought for the fox (Vulpes vulpes) today.

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On the hunt: Irishmen on the trail of a Vulpes vulpes.

FUR TRADE:

Injections with acetone considered 'humane' by trappers

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yl ketone...I've found that injecting 10 CC's of acetone into the chest cavity of skunks is very humane." Acetone is used to make plastic, fibers, drugs, and other chemicals. It is also used to dissolve other substances. Yeah, real humane.

In a move backwards for animal welfare concerns, The Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) increased the time period in which a trapper must check on any live catch traps, including leghold traps. Previous to the amendment, traps needed to be checked "daily." The amendment increases the trap check time to 48 hours for all of Michigan except for the Upper Peninsula, which now has a 72-hour trap check time. In Canada, trappers in British Columbia are now required to check conibears and power snares once every 14 days. Until now, B.C. has been unique in North America in that traps could have been left unchecked indefinitely, but the new regulations still allow the traps to be left unchecked longer than anywhere else in North America. B.C. regulations require trappers to check leghold traps every three days.

Trapping in Maine may come under increased restrictions after a trapper caught an endangered eagle in a leghold trap. Because of this incident, several US Fish and Wildlife Service employees are discussing the inadequacies of Maine's trapping regulations in safeguarding eagles.

Factory Farming

Price levels in U.S. dollars remain too low for many American fur factory farmers to operate profitable, self-sustaining businesses, but that did not stop them from killing 2,666,100 mink in the US in 2001. This figure is 4% fewer than were killed the year before, but it does not count those animals who died from summer heat or disease.

The number of mink factory farms declined by 7% to 324. This is the smallest number of mink farms in the US in at least 50 years. The shrinkage has been attributed partially to poor profit margins as well as continued ALF activity including mink releases and destruction of breeding records.

The number of mink farms per state:

Utah	80
Wisconsin	65
Minnesota	36
Idaho	27
Oregon	26
Washington	15
Iowa	13
Michigan	11
Pennsylvania	9
Ohio	8
Illinois	7
New York	7
South Dakota	4
Other states	16
Total	324

The number of mink killed per state:

Wisconsin	680,100
Utah	590,000
Minnesota	284,800
Oregon	268,000
Idaho	222,400
Iowa	136,800
Washington	112,700
South Dakota	91,000
Pennsylvania	68,100
Ohio	58,500
Illinois	45,600
Michigan	42,500
New York	6,200
Other states	59,400
Total	2,666,100

Retail

Despite fur being featured widely in the fashion press, retailers are stuck with leftover mink, fox and beaver coats and jackets. Even discount clearance sales failed to generate public interest. The sales of fur garments through traditional fur retail outlets declined 9.5 percent in 2001. Unfortunately, fur trimmed accessories retailing for under $1,000 in specialty shops have sold well. One of the popular items is a fur lined and/or trimmed denim jacket.

Furriers doubt that September's sales figures will meet those of September 2001. Fur sales in Europe are said to be no better. As usual, retailers blame the weather and the threat of new terrorist attacks for poor fur sales thus far.

Fur retailers are complaining that their 2002 storage and services season was the worst in memory. It seems that fewer women wore their fur coats last winter, because retailers are taking in coats for summer storage with last year's service tags still attached without needing to be

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Researching Abusers: Tips for Beginners

by Anonymous

Animal abusers and their collaborators have names and addresses. But how does one go about getting the information necessary to hit these people where it hurts-at their homes? Most of the time, it is easy enough to get at least a name or two of persons at a specific entity that you want to target. Beyond that, how do you get the information necessary to "make it personal"?

An easy way to start searching for this information is to ask yourself, "how would a total stranger obtain my personal details?" The most immediate answer is the Internet. Generally, the first step is to find out as much as you can about the company that you are targeting and then focus more specifically on individuals.

Researching the Company

The best way to find out who works for the entity you are targeting is to thoroughly research the entity. The Internet is the best and most thorough option to learn your target forward and back. Before starting your Internet research, determine whether the company is publicly held (traded on a stock exchange), privately owned, or a subsidiary of a publicly-held organization. You will be much more successful in obtaining information on publicly-held companies. Public companies must report certain financial information to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and their shareholders, such as the names of their Board of Directors and CEOs. Additionally, public companies simply tend to be more open with information.

Begin broadly. Look up the entity's website. If you do not know it, try doing a search. Some key places to look on the company website are: 1) Press releases.

Often key people will be mentioned in these. 2) Officers and Directors. This section may be hidden, but it will provide you with the names of the key players. Additionally, here you might find brief bios which will give you clues on where to find additional information, and may also give you family members' names, hobbies, etc. If you are researching vivisectors or similar abusers, looking for a link to their page from the main page or links to their published work are some of the ways to dig up some dirt.

3) If it is a public company, review, in detail, its financial data section. This will often have a run down of the company's structure, officers and directors, etc. Next, if it is a business you are researching, learn everything there is to know. There are tons of informative websites out there, and a few do an excellent job of compiling the "essentials" about any given company. Websites worth referring to are: hoovers.com, Business.com, CorporateInformation.com, and www.sec.gov. The SEC website will provide a run down of all financial forms filed. Although often mundane, some of these can provide all kinds of leads.

If it's a private company, try searching public record databases. These can be found by typing in "public record search" or similar text in a search engine (e.g., www.searchsystems.net). Most importantly, remember to take detailed notes! Even seemingly useless data could be helpful down the road. Make sure to write down middle initials if they appear too, as this will assist in locating individuals later.

Researching the Individuals

Once you have learned the company backwards and forwards and have found some names of individuals you want to focus on, the fun begins.

Start out easy. Try simply looking up the individual's home address online. Use any "white pages" type of webpage and see what you find. You may get lucky, but more than likely it will not be that easy. You may find multiple listings for the name you entered. If you have a middle initial for the person you are researching, try entering that and see what you come up with.

Oftentimes, finding the information simply is not that easy. The next step is to learn as much as you can about the individual. Try looking up the person's name on search engines. To narrow it down, enter his name plus the entity he works for. Occasionally, a personal web page, a company press release, a news article, or some other random piece of incredibly helpful information shows up. Again, remember to take good notes.

Any information may be helpful, but some key things to look for are:

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Demonstrators protest outside the apartment building of Andrew Baker in New York City.

Home Demonstration Laws

Now that your research is complete, what can you do with it?

by Anonymous

If you take only one thing away from this article, remember: hitting abusers at their homes is effective, generally legal, and can be done in more anonymous and often more effective ways than picketing. The purpose of this article, though, is to offer a brief rundown of your rights and laws in general as they relate to home demonstrations.

The fact is that home demonstrations are legal. However, there are laws that limit conduct at those protests. The laws relating to residential picketing vary from state to state, county to county, and city to city. In most areas, it is perfectly legal to maintain a protest on the public sidewalk in front of a residence. However, in some areas, it is illegal to stand directly in front of your target home, and you must instead march throughout the neighborhood. The best approach to determining the laws as they apply to your specific area is to contact a local activist-sympathetic attorney who can research or relay the laws to you.

Because of the varying laws from state to state, this article only intends to guide you through some of the most basic, applicable laws. First, you should know your rights. You have the right to protest. Additionally, you can approach your target's home to ring the doorbell or knock on the door in most areas. Until the resident, a representative of the resident, or a police officer requests that you leave the property, you are not trespassing, under most states' trespass laws. Trespass is a law worth learning, as it is applicable in various demonstrations.

Aside from learning local laws to determine the legal approach to home demonstrations in your area and understanding the basics of protest law (e.g., disorderly conduct, trespass, etc.), just remember that the same laws that apply to a protest on public property (such as a mall)apply at home demonstrations on publicly-owned property (such as a sidewalk). And also remember that police are much more likely to ignore your right to protest at private homes, as they are generally inexperienced in dealing with home demonstrations and find them as reprehensible as your target does. So again, be prepared, know your rights, and make it clear that you know them.

If your demonstration simply involves holding placards in front of your target's residence while standing on a sidewalk and perhaps handing out flyers, in most areas you should be exempt from arrest. Using megaphones generally requires a permit, as it violates neighborhood noise ordinances. However, chanting during a reasonable hour should be perfectly legal (in most areas). Learn your local laws!

In researching local laws, you may find that it is difficult or nearly impossible to carry out a home demonstration at your target's residence. Do not give up! Simply employ that activist creativity and find ways around the laws or, better yet, ignore them and make quick, effective, and anonymous visits.

Most importantly, make your target aware that we know where they live and that they are going to be treated accordingly. Be it simple picketing or midnight sabotage, know the laws, be careful, and make the maximum impact!

How to Conduct Secure Research and Investigations

Big Brother is always watching; take measures to protect yourself

by kendra@resist.ca

No matter what type of action you are planning, there is a good chance you don't want a corporate or government official to identify you as the person doing the research. On more than one occasion, research records have been used to track people back to specific events, largely because the individuals have not been aware of how their digital & physical trails lead to them. Over the past few years, with the digitization of all forms of data, this danger has increased - not only because so much research is being conducted online, but because library & other database driven requests databases are now linked and easily accessible by law enforcement.

The following tips are important to keep in mind if you have a vested interest in keeping your connection to some research or a later action private. For more information on general research, and security please visit http://security.tao.ca/personal/saferesearch.shtml.

The key thing is not to leave a document trail (digital or physical), and the following tips are designed not to give an exhaustive run-through, but to highlight some of the issues you should be thinking about when conducting secure research.

1) Who bought those books and materials? Don't use your credit or debit cards to make purchases related to your research. These can be used later by law enforcement to construct patterns of reading and also timing between research and actions.

2) Watch those library records.

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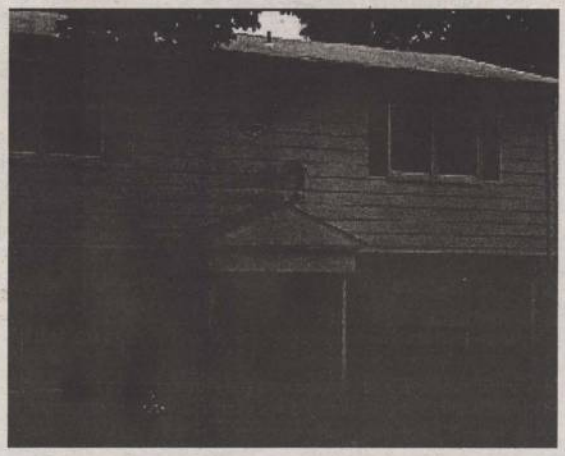
Shadow Activist: Personal Liability

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by the Shadow Activist

Activists Working the Late Shift... At the Animal-Abuser's Home

Determining where battles are fought in a war is crucial in gaining the edge on ultimate victory. When we, as activists, wage war at the homes of animal abusers, the playing field levels off in our favor. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain effective street campaigns against massive and faceless corporations, especially when the opposition is holed up in high-rise buildings and secured complexes. When access to public protest is cut off, bringing the message home isn't only an alternative; it's an effective necessity. Attacking the home, making it personal, attaches a face to those responsible for inflicting pain on animals.



A little paint can go a long way in sending a message to an abuser.

This Isn't Avon Calling...

When we strike at home, the abusers no longer have the comfort of working behind the security blanket of company-subsidized protection. The animal abuser is no longer able to keep work separate from his personal life, creating a host of financial and psychological problems that demonstrate the efficacy of targeting the opposition at home. After all, isn't it true that "home is where the heart is"?

Everyone has to eat and sleep. Historically, these basic human needs have provided a valuable angle of attack in many successful wars or sieges. Companies will explore alternatives when animal exploitation loses profitability. Animal-abusers will consider another line of work when they can't sleep without fear of reprisals from activists. The only barrier to effectively targeting our adversaries is our own lack of creativity.

The Work of an Activist Begins "Off the Clock"

It is absolutely imperative that one's homework is thorough and 100% correct before taking action. Don't simply rely on an Internet search or a telephone call to confirm your suspicions. Make absolutely sure that the face matches the name and the target is still "in the business." Make sure that the individual to be targeted currently resides at the location through your own physical confirmation. For example, make sure that John Doe still works at Company Filth and that Mr. Doe's address and/or phone number is current. DO NOT simply rely on a telephone call confirming that John Doe lives at 666 Mockingbird Lane. Confirm that your John Doe who lives at 666 Mockingbird Lane IS ALSO the very same John Doe who works at Company Filth.

There are many ways of locating and confirming the home addresses, gyms, churches, clubs, and associations of your target. But the responsibility of discovering and implementing those methods lies with the individual activist. If there is a will, the underground movement has certainly proven that there is a way to achieve our objectives. Be creative, think outside the box and don't give up at the first block wall in your search. The methods of locating and confirming the personal information of our adversaries are best kept in some degree of mystery, to be realized by the cells that will immediately use such information. To publish those methods here is to make them available to our adversaries and effectively compromise those techniques from ever being used by activists.

Sleep With One Eye Open

After confirmation, go all out in your efforts. After the first hit, the odds of a second successful second hit are often decreased. Assume that the first shot is the last shot, so make it count. John Doe will sleep many restless nights, waiting to catch you on a return visit; so don't play into his hands. Nervous anticipation and suspense are almost as effective as the action itself, so making him sweat is key to effectively striking at home. The physical invasion of privacy can be remedied through insurance and security, but the mental invasion and psychological sabotage are long-lasting and incredibly effective. While economic sabotage is key, psychological warfare is an invaluable tool to stopping animal exploitation. Hit hard and make 'em sweat.

While listing the methods of destruction in a communiqué is important for not only informing the public and educating other activists as to how they can carry on the actions in their own community, the opportunity for screwing with the abuser's mental state is at hand. One might want to consider mentioning the night activists looked on as John Doe and his wife watched television reruns on the sofa, unaware of the activists just outside their window. Activists might want to suggest that John Doe run his sprinklers at night rather than during the day or to inform him that motion detector lights are a waste of money. Use that previous reconnaissance time as another avenue of publicly invading the private sphere of the animal-abuser, but be mindful to omit details that would jeopardize your cell or your methods of operation that you plan to use in the future.

The more personal, the better. Let him think that nothing is off limits. And don't forget to make the address public in your communiqué so others can feel free to pay him a future visit. People cherish their privacy, especially animal-abusing scum. Publishing his address takes away yet another sense of security. Make him feel exposed and vulnerable; keep him up waiting for the other shoe to drop and rub his face in it. Destroy his property, strip him of his security, and leave him unnerved and vulnerable, feeling like the worthless chump that he is.

Some basic but effective ways of hammering the message home are to:

- Glue the door locks
- Smash out the windows with rocks
- Repaint the house exterior by tossing on gallons of a most obnoxious color
- Tell his neighbors that an "Animal-Killer lives here" by spray-painting his garage door
- Pour bleach all over the front lawn
- Tear up the front lawn
- Padlock the garage door shut (Many garage doors have a latch on the sides of the door that are fitted for padlocks. Automatic garage doors aren't cheap to repair and if he can't get to work in the morning, he can't make money.)
- Pour paint thinner or a new coat of paint on the car
- Slash the car tires
- Pour corn syrup or sugar into the car's gas tank
- Cut the phone lines to the house (this is especially aggravating when he wakes up to a trashed house and can't even call the police to report it)
- Repaint the house interior... Fill glass bottles with paint (or paint thinner) and pitch them through the front windows (they'll shatter in the living room, creating a big mess)
- Take a sledgehammer and smash up the exterior stucco or wood siding
- Just flip the car over and smash it up
- Turn the hose on (preferably inside an open window)
- When John Doe is on vacation, and there are no animals at home, leave him a pile of ash to return to
- Steal his newspaper (the little things can be the salt in the wound)

Every home is different, so be creative and look to exploit any prospect. The possibilities are endless with some ingenuity.

Most importantly, make sure everything is clean of fingerprints and DNA. Leave nothing behind other than a big mess (or a clean padlock in a particular instance).

When Their Work Keeps Following Them Home

After the identity and home of the animal-abuser has more than adequately been verified and proper reconnaissance has been done, plan out your night's course of action to the smallest detail. Have an escape route and emergency rendezvous point planned. Check the surrounding houses to make sure that no neighbors are up and about. Make sure that your target is sound asleep and unsuspecting.

When combining different methods of mischief like gluing locks, spray painting, damaging automobiles, and smashing windows, start nearest the front door and with the quietest actions first. It's simply not a good idea to smash out a window and then go glue the front door locks or to tear up the lawn and then start spraying messages. Strike fast and hard; then get away fast.

It is imperative that the maximum amount of destruction is planned, as the first attack may make any subsequent attack unsafe. Don't assume you can just finish up an incomplete job at a later date, but don't discount one either. If you decide to return, and you should, approach from a different angle and vary your technique as well as the time and day of a subsequent visit. Let him sweat a little before returning, and just as he feels things are returning to normal, rattle his cage in a big away again. Or if he's replaced the front windows after your first visit, considering cruising by later that night and shooting them out with a slingshot and marbles. There will be no mistaking the message.

Be creative and seize any unique opportunity that presents itself in your suburban assault. Make every effort to not only destroy property, but to completely dismantle the animal-abuser's sense of security. Take every liberty in completely screwing with his head and ensuring that, when leaving the strain of work, he retreats to a strained household. Try pitching his kid's tricycle through the front window to really get under his skin. He's a scumbag who profits from the death of sentient beings... all bets are off!

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Online resources make your search easier; confirm before taking action

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full name, work number, email address, job history, community organizations he belongs to, any mention of family, awards received, etc.

From here, you can proceed in two ways. Using the information you have, you can again look up the individual's address and phone number through phone books.

More than likely, you will not have any more luck finding the specific name you are looking for. However, you will likely find several listings for the last name that could be possibilities. Then it is time to confirm that the information you have is correct. Read further down for ideas on how to do this.

Your other option is to continue to search for home information, which may be your only option. Here, there are a few options. Using the Internet, you can often find free or cheap public records databases. Through these, one can often access property records, voting records, tax records, and some business records.

Take note of what you find. Another option is to use a paid search service that focuses on locating people.

If these fail and you live in the area where your target also resides, you can try a few additional approaches. Most counties and some cities have public records that you can access. At the courthouse, you can look for any civil documents that have been filed by or against your target. These include divorces, child custody issues, civil suits, etc. Your local government should also provide you access to voting records and property records. Through these, you should be able to locate your person. Call your city government to find out how to access these documents.

Confirming

Once you have some leads on the address and/or phone number of your target, you will need to confirm which, if any, is the correct address/phone number. Even if you have found only one possibility, it could be the wrong person, or your target could have moved. Make sure to confirm!

If you have a phone number, this is the easiest approach to confirming. Using information you found earlier, you can call and ask for the person. If they get on the phone, you can ask, "Is this so and so from (whatever place you are targeting)?" If they say yes, you know the phone number is correct. You can try doing a reverse phone number search online to determine the address. If this does not work, you may need to call again and use your creative skills to confirm the address.

If you do not have a phone number, then it's time to get really creative. You will mostly likely need to pay a visit to the home of your target and look for clues that you have the right person. It may seem impossible, but just use your imagination!

Once you have a confirmation, get to work and post it everywhere so that others may make use of the target's personal details. Also, remember that the research on any given abuser should not end once you find his home address. Keep digging...the more information we get, the more we can stick it to them! Beyond their homes, these people can be targeted at their churches, health clubs, community events, awards receptions, parties, etc. It's time get personal; it's time to hit these people where it hurts.

Making It Personal Is Fun!

Looking for a way to spice up your home demonstrations? Here are a few suggestions from our groups in the trenches:

» Be sure to have literature specific to the abuser, i.e. "How Well Do You Know Your Neighbor?" for neighborhood outreach. Being nice to the neighbors can be a goldmine - if the abuser has an 'enemy' in the neighborhood, you get the inside scoop on the abuser.

» Go to the abuser's home there when s/he leaves for work in the morning and/or return in the evening. Leaflet at her/his train or bus station if s/he takes public transit. Call her/his carpool organization and try to join.

» Does the s/he go to church or belong to the Knights of Columbus or PTA? You have a moral obligation to educate the groups about their peer.

» No one likes pornography sent to their home. It's even more embarrassing if it's mistakenly sent to the neighbors.

» Don't forget the bullhorn! Make sure that the abuser knows you are there!

SHADOW:

Abusers don't deserve time off; don't let them have it

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Targeting the home of an animal-abuser not only adversely affects the finances and psychological well-being of the abuser himself, but those with whom he resides. A hard day's work is bad enough, but when the castle has been ransacked and the marriage is stressed, a reassessment of priorities is inevitable.

Combining a variety of the tactics previously mentioned can easily inflict several thousand dollars worth of damage, create a lot of headache, and cause many sleepless nights. Every dollar of damage and every psychological assault brings the adversary one step closer to reconsidering his role in animal exploitation.

Bringing the fight to the doorsteps of the animal-abuser employs a strategy that combines economic and psychological values of sabotage that cannot be overstated. By staging the battlefield on our opposition's home turf, we gain an incredible advantage that animal-abusers have yet to combat. Making it personal efficiently destroys the security, morale, and finances of those who torture innocent lives. So get out there and don't just knock; beat down Death's door.

And remember: Maximum Destruction, NOT Minimum Damage.

DING, DONG - WHO'S THERE?



Fur Trade, Death Trade: Teresa Platt, head of Fur Commission USA, wrote an article for her website about the experience of having a home visit and being burned in effigy.

SECURE:

Make yourself invisible and research safely

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During the Gulf War (1991) Canadian law enforcement pressured libraries to turn over records of what Canadians of Arabic background were reading. We're pretty sure that in these heightened days of "national security" these practices continue. Read the book in the library and make sure you are not on CCTV while you are doing it.

3) Securely surf the internet. If you must conduct your research from home (which is up to your discretion), make sure you are doing it securely. ALWAYS use a proxy when doing web research, make sure your history files and caches are purged, and wipe your hard drive regularly. If you go out to an Internet Cafe or other location to do research, don't use places that ask for ID or sport CCTV cameras, and make sure the screens are well-shielded from prying eyes. Please check out http://security.tao.ca for more information on each of these topics.

4) FOI/ATIP (and other government) Requests. These are traceable because they require your full legal name and address. It is possible to do these using a false name and PO Box, though it can depend from agency to agency (some require ID to pick up data from them). If you are able to do this using a PO Box, make sure that box is not linked to you.

5) Telephone when possible, written requests provide clues. Phoning from a *payphone* is better than writing a letter requesting information. Letters provide a document trail and tools for later analysis, telephone calls do not always - it is still unusual for phone calls to most government agencies and corporations to be automatically recorded. Make sure your timeline is appropriate if placing information-related phone calls.

6) Physical Research. Need to do recon on a building or location? That's a whole other how-to (that we'll be doing in the future). Suffice to say that you want to do this with utmost caution, practice active counter-surveillance and steer as clear as possible from cameras. Appearance altering is obviously a good course of action in these instances.

7) Secure Storage. Don't leave your collected data lying around where anyone can read it. A locked filing cabinet in your home is *not* secure storage (you know how easy it is to pick those?). You may opt for off-site storage if the data is particularly sensitive - which is a judgment call. Electronic data should be stored securely on a palm pilot or laptop if possible (something that rarely leaves your personal possession), and encrypted using PGPdisk or other disk encryption tools. Never leave data on an unecrypted hard drive or within a network if you don't want anyone to access it.

8) Timeline. It's a good idea to leave some time between the research and the action itself. This counts especially if you have been on the phone or doing reconnaissance on physical locations, and someone could remember you. Again, it's your call, but distance of a few months can assist in helping people forget that they talked to or saw you.

9) Destroy Destroy Destroy. Normally when conducting research the principle is to document every little thing - but in the case of secure research you want to follow a principle of destroying any data or research linked to an action. Secure destruction includes burning paper documents in a safe area, wiping hard drives clean, and purging any cached information. In addition, destroying floppy disks, cds, or other portable media used to carry information is extremely important. Don't just write over them - destroy them as completely as possible and throw the pieces out separately so that disks and data can't be reconstructed.

As always the degree to which you take security should be proportional to the value and sensitivity of the data you are collecting. Doing research for a public demonstration usually requires a different security level than doing research with the intention of carrying out more covert activities. If you have any tips on secure research to share, please email secure@resist.ca so they can be included in further updates and on our websites.

A Case for Making It Personal

by Josh Harper

A few minutes ago I opened my e-mail and found a request from the good folks at *No Compromise*; Would I be willing to write a piece defending the need to "make it personal," and target individuals instead of companies? I was shocked, because I can not possibly imagine how anyone could take a position against it.

For years, activists of all stripes, and particularly from the liberal left, have wasted their time and resources demonstrating passively against brick and mortar. They stand outside of a building decrying one corporate logo or another while the decision-makers inside laugh from behind their security guards 20 floors up. This is folly. Our targets are not buildings, nor are they anything as abstract as a corporate entity. Our targets are flesh and blood like ourselves, with the same weaknesses. I personally could care less about Huntingdon Life Sciences as a registered name on a piece of paper or even as a physical location. It's just a name and a building. But I do care about Brian Cass, Andrew Baker, Andrew Gay, and all of the scientists who make up the non-abstract, working entity who are killing animals. They are my targets because they are the ones actually killing animals, and until they stop doing what they do, Huntingdon Life Sciences will stay open.

The success of this type of targeting is apparent. We have seen companies like Stephens divest from HLS because they can not afford to lose the highly skilled personnel that the animal liberation movement was targeting. We have found that people who can not sleep at night will not function well at work and after a while are awfully tempted to just find another job. People who are investing their money in private security at home have less of a profit motive for continuing their work. And let us not forget the other positive – giving activists a tangible and defeatable target who is part of a larger web of animal abuse. The days of chasing abstractions and yelling at empty buildings are over. We know that the real villains are people, and we are determined to stop them by any means possible.

A Case Against Making It Personal

by Scott Johanssen

The increasingly common tactic of aboveground activists personally targeting abusers is not effective when considering the long-term ramifications of such actions. By choosing to focus on the abusers and their personal lives, we are pushing the animals out of the focus of attention, giving ourselves reputations as bullies and terrorists and wasting energy that would otherwise be used to educate the populous about animal exploitation.

What do we have to gain from fear? What concrete, sincere, permanent change can we actually enact through methods of anxiety and coercion? The answer is none. The only things that we gain from such personal attacks are self-demonization and threats to any support we may have otherwise received from the non-animal rights community.

We may mistakenly lead ourselves to believe that we are being effective and we may in fact be effective in the short term, scaring people into moving, spending money on security or even quitting their jobs, thus providing a financial and logistic threat to an animal abusing company. But keep in mind that most of our targets are likely to move within the same professional and personal fields, either in that animal-based industry or for a similar industry. We may in fact be able to close down one company at a time by frightening the individuals to quit their jobs, but meanwhile, there is another company waiting to take over the failing company's responsibilities, clients and market niche, armed with more money, more security and more privacy measures for their employees.

Too often in the animal rights movement, our own egos feed into feel-good tactics like screaming outside of the homes of abusers or encouraging people to take destructive action against individuals. We mistakenly lead ourselves into believing that we are helping the animals and aiding in reaching the long-term goal of animal liberation. For instance, an abuser's neighbor may very well take a leaflet about a target and agree with us that he person is a monster. But does that mean that the neighbor will adopt a cruelty-free lifestyle? Do our tactics at this time do anything to support that neighbor in choosing and maintaining that lifestyle? No. We simply tell the public that so-and-so is evil because s/he works for a company that tortures and murders animals. We don't talk nearly enough about the alternatives to the methods that the abuser uses or supports. Our focus, instead, is on the subject that will least likely enact lasting change for the better in the lives of animals.

This isn't to say that I am against all methods of targeting individuals. The Animal Liberation Front and other underground organizations don't have to worry about recruitment, financial support or public opinions, nor do they have the responsibility to be a source of education for the masses. But as aboveground activists, we must take these things into consideration if our own organizations strive to build themselves, be effective and maintain longevity. It's a harsh and unfortunate truth.

To the average person on the street, there is already almost no difference between the aboveground and the underground. Why purposefully blur the line even further? How do we expect to build support and increase our numbers when the public views us as terrorists? The media already perpetuates that image; why waste time feeding into it?

Aboveground activists should be concentrating on education about animal exploitation. We have to stop promoting such short-sightedness, despite its feel-good effects. Scaring an abuser may make us feel good and amuse us, but we have to put this type of methodology into perspective. Its long-term effects are detrimental to the movement and subsequently, to the animals. The animals should always remain our central concern. Anything less is utterly unacceptable.

Rebuttal to "A Case for Making It Personal"

Josh's argument in "A Case for Making It Personal" is riddled with the same problems as the tactic itself. Targeting individuals distracts the public and distorts the message of trying to save animals' lives. It keeps the spotlight on the individuals being targeted and not the animals who suffer at their hands.

Josh writes "And let us not forget the other positive - giving activists a tangible and defeatable target who is part of a larger web of animal abuse." The brutality of animal exploitation should make us work hard and fast to do whatever we can to free animals from suffering. However frustrating it might be, we must have patience. The extent to which animals are abused in our society means the fight for animal liberation will take decades and not days. We must not settle for instant gratification or victories that may be detrimental in the future. Victories are a wonderful thing for activists; some people need them as motivation to continue fighting, but small steps forward may cause large steps back.



will the animals win if we make it personal?

Josh also fails to mention one of the bigger consequences of "making it personal" - the legal consequences. As the frequency of targeting individuals increases, so does the amount of legal problems activists have to face with our limited resources and limited finances. That is one of the reasons why so many people drop out of activism once they get arrested or into legal trouble for employing such tactics. Why should we continue to use tactics that will prevent us from recruiting activists to continue the struggle and unnecessarily put more of us into jail? Do we not need more

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Rebuttal to "A Case Against Making It Personal"

"A Case Against Making It Personal" is simply the latest in a series of essays telling us to never push the bounds, never make waves, and always pander to the distortions and prejudices of the media. Its insistence that the role of the "aboveground" is only to educate is platformist and ultimately speciesist.

If animals deserve the same protection as humans do, then we must accept that our tactics will at times parallel those used by human liberation struggles. Certainly our movement has differences and will call for a unique approach at times, but why are we told that approach must always be so timid? Time and time again history shows us that those in power do not respect good ideas or rational arguments. People in power only respect power. It is up to us to gain this power for animals, and to exercise it where animals cannot. Direct targeting shines light on the animal abusers and shows the public exactly where the blame for their actions should lay-on the abusers themselves and not some diffuse corporate entity.

The author's portrayal of targeting individuals as a "feel good" tactic is nonsense. These tactics can be frightening to use, and no one takes them lightly. We have been beaten by vivisectors, run over by angry husbands, and arrested by the police. This sure would make many people "feel good" about passing out "Why Vegans" or patting yourself on the back after a hard day of sign holding. These tactics also require weeks or even months of boring research and stakeouts to locate our targets. The only reason tactics like this "feel good" is because at the end

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Abuser Addresses

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of the day we know we have made a positive impact.

Virtually everyone involved in the militant aboveground movement works through a variety of means to stop animal slavery. We distribute vegan meals, we pass out literature, we spend long hours stuffing envelopes, and stand in the cold gathering signatures. None of us would ever suggest that the only path to animal liberation is personal targeting. We utilise it as one tactic among many. No one believes that we will win animal liberation by shaming a few people into moving. What we are doing is completely different-we are destabilizing entire industries by removing the necessary support for them to continue. Part of our job is to make animal abuse unattractive, and home demonstrations and so on certainly do that.

The author of "A Case Against Making It Personal" uses the old, "The business will just go elsewhere" line. It would seem that this "logic" would be true no matter how we won a campaign, but of course, it is not true at all. By financially destabilizing certain industries, removing the will of people within that industry to continue, and raising the costs of continuing those practices, we insure that some people simply will not be able to afford contract testing. Vivisection will become cost prohibitive, especially to small biotech start up companies who currently rely on companies like HLS for their low prices. Coupled with our educational efforts, these small victories could eventually add up to a much larger victory.

Animals deserve more than leafleting. They deserve more than holding signs outside of a department store. They deserve more than the distribution of a few hundred vegan sack lunches outside of Burger King. They deserve more than a movement of always polite and always timid do-gooders. Animals deserve the same protection and militancy that we expect when it comes to our own freedom. "Anything less is utterly unacceptable."

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Animals don't receive benefits from making it personal

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people to help us in this fight? The last time I checked, our numbers were small. Why make them even smaller?

As originally stated, it is easy to see positive effects of individual targeting. As Josh said, the abusers are flesh and blood. Of course they are going to be scared. Of course they will take precautions to protect themselves. They are going to take the same precautions that we do as activists to protect ourselves from the government and abusers. But that doesn't mean that we are winning. That doesn't mean that we are helping animals. To continue using such short-sighted methodology, we are only ensuring that animals will continue to lose.

Legal Updates

The campaign to Close HLS has brought a whirlwind of legal activity with it, both criminal and civil. Since the inception of the campaign, activists have successfully fended off federal RICO suits, injunctions, and a laundry list of civil complaints. The most recent round of lawsuits featured Marsh Inc. as the plaintiff, and individuals and organizations all over the country as defendants.

Marsh Inc. filed for injunctions and personal injury claims in April 2002, fearful of the upcoming World Week for Animals in Laboratories protests, in California, Texas, Illinois, New York, and Massachusetts. After months and months of costly litigation, the Financial Times announced that Marsh would no longer be providing insurance to Huntingdon Life Sciences in December 2002. At the time of print, the civil cases are still pending.

As has been said before, we can often gauge our effectiveness by our opponent's response. In these cases where our targets expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees, we are having a huge financial impact. There is no doubt that the "economic sabotage" inflicted by refusing to settle and by dragging these civil cases out for months-and sometimes years-has been a key factor in their abandonment of HLS.

But activists have not just been on the defensive. In Syracuse, New York, members of the Animal Defense League had a civil trial in federal court from December 10-17 in which they sued the Syracuse police for a pattern of false arrests, imprisonment and beatings at anti-fur protests in the period from 1995-1998. The complaint specifically alleged a conspiracy to violate the protesters' civil rights, and included state claims for false arrest. As we go to print, the judge has not yet issued a ruling.

The Supreme Court ruled that anti-abortion protesters can't be punished as racketeers under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. It is undetermined as to whether this will deter companies from attempting to prosecute activists under racketeering laws.

In Boston, forty-three indictments have been brought against twelve protesters who targeted HLS's former insurance company, Marsh Inc. The indictments allege that threats and acts of attempted extortion were made during public protests against the company and its employees. Activists are maintaining their innocence, especially in light of the fact that during over seven months of protests, at which police and private security guards were always present, no arrests were ever made.

Arrests and jail sentences in the U.S. have increased over the past few months. On April 21, 2002, ten activists were arrested during a World Week for Animals in Labs protest for alleged property destruction at the home of a Marsh Inc. executive in New York City. Four defendants were dismissed from the case, while two took plea bargains resulting in probation. Benjamin Persky and Josh Schwartz plead to low-level felonies and were sentenced to two years and one year, respectively. Jennica Tait plead to a low-level felony and was sentenced to probation. Jennifer Greenberg took her case to trial and was found guilty of a low level felony and was sentenced to one year in jail.

In England, Dave Blenkinsop was sentenced to five and a half years in prison after being convicted of charges relating to incendiary devices. He was already serving a four-and-a-half-year sentence for rescuing guinea pigs and attacking HLS's managing director Brian Cass. In Seattle, Nathan Brasfield and Tami Wheeler were arrested for alleged theft of telecommunications related to the HLS campaign. Tami allegedly gave information to the authorities and is currently out on bail, while Nate Brasfield remains incarcerated.

On December 17, Matt Whyte was released from federal prison to a halfway house, where he will spend one month before being released. His co-defendant, Peter Schnell remains in prison and expects to be released to a halfway house in late May 2003.

For more updates on prisoners around the globe, please visit www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk.

Prisoner List

Compiled by Earth Liberation Prisonsers Support Network
www.SpiritOfFreedom.org.uk

Dave Blenkinsop EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ England. Serving 10 years imprisonment. The sentence is made up of three parts. 1) Three years for a stave attack on the Managing Director of HLS. 2) 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier. 3) 5½ years for planting incendiary devices under abattoir vehicles.

Benjamin Persky #1410212600, NYSID# 9846577R, GRVC, 0909 Hazen St., East Elmherst, NY 11370, USA. SHAC activist serving 2-6 years for "Criminal Mischief".

Geert Waegemans, Gevangenis Hoogstraten, Gelnelstraat 131, 2320 Hoogstraten, Belgium. Serving 5 years for various ALF arson. Controversially he named police informant, Anja Hermans, as aiding him with his actions after she named him as an ALF activist & alerted the police to his activity

Rae Schilling GN6613, H.M.Prison Winchester, SO22 5DF, England. SHAC activist serving 3½ years for aggravated harassment against HLS shareholders.

Peter Schnell #99476-111, FCI Otisville, PO Box 1000, Otisville, NY 10963, USA. Serving 24 months for possession of incendiary devices. It is claimed the devices were to be used to torch dairy trucks.



Prisoner Peter Schnell, serving 24 months

Jennifer Greenberg, 3100201610, Rose M. Singer Center, 1919 Hazen St., East Elmherst, NY 11370, USA. SHAC activist serving one year for "Criminal Mischief".

Joshua Schwartz, 3100201611, NYSID# 1900738L, EMTC, 1010 Hazen Street,East Elmherst, NY, 11370, USA. SHAC activist serving 1 year for "Criminal Mischief".

Pelle Strindlund, Ostragård kriminalvardsanstalt, Box 215, SE-462 23 Vanersborg, Sweden. Serving 8 months for disarming a slaughterhouse. Due out soon.

Nathan Brasfield #202044100, King County Regional Justice Center Detention Facility, 620 West James St, Kent WA 98032, USA. SHAC activist on Remand for felony theft of telecommunications service.

Importance of Prisoner Support

While others talk about it, the Animal Liberation Front is making animal liberation a reality today, Around the country and the world, selfless vegans put themselves on the line for animals by liberating animals from places of abuse and destroying the machines and places that make animal torture a reality.

Sometimes they get caught. Without a solid support network for imprisoned animal liberators, the A.L.F. cannot always do what they do. Underground resistance is 1/4 direct action and 3/4 above ground support. The A.L.F. is disabled without this support.

The Animal Liberation Front has stepped up its efforts to become more of a threat than ever and the feds want blood. With activists facing years of jail time for freeing animals, it is becoming more serious and prisoner support is more crucial now than ever before. The activists on the prisoner list are in a desparate situation – either enduring a lonely prison life or facing long prison sentences in an upcoming trial. These people need your support. We cannot support the liberation of animals and abandon those who make it happen.

Prisoner support has many components. It is writing letters to activists in prison whose only joy may be a letter of support from the outside. It is monetary support for activists facing upcoming trials. Prisoner support is making flyers, setting up benefit shows and sending out press releases. At its most base level, prisoner support is letting these activists know they are not forgotten.

Wearing a t-shirt is not enough. Support the A.L.F. is reaching out in any way you can to these people whose only crime was bridging the gap between thought and action.

No Compromise Activist Defense Fund

The defense of earth and animals is dependent on those empowered and willing to defend them. Whether Animal Liberation Front, Earth Liberation Front or other warriors in this centuries-old resistance, those individuals brave enough to break free from obedience to immoral and unjust laws deserve our larger movement's support. The very survival as th earth and animal peoples' frontline defenders depends on it.

The U.S. Department of Justice, FBI and ATF know the unconquerable power of direct action, and its power to effect positive change. They also know in order to crush our resistance they must make examples of our captured warriors. We must take care of the earth and animals' warriors who have sacrificed and risked their own freedom to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

The No Compromise Activist Defense Fund exists to provide support to victims of government repression who are targeted for their actions in defense of our sacred earth mother and her animal nations. Please do your part to help our people in the direct action contingent. Demonstrate your support for the liberation of prisoners of war and action to impede the slaughter of our animal relations. The fund exists to help those accused of any illegal actions for animals.

For the animals,
Rod Coronado
former A.L.F. prisoner

To make a donation to the No Compromise Activist Defense Fund, please send a check, money order or well-concealed cash (at your own risk) earmarked for the "Activist Defense Fund" to No Compromise, P.O. Box 1440 Santa Cruz, CA 95061. You can also make a donation online at www.nocompromise.org.

Are you interested in helping out with the defense fund? Want to help raise money for the defense fund? Contact us for ideas how to organize fundraisers and other ways you can help.

If you or someone you now is arrested or charged with illegal direct action, please contact No Compromise at nc-info@nocompromise.org or call 831-425-3007.

International Diary of Actions

Austria

June 2, 2002 HOHE WAND/LOWER AUSTRIA - Hunting platform destroyed.

July 17, 2002 VIENNA - Marsh Austria is attacked with paint bombs.

July 24, 2002 VIENNA - Marsh Austria visited, slogans painted and posters are hung up.

August 28, 2002 BISAMBERG/LOWER AUSTRIA - During a vivisectors congress in Vienna, the A.L.F. visits Udo Loserts, one of the organizers. His expensive car, parts of the house and the door are covered in red paint, "animal murderer" is spray painted and a D-lock is left on his garden door, so that he cannot leave with his car in the morning.

September 21, 2002 MIEMING/TIROL - Three hunting platforms and hunting equipment are destroyed.

September 22, 2002 – Six hens liberated from a factory farm

September 23, 2002 OBERTIEFENBACH/LOWER AUSTRIA - At 3:30 a.m., a newly-built, high-tech pig-factory farm is torched by A.L.F. activists. It had been prepared to house 3,000 pigs. The roof collapses; damage is estimated at about 500,000 Euros. The slogan "Meat is animal torture. A.L.F." is left on a neighboring building.

October 30, 2002 VIENNA - The A.L.F. visits six fur shops. Damage is done by smashing windows, gluing locks, and defacing shop fronts with paint or butyric acid.

January14, 2003 INNSBRUCK/TIROL - Two hunting shops and three fur shops are damaged.

Canada

December 16, 2002 SUDBURY, ON - A fur store has its locks glued and is spray painted. Claimed by anonymous activists.

Finland

November 5, 2002 JUUKA - The Finnish A.L.F. dyes all of the Juuka farm's 1600 foxes with red henna and removes all the breeding cards. "We opened over hA.L.F. of the cages. We also trashed the fur farmer's caravan, in which he had kindly left the radio and the lights on. This raid was dedicated to Barry Horne, who died a year ago."

France

November 14, 2002 THIONVILLE - Animal rights activists release 1,000 mink from a fur farm in the town of Bure in eastern France. About 1,000 of the farm's 17,000 animals escape into the fields. The owner of the farm estimates his losses at 30,000 Euros (30,000 USD).

Germany

July 5, 2002 – Thirty-five advertising signs for animal circus Sperlich (www.circus-andre-sperlich.de) are destroyed. Claimed by A.L.F.SX.

July 26, 2002 KREIS - According to a communiqué received by the internet-site of the Tierbefreier, seven hunting platforms are destroyed. Due to this and previous actions, this piece of woodland is now a totally hunting platform-free zone.

July 2002 HARTMANNSDORF - The A.L.F.SX destroys five more hunting platforms.

August 7, 2002 – HEIDELBERG - Activists slash tires of the animal circus Starlight.

December 22, 2002 – The A.L.F. claims responsibility for stink bombs thrown over several women seen wearing mink and fur coats at the Christmas market.

December 2002 DOEBELN - During the Christmas holiday, the A.L.F. smashes the windows of several vehicles belonging to the company "Doebelner Meats Ltd" in eastern Germany, and daubs the building walls with animal rights slogans. Police estimate the damage at around 30,000 Euros.

Holland

July 28 2002 VENHORST - 9000 mink liberated.

July 29, 2002 BEEKBERGEN - Breeding information removed from research centre.

September 14, 2002 HARFSEN - 900 mink released.

October 5, 2002 – Animal rights activists spray slogans on an ABN-AMRO bank in Maastricht because of its connection to the primate murderer Biomedical Primate Research Centre.

October 20, 2002 – The Dieren Bevrijdings Front (DBF) slashes the tires of trucks belonging to the animal circus Circus Renz. Locks are also glued and all visible wiring is cut. Three advertisement boards are also damaged. The press release declares that "An animal circus is not welcome anywhere."

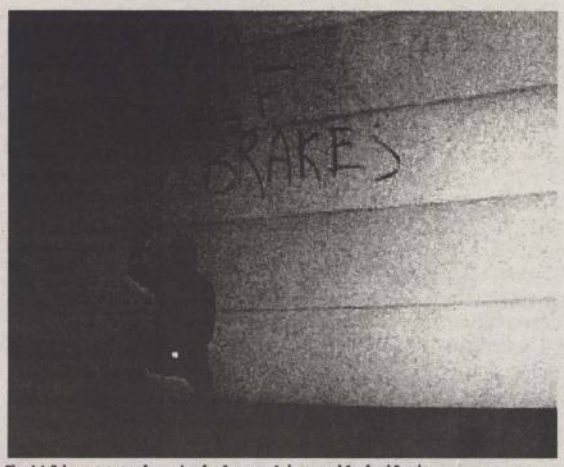
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Midwest's Largest Seafood Distributor Hit by A.L.F.

Brake lines cut, no one hurt in action

by Sean Barry



The A.L.F. leave a note of warning for Supreme Lobster and Seafood Employees.

In the early morning of Sunday, February 2, the Animal Liberation Front attacked Supreme Lobster and Seafood. The Villa Park, Illinois seafood company had extensive damage done to its trucks--brake lines were cut and refrigeration units were sabotaged. A communiqué was sent by the "Groundhog Crew, ALF" via email to the Chicago Tribune explaining the attack. The action, which disabled forty-eight trucks, caused damage estimated between $50,000 and $75,000.

According to the communiqué, the ALF struck Supreme Lobster - the Midwest's largest seafood distributor - because it has been "responsible for the deaths of more than one billion sea creatures over the last twenty-five years." The company began in 1973 as a live lobster distributor in the Chicago area, later expanding coverage to the greater Midwest. In 1990, it opened a branch in Las Vegas. Supreme also acts as a U.S. Department of Commerce seafood inspection facility. Additionally, the company maintains a retail store on North Avenue in Villa Park.

Despite the ALF's warning "ALF - NO BRAKES" spray-painted on a garage door, one of Supreme Lobster's drivers started out to do deliveries as usual on the morning after the attack. He quickly learned of the damaged brake system before exiting the facility. Dominic Stramaglia, Supreme's owner, stated, "it's very unfortunate to put people in harm's way for whatever reason, for free publicity." However, the ALF maintains a strict rule when following through with actions; in its almost thirty years of existence, it has never harmed a single human or animal. And any "free publicity" that may have come out of this attack can only be helpful to the animals.

Although this is far from the first time the ALF has struck in Illinois, the action came as a surprise to the rarely-attacked seafood industry. According to the North American ALF Press Office (whose spokesperson, David Barbarash, recently stepped down) the last time the seafood industry was attacked by the ALF was in January 2001, when trucks at Philadelphia's Pride of the Sea sustained damage in two separate attacks.

The FBI claims it has been tracking the ALF in the Chicago area since June 2002, when the Lake Forest home of an animal-testing laboratory was spray-painted and had its windows broken. In the Midwest, the ALF also released 1,200 minks from a ranch in Waverly, Iowa.

The ALF has a history of economic sabotage; most likely this was its intended goal, which it achieved. The $50,000 to $75,000 in damages that Supreme Lobster has claimed could be a significant financial blow to the company. In addition to repairing its own trucks, Supreme has been forced to spend money leasing trucks in order to make its deliveries.

Every year, countless fish are impaled, thrown about, crushed and mutilated by the worldwide fishing industry. They are often left to die of suffocation while in agony. Lobsters are taken from their habitats and sold off to be boiled alive. In addition to the direct impact to sea creatures, the fishing industry is also responsible for the deaths and injuries of "non-target" animals. Birds who become tangled in discarded fishing line starve to death. Other animals drown when they are snagged on the monofilament line. Rehabilitators say that the majority of animals treated every year are tackle victims: birds who swallow hooks or are poisoned by lead sinkers, as well as otters who cannot digest food because their intestines are full of plastic fishing lures. According to Florida's Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, 85 percent of the pelicans treated there have injuries resulting from fishing hooks and lines.

It is on behalf of these victims—the countless creatures whose suffering and deaths underscore every seafood "dinner"—that the action at Supreme Lobster was undertaken.



Mink have their first tastes of freedom after the A.L.F. raid a mink farm in Eksjo, Sweden.

Animal Liberation Front Guidelines

The Animal Liberation Front carries out non-violent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss, usually through the damage and destruction of property, to animal abusers. A.L.F. actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups, and do not have any centralized organization or address.

The guidelines are:

To liberate animals from places of abuse and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors by performing non-violent direct actions and liberations.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human or non-human.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans who carry out actions according to A.L.F. guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the A.L.F.

The A.L.F. consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who take direct action according to these guidelines.

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Underground strikes hard and fast

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tivists hit the Minkcon BV mink farm and liberate 13,000 mink. Putten is the heart of the mink fur farming industry in the Netherlands and is home to a fur-animal feed plant and about twenty-five fur farms. This is the fourth liberation in the area.

November 3, 2002 HARFSEN - Cages on a mink farm are opened on a farm where a previous attempted liberation in September had to be aborted. This time the DBF also opens the door to the entrance of the farm to facilitate a better exit for the mink.

November 6, 2002 RIJSWIJK/ NIJMEGEN - As part of an ongoing campaign against the Biomedical Primate Research Centre and its bank ABN AMRO, the DBF paints the bank with "stop BPRC," glues two building locks, throws red paint on two cash machines, and stuffs another cash machine with glue. The action is dedicated to Barry Horne. On the same night, seven ABN AMRO buildings in Nijmegen are also attacked by animal rights activists.

November 9, 2002 GOOR - Poultry processor Nijland in East Holland loses a truck to arson.

November 16-17, 2002 BEEKBERGEN - The DBF releases 1000 mink from the fur farm research centre Spelderholt.

November 16, 2002 HARFSEN - The Animal Rights Militia burns down the car of a mink farmer and paints the slogan "Murderer" on a shed.

November 23, 2002 THE HAGUE - The A.L.F. attacks Goa's horse musical. A total of four fire bombs are put under two trucks, damaging one of them heavily. Unfortunately, the other truck survived the attack.

December 7-8, 2002 WESEPE - The DBF targets a slaughterhouse. While the slaughterhouse itself is not damaged, an old office and an old storage building containing organic meat burn down. "As long as there are slaughterhouses, we will continue with our war against the daily genocide."

December 19, 2002 EMST - The DBF pays their second visit to an egg farm in this area, saving thirty-three hens.

December 2, 2002 THE HAGUE - As part of the SHAC Night of Action, the DBF hits (now former) HLS-insurer Marsh. Two locks to the front door are glued, butyric acid is thrown through the letterbox, the intercom on the door and the gold name plaque are splashed with red paint, the A.L.F. slogan is painted, and a window is broken. The action is followed up with a butyric acid stink bomb. (Note: Marsh has since pulled out and is no longer the insurer for HLS.)

January 4, 2003 SCHALKHAAR - The DBF torches a truck belonging to the chicken slaughterhouse Welling Pluimvee BV.

Italy

November 22, 2002 S. POLO D'ENZA (REGGIO EMILIA) – The A.L.F. visits Morini, one of the largest breeders for vivisection and the focus of a national campaign to close it down. During the night, the activists cut the fences and use the farm's cages to transport the dogs to freedom. They leave some advice: "A.L.F. free all!" and "Killers – A.L.F.". This is the first big animal liberation concerning vivisection after so many years in total silence. The farm has about 1000 beagles, which are also sold abroad. They also have rabbits and guinea pigs. Claimed by Il Silvestre – Pisa Gruppo ecologista animalista radicale.

November 24- December 7, 2002 TORINO - Shell garages are sabotaged.

December 17, 2002 TORINO - At 10.30PM, the entrance and the bell of Sumitomo at via Cavour 1 are glued and painted. A leaflet explaining the reason for the action was also left behind, so all their neighbors know what they do.

December 19, 2002 MODENA - The A.L.F. enters the house of a doghouse volunteer in Modena to liberate five beagle puppies at risk being sent to a lab animal farm. The police were notified that these young beagles could be part of the 99 beagles liberated on November 21 from Morini farm, a notorious lab breeder in Italy. The five dogs had no tattoos, so the judge had ordered a DNA analysis to determine their origins and if they would be sent back to the Morini hellhole. The dogs are rescued before the lab results come back.

December 19, 2002 GALEATA, FORLI - At 6.00 p.m., the A.L.F. enters a mink farm, cutting 100 meters of fencing and releases four sheds of mink before the farmer returns unexpectedly (he had never been seen there at that time). Although the action is interrupted, many breeding females are released, creating serious losses for the farmer. A subsequent communiqué states that graffiti left during a previous, October 2001 action--in which 10,000 minks were liberated--is still visible.

December 21, 2002 TORINO – Sumitomo at Via Cavour 1 is visited again and vandalized with glue and paint.

New Zealand

November 2, 2002 AUKLAND - The A.L.F. visits Marsh Executive Director J. W. Bitcheno (64 Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland) and redecorates one of his vehicles with paint stripper and his pavement with spray paint.

December 20, 2002 - Christmas cards containing razor blades and a special Christmas message are sent to eight persons from animal-abusing companies, letting them know that they are being thought of at this festive time of the year. Recipients were: Ian Wallis, HLS shareholder; Howard Paterson of Mainland Poultry; Egg's R Us Poultry Farm, Tegal; Dr. Lora Hageman, AgResearch and Organizer of the International Embryo Transfer Society Conference; Jeff Winmill of Mainland Poultry; All At Sea, a shop profiting from selling "ship cats"; and Michael Guthrie of Mainland Poultry. Claimed by Animal Rights Militia.

Spain

June 6, 2002 SALAMANCA – A van of a fur company called Galvan is burned down.

July 2, 2002 MADRID - A hunting shop, a fishing shop, and a fur shop all have their locks glued.

July 20, 2002 SALAMANCA – A partridge breeding facility is smashed and animals liberated.

July 29, 2002 TUREENS – A battery farm truck is burned down.

August 8, 2002 VIGO – Activists liberate 200-300 minks from a fur farm. The newspaper estimates "a thousand monsters."

August 2002 SORIA – Several meat trucks are burned down.

August 2002 MADRID – Locks at several butcheries and fur shops are glued.

Sweden

August 2, 2002 – Four battery hens rescued and a vehicle at a battery farm set on fire.

August 04, 2002 KVANUM – Mats Bergmans chinchilla farm is raided. Thirty-seven chinchillas (the entire stock) are rescued, all cages are destroyed and rooms flooded.



One of the liberated rabbits from the December 3rd raid on a rabbit farm in Bruzaholm, Sweden.

August 13, 2002 VALLENTUNA – A chinchilla farm is emptied, and about 30 chinchillas are taken to new homes. Cages are also destroyed and slogans sprayed. Swedish A.L.F. claims responsibility.

August 26, 2002 VARMLAND – A.L.F.-activists liberate about twenty pheasants from a farm. One enclosure is emptied and then totally destroyed. The pheasants, who are young but able to fly, are released together at another destination together with food and water.

September 22, 2002 TORHAMN – A mink farm is attacked by animal rights activists. Windows are smashed, slogans are sprayed, and other damage is done to a freezing unit where mink food and mink skins are kept. The same farm was raided in March, at which time all 200 breeding animals were released.

October 22, 2002 STOCKHOLM – The DBF releases approximately 1300 mink and destroy some mink houses and a tractor on the farm. According to the press release following their raid, the action was carried out as a protest against the delay of the investigation regarding a ban on fur farming. It also says the DBF will continue its attacks on fur farming until a ban on fur farming is a reality.

November 2, 2002 - An attempt to break into Sweden's only breeder of cats for vivisection is made, but unfortunately an alarm is set off. The A.L.F. claim in the press release that their intention was to take every cat in the unit and rehome them, but now there is no way possible for that and urges others to take action.

November 2, 2002 STOCKHOLM – Local television stations report that a fur shop had all of its windows smashed, four days in a row.

December 3, 2002 BRUZAHOLM - The Swedish A.L.F. rescues eighteen rabbits from a small rabbit farm. A subsequent press release states, "Unfortunately, we could only liberate and rehome eighteen of the rabbits, but to make up to those left behind we also decided to do a bit of paintwork to his car, the rabbit shed and his house with him asleep inside it. Slogans such as 'Animal abuser,' 'Murderer,' and 'Close the farm' were painted. As long as they are captive we will defend them. Every second means resistance." – Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish A.L.F.)

November and December 2002 MALMO & STOCKHOLM - Several attacks are made against fur shops; windows are smashed, locks are glued and paint is poured over the shops.

Poland

September 28, 2002 SZCZECIN - Animal Rights Militia (ARM) places incendiary devices under two lorries at the German-owned chicken slaughterhouse Drobimex, where 3000 chickens are slaughtered daily. The lorries are totally destroyed.

United Kingdom

November 29, 2002 – Activists representing the Guinea-Pig Avengers go on a shopping spree at the expense of animal abusers associated with Newchurch Farm. The group had stumbled across the credit card details of two vivisectors associated with the Newchurch Guinea Pig farm and they decided to make this the best Christmas ever, running up bills of £15,000.

December 2, 2002 NEWMARKET – SHAC receives the following anonymous communiqué: "Over the Christmas period we watched then smashed the windows of Huntingdon's vet Helmut Ehall. Those who seek to profit from the animals' suffering will learn there is a very heavy price to pay for it. Helmut Ehall is beginning to learn just what this price is. Ehall will be hearing from us again and again until he resigns, simple. For the animals. A.L.F."

DECEMBER 21, 2002 SUN VALLEY, WALES – The A.L.F. raids a turkey supplier, saving the lives of 84 turkeys. Most of the turkeys are covered in sores and are generally of ill health. Disease is rife and the only freedom is death or liberation. Activists gained entry to one shed by breaking through a roof and unlocking the door to a storeroom. Then the wall to the sheds is smashed through to allow the activists to climb into the huge sheds. The turkeys are then boxed, carried across three fields, loaded into transit vans and driven to safety. For many animals, Christmas means torture. This Christmas, at least 84 turkeys were rehorned to peacefully live out their natural lives.

December 24, 2002 – The following written claim was received by the A.L.F. Press Office: "The ARM has contaminated over 300 'Oil of Olay' Procter & Gamble products with industrial paint stripper. We will place these products back on store shelves throughout London by next Monday."

December 31, 2002 CANFORD MAGNA, BOURNEMOUTH - During the hours of New Year's Eve and well into the following morning, the A.L.F. breaks into Norfolk Cottage Eggs on Magna Road and rescues over 600 battery hens. According to a press release: "...We entered the unit via the roof after removing a corrugated panel and, using improvised ladders, transported the hens in sacks out and away across adjacent fields to waiting vehicles. Before we left we caused damage and sprayed the walls with appropriate messages. The whole operation had been planned for weeks and was executed with precision and compassion by the twelve-strong team, who gained valuable experience and are already planning further raids."

January 2003 STOCKING PELHAM - "Fox killers" is written in red paint over the village church, and a nearby animal feed business which supplies the Puckeridge Hunt is burnt to the ground in a £250,000 suspect blaze. The action is as yet unclaimed.

United States

July 29, 2002 FRESNO, CA - At a private home, a dog was liberated from a backyard. The action was claimed by anonymous activists.

July 29, 2002 JERICHO, NY - The PGA Lightpath Classic golf course vandalised, 4 greens and 4 holes dug up, where Marsh executive Frank Tasco was registered.

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The High Price of Guerrilla Warfare

By Jeff Perz

In "The High Price of Pacifism" (NC#16), Rod Coronado argues that violent self- defense is both a morally-justified and a strategically-effective response to state violence directed at animal rights advocates. With great respect for Coronado and all that he has achieved and endured, I disagree.

Echoing Mohandas Gandhi, Coronado states that property destruction "preserve[s] our belief in the sacredness of all life while still retaining the ability to defend ourselves." Yet, implicit in Coronado's article is also the suggestion that physical violence against human animals is an appropriate tactic for animal rights advocates.

Coronado argues that since animal rights advocates who adhere to Gandhian principles of non-violence are often the victims of police violence, it would be pragmatic for them to fight fire with fire. He holds that, had his Yaqui ancestors not done this, the attempted genocide perpetuated against them would have been much worse.

Gandhi, however, accepted the fact that non-passive yet non-violent civil disobedience would result in his being beaten, imprisoned or killed. Today's non-violent activists, if they are serious, should likewise be prepared. When Gandhi said that non-violence is only appropriate when it is used against an opponent who respects it, he was not necessarily only referring to the individual police officer who was beating him over the head. He was also referring to the government and, more so, to the populace that empowers that government. So, every time Gandhi and those who followed him were the victims of state violence, all efforts were made to take photographs, write reports and take testimonials. Despite media censorship in South Africa and India at the time, Gandhi was able to inform both the populace and the international community of the state-sponsored violence.

Gandhi encouraged the public, once informed, to remain non-violent but also to refuse to cooperate with the state. When the people, united as a whole, stop following the government's rules in a non-violent manner, the strongest of military machines is helpless to stop them. An army can kill thousands, but it cannot kill an idea. This is why the British Empire with all of its military might was forced to abandon its oppressive colonization of India. Thus, the non-violent activist who is part of a larger social justice movement must accept the risk of being killed, raped, beaten or enslaved. On the other hand, the lone individual who is being violently attacked has the right to violently defend herself if that is the only viable option.

In the short-term, I agree with Coronado that the government is not likely to change its policies in response to non-violent civil disobedience. Nor will laws or law-suits ever help non-human animals. Hence, animal rights advocates must work from outside the system if they are to avoid counter-productive actions.

Coronado lists several historical examples of state violence against non-violent protestors that contributed to violent, yet supposedly effective, social justice movements. What his examples show, however, is that violence only leads to more violence: Hunters attack protestors. Protestors attack hunters. Hunters get police to attack protestors. Protestors attack police. Police attack protestors and the government rescinds civil liberties. Or, for example: State violence prompts the Irish Republican Army to take revenge. The state responds with more violence, and the cycle flows back and forth. Likewise with those who initiate violent civil rights campaigns. Likewise with the United States' "war on terrorism": The United States kills and controls with its foreign policies. This elicits a violent response from some individuals in the affected countries. The United States goes on a war rampage. I predict that this will cause even more terrorism both from the guerrilla terrorists and the United States government. The last one standing in the ashes of our broken world "wins."

Rather than debate history any further, I refer the reader to George Lakey's "Nonviolent Action as 'The Sword That Heals': Challenging Ward Churchill's 'Pacifism as Pathology.'"

The war will only be over when the fighting stops. If I help one 20-year-old go vegan because she rejects using sentient beings exclusively as resources on ethical grounds, I have saved about 10,000 lives. If enough human people follow her lead, then all institutionalized animal exploitation will stop.

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, we were not able to print this article in its entirety. To read the full version, please visit our website at www.nocompromise.org. Thank you.

Response to "The High Price of Guerrilla Warfare"

by Rod Coronado

Physical violence or, more aptly, self-defense, is always a desperate response to the failure of "accepted avenues of protest." No revolutionary wakes up and says, "Let's start an armed struggle." Where the oppressed engage in the physical defense of their lives and homeland, the decision is one forced upon them as the question, "Do we live or continue to die?"

All over the world people are imprisoned, tortured and murdered for participating in the same resistance first-world activists claim to be a part of. Most of the victims of U.S. and other government aggression have not the luxury of choosing tactics based solely on morality, but often determined by practicality, physical safety and survival.

As first-world activists increasingly become legitimate threats to the economic interests of the Invader, those same state-sponsored terrorists will increasingly respond with the same level of violence they perpetuate in the rest of the world. As revolutionaries, we need not cry about this, but neither should we accept it as the price of our political or philosophical penance. Dogmatically adhering to a strategy that repeatedly places people at great physical risk is neither noble nor effective, and it only demonstrates a disrespect for our own lives. It is never appropriate to passively accept the torture, imprisonment and deaths of our comrades.

Instead our movement must evolve its tactics and strategies into those with the least risk of violence and the greatest chance for success. With the strategy of guerilla resistance, an earth and animal defender chooses the time and place where she as an individual or as a member of a cell has the greatest advantage over a militarily superior enemy. Night, when they are unaware of your presence, and most certainly when law enforcement is not present in overwhelming numbers.

This is not fighting fire with fire. It's preventing the fire before it begins. The increasing climate of state violence towards the tactics of passive nonviolence makes avoiding physical injury and death every activist's responsibility. But if we as a grassroots movement choose to engage in tactics that result in violence against us, we not only allow a shift in focus from the larger issue onto ourselves, but we also continue to put ourselves in the position where we have seen the most deaths of nonviolent activists.

There is a time and place for everything. Where employees of corporations and law enforcement agencies inflict violence upon us, we are justified in striking back at the property they care so much more about than life. An example would be hunt saboteurs and protesters in the UK who commonly defend themselves when attacked by hunters and police, a response that often leads to a greater appreciation for nonviolence.

Self-defense is far from being the initiation of a violent strategy. Its intent is instead to demonstrate a willingness to protect ourselves from violent attack. It does not serve our movement well as an offensive strategy, yet. It's simple. If our opponents prefer for us to engage in peaceful nonviolent civil disobedience, then they do not respond to such tactics with violence. Rather than discourage us, such acts make actions like property destruction a safer and preferred form of resistance.

It's easy as members of a privileged society to say, "an army can kill thousands, but not an idea," but it's a dangerous game to play when we falsely believe a united populace nonviolently resisting an oppressive government alone will stop the strongest of military machines. It didn't work in Tianamen Square, Chile, Londonderry, Guatamala, the Phillipines, Acteal or in India. It's simply the theory of western activists whose moral palates are unwilling to recognize the legitimacy of armed struggle when nonviolence fails.

If we meant what our buttons and t-shirts say, the radical environmental and animal liberation movements would grow to become the guerrilla struggle we need to be to protect Earth and her animal nations for future generations. It's either that, or continue to recline in the comforts and privileges of a society built on destruction, violence and terror while still believing you are "for the animals."

Oppression leads to resistance. Resistance leads to repression intended to crush resistance. If we resist, we risk death and imprisonment, but the same applies for many of us if we do nothing. Never, though, is our willingness to defend ourselves the cause of repression. It is only the excuse. Advocating pacifism in the face of violent attack is easiest for those unfamiliar with it. How many do you know who have been killed, raped, tortured or imprisoned in this struggle? I bet if it were as many as those forced to armed struggle, we'd be debating calibers not tactics.

This struggle for Earth and animals and those humans living harmoniously demands that we evolve like the organic life forms around us. We are not just part of a larger social justice movement; we are a Resistance--one that has been fought for hundreds if not thousands of years. To survive we are forced by our oppressors to face less philosophical choices and more realistic decisions. Either we remain a part of the society most responsible for the earth and animals' destruction while flirting with revolution, or we accept the urgent responsibility of protecting our environment to the same degree we would our own lives. Remaining passively nonviolent in response to the destruction of the natural world may possibly be our generation's greatest crime.

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Making the Difference

by Keith Mann
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If ever we needed solid evidence that the little things we're all doing on a day to day basis are making the world of difference - those things that most of us feel are not even nearly enough to impact on the institutions of animal abuse - then we need look no further than the daily papers and tv news. Barely a day goes by without one report or another suggesting that animal rights campaigners have resorted to the some sort of violence or another. There is clearly a renewed campaign of vilification and misinformation afoot, and mouth. They (news editors/animal abusers/senior police officers cosily in bed together in this campaign) have even blamed us for starting & spreading foot and mouth disease like animal abusers need our help! One report, in the Sunday Express ran a headline 'MI5. in secret war on animal rights mobs trying to wreck meat industry' and went on to reveal how scores of MI5 and Special Branch officers are being used to monitor our movements lest we take with us when we walk our dogs the cold like virus wreaking havoc on an abusive industry a havoc, the likes of which we only dreamed of. Then there was Jo Knowsley's'revelation' in the Mail on Sunday about how the Wye Hunt beagles had all been mutilated or killed by the ALF team that risked their liberty to rehabilitate them from the hunt. This was another non story which ran with the hunt's view that the dogs must have been killed because they haven't managed to recover them. The mutilation if you read the story was in fact the removal of their ID tattoo's and their neutering, an alien concept to people with no understanding of animal welfare issues. (The dogs all had the ID tattoos in their ears removed and were neutered by a vet, as is normal responsible practice when re-homing rescued dogs which you don't want to be recovered or bred from).

Then there was the story about Brian Cass being 'beaten' by three masked attackers with baseball bats. Desperate beyond imagination for the government to save his vivisection lab oratory from the onslaught of civilisation, Cass was the very next day on the early morning news boasting how he survived the previous night's attack by animal rights cowards. Did these alleged attackers say who they were? Other than the cut to his head which he said he sustained when he fell over during the attack, he had no other injuries to show off, so one wonders exactly what it was the mystery assailants were supposed to have done in their "vicious assault" (according to Cass in a half page article dedicated to him in the Mail on Sunday). And what of the unusually bountiful coverage of this alleged attack did you see extensive news coverage when Steve Christmas was nearly killed in a deliberate attack by a hunt supporter a few months earlier in a field in Sussex? Or when Lynn Sawyer was maimed for life by an off duty police officer as she protested near to the HLS site at Huntingdon in June last year? Or even the death of Tom Worby, the 15 year old boy killed by a huntsman for opposing his vile pastime? Where are the news stories reporting the incredible state of affairs that has seen numerous police forces paying out compensation to violently assaulted & illegally arrested animal rights protestors to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds in the last few years? Ain't any. Why? Because it shatters the image of animal rights activists being violent thugs hell bent on death and destruction.

We aren't criminals & we should stop apologising for our actions. We aren't responsible for bombing babies in Baghdad, we aren't responsible for the enormous death and destruction caused to humans and animals by factory farming methods, or for the same consequence of vivisection from which there is a steady stream of animal tested drug withdrawals due to unforeseen (in animals) side effects, like death. We haven't killed or maimed a single animal abuser EVER so why do we cower & apologise and blame an unruly minority when we're so accused? We have to learn to react to journalistic demands for condemnation of this or that animal rights related incident with outright condemnation of all the above & some.

That we have money making operations closing down, particularly with HLS on its knees, is the reason we're being so publicly & personally persecuted; in other words it's a complement. Were our message not getting through to the masses & big business then they'd leave us alone. But that's not to say we should accept the kind of violence & criminality that government agents & animal abusers throw at us on an almost daily basis. There will shortly be available a dossier of compensation payments that animal rights people have been awarded by the police for the laws they've broken, as well as other abuse campaigners have been subjected to by the police & animal abusers. This (mainly aimed at influencing writers, commentators and officials), coupled with the startling facts readily available in book form mess up any argument that vivisectors save lives & animal rights activists' are evil, criminal, thugs.

Which is where we're at with the pro-HLS propaganda machine: we're violent thugs who don't want medical progress and vivisection works. The facts are we are very much abused by the various thugs whom we are confronted by when seeking animal liberation, and vivisection kills people aplenty. We all know it, I hope, but we need to make more of an effort to be more pro active in teaching the rest of society. We are up against a huge propaganda machine that constantly feeds the minds of its audience with lies. Like for exampl you could be forgiven for thinking that everything animal rights people do is mad, bad or just plain loopy. Never a good word said. And that vivisection is essential. We are the only people going to change that but first we need to believe it ourselves and know the facts and too few of us do. Read a book about vivisection if you haven't already and if that doesn't convince you read another. It might look confusing from a distance but when you look closely it all boils down to one simple scientific detail: you cannot transfer the results from experiments with any number of any species of any animal to another. So vivisection can't work.

With regard to 'violence' said to be perpetrated by animal rights people:

1) inanimate objects don't bleed

2) there are no dead or maimed animal abusers, but far too many animal rights people carry war wounds and three have died at the hands of animal abusers in the UK

3) the police have paid out compensation to the tune of hundreds of thousands of pounds in recent years because of the laws they've broken while preventing legitimate animal rights campaigns! If anything we as a movement have been very restrained in the face of incredible provocation and we have nothing to apologise for.

Words from Helen Woodson

Helen Woodson is a U.S. political prisoner, in her 19th year of a 27-year sentence. The government is now investigating the option of not releasing her when her sentence is up, claiming she may be a threat to national security. Below, in Helen's own words is a description of the three incidents she was arrested for, and a letter about the government's attempt to keep her jailed.

1) Robbing a federal reserve bank and burning $26,000 on the lobby floor after distributing a statement denouncing the materialism and obsession with wealth and power that caused environmental destruction, wars and various other social ills. For this, I was convicted of robbery by force.

2) Mailing warning letters with .38 caliber bullets to various government and corporate officials including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, CEOs of Steppan Chemical Co. and National Lead Co., the director of the EPA and the chairman of Federal Reserve Board. Letters said that their actions were like bullets fired into the heart of creation. For this, I was convicted of threatening communication and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

3) Disarmament of a Minuteman II missile silo with a jackhammer. For this, I was convicted of sabotage, destruction of government property and conspiracy.

The government in Washington, D.C. has taken a new tack in my case. They have ordered that an evaluation be made to determine the "suitability" of my release at the eventual end of my sentence. They are proposing that I be permanently detained as a threat to national security. An attorney told me that the US is now being ruled by "King George" and that no one in government is willing to stop him. It is even possible to have activists labeled "dangerous and insane" and confined in psychiatric hospitals, as was done in the former Soviet Union and is reported to be common in China today.

During the eighteen and a half years that I have been imprisoned for anti-war and environmental actions, I have never sought personal publicity, and in my occasional writings I have tried to keep the focus solely on the issues. But now, I must get a little personal. When I left my beloved children, friends and home to take these actions, I knew I would never return. Many old friends have dropped out of contact, I have a daughter-in-law and grandchildren whom I've never met, and I have no assets besides my prison commissary account.

Serious resistance is serious business. It is not easy, but the rationale remains simple. Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Thus the question is: what does rightfully belong to Caesar? Not the lives of my family and all families, not the lives of all other species, not the mountains, deserts and air, not the earth itself. In religious terms, resistance is a way of rendering the creation back to God from whom it came. People whose action is framed more in political terms will express it differently, but the meaning is the same. Nuclear weapons, war, the destruction of the natural world, and government and corporate greed must be resisted.

Whatever the outcome here, I will remain faithful to this witness, either with another action if I am released or as a permanent detainee if I am not. Obviously, though, my situation has implications for others.

As the post-September 11 hysteria spreads, any serious opponent of official policy may become a target. I may be the first to be subjected to this particular process, but undoubtedly I will not be the last. Be forward, be serious, be conscientious, be joyful and be alive!

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No Compromise: Ethics into Action

by Nik Hensey

No Compromise is something more than an emotive slogan that we as activists use to title our magazines and throw into the repertoire of protest chants; it is an ethic put into action. In order to be successful and effective, the No Compromise strategy — no bail, no probation, and no deals — must be practiced consistently and without rationalizing one's reasons for deviating from it.

To invoke an ethic or live an ideal simply when it suits us undermines the integrity of the ethic we claim to stand for. Animal Liberation is an ideal that we fight for and endure financial and physical hardship for. No struggle has ever been won without sacrifice on the part of its constituency. We do not abandon that idealistic dream when faced with adversity.

When used properly, No Compromise empowers activists, increases media attention, sways public sentiment in our favor, demonstrates our resolve and dedication, builds movement integrity and strength, and intimidates our opposition. All of these greatly outweigh the downside of possibly having fewer activists risk arrest or join our ranks. Unfortunately the NC Strategy seems to have retreated from our collective consciousness; it's an activist approach that one rarely sees employed nowadays.

In "Examining the NC Strategy" (*No Compromise*, Issue #19, pg 25), Angi Metler raises valid points in her critique of the No Compromise strategy. As she points out, a dialogue placing weight on concerns of elitism and "coolness" is immaterial. The Animal Liberation movement is always going to be an incredibly small fraction of the population, regardless of the tactics used. While increasing numbers of people are becoming sympathetic to our message and committing to lifestyle changes, the majority of those people will never go out and demonstrate for the animals. That's fine so long as we have a movement that is steadfast and uncompromising in its aims. Compared to six years ago, the size of our movement today has decreased dramatically. This only means that the activists who remain must work twice as hard. We've softened our methods over the years and our numbers certainly haven't grown, so to suggest that the NC strategy adversely affects our numbers is unfounded.

In a game of poker, when a player calls his opponent's bluff, he gains a great advantage. Similarly, one activist who employs the NC strategy is wasting his time if several other activists are paying bail and taking deals. The authorities look at one activist as a representation of another, so when one activist refuses to pay bail but the others bail out, the system will expect him to eventually submit and follow suit.

The system has absolutely no incentive to refrain from arresting and jailing activists or releasing them IF it figures that all activists will eventually give in. The bluff has been called.

Paying bail, taking deals, and accepting probation serves to the detriment of the long-term movement, while the No Compromise strategy serves to benefit the movement--especially for those who cannot stay in jail or take their case to trial. No Compromise removes the incentive to prosecute activists. It pushes the envelope and exploits the (in)justice system's weaknesses while empowering us.

"Individual circumstances" are far too often used as an excuse for rationalizing a decision coming from a place of weakness or fear. Jail sucks, trials are often unpleasant, but the struggle for animal liberation never promised to be a walk in the park. We do a disservice to the animals when we let individual circumstances and self-interest become mitigating factors. Imprisonment is a bit more tolerable when a person can realize he has stood up against the system with uncompromising dedication to his morals. Before an activist bows to the system or breaks, it is crucial that he genuinely contemplates the motivations for doing so.

At the same time, it is unproductive to expect activists to dogmatically adhere to one single strategy. We must constantly critique and reevaluate our actions. A strategy shouldn't be used as a tool to dominate activists who can't risk arrest or to belittle newer activists who lack experience. But when properly implemented and discussed, the No Compromise strategy fosters solidarity and empowers activists in a culture that seeks to disempower the individual.

Whatever strategic path an activist takes, the decision should be based upon what is best for the animals and the long-term vitality of the movement. In a war that is being fought on the behalf of others, the welfare of the individual activist-self is secondary. Actions inspire more than words; the movement needs inspiration, not negotiation. There can be no compromise in the struggle for complete and total animal liberation.

No Compromise Basics

By Nik Hensey

Activist Solidarity in Arrests and Criminal Proceedings

There is strength in numbers, and activist solidarity not only empowers us as activists but also puts pressure on the system, therefore serving as a deterrent to arresting and prosecuting activists in the first place.

Non-Cooperation with Arrests

When we are the subject of an illegal arrest, activists may exercise the avenue of passive resistance. By "going limp," we are asserting their right to refuse to cooperate in an illegal and unjust arrest. Non-cooperation in jail, away from media and public scrutiny, is a risky endeavor and, while effective and empowering, is an undertaking best done when accompanied by a solid group of like-minded activists with a clear plan of action.

No Bail

It seems silly to reward the (in)justice system for taking away activists' liberty. As activists, we should refuse to pay the system for arresting us in the first place and instead wait to be released on our "Own Recognizance" (OR). This provides continued media exposure for the animals after the initial action while it making us appear steadfast and willing to spend time in jail, continuing the fight on the inside.

"Hungerstriking"

If arrested at a demo, activists can use hungerstriking to garner additional media exposure and to shift public sentiment in our favor. Hungerstriking pressures the jail to release us on OR when we refuse to pay bail. Hungerstriking shifts the pressure from the activist to the jailers and can be an empowering and incredibly effective tool when used correctly and consistently.

No Deals

The only acceptable deal is a deal where all charges are dropped. The courts will try to intimidate activists into "pleading out" at arraignment by adding charges or by using legalspeak that the average citizen wouldn't understand. However, if we give into our fears, we are selling ourselves (and the animals) short. We should never waive our right to a jury trial, or any right for that matter.

Taking the Case to Jury Trial

Unless the charges are dropped completely, activists should push for jury trials. The criminal justice system is not structured to sustain long and expensive trials. The system works by cutting deals for criminals. Why would we want to make the job any easier for the courts? We are not criminals. Trials allow for even more media exposure and the opportunity for activists to educate twelve jurors about animal exploitation. There is no story behind an activist taking a pre-trial deal; however, political trials are media-worthy and respectable.

Representing Oneself

Self-representation is typically done by activists who are comfortable with the courts and have already experienced a trial or two. Prosecutors and judges are generally not pleased when activists assert their rights to go in "Pro Per." The courts are not required to treat an activist defending her/himself any differently than an attorney with experience, so don't expect favoritism. An activist representing her/himself is entitled to "sidebar" discussions and Discovery materials in addition to other attorney privileges that a defendant being represented by an attorney doesn't receive. Representing oneself also ensures that the focus stays on the animals and helps to promote our political agenda.

No Probation

Accepting deals that involve probation places activists in a situation that significantly decreases our effectiveness as political freedom fighters. Probation subjects us to arbitrary arrests and random searches where police aren't required to have probable cause. This is incredibly disempowering and unwise if we are to be effective activists. As activists, we constantly face the possibility of arrest, even by attending a protest. The authorities want activists on probation so that they can restrict our actions. Probation has been the demise of many, many activists and should be avoided at all costs.

No Fines

The courts have to realize that arresting activists isn't a moneymaking method for local governments. When fines are imposed, it is often possible to convert those fines to community service or jail time. While it would be cheaper to simply pay the fines, this sets a bad precedent and sends a message to the police that they can arrest us in the future, as we'll just pay them the money to avoid the hassle they've created for us. Refusing deals or sentences involving fines may mean spending more money to defend yourself, but trials cost the government more than they cost us. When enough people push for trials, fewer arrests will occur, ultimately saving the long-term activist more time and money. Today's actions affect tomorrow's activists.

YELLOWSTONE PARK, WYOMING (7/17) A tourist is gored by a bison while trying to take a photograph of the grazing animal. The man, who suffered a puncture wound in his right leg, was later charged with harassing wildlife.

ALBANY, NEW YORK (7/18) The New York State Bar Association creates a new "Special Committee on Animals and the Law." The committee is believed to be the first of its kind in any state in the U.S.

SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (7/23) The Rohnert Park City Council adopts an ordinance banning exotic circus animal acts, saying they are potentially abusive and cruel. Violation of the new ordinance may exact fines of up to $1,000 and possible jail time. Sonoma People for Animal Rights had asked the city for the ban.

HILLSBORO, OREGON (7/25) A former monkey handler from the Oregon National Primate Research Center comes forward with complaints about the treatment of the animals at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. Tom Larimer says that research monkeys are often abused by unskilled technicians. Larimer was fired from the Center on Dec. 28, 2001.

AUGUSTA, MAINE (7/26) The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Commission unanimously approves a complete ban on the commercial "harvest" of snapping turtles in the state. One Commission member admits to being swamped with letters, phone calls and emails, most from outside the state, opposing the turtle killing.

WASHINGTON, DC (7/26) John Hardy, the first person to be convicted under DC's felony animal cruelty law, is sentenced to two years in prison for stabbing to death his ten-year-old pit bull named "Reds." Reds had tried to intervene when Hardy began attacking his wife with a knife.

STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE (7/27) Demonstrators outside the Miss Stratham Fair pageant urge the pageant's winner to reject the fur coat prize she would be presented if she went on to win the Miss New Hampshire Pageant. The New Hampshire Fur Trappers Association donated the coat, made from the pelts of 25 fishers.

BRONX, NEW YORK (7/26) Caesar Barber files a lawsuit in Bronx Supreme Court against McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken, claiming he became obese and suffered from other serious health problems from eating their fatty cuisine.

PINEVILLE, MO (7/26) Brent Colville, Rick Roark, and Jeff East plead guilty in McDonald County Associate Circuit Court to one count each of felony animal abuse and misdemeanor animal abuse after beating to death a three-week-old calf while the calf's mother tried desperately to intervene. The felony convictions for killing the calf are the first such convictions for killing a farmed animal. The misdemeanor convictions for causing "mental anguish" to the calf's mother are also the first known such convictions of this type. The dead calf's mother is later placed at OohMahNee Animal Sanctuary in Pennsylvania.

AURORA, OHIO (7/31) Six Flags Worlds of Adventure is denied a permit to import an orca from Argentina into its Ohio amusement park to breed with another orca being held captive there since May. The Argentine government, which denied the permit, has suspended export of wild-caught mammals.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (8/1) Prominent New York furrier Harry Mackler dies of heart problems at the age of 87.

CONNECTICUT (8/1) In a unanimous decision, the Connecticut Supreme Court upholds a law preventing activists from harassing hunters and fishermen. The court rules that hunt protestors' First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly are not infringed because undeveloped areas open to hunting are not intended as public forum. All 50 states have laws preventing hunter harassment.

SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (8/2) Anti-HLS activist Daniel Silvestri is indicted by a Grand Jury for attempted burglary and disobeying a judicial order related to June 14 protest activities outside of Huntingdon Life Sciences. Police say that Silvestri defied a court order stipulating that protestors stay 100 feet away from the building when he allegedly left the protest and went to the rear of the building, where he tried to enter the building.

CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER, FLORIDA (8/4) Fisherman Brian Clemens suffers a cracked sternum, two broken ribs, a collapsed lung, and gets 16 stitches in his knee after being struck in the chest by a sturgeon while driving his fishing boat. The blow from the sturgeon causes Clemens to lose control and plow into the riverbank, totaling the boat. The fish escapes back into the water.

POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA (8/5) Activists gather enough signatures to place Amendment 10 a measure to ban the use of cruel "gestation crates" in factory pig farms on the November 5 ballot in Florida. Gestation crates keep female pigs locked into place, virtually immobilized, for most of their short lives. The effort to create a ballot initiative was launched after Florida legislators refused to take up the issue in the legislature.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (8/8) A platform at the Aquarium of the Americas collapses, dumping ten people into a tank full of sharks. Although two people are taken to the hospital for minor cuts and bruises, officials report that no one is seriously injured.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (8/8) A federal appeals court reverses a Utah judge's decision that activists protesting the flying of a McDonald's flag outside a junior high disrupted otherwise peaceful school activities. School officials had claimed the protests distracted students, who stared out the windows awaiting the activists' weekly arrival. The new ruling states that police violated the free-speech rights of activists when they threatened to arrest them during the peaceful protest after school hours. The district court must once again take up the case.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON (8/9) A penguin chick named "Orange" by his captors escapes from the Point Defiance Zoo. Because there were no signs of forced entry or predator attacks, zoo officials believe the chick escaped the exhibit and headed for the open water off Point Defiance.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON (8/9) A federal judge on dismisses a court challenge to the Makah Indian whale hunts, clearing the way for the gray whale hunts to resume. U.S. District Judge Franklin Burgess states the whale hunt opponents failed to prove that federal agencies' assessment of the hunts' impact was arbitrary or capricious.

PORTLAND, OREGON (8/9) The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission issues an emergency order immediately banning the import of live elk and other deer into the state. The ban is an attempt to stem the spread of chronic wasting disease among elk and deer populations.

SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (8/13) Fourteen protestors are arrested outside of Huntingdon Life Sciences during a regularly scheduled protest. HLS employees allege that the protestors had tried to enter the building, in violation of a court order remanding that protestors stay at least 100 feet away from the building.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA (8/13) Prosecutors from Monroe, Morgan and Lawrence counties hold a joint news conference, asking for the public's help in finding persons responsible for two horse arsons at Lake Monroe and a fire that destroyed a truck at a Bloomington poultry plant. Says State Rep. Brent Steele (R-Bedford), "A horse may be an object of political terrorism for some, but to the people that are the victims, a burnt-out shell represents lost dreams and a touchstone of fear that never goes away."

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (8/14) A federal judge rules that Salt Lake officials did not violate a local animal rights organization's constitutional rights when it failed to quickly act on a request for protest permits during the 2002 Winter Olympics. The Utah Animal Rights Coalition had applied for the permits in March 2001, and the city denied the requests on Nov. 15, 2001, declaring areas inside Olympic Square to be a protest-free zone. Permits for alternate sites were not approved until Feb. 4, four days before the start of the Olympics.

PORTLAND, OREGON (8/14) Federal authorities arrest two Portland State University students, Jacob Sherman and Jeremy Rosenbloom, in connection with the firebombing of log trucks during protests of the Eagle Creek timber sale. The activists are indicted, along with two others Angela M. Cesario and Michael J. Scarpitti, 28 for allegedly burning three trucks belonging to Ray A. Schoppert Logging Inc. "I think this is a major first step in investigating eco-terrorism," said Mike Mosman, the U.S. attorney for Oregon. If convicted on all counts, each person could face a fine of up to $1 million dollars or up to 80 years in federal prison or both.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (8/15) Police arrest and book nine activists in the Bexar County jail on stalking charges during a demonstration outside the home of an employee of Marsh USA (which insures Huntingdon Life Sciences). All are released after posting a $25,000 bond. Stalking is a third-degree felony.

ELLENTON, FLORIDA (8/16) Forty-four cows being transported by W.E. Driver Trucking of Blakely, Ga. die after the semi-trailer that was hauling them flipped over on interstate 75. More than 100 animals were trapped, stacked sideways on top of each other for at least seven hours. According to AP reports, "Calves . . . climbed over each other, screamed and fought their way to the top of the pile. The calves on the bottom had no chance." One calf escaped the crash site and was not immediately recaptured.

ALACHUA, FLORIDA (8/14) Members of Animal Activists of Alachua uncover the suffering of pigs at the University of Florida Swine Unit. After footage of a crippled, dying pig is broadcast on the evening news, veterinarians arrive to euthanize her.

WAVERLY, IOWA (8/18) The ALF frees 2000-3000 mink from the Misty Moonlight Mink Ranch (1842 140th St., Waverly, IA, Owner: Nick Demuth, phone: 319-276-3350). Two sides of the perimeter fence are cut away and every cage in all five sheds is opened.

BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI (8/18) A 20-year-old woman dies of injuries sustained during a barrel-racing competition at a rodeo. The woman was injured when she jumped from her out-of-control horse and struck a steel rail.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (8/19) Two activists Ryan Kleinert and Lisa Lotts are arraigned on charges that they stalked, criminally harassed, and attempted to extort a manager of Marsh USA Insurance in hopes of forcing Marsh to cut its ties with Huntingdon Life Sciences. Both activists plead not guilty.

AKRON, OHIO (8/22) Mayor Shelton Richardson says he has lost patience with white animal rights activists who are more concerned about the treatment of animals than the treatment of black people. Richardson was reacting to complaints from activists after he welcomed the UniverSoul Circus to the Cleveland area for performances.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA (8/25) A Montana fishing guide who hunted and occasionally ate wild game dies of the brain-wasting, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The man began showing signs of the disease in October of 2001 and eventually was moved to a convalescent home, where he later died. Although the hunter's death raises concerns about "mad elk" disease, scientists insist there's no evidence that eating infected elk and deer can kill people.

WHITPLAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (8/27) Thirty nine pigs die when the tractor-trailer hauling them overturns. The truck was taking 195 hogs from Esbenshade Farms in Mount Joy, Pa., to Hatfield Quality Meats in Hatfield when the accident occurred. The pigs not killed in the accident were loaded into another truck and killed at the slaughterhouse later that day.

PORT SAN LUIS, CALIFORNIA (9/3) The owner of Mr. Tibb's Ribs in Bakersfield dies when a whale suddenly breaches and crashes into the bow of his fishing boat, The BBQ. The man had been fishing with three of his friends when the whale hit the boat and flung his body into the water. After 18 hours of searching, the man's body is finally recovered. The whale is unharmed.

FAQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA (9/4) A van carrying animals for the Hendricks Family Circus drives away after a pony falls out of the vehicle onto the roadway. A motorist who stopped to help the pony says, "It was terribly upsetting. He rolled several times and flipped. This poor animal was cut and bleeding, very shaken up. There was skin and hair left all over the road." Sheriff's officers later cited the circus for operating without a license, defective equipment, and failure to secure a load.

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA (9/4) Five employees of Hormel Food Corp are injured after an explosion and fire at a rendering plant. Rendering operations were stopped immediately after the explosion and fire, but they were restarted soon afterwards.

WARREN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (9/5) Federal officials offer a $5,000 reward and release a sketch of a man they believe set fire to a U.S. Forest Service laboratory on August 11th. An email sent to the Warren Times Observer claimed the fire, which caused about $700,000 in damage, on behalf of the ELF. The email states that, "... we will no longer hesitate to pick up the gun to implement justice, and provide the needed protection for our planet that decades of legal battles, pleading, protest and economic sabotage have failed so drastically to achieve."

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA (9/8) A Superior Court judge upholds a jury's decision to award thousands of dollars in damages to a trapper who claimed a biologist broke state law when he freed an injured wolf from his trapline in 1997. Biologist Gordon Haber had released the wolf by cutting the cable snare, but some wire remained lodged in the wolf's foot and the wolf later died from infection. Says Haber, "My biggest regret was and still is that I didn't carry a bigger pair of wire cutters to cut the remnant pieces of wire so the wolf didn't die." The trapper responsible for killing the wolf died before the court decision was reached.

DADE CITY, FLORIDA (9/11) The State Attorney's Office closes its investigation into the deaths of hundreds of thousands of chickens at an egg farm owned by Cypress Foods, Inc. in March. Although 200,000 hens died when the farmer stopped feeding them, investigators say they found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing and will not file criminal charges. The simultaneous starvation deaths of hundreds of thousands more hens at a Cypress Foods egg farm in Georgia likewise drew no criminal charges.

UNITED STATES (9/11) Supermodel Gisele Bundchen accepts $500,000 and two mink fur coats worth $250,000 for posing in fur advertisements for Blackglama Minks.

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO (9/12) A rancher dies after being gored by a bull he was trying to load into a trailer. The bull pinned the rancher against a fence and severed a major vein or artery, after which the rancher quickly bled to death.

HENDERSON, KENTUCKY (9/13) Farmers report that 75,000 chickens suffocate and die when ventilation fans are shut off at two separate farms, three weeks and 50 miles apart. Economic damages are estimated to be at least $60,000. Says a McLean County agriculture extension agent, "Those things are big, sometimes they're remote. Somebody can go in there and pull off vandalism pretty easily without people knowing about it for awhile."

MERTON, WISCONSIN (9/13) Ranchers call off their search for twelve cows who crashed through a fence and escaped into a 242-acre wooded park. Before their escape, the cattle were to be sent to the slaughterhouse. "I'm sure they sense that, and that's why they're refusing to come home," says a neighbor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (9/14) In the nation's first known ruling on the issue, the three-judge Court of Appeal panel in Los Angeles throws out a lawsuit by vegan Jerry Friedman who claimed he was denied a job because he refused a mumps vaccine that was grown in chicken embryos. Presiding Justice Paul Turner wrote that Friedman's beliefs do not address "the meaning of human existence; the purpose of life; theories of humankind's nature or its place in the universe; matters of human life and death, or the exercise of faith." Friedman plans to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

TUNBRIDGE, VERMONT (9/15) A man is gored and killed by an elk he was raising and breeding in a pen. Police and game wardens arrive on the scene and shoot and kill the elk.

PURDUE, INDIANA (9/17) Purdue University Dean of Agriculture Victor Lectenberg (VLL@purdue.edu; ph: 765 494 8391) tries to defend the university's affiliation with the Fur Takers of America. He claims that Purdue University's yearly "Furbearer Management Course" is taught to promote sound wildlife "management" techniques, rather than kill animals for the fur trade. Purdue grants two continuing education credits for completing the course.

AMARILLO, TEXAS (9/17) A federal judge dismisses a lawsuit against vegan activist Howard Lyman and Oprah Winfrey, six years after cattle ranchers filed suit against the duo for maligning the beef industry. Cattle ranchers were upset because of a guest appearance by Lyman in which he stated that mad-cow disease could be present in U.S. meat supplies.

MIAMI, FLORIDA (9/21) A Florida seaquarium applies for a permit to recapture Keiko, the orca who was released into the ocean after being held captive for 21 years. Norway later refuses to allow the capture, and the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service subsequently rejects the aquarium's permit application.

CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS (9/21) Several animal protection organizations file a suit against the National Park Service to prevent it from stocking the Cape Cod National Seashore with pheasants for a six-week hunting season in the fall. The pheasants are farm-raised, and those who are not killed by shotgun blasts quickly die of starvation and exposure.

DANBURY, WISCONSIN (9/21) A bear mauls a hunter after being shot out of a tree. The hunter, Monte Chapman Sr., had just shot the bear with arrows and was walking over to the body, when the bear suddenly jumped up and attacked him, sending him to the hospital. Another hunter then shot and killed the bear.

LAPWAI, IDAHO (9/19) A 17-year-old boy hunting elk is shot and killed by another hunter on the Nez Perce Reservation. According to a witness, the shooter, Kim Ellery Rickman, "was hunting elk and he heard an elk bugle, saw movement and fired. Then he heard screaming."

ALBANY, NEW YORK (9/24) Governor Pataki signs into law a bill banning the slaughter of dogs and cats for food and the marketing of products made from cat and dog hair, skin and flesh. Violations of the law will carry substantial fines. The law will take effect on January 22, 2003.

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA (9/24) An alligator tears off a man's right arm while he is weeding a pond at a botanical garden. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials later kill the alligator and pull the arm out of his belly, but surgeons are unable to reattach it.

MUNCIE, INDIANA (9/24) An 11-month-old girl is struck in the head by an arrow from a hunting bow being used by her father. She is taken to the hospitals and is expected to live.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (9/25) A federal appeals court throws out part of California's voter-approved law (Proposition 4) banning the use of leg-hold traps. The court rules that because federal laws pre-empt state laws, the ban cannot apply on federal wildlife refuges. The National Audubon Society had argued in court

against the trap ban, because Audubon favors using traps to kill predators that might threaten some bird species.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (9/26) The only two horse slaughterhouses remaining in the U.S., Beltex Corp (3801 North Grove, Fort Worth) and Dallas Crown Packing (2000 West Fair, Kaufman) file suit in U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, asking that a Texas state law banning the processing of horse meat for human consumption be declared unconstitutional. The lawsuit also requests an injunction against the Tarrant County district attorney and the U.S. Department of Agriculture from enforcing Chapter 149 of the Texas Agricultural Code, which bans the export from any port in Texas of horse meat intended for human consumption. Activists have been petitioning the Tarrant County and Kaufman county DAs to prosecute the two slaughterhouses for violating Texas law. If they are successful, it will mean the closing of the last two horse slaughterhouses in the U.S.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (9/26) A Kenwood High School junior who left an anatomy class because she refused to dissect a cat is allowed to return to her honors course and perform simulated dissections on a computer. The student says "The majority don't believe in it as well, but they're scared they will fail the class if they stand up."

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS (9/30) Police shoot and kill an escaped "pet" tiger after cornering him near a residential area. The tiger was being transported in a wooden crate on a trailer pulled by a car when he escaped a truck stop. The tiger's captors are being investigated for violating federal animal transport laws.

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FORT WORTH, TX (10/7) – Representatives from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) criticize attempts by activists to close the last two horse-meat plants, both in North Texas. The AZA representatives warn that "Closing of the horse-meat-processing plants in Texas ... potentially will adversely affect feeding programs in United States zoos," and that unwanted horses could end up at foreign slaughterhouses with even more inhumane conditions.

SOUTHPORT, FL (10/7) – Zookeeper George Koll is mauled nearly to death by a 500-pound African lion after entering the lion's cage to pose for a photograph with the lion. The lion ripped a hole in his throat, pulled his right eye out of its socket, severed tendons in his neck and chest, tore his skin, and bit down to the bone. After the attack, the zookeeper admits, "It's not the animals' fault. It's our fault. They don't belong in cages. They belong in the wilderness, but we destroy their habitat step by step by step."

WEYMOUTH, MA (10/7) – Town Council members vote to pass an ordinance banning wild animal circuses from Weymouth, making it the fifth town in Massachusetts to pass a ban on such animal attractions.

PHILADELPHIA, PA (10/8) – Former Police Department Lt. David Brown is charged with theft, forgery and cruelty to police animals after selling two perfectly sound police horses for slaughter and pocketing the money. Brown faces up to 44 years in prison if convicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (10/9) – The Federal Trade Commission decides not to take action against a television advertising campaign for California cheese that depicts "happy" dairy cows living in green pastures. PETA had asked the FTC to order an end to the ads, based on the fact that most California dairy cows live in filthy, grassless lots where they are continually impregnated and fed antibiotic-laced feed until they are sent to slaughter.

KANSAS CITY, MI (10/9) – An 8-year-old female giraffe named Sienna collapses and dies at the Kansas City Zoo. The same giraffe had given birth two years ago, but her calf was euthanized at 13 months old because of head injuries.

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD (10/10) – Landlord Eric Grossnickle is acquitted of felony animal cruelty and instead given fines and probation for a misdemeanor animal cruelty conviction after admitting to having deliberately shot and killed two of his tenant's cats inside their home.

ANCHORAGE, AK (10/ 16) – Toby the grizzly bear is shot and killed by a police officer after Toby entered a hotel and walked up to the second floor of the hotel. Toby had become habituated to humans and buildings after his mother was hit and killed by a car when he was only one year old.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (10/16) – The ACLU announces a national campaign to challenge government undemocratic, anti-terror policies, especially the Bush Administration's PATRIOT Act. "The Bush administration has presented Americans with a false dichotomy that we must choose between being safe or free," said ACLU national spokeswoman Emily Whitfield. "We're saying there doesn't have to be a choice. We can stay safe and free at the same time."

MARIETTA, GA (10/16) – A cattle truck en route to a slaughterhouse overturns on I-75, killing most of the cows on board and snarling traffic for hours. The good news is that the driver of the truck is also killed.

SEATTLE, WA (10/17) – Expressing concerns about potentially negligent animal care, Cincinnati-based Stop Animal Exploitation Now! (SAEN) calls for an independent investigation of the University of Washington National Primate Research Center. SAEN says the request for an investigation was sparked by a high incidence of non-experimental deaths and the disclosure that one dead primate was found to have nearly 15 pieces of a latex glove in his intestinal tract in 2001.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO (10/18) – Hunter Robert Schlabach shoots his 13-year-old son during a hunting trip in Big Red Park. The boy had sat down on his father's rifle, and as the father was trying to remove it, the gun discharged and shot the boy in the buttocks. The boy is later listed in fair condition at Yampa Valley Medical Center.

ANDERSON, SC (10/19) – 40-year-old Chris McCullough is in stable condition after being shot by his life-long friend, David Somero, while hunting deer on 150-acres of wooded land in McCormick County.

DIAMOND LAKE, OR (10/21) – Hunter Thomas Russell Peabody is shot and killed by another hunter while carrying a decapitated elk's head to his car. The other hunter spotted the movement of the elk's head and fired, killing Peabody instantly.

LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST, CA (10/23) – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officials report that the last of three California condors, who were first to hatch in the wild in nearly two decades, has died. The five-month old chick was found Tuesday in a remote sandstone cave. It was not yet clear what killed two of the chicks, but a necropsy on the second chick turned up 12 bottle caps, shards of glass, electrical fixtures, screws and washers in the bird's stomach. It had been 18 years since a condor was born in the wild.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (10/25) – A pair of deer smash through a plate glass window of a McDonald's outlet during lunchtime rush. Four women suffer minor injuries—including abrasions to the head—as they try to get out of the animals' way. One of the deer jumps back through the window and escapes, and a second deer is tranquilized and taken away by animal control workers.

BROOKLYN PARK, MN (10/25) – On the first day of pheasant hunting season, Hunter Michael Murray is shot in the foot when his English setter puppy, Sonny, steps on his loaded 12-gauge shotgun. Murray had lain the shotgun down in order to line up the bodies of the dead birds he had shot for a photograph.

BOSTON, MA (10/27) – Twelve activists are indicted for stalking a Marsh insurance company executive, calling him a "puppy killer" and threatening to burn down his home. The 12 defendants allegedly harassed the Boston businessman for five months because Marsh insured HLS.

CLEVELAND, OH (10/27) – An activist with Mercy for Animals jumps into the center ring during a Ringling Brothers performance, holding a banner reading "Ringling tortures animals." After being dragged out of the arena by security, the activist is arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.

FRAZEE, MN (10/29) – A man is killed while trying to murder and butcher a hog. Authorities say that after being shot by one man, the hog jumped forward, knocking the shooter down and causing the rifle to discharge and shoot John Matson, 55.

NASHVILLE, TN (10/30) – Shania Twain tells CMA Week TV Guide that her good health can be attributed to the fact that she doesn't eat meat, fish, eggs, dairy, or anything that "had to die." She also says she is raising her son Eja as a vegan.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA (11/4) – The U.S. Supreme Court clears the way for two California sheriff's officers to stand trial for using pepper spray on the eyes and faces of environmental activists at three peaceful protests in 1997. The court rejected an appeal by Humboldt County arguing that Sheriff Dennis Lewis and Chief Deputy Gary Philip were shielded from the lawsuit because they did not use unreasonable force. Nine environmental activists affiliated with the groups EarthFirst! and Headwaters Forest Defense sued after the officers used pepper spray to end several nonviolent protests over the logging of ancient redwood trees in the Headwaters Forest along California's northern coast.

HENRICO COUNTY, VA (11/4) – Authorities blame the ELF for causing $45,000 in damages during a string of attacks against more than 25 sport utility vehicles, two McDonald's, and several construction sites in central Virginia. Etching cream was used to damage the SUV windows at an auto dealership, as well as to mark the windows of a Burger King and two McDonald's with the ELF slogan.

CORAL SPRINGS, FL (11/7) – Activists deface two signs announcing the arrival of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus. On one sign performance dates were sprayed over with red paint, and the words "Canceled due to animal abuse" were written in black. A blue circle with a slash through it was painted over another sign.

CHICAGO, IL (11/8) – McDonald's Corp. announces the closing of 175 restaurants and the termination of up to 600 worldwide corporate positions. It is the second major round of closings in two years, being undertaken in an attempt to stop its ongoing financial losses.

IDABEL, OK (11/8) – A state district court judge issues a restraining order preventing a state law banning cockfighting from going into effect in Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties. Voters had approved the statewide initiative making cockfighting a felony, and the restraining order was issued the day the law was expected to go into effect.

EAST MILLSTONE, NJ (11/17) – Two HLS senior scientists abandon the company after being targeted by activists. Darious Dadgar, the Group Leader of Pathology, had experienced many home demos and had his car smashed and painted, and Henning Jonnasen, Head of Necropsy, had his car flipped over before giving in.

HUNTINGDON BEACH, CA (11/18) – The Huntington Beach City Council votes to ban circuses that use wild animals or promote exotic animal displays. Ordinance Number 3586 amends the Huntington Beach Municipal Code to prohibit the "performance of wild animals and exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement" and restrict "the display of wild and exotic animals." Huntington Beach is the third-largest city in Orange County, California.

MALIBU, CA (11/18) – The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society announces its first all-vegan anti-whaling voyage. Says Captain Paul Watson, "I don't want to hear the same tired old argument from the Japanese about how whale-savers eat cows but save whales." He also notes "some 50 percent of fish taken from the sea is utilized as food for farm animals."

SAN JUAN, P.R. (11/19) – One of the six polar bears confiscated from the Mexican-based Suarez Brothers circus by U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials dies en route to his new home. The bears had been held captive and forced to perform inane tricks for the circus in the sweltering South American heat until activists exposed their plight to U.S. legislators and wildlife officials.

OLYMPIA, WA (11/20) – Opponents of Washington's voter-approved ban on trapping challenge the law before the state Supreme Court, arguing that it violates the state constitution. Approved in the 2000 election, Initiative 713 bans the use of body-gripping traps to capture any mammal for recreation or commerce in fur, as well as two specific poisons and the sale of fur trapped in Washington. Opponents of the ban argue that by regulating traps, poisons and the sale of fur, the initiative covered multiple subjects—which is banned by the Washington Constitution.

OMAK, WA (11/20) – "Cactus" Jack Miller, the president of the infamous, annual Omak Stampede, dies of a heart attack at age 59. In the Omak Stampede and World Famous Suicide Race, cowboys ride horses down a steep hill, causing many of the horses to fall and die from injuries.

DUTTON, MI (11/22) – A mortally wounded deer attacks the hunter who shot him, piercing the hunter with his antlers and hurling him to the ground. Although battered and bruised, the hunter failed to die and was able to shoot the deer and second time to kill him.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (11/25) – President Bush signs into law the Homeland Security Act. Days earlier, Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) had denounced the bill, saying, "This is a hoax. . . To tell the American people they are going to be safer when we pass this is a hoax. We ought to tell the people the truth. They are not going to be any safer."

UNION COUNTY, GA (11/25) – A deer hunter shoots a 16-year-old camper along a popular section of the Appalachian Trail. The victim is later stabilized and the hunter, Matthew Bryant, 21, of Union County, has not been charged. The state DNR estimates that eight people are killed a year by hunters during hunting trips in the state.

MARTINSVILLE, IN (11/25) – Brandon M. Whaley, a 17-year-old hunter, is shot and killed by his hunting partner while hunting for deer. That same day, a 13-year-old Amish boy died from a gunshot wound to the head when his shotgun fell out of the tree stand where he was sitting and discharged, firing a slug into the boy's forehead.

HARBOR CREEK, PA (11/26) – Dozens of firefighters are called to the Mindek farm (4912 Shannon Road) to find the barn fully engulfed in flames. No minks were killed in the fire, and eight days later, the ELF claims responsibility for the fire. Mindek farm was also hit in May and September, when more the 250 mink total were liberated.

LOS ANGELES, CA (11/27) – The state Supreme Court rejects the appeal of Jerry Friedman on the nation's first known ruling on veganism. In September, an appellate court in Los Angeles had found that veganism is a moral philosophy, not a religion, and therefore those who have adopted it are not protected by state laws against religious discrimination. Friedman had field the lawsuit on religious freedom grounds, saying that he was unfairly denied a job with a health care company for refusing to be injected with a vaccine grown in chicken embryos.

HICHINBROOK ISLAND, AK (11/28) – Deer hunter Mike Harmening is attacked and mauled by a mother bear and her cub. Before being killed by the hunter, the bear manages to shred the hunter's right leg. The hunter later says, "I'm almost exclusively a deer hunter, but right now, I've lost a lot my enthusiasm for it."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (12/4) – The U.S. Supreme Court revisits a nine-year-old decision allowing anti-abortion groups and other demonstrators to be sued in a private lawsuit under the 32-year-old Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). The key questions are whether tactics used by the Pro-Life Action League and Operation Rescue, including damaging property and attacking patients, amount to extortion and whether the clinics that sued the protesters can win nationwide injunctions blocking demonstrations. A final decision is expected by summer 2003.

HAGERSTOWN, MD (12/4) – Deer hunter Joseph Sensenbaugh dies of an apparent heart attack while gutting a deer in Garrett County. Emergency workers took three hours to reach the site because of the steep terrain. Just three days earlier, a search team using dogs and a helicopter recovered the body of a hunter who apparently collapsed two days earlier while dragging a deer through steep, snow-covered terrain in Garrett County, Maryland.

PORTLAND, OR (12/4) – Jacob D.B. Sherman, 20, who faced about 40 years in prison for allegedly taking part in the June 2001 arson of three logging trucks near Estacada, signs a plea agreement in U.S. District Court that would allow him to serve 41 months in federal custody. He and fellow activist Michael J. Scarpitti (Tre Arrow) also stand accused of the April 2001 arson of three cement trucks at Portland's Ross Island Sand & Gravel. Scarpitti remains a fugitive.

MAUI, HI (12/6) – The Maui County Council unanimously passes a ban on cetacean captivity. The ban will block the proposed dolphin tank inside the Maui Nui shopping mall, as well as all future attempts to build captive cetacean

facilities in Maui County (which consists of 4 islands).

WARREN, MA (12/6) – A pig who escaped from a trailer bound for the butcher shop is captured and transported to a sanctuary. A policeman convinced the pig's former captors to spare the pig's life, saying, "The pig almost got hit by 14 cars... survived the coyotes, zero-degree weather. The pig deserves a second chance."

ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA (12/10) – A 15-year-old boy dies after he is accidentally shot by his 14-year-old cousin while hunting deer in West Feleciana Parish. The teens had left their deer stands about 5:15 p.m. and the younger boy fired his rifle when he saw movement in the woods. The movement was his cousin walking toward his all-terrain vehicle, Dilworth said.

SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ (12/10) – After spending more than a week in jail, Robin Webb, the British press officer for the Animal Liberation Front, is released on $10,000 bail after being arrested during a protest at HLS facilities. Says Webb, "I thought America was the land of the free. I was badly mistaken."

ALBANY, NY (12/11) – The state Department of Environmental Conservation reports 55 injuries and one fatality related to hunting accidents for the year to date. Hunting injuries in New York average 55 a year, and fatalities average four.

LITTLE ROCK, AR (12/12) – Activist Mike Durschmid is found guilty of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and ordered to pay a $100 fine for his role in a 2001 protest against Stephens, Inc., an investor in Huntingdon Life Sciences. Durschmid's attorney said after the ruling he will appeal the Pulaski County court's decision.

SANTA BARBARA, CA (12/15) – Activist Robert Puddicombe is charged with illegally feeding animals and faces a year's imprisonment after scattering Vitamin K tablets over Anacapa Island. Puddicombe distributed the vitamins in order to help the animals there counteract the effects of brodifacoum, a poison that was deliberately spread over the island by park officials to kill rats. "It's a topsy-turvy world when poisoning wildlife from helicopters is a good thing and feeding wildlife is a crime," Puddicombe said. "As far as I'm concerned, this is like ethnic cleansing; it's a jihad against non-native species."

MIAMI, FL (12/15) – An elephant at Metrozoo repeatedly kicks and critically injures a 31-year-old zookeeper. According to a zoo spokesperson, a crowd of onlookers witnessed the female elephant knocking the zookeeper down before kicking him into a pile of rocks.

LEXINGTON, TN (12/21) – A burger server faces up to six years behind bars for placing a dead bat on a bun as a joke and giving it to a man who took a bite thinking it was a burger, police say. Police say the girl will be charged with violating a new law that prohibits tampering with someone's food and giving it as a gift.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (12/22) – The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocks the resumption of the Makah's gray-whale hunt, ruling that treaty rights do not exempt the tribe from the scrutiny of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. The ruling puts the hunt on hold, at least until the National Marine Fisheries Service completes what will likely be a lengthy review.

EAST ELMHURST, NY (12/23) – Benjamin Persky is sentenced to 2-6 years, to be served concurrently, after pleading guilty to 2 counts of 2nd degree criminal mischief (a Class D felony) in connection with property destruction at the New York home of a Marsh executive. He will serve the low end—2 years—upon good behavior. Judge Carol Berkman (she sits in Part 71 on the 11th floor at 100 Centre Street, New York City) stated that the reason for her harsh sentence was that Benjamin 'showed no remorse' and refused to implicate his codefendants. She also called him a terrorist and stated she needed to teach him a lesson.

LANCANSHIRE, ENGLAND (7/16) Three million chicks are killed in a fire at Britain's largest independent hatchery, Mayfield Chicks. Police say it is still too early to determine the cause of the fire. Mayfield Chicks is the same facility that was reportedly firebombed by animal rights activists seven years ago.

PROVESANO, ITALY (7/20) The body of anti-animal Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn is dug up and reburied near his vacation home in Italy. Fortuyn was shot May 6, allegedly by animal rights activist Volker van der Graaf.

HELSINKI, FINLAND (7/22) More than 1,000 minks are released from a fur farm several hundred miles west of Helsinki. Finland is the world's largest producer of fox furs and a major producer of mink furs, selling more than two million mink pelts last year alone.

EDMONTON, CANADA (7/24) A retired couple from Ontario who witnessed the birth and death of a baby dolphin at West Edmonton Mall say they saw the mother push the calf into a wall and then hold her under water. Says the witness, "When the baby was born, she was very healthy and was doing jumps along with the mother for the first few minutes. Then all of a sudden the mom smashed her into the wall."

ROME, ITALY (7/30) A policeman confesses to having planted two Molotov cocktails in a school where anti-globalization protesters were sleeping. The bombs were planted in order to justify a brutal crackdown during last year's G8 summit in Genoa. "I brought the Molotov cocktail to the Diaz school. I obeyed the order of one of my superiors," the 25-year-old unnamed officer told prosecutors investigating the summit.

COURTENAY, CANADA (7/30) Acting on a request from state police in Maine, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police raid the home of ALF spokesperson David Barbarash. Videotapes, computers, and other material are seized.

MURSHIDABAD, INDIA (8/2) A group of langur monkeys invades a police station to liberate an orphaned baby monkey. The baby monkey had been taken to the police station after his mother was shot and killed by an orchard owner. Inspector Prabir Dutta tells newspaper Pragati, "The monkeys behaved in an exemplary fashion and impressed us with their show of solidarity. Human beings have a lot to learn from them."

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND (8/9) A hospital security guard is injured after being attacked by a pair of seagulls who had built a nest on the hospital roof. After determining the bird's aggressive behavior was being fueled by their protective instincts over their nest, "pest control" agents were called in. They chase away the two parent birds and kill the seagull chick found in the nest.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (8/10) During a pretrial hearing for Volkert Van der Graaf, the animal rights activist suspected of shooting anti-animal and anti-environmental politician Pim Fortuyn, prosecutors speculate that a second person may have been involved in the assassination. They claim that DNA of a second person was found on the cartridge clip of the pistol allegedly used by Van der Graaf.

ROME, ITALY (8/13) Italian police search for suspects in an attempted bombing of a biotechnology research center. The bomb failed to ignite. The slogan "Stop zenotransplants" was painted on a wall of the building.

PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND (8/13) Two pigs escape a slaughterhouse by jumping a fence, swimming a river, and hiding in nearby woods. Although one of the pigs drowns while crossing the river, the other one remains free. Actors Martin Shaw and Jenny Seagrove publicly offer to buy the pig, named "McQueen" by locals, and provide him sanctuary, should he be recaptured.

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (8/14) Floodwaters kill several animals at the Prague zoo. Zookeepers euthanize an Indian elephant when he becomes stranded up to his ears in floodwaters. They also kill a hippopotamus who escaped from his corral and became "aggressive" during the chaos. A gorilla named Pong is presumed dead after he escapes and floodwaters completely submerge his enclosure.

NIAGRA FALLS, CANADA (8/15) A baby orca, dubbed "Quin" by his captors, dies unexpectedly at the Niagra Falls Marineland tourist attraction. A Marineland spokesperson cites a twisted intestine for the orca's death, something that activists blame on the stress of living in captivity.

HANOI, VIETNAM (8/20) A "gourmet" chef is killed when he is bitten by a venomous snake he was trying to kill and cook as the nightly dinner special. Snake is a delicacy in Vietnam, where many men believe it has properties as an aphrodisiac. Entire villages in northern Vietnam are dedicated to raising snakes and cooking them.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (8/21) Activist Franz Weber appeals to the European Union to end the import of seal skins from Canada. In his report, he declares that almost a third of a million seals were killed in Canada earlier in the year, and over 100,000 of them were babies who were skinned alive. The EU is the main importer of baby seal skins from Canada.

ELGIN, SCOTLAND (8/23) A deer farmer claims animal rights activists deliberately released his entire stock of red deer calves at Easterton Farm in Fogwatt. Activist wedged open the six-foot-high welded steel fence surrounding the 171 calves, allowing all of the animals to escape.

CAIRO, EGYPT (8/23) A lion attacks and mauls a circus trainer, devouring his hand and hospitalizing him. The man had just fed the lion and was "playing" with him when the attack occurred.

CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND (8/24) Government officials reprimand scientists at Cambridge University for a series of animal experiments in which researchers injected mice with methamphetamine and subjected them to loud music. Several mice died and others suffered brain damage in the experiment.

WINDSOR, CANADA (8/26) Windsor's city council votes 7 to 1 to pass a by-law (ordinance) to ban traveling exotic animal performances within town limits. Earlier, the city of Coburg, Ontario, passed similar legislation.

SHIZUOKA, JAPAN (8/27) To counter criticism from humane advocates, fishermen in Ito, a traditional dolphin-hunting town, propose a more "humane" dolphin-slaughtering practice which would shorten the time of death from up to 10 minutes to within 30 seconds. The new method would involve lifting dolphins out of the water partway and severing their spinal cords with a sharp knife.

MUMBAI, INDIA (8/30) Activists hail the ban on the manufacture of shahtoosh shawls in Jammu and Kashmir, the only place where the shawls are woven. The shawls are made from the wool of the Tibetan antelope or chiru, an endangered species that has been slaughtered for its fleece in huge numbers. The fleece is smuggled from Tibet into Kashmir, where women weave it into shawls.

CARCASSONNE, FRANCE (8/30) A French court gives the town of Carcassonne the go-ahead to hold its first bullfight in 50 years on Sunday, despite protests from activists.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (8/31) Activists targeting sporting goods company Adidas rally to protest the company's use of kangaroo leather. Holding up placards reading, "Give Adidas the boot," protesters urged shoppers to boycott Adidas until the company stops using kangaroo skin. Similar protests take place simultaneously in England and the U.S.

ENGLAND (9/1) Reports arise that pro-hunt supporters are launching terrorist attacks against anti-hunting activists. Opponents of the Countryside Alliance (a pro-hunting group) claim to having found dead animals such as dismembered deer and mangled foxes on their lawns along with threatening notes.

NEW DEHLI, INDIA (9/1) About 4,000 devotees attend the funeral in southern India of a monkey they believed to be the incarnation of a Hindu god. The monkey had strayed several weeks earlier into a temple dedicated to the monkey god Hanuman in Timmaganipalli village in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Because the villagers refused to release him, it is thought that the monkey died of starvation and exhaustion.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (9/3) The City of Greater Bendigo Council, a central Victorian region, says it will ask the state government for new laws to allow the commercial killing of kangaroos for meat and other products. It is currently illegal to commercially harvest kangaroos in Victoria.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (9/4) Australian agriculture minister promises to impose new controls on animal exports after 15,000 sheep die en route to the Middle East, their bodies dumped into the Arabian Sea. Australia exports more live sheep (6.6 million in 2001) than any other country, mostly to the Middle East, where concern about halal slaughter standards creates a demand for live imports.

LONDON, ENGLAND (9/5) The Times of London reports on a new study published in the scientific journal Nature that shows that fox hunting has no role in controlling the fox population. Hunt supporters still zealously cling to the claim that fox hunting is necessary for "managing" fox populations. An RSPCA spokesperson says, "We hope now that this key research will once and for all silence the pro hunting lobby...They should now start preparing for a ban by going drag-hunting instead."

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (9/6) Dutch police release from custody the girlfriend of Volkert van der Graff, the animal rights activist suspected of murdering anti-animal politician Pim Fortuyn. Petra Lievense had been arrested two days earlier over suspicions that she had sought to make explosives.

LISBON, PORTUGAL (9/7) A Portuguese town openly flouts an anti-bullfighting law, killing a bull in the ring without government permission and selling the meat for human consumption afterward. Police say they have identified the matador and the festival organizers, who will be arraigned later in the week in the first legal test of the new bullfighting law.

AUSTRALIA (9/8) The RSPCA calls for a ban on non-commercial and recreational kangaroo shooting, issuing a report that condemns the practice as barbaric. The report also slams the shooting by landowners of female kangaroos, which it says leaves joeys to die painfully of starvation, dehydration or at the hands of predators.

ALEXANDRA, NEW ZEALAND (9/11) Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture destroy almost 400 sheep who were found starving to death on a Peak Valley farm owned by Central Otago farmers Keith and Susan Falconer.

HANOI, VIETNAM (9/13) A mother and toddler die, and her three other children become seriously ill after eating a poisonous type of octopus bought from a street vendor. Vietnam has been running an extensive media campaign warning people against eating blowfish, which contains a fatal toxin.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND (9/15) Security at water reservoirs is increased after a plot by pro-hunting terrorists to sabotage water supply reservoirs is revealed in a country sports magazine. The magazine also warns that anarchy would follow if the Government's hostility to hunting with hounds continued.

LONDON, ENGLAND (9/16) Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) releases a tape recording of a Legacy Trading representative revealing the names of one of the largest shareholders of Life Sciences Research, the shell parent company set up earlier in the year in Maryland in the US to protect the identities of investors in Huntingdon Life Sciences. The disclosure is a major blow to HLS, which moved itself to Maryland as LSR recently because local law requires no public declaration of shareholdings.

ROME, ITALY (9/17) Several hundred protestors gather outside the House to protest against the government's plans to ease hunting restrictions and let regions decide on the duration of the hunting season. According to the protesters, the bill would create nothing less than "open season on anything, anywhere, anytime" and would wield a crippling blow to biodiversity in Italy's wildlife.

WINTON, NEW ZELAND (9/18) Farmer Geoffrey William Harold Day is fined $600 for letting an injured bull walk around on a broken leg until if fell off. Day admitted in court to keeping an injured animal in unnecessary pain.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (9/19) Jailed vegan animal rights activist Volkert van der Graaf decides to end his two-month hunger strike. Van der Graaf has been jailed since May 6 in connection with the shooting death of Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn, an outspoken supporter of fur farming and other animal abuse industries. Van der Graaf's trial is not expected to begin until 2003.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (9/23) An Australian court fines three people A$375 ($206 US dollars) for abandoning a companion rat named Rosy. Rosy had been left in a cage on the side of the road when she was rescued by passersby.

SCOTLAND (9/22) Animal rights activists vow to monitor fox hunts more closely because of evidence that fox hunters are still allowing hounds to tear apart foxes during hunts. A new law passed in February stipulates that foxes flushed out by dogs should be shot to death instead of being savaged to death by the dog pack.

LONDON, ENGLAND (9/22) More than 350,000 pro-hunting advocates march through city streets in support of fox hunting. The march comes in response to the government's consideration of a bill that would ban foxhunting in England. Fifty anti-hunt marchers, two of whom were arrested, conduct a counter-demonstration.

OTTAWA, CANADA (9/24) Ottawa's Emergency and Protective Services Committee advises the city council to ban circus with animal acts within city limits. A city staff report recommends licensing and inspection of such entertainment rather than an outright ban. The city council later rejects the proposed ban.

MANITOBA, CANADA (9/24) A man accidentally shoots and kills his 30-year-old son while hunting near a remote lake. The father and son had split up to track a wounded bear they had shot when the father heard rustling in nearby brush and he shot into the bushes, killing his son. The bear is thought to have escaped.

VANCOUVER, CANADA (9/24) ALF Spokesperson David Barbarash goes to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an attempt to quash a search warrant issued to the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET). The RCMP had executed a search warrant earlier in the summer at Barbarash's home, at the behest of Maine authorities.

KAUHAJOKI, FINLAND (9/24) More than 1,000 minks are released from a fur farm about 200 miles northwest of Helsinki. It is the second such mink liberation in Western Finland in the last two months.

NAIROBI, KENYA (9/26) A group of conservationists receives permission from the government of the Central African Republic to organize an anti-poaching militia to patrol 155,000 square km of wilderness, where poachers have decimated 95% of wildlife. The anti-poaching militia will have the authority to shoot bushmeat poachers.

SKOVDE TINGSRATT, SWEDEN (9/25) Three members of the group "Bye Bye Meat Industry" go to court to appeal a verdict sentencing them to jail time and fines for breaking into a slaughterhouse and dismantling machinery in August 2001. Previously, Pelle Strindlund was sentenced to 8 months in prison, Fredric Carlsson-Andersson was sentenced to 6 months is prison, and Ida-Lovisa Rudolfsson was sentenced to complete 140 hours of community service. All three were also ordered to pay about US$ 20 000 back to the slaughterhouse.

KENT, UNITED KINGDOM (9/27) Activists hold a vigil in protest of the resumption of live lamb exports from the Dover docks in Kent. Since July, there have been 20 shipments of live sheep, totaling 50,000 animals, from Dover to France and Italy.

SWAZILAND, AFRICA (9/27) Swaziland government officials deny permission to export eleven elephants from a wildlife preserve in Swaziland to two zoos in the United States. Officials cite concerns that the export would violate an international ban on the export of endangered species. The Lowry Park Zoo in Florida and the San Diego Zoo in Florida had applied for the permits, falsely claiming to the public that they were necessary to save the elephants from a planned cull.

MILAN, ITALY (9/29) Model and actress Milla Jovovich proudly announces, "I got a goatskin jacket yesterday and I had veal today."

QUEBEC, CANADA (9/30) A seventy-year-old hunter is attacked and killed by a bear as he is leaving his hunting camp. The hunter's son, returning from a moose-hunting trip, shoots and kills the 3 year-old bear. It is only the third bear attack on humans in Canada since 1983.

DHAKA CITY, BANGLADESH (9/30) - Zookeeper Ismail Hossain Howlader is killed at the Mirpur National Zoo by two angry black-bears who were allegedly not served food for several days. There are allegations that the zoo authority embezzles money sanctioned for buying food for the animals, and that the cage inmates are provided with very low quality food and in insufficient quantity and sometimes no food at all.

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA (10/3) - A local wildlife agency reports that a "pride of lions disturbed by the destruction of their sanctuaries continued attacking residential areas in broad daylight and sometimes in the evenings, killing domestic animals and forcing residents to flee for their dear lives. . . After the destruction of forest land in the area, the lions were forced to come out from their dens in search of food."

HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE, MANCHURIA (10/3) - An employee of Harbin's Manchurian Tiger Park is killed by a six-year-old Manchurian tiger who escaped from his cage. The tiger wounded the employee in the neck while he was unlocking a gate in the park. When other workers arrived at the scene of the accident, they found his carotid artery had been severed.

TORONTO, CANADA (10/4) - England's Queen Elizabeth arrives in Canada wearing a fur-trimmed coat. In her native England, the Queen has not worn a fur garment in public in more than a decade, thanks to pressure from animal rights activists.

WORCESTRESHIRE, ENGLAND (10/4) - SHAC offices in England are raided by police, who steal five computers and take two activists into custody.

NETHERLANDS (10/4) - The Dutch Minister of Education and the Director of the Biomedical Research Centre (BPRC) signs a contract to transfer the last remaining 59 chimpanzees in bio-medical research in the European Union to retirement facilities in the Netherlands and Spain. The transfer to the AAP Sanctuary for Primates will take place as soon as the retirement facilities are ready during 2003 and 2004. Executive

Director of AAP, David van Gennep said, "We are very pleased with the irreversible step that has now been taken. . . Good times are ahead for the chimpanzees . . . these animals will never go back into research."

NEW DEHLI, INDIA (10/5) - The Chairperson of the Government's high-powered committee for supervision of experimentations on animals, Maneka Gandhi, calls for a meeting on October 21 to discuss the issue of animal research and the use of animals for production of the various medical products such as vaccines and antidotes for snake bites.

NAIROBI, KENYA (10/7) - For the fifth time since the beginning of the year, a lioness dubbed "Kamuniak," by Samburu National Park officials, adopts a new-born oryx antelope. On previous occasions the lioness defended her adopted calves from other predators and even allowed their natural mothers to come and feed them. Each of Kamuniak's former calves either escaped with the help of their natural mothers, were rescued by park wardens, or were eaten by other lions while Kamuniak napped.

UNITED KINGDOM (10/8) - Four British animal rights activists, Gavin Medd Hall, Bob Lewis, Kevin White, and Wilmer White, appear in court charged with "Conspiracy to Harass." The charges relate to the groups campaigning against Huntingdon Life Sciences. As a result of their court appearance, all four are remanded into custody.

HELSINKI, FINLAND (10/9) - Fur industry officials report that as many as 60,000 foxes on 25-30 fur farms could die after eating botulism-tainted feed, in the worst poisoning case in Finland. Finland is the world's top producer of fox furs, and an official at the Fur Breeder's Association said the poisoning would cost the industry several millions of Euros.

BANKET, ZIMBABWE (10/11) - Zimbabwean vets put down the last 45 of 500 farm guard dogs who were abandoned after thousands of white farmers were evicted under a government program.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (10/11) - In a move that will affect 35 million farmed animals a year, the new Dutch minister for agriculture, Kees Veerman, asks the Dutch parliament to scrap guidelines for chicken and mink farming proposed by the former government. The previous government, replaced in July, sought to introduce free range farming for the 30 million chickens raised annually in cages, and it sought an outright ban on mink farming.

VANCOUVER, CANADA (10/11) - International Forest Products announces it will stop logging in all spotted owl-management areas falling within its harvesting operations to let Victoria evaluate owl habit issues and provide direction to forest companies. The company's move to defer logging comes in the wake of a new report released by environmentalists saying that the spotted owl is declining and could disappear in British Columbia within 10 years because of logging.

CAMBRIDGE, UK (10/14) - The International Whaling Commission votes to allow Iceland to join the commission. Iceland joined with a reservation to the current global moratorium on commercial whaling, meaning that Iceland is free to legally resume whaling, like Norway. Iceland says it will not start commercial whaling before 2006, as going whaling now could damage Iceland's appeal as a tourist destination for whale watchers.

LA PIEDAD, MEXICO (10/15) - An elephant named Sami attacks and kills his keeper, Benjamin Cabrera, during a parade. Sami grabbed his Cabrera with his trunk and hurled him several times on the ground in front of a horrified audience.

WORLDWIDE (10/16) - Social justice groups across the world gather on Worldwide Anti-McDonald's Day to protest against the promotion of junk food, the unethical targeting of children, exploitation of workers, animal cruelty, damage to the environment and the global domination of corporations over our lives.

THAILAND (10/18) - Cow-Calf Weekly (distributed by Beef magazine) reports that the firm Insects International has established 60 franchises selling fried crickets, grasshoppers, coconut worms, giant water beetles, scorpions and other bugs, in an attempt to market fried insects as a nutritious, popular treat. In addition to the fresh fried bugs, the firm plans to also market a product line of canned bugs.

UNITED KINGDOM (10/18) - The British government passes a bill banning the sales of animals to children under 16. The animal welfare bill was part of legislation that the RSPCA called the biggest advance in animal protection in history.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO (10/19) - A group of about 80 people identifying themselves as members of the "Collective Front of Anarchist Vegetarians" are arrested after a march through downtown Mexico City, where they protested outside restaurants, handed out anti-meat leaflets, and spray-painted slogans on a McDonald's outlet. Earlier in the year, activists in Oaxaca City led a series of protests against the planned opening of a McDonald's restaurant in the 450-year-old colonial main square there.

AUSTRALIA (10/23) - A 13-foot crocodile kills a German tourist who was swimming in Kakadu National Park in northern Australia. Witnesses said they heard her scream before she vanished beneath the water.

AUKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (10/24) - Designer Bridget Saunders (2/20 Poynton Terrace, Newton, Auckland, New Zealand; bridget.saunders@clear.net.nz; work: +64 09 631 5132) unveils her "Fur With Ethics" collection garments made of possum fur. Saunders says that because possums are "like a gang of hooligans in the forest," killing them and turning them into fur garments is not only ethical but is beneficial to the environment.

HARVANA, INDIA (10/25) - The federal government asks for an investigation after a mob in Jhajjar town in Haryana kills the five men who were blamed for killing and skinning cows. Hindus consider cows sacred animals.

COALDALE, CANADA (10/29) - 100 out of nearly 500 pigs suffocate and die after being crammed into the back of a tractor trailer truck. The driver of the truck is charged with animal cruelty.

BERLIN, GERMANY (10/29) - Two hens are rescued when activists storm the stage during a performance of "The Slaughter of Two Chickens," a play in which the chickens were to be executed. The play required the slaughter of two chickens per performance-a total of 48 for the play's season.

PORT ELGIN, CANADA (11/1) - A McDonald's restaurant is closed for several hours after an anthrax scare. Employees told officers that they had received a $5 bill covered in white powder from a drive-thru customer. After testing at a forensics center, officials speculate the substance to be drywall dust.

AUKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (11/4) - Activists visit the home of Marsh Executive Director J. W. Bitcheno, redecorating one of his vehicles with paint stripper and his pavement with spray-paint. At the time of the action, Marsh provided insurance for Huntingdon Life Sciences.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND (11/6) - Activists deface the storefront of a Cook's Bookshop with slogans of "animal abuser" and photos of dismembered animals. The shop is owned by Clarissa Dickson Wright, an actress and outspoken pro-hunting lobbyist who has been targeted by activists previously for promoting animal torture and abuse.

GRENOBLE, FRANCE (11/7) - A partially-built McDonald's restaurant burns to the ground following protests against its construction. Early searches uncovered no evidence of arson.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (11/9) - Countries at the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) voted against Japanese proposals to loosen an international ban on whaling. Japan had asked for a limited trade in meat and blubber from the Minke and Bryde's whales.

THONVILLE, FRANCE (11/11) - Activists break into a mink farm and release 1,000 animals from their cages into surrounding fields. The owner of the farm puts his loss at 30,000 Euros (about US$30,000).

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (11/18) - 300 protesters take to the streets to call for a federal animal-protection law, lawyers to defend animal rights and their inclusion in the Austrian constitution. The demonstration was called by the Vienna Tierschutzverein.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (11/18) - The European Union (EU) reaches an agreement to end the testing of cosmetics on animals completely within six years for 11 out of 14 possible tests. For the remaining three tests, there will be a ten-year deadline.

COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH (11/20) - Officials report that wild elephants have killed at least five people, injured 10 others and made about 500 people homeless in southeastern Bangladesh over the past month. In the latest attack, elephants killed a man and destroyed 10 houses at Ramu in Cox's Bazar district. Wild elephants often come down from the hills searching for food and attack anyone trying to scare them away, according to officials. Elephants have also killed loggers who ventured into forests.

SAN POLO D'ENZA, ITALY (11/23) - Activists break into a dog-breeding farm in northern Italy and liberate 128 beagles destined for scientific experiments. The slogans "ALF will free all" and "Murderers" were also panted on the walls of the farm. The farm still has about 800 puppies left.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (11/23) - Vegan animal rights activist Volkert Van Der Graaf confesses to the murder of Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn. The prosecutor reads a statement saying that Van Der Graaf had said "he saw in Fortuyn an increasing danger to, in particular, vulnerable sections of society."

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA (12/1) - McDonald's closes down its last restaurants in Bolivia after announcing a global restructuring plan in which it would close its doors in seven countries with poor profit margins. Said one bereaving customer "I guess Bolivia will never be a fully globalized and capitalized country like the United States."

TOCHIGI PREFECTURE, JAPAN (12/1) - Newspapers report that a team of Japanese scientists has succeeded in transplanting the brain of a baby rat into the thigh of an adult rat and growing it there. The experiment, led by Nobufumi Kawai and Kuniko Shimazaki of Jichi Medical School, consisted of the team surgically removing the head of a 12-day-old rat and connecting its blood vessels to those in the thigh of the adult. The brain grew and the baby's mouth even moved as if trying to drink milk, they said. The experiment was conducted ostensibly to see how long brain tissue can survive after its blood supply is cut.

TOKYO, JAPAN (12/3) - Police report that a rogue monkey believed to be searching for a mate has attacked 23 women in a northern Japan town, prompting a dozen police and 30 town officials to search for the monkey in Suwa town. Attacks by monkeys are not unusual in rural Japan, but one animal is rarely suspected of biting so many people.

SOUTH MORANG, AUSTRALIA (12/6) - Members of Animal Liberation Victoria (ALV) rescue 33 battery hens from Pace Farm Eggs. Pace Farms is a business partner with the RSPCA, which has failed to properly investigate and prosecute Pace Farms for animal cruelty. The RSPCA endorses Pace Farms' barn-laid eggs and receives royalties from all sold.

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA (12/9) - Three people die and 90 others are poisoned in a remote coastal village after eating the flesh of a dead sea turtle. "So far, two children and one man have died because they ate this sea turtle," says Ban Saron, the local district chief. "I can't believe it. How has this turtle poisoned them? This sort is normally fine."

PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND (12/9) - To counteract a new ban on hunting with hounds, Perthshire Falconry Services introduces hunting with eagles. The owner of the company claims he has received "phenomenal" interest in the sessions, with requests from China, Australia and America.

VANCOUVER, CANADA (12/11) - A judge throws out a search warrant used by Canada's anti-terrorism squad to raid the house of ALF Spokesperson David Barbarash. British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Bennett ruled the warrant used for the July raid was based on insufficient evidence-a newspaper article and a conversation between police and the journalist who wrote it. The anti-terrorism squad seized two computers, computer disks, videotapes, photos and files from Barbarash's home during the raid.

OXFORD, ENGLAND (12/13) - Activist David Blenkinsop, 36, who made bombs which were placed under lorries belonging to an abattoir and the cars of employees of an animal testing laboratory, is sentenced to five and a half years in jail.

HOBART, TASMANIA (12/14) - The Farley Mowat, an anti-whaling vessel headed by Captain Paul Watson, leaves for Antarctica where her crew will attempt to track down a Japanese whaling fleet and physically intervene to protect whales. Japan plans to kill 440 Minke whales in the Southern Ocean Sanctuary-the same number it killed last year-for what it calls scientific research. The whale meat is sold in Japan.

AMMAN, JORDAN (12/15) - A Jordanian newspaper reports that a stray dog in northeastern Jordan saves a four-year-old girl from dying of stab wounds by leading a passerby to the wounded child. The passerby told police that the dog jumped in front of his truck and would not move until he got out of his vehicle to see what was the matter. The dog then reportedly waited until he saw the man put the girl inside his truck before vanishing.

HOLLAND (12/16) - The Foundation for Dutch Roman Catholics sues the Dutch Animal Rights Organization for blasphemy over a poster campaign featuring the Virgin Mary holding a bleeding rabbit. The poster campaign, with its slogan of "Merry Christmas-don't be wild about it!" aims to draw attention to inhumane methods of farming rabbits, and also turkeys and ducks.

UNITED KINGDOM (12/16) - Animal rights activists claim a victory in their campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences after Marsh, Inc., insurance broker for HLS breaks its ties with HLS, forcing the government to step in to provide insurance for HLS. Marsh chose to sever its ties with HLS after protestors continually harassed staff in the UK and US and an office in Seattle was smoke-bombed.

JAPAN (12/17) - Sales of about 409 tons of whale meat from Japan's "research" whaling in the North Pacific begins in wholesale markets nationwide. The meat is from 100 Minke whales, 50 Bryde's whales, 39 Sei whales, and five sperm whales caught as part of the Japanese "research programme" from July to October. Catching whales in inshore waters for research purposes was permitted by the Japanese government for the first time this year.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND (12/17) - Activists warn that "vigilante" action will be taken if the Scottish Natural Heritage decides to cull hedgehogs on Uist and Benbecula islands in order to protect bird populations. Hedgehogs were first introduced to Uist in 1974 for garden pest control.

PARIS, FRANCE (12/19) - Chief executive Christian Picard, the head of the French restaurant chain Buffalo Grill, is placed under judicial investigation for manslaughter over allegations that the company illegally imported British beef and served it to customers at a time when it was banned due to fears of "mad cow" disease.

DEHLI, INDIA (12/21) - Animal rights activists are outraged over the Indian navy's plan to use dolphins to plant mines on enemy ships and submarines. Defense officials say the use of dolphins is favored because dolphins carrying mines would be able to break "effortlessly" through enemy lines without arousing suspicion. But Jigeesha Thakore, of the All India Animal Welfare Association, says, "In the name of advancement, man taps the potential of an animal that has learnt to peacefully co-exist with others and drags it into battle."

JAPAN (12/21) - McDonald's Holdings Co. (Japan) Ltd. says it expects to post a group net loss of 2.33 billion yen for the business year through December, falling into the red for the first time in nearly three decades. It also announces it will close 115 outlets in Japan.

WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND (12/29) - A newspaper reports that Madonna has banned pheasant and partridge shooting on her 1200-acre Ashcombe estate, ostensibly because she believes that the souls of thousands of dead game birds will return to haunt her. Friends say Madonna issued her order because of her devotion to Kabbala, an ancient Jewish mystical tradition.

DOA:

Liberations and economic sabotage continue in order to save animals

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Claimed by Frank Tasco Commando Division of A.L.F.

August 18, 2002 WAVERLY, IA - 1200 mink were released from the Misty Moonlight Mink Ranch, owned by (Nick Demuth. Thousands of dollars in damages. Claimed by A.L.F.

August 29, 2002 WASHINGTON DC - PeTA anti-circus elephant has "A.L.F." carved into it. Claimed by A.L.F.

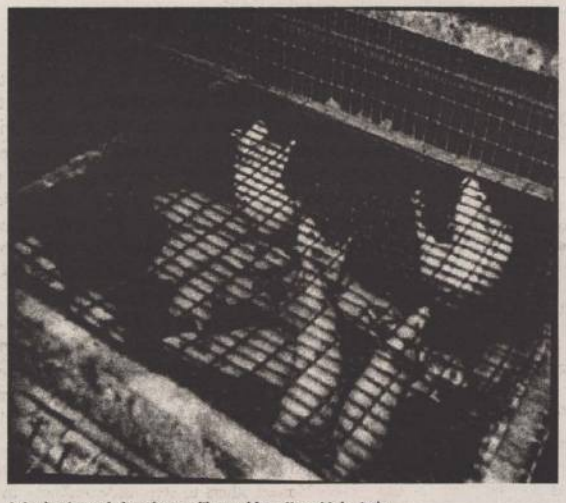
August 30, 2002 LOS ANGELES, CA - The Medical Diagnostic Management had windows smashed. One of the management executives, Rodney Armstead, is an executive with ties to HLS. Claimed by anonymous activists.

August 30, 2002 TORRANCE, CA - CBC USA (HLS-related) has its locks glued, windows and walls spray-painted, and window smashed. Claimed by anonymous activists.

September 2002 HARBOR CREEK, PA - The Mindek mink farm has 50+ mink released. The action is claimed by A.L.F. and ELF.

September 2002 GERRY, NY - At the Main Mink Ranch, dozens of breeding mink are released and their breeding cards are destroyed. Claimed by A.L.F.

September 1, 2002 FARMERS BRANCH, TX - HLS Senior Scientist Dean Rodwell has his driveway and van covered with red paint. Claimed by A.L.F.



Animals minutes before they are liberated from Moroni Labs, Italy

September 11, 2002 LOS ANGELES, CA - Woodland Hills Furrier has its front window smashed. Claimed by anonymous activists.

September 19, 2002 MANHASSETT, NY - Marsh Senior Executive Frank Tasco's home is spray-painted and painted red. Claimed by A.L.F.

September 28, 2002 RICHMOND, VA - 25 windows are etched at one Burger King location and 13 windows are etched at each of two separate McDonalds. Claimed by ELF.

September 30, 2002 HONOLULU, HI - 16 frogs are liberated and released from a pet store. Claimed by A.L.F.

October 2002 NEW YORK, NY - Lucky Brand Dungarees has two windows smashed. Claimed by anonymous activists.

October 6, 2002 SAN JOSE, CA - Animal traps set to catch feral pigs are destroyed at California Maison condos. Claimed by anonymous activists.

Week of October 13, 2002 SAN JOSE, CA - Animal traps set to catch feral pigs destroyed a second time at California Maison condos. Claimed by anonymous activists.

November 6, 2002 SCARSDALE, NY - Home and vehicles of HLS financial advisor Mark Bibi are damaged. Claimed by A.L.F.

November 26, 2002 HARBOR CREEK, PA - A mink barn is torched at the Mindek mink farm. Claimed by A.L.F. and ELF .

January 1, 2003 HEARTLAND, CA - 4 chickens rescued from AAA egg farm. Claimed by A.L.F.

February 2 , 2003 VILLA PARK, IL - Supreme Lobster and Seafood has 48 brake lines cut and its refrigeration units damaged. $50,000+ in damages incurred. Claimed by A.L.F. Groundhog Crew 2003.

February 20, 2003 NEW YORK, NY - Son of CEO Andrew Baker has his apartment building vandalised. Claimed by Smash-HLS! "Condiment-Contingent-Bloc."

February 27, 2002 BERLIN, MD - 115 chickens from Merial Select Laboratory, an HLS client. Claimed by A.L.F.

Reporting Actions

Since most actions go unreported, this list only represents a fraction of the actions that the A.L.F. and other groups have committed in the name of animal liberation. If you are active in an A.L.F. cell or other animal liberation group and would like to report your actions, there are ways you can do it without compromising your security.

Send your reports to supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include what the target was, what happened and also the time, date, city and state/province. Do not hand write this report as handwriting is just as individualized as fingerprints.

Use a public typewriter or computer to print the letter so that it cannot be traced. Never leave copies of your work in the computer's memory and discard the typewriter ribbon.

You will also want to be sure that the letter, stamp, and envelope you use is hair and saliva-free. Moisten the stamp with a sponge and wear gloves while handling the materials. Don't use thin, rubber latex gloves – fingerprints can go through right through these. You should assume that mail sent to all animal rights groups is opened, read, fingerprinted, etc. by the authorities. Be careful NOT to include anything on or in your report that will incriminate you or others.

You can also report actions via e-mail to expedite the dissemination of the news to media and other outlets. Again, use a public computer and set up a false e-mamila account on a free public server such as Yahoo or Hotmail (go through Anonymizer or Rewebber). Send your communiqué from this account and then NEVER access that account again.

Some groups that receive anonymous communiqués are:

No Compromise
P.O. Box 1440
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1440
E-mail: nc-info@nocompromise.org

Electronic NAALF. Press Office
E-mail: alfpress@resist.ca

Bite Back!
E-mail: biteback@directaction.info

FUR TRADE:

Demand for fake fur continues to grow

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cleaned. Summer services can be up to 27% of a retailer's total income.

The owner of New York's Lakis Fur Fashions is crying the blues about how the U.S. fur industry has evolved. He's closing shop and moving to Greece. Jacobson Stores Inc. of Jackson, Michigan can't be too happy either. The company is in danger of having to liquidate its stock. Jacobson has closed six stores in Ohio and Florida and has offered for sale its remaining 18 stores in Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky and Michigan. The chain lost $57 million in its fiscal year 2001.

Sales clerks in New York City's children's clothing stores have observed a movement toward fake fur. The interest in fake fur trimmings may come from children seeing these fashions on television. The animal rights movement needs to emphasize that merely the look of fur can have a disastrous effect on animals.

The Managing Director of Zara (a Spanish-based retailer) in the UK has confirmed that "due to requests from the majority of our managers" fur garments were withdrawn from their collection in December 2001. They have requested their head office not send them any real fur in the future.

International Updates

Following are some statistics on the Canadian fur industry:

Number of animals trapped in 2000/2001 in Canada: 893,003. This is down from a record high in 1979 of 5,466,400.

The province with the most animals trapped in 2000/2001: Quebec, with 211,000

Muskrats are the most commonly trapped animals in Canada, with beavers and red squirrels fluctuating between second and third. Canadian trappers kill about 1,000,000 animals annually.

Canada exported about 2,000,000 animal skins in 2001 (about 80% of those being sent to the US), with half coming from factory farmers and half from trappers.

So far, 295,000 seals have been killed off the coast of Newfoundland, even though the quota was originally set at 275,000. Despite this, Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans is allowing the hunt to continue. When the hunting season closes on May 15, the final tally could be as high as 310,000 dead seals. Canadian seal killers employ what is called the "club-and-blade" method of slaughtering seals. The seals are first bashed over the head and then a blade is shoved into the chest cavity to pierce the heart. Those who profit from seal killing consider this to be humane.

News from the UK:

Campaigners are hoping to persuade the British Government to ban the use of all snares. The National Federation of Badger Groups submitted a 60,000-signature petition that is supported by the RSPCA and other wildlife groups, calling for strong action. "Self locking" snares have been illegal for many years, but the use of "free running" snares to catch foxes, rabbits and other animals are still permitted. The Motion to ban snares had the support of at least sixty-nine MP's.

News from Sweden:

The Social Democratic party has put forth motions to ban fur farming. The party has hired someone to investigate and audit the industry, and it is thought that the investigation will take about 18 months to complete. In the meantime, activists are keeping up the pressure with well-organized demos in areas where there are many fur farms. Press coverage of these events has been positive. Fewer than 400 fur factory farms remain from about 700 that operated in 1987.

Since the fall of the Berlin wall, eighty-five percent of Soviet mink and sable factory farms have gone out of business. Once numbering around 250, today's count of mink and sable factory farms is fewer than forty.

General

The total U.S. fur apparel imports for the year-through-July were down 25% from the same period of 2001.

Most people do not think of mink as animals used in laboratories, but unfortunately they are. In one experiment, the tail of a baby mink is pinched with blunt forceps and her response is recorded. Usual responses included the baby pulling her tail away and/or crying, and her body or legs displaying a reaction because of the pain. Mink are extremely sensitive to many drugs, chemicals and environmental contaminants, and since they are available at a fraction of the cost of cats and dogs, they have become a preferred species for toxicological experiments.

Representatives from the North American fur industry recently met with senators and representatives from 16 states in an effort to push for industry-friendly legislation.

Even representatives from the meat industry say that wearing fur is hard to justify. During his presentation at the Animal Rights 2002 conference, Dan Murphy of Meat, Marketing & Technology said "I consider myself a journalist and in fact, there are some issues where I feel I'm very empathetic to the positions that your organizations take as well, and wearing fur is a classic example of that, that I find pretty hard to justify. I can remember the very moment I got totally turned off to people wearing fur." Murphy goes on to relate a story about a man he saw on an airplane who bought a seat for his fur coat so he would not have to put it in the overhead compartment. Upon seeing this, Mr. Murphy said to himself "Wait a minute. This is just wrong on so many levels."

ROD:

Freedom fighter continues to be vocal in support of A.L.F. and animal liberation

"To me, animal rights is what one fights for within the system. You cannot achieve animal liberation without the dismantling of economic systems dependent on animal abuse."

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were those by armchair scum who criticized my legal defense when I was at my lowest. To them I have no words, just a pop in the mouth if they are ever brave enough to say to my face what they spewed on their chat rooms and email lists. Our warriors have every right to choose the legal defense that suits them best, as long as it does not include testifying against other warriors. It's for no one else to judge. It's their asses, not yours, that are on the line.

NC: With prison sentences against underground activists becoming increasingly harsh, how do you feel these activists can best prepare for the possibility of imprisonment?

RC: By acquainting themselves with federal sentencing guidelines for their crimes before they are caught, and if you can't do the time, don't do the crime. Otherwise, you weaken our entire struggle while also jeopardizing the freedom of your comrades. It's also my own opinion that one should be familiar with the sacrifices made by other P.O.W.s in other struggles. When you know what goes on in the prisons of Northern Ireland, Peru, China and Turkey, you can't help but be grateful for doing time in a first world country. I hear Holland's prisons are great!

NC: You were very active in the fight against the fur trade prior to your arrest. Could you say a few words about the past highlights of this campaign, and what you feel would be most effective in the upcoming years?

RC: It was my cell's job to liquidate the research and development base for the fur farm industry in America. I'd say with the four raids we carried out on researchers receiving grants from the fur trade we were maybe 60% effective? Highlights for me were the closure of OSU's Experimental Fur Farm and the total destruction of the USDA's Predator Control Research Facility at Utah State University. For the future, I don't want to say publicly what I think would be best. The path of war is a sacred and honorable tradition, and plans for war should only be discussed around the campfire in the company of other warriors, not movement theorists.

NC: Do you view animal liberation as being part of a larger struggle? And if so, what is that struggle about at its core?

RC: Definitely. It's part of a struggle that has been fought for hundreds of years. You should hear what Lakota warriors like Crazy Horse used to do to miners, trappers, buffalo hunters and wolf killers when they caught them. Far from Gandhian nonviolence! Those of us in the animal liberation and radical environmental movements are simply the modern counterparts to the fort and wagon burners of yesteryear. What honorable company we keep! But even before then, there were entire nations in Brittania, Europe, Africa and Asia who defended the natural world with a lot more aggression than our movement has ever used. It's not our job to redefine the struggle, only our duty to carry the torch of uncompromised resistance. When we root ourselves in the power and ancient spirit of the earth we not only advance the cause of animal liberation, but our own as well.

It has always been the tradition of this resistance to empower oneself in the tactics and strategies of the guerrilla that refuses to recognize the authority of an occupying army and oppressive government. To me, animal rights is what one fights for within the system. You cannot achieve animal liberation without the dismantling of economic systems dependent on animal abuse. Animal liberation is not about reforming the system. It's about rebuilding a society where all life on earth matters, where the five-fingered people are simply one strand of a web that is held together by the recognition that only through living harmoniously with Earth can we ever truly be free.

Equally, animal liberation to me is about recognizing the inherent evilness of the petrochemical, agricultural, biotech and other industries that may not overtly slaughter billions of animals, but whose business practices equally result in the commodification of our animal relations. It's not enough to be vegan. We in the animal liberation movement need to strive toward a more simplistic way of life that acknowledges the anti-earth and anti-animal impacts of all consumerism. Animal liberation activists need to be less self-righteous and more open to the lessons of sustainability and low-impact living. It's not just about screaming and smashing windows; it's also about recreating the kind of society we believe is a practical alternative to the destructive lifestyles of a first world nation.

NC: What level of importance do you put on efforts to broaden our movement and educate the public about animal concerns and veganism?

RC: In my own activism, I invest very little time in such efforts. Not because I believe them to be ineffective; I just believe such tasks are better left to groups like PETA, who have unlimited resources to achieve such aims. I'd rather see us in the animal liberation movement focus on what we do best: direct action. I mean, each one of us does this kind of work on a daily basis every time we interact with the non-vegan public. It's also important to remember that often it is illegal direct action that results in a greater public interest in our beliefs, as well as exposure of the evils perpetuated behind the locked doors of laboratories, furriers, factory farms, and circuses.

NC: As a long-time participant in the struggle for animal liberation, what do you view as our movement's strengths and why?

RC: Our greatest strength is our ability to operate outside of the systems of state control. Our refusal to accept modest reforms is the true demonstration of our commitment toward total animal liberation. Call it zero tolerance or a policy of non-negotiation with terrorists and hostage takers, but our greatest strength comes when we base our tactics and strategies not on their capability for winning public support, but more importantly on the ability to inflict maximum economic damage to the corporation profiting from animal and earth abuse. Very few strategies accomplish this as effectively as economic sabotage.

NC: With the abuse of animals running rampant, how would you recommend activists pick what campaigns they choose to focus on?

RC: That should be determined by where one lives. If it's near a large university, then maybe it should be vivisection on campus. If you live in Texas or other predominantly ranching states, your targets should be the livestock industry or whatever prominent animal abuse exists. It frustrates the hell out of me when I see animal rights activists protesting Red Lobster or some other vague target, while entire industries that lie vulnerable escape attention. We need to target vivisection breeders and suppliers in our hometowns, as well as support campaigns like SHAC. These tactics work just as well against all animal abusers. It's nowhere near enough to participate in animal protests. We need to be relentless every day (and especially night) of the year.

NC: What would you say to activists who support direct action but don't feel confident enough to undertake such actions themselves?

RC: I'd say that's only an acceptable response for someone who has instead chosen to support direct action in other ways like renting "clean" cars, homing rescued animals, serving as a media spokesperson for raids, funding a local ALF cell.you know, all the other vital work that allows the ALF/ELF to remain effective. Otherwise, you're not an animal liberationist, but what the abolitionists used to call an obstructionist because you claim to support animal liberation but fail to engage in and support the actions that best represent animal liberation. It's like what my old friend Paul Watson used to say: "Talk's cheap. It takes money to buy whiskey!"

In closing, I'd just like to say god bless the ALF and ELF and especially those behind the scenes, the "little old ladies" who have never wavered in their support for direction action. Without them, we'd be lost. I'd also like to say there is no greater honor than that to be found in representing the victims of injustice. The empowerment I have felt in reintroducing a mind to the world or watching an animal research lab burn to the ground is incomparable to any feeling of empowerment one receives from working within the system. Also, nothing we experience in a jail or prison can compare to the pain inflicted by governments and corporations. The state murders, tortures and destroys, and we must fight them using force if necessary. Remember that, and good luck. Now get out there and do something to make our future descendants as proud as we are of the actions of our warriors of the past. La lucha continua! (The struggle continues!)

NAALFPO:

Local groups must step up and continue to promote underground activity.

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lic spokesperson exists. A public spokesperson does not encourage more ALF action; continued animal abuse is the driving motivation.

I also believe that the existance of an ALF Press Office and a media spokesperson give reason for other groups and individuals to NOT speak up in support of the underground movement. My role has allowed others to step aside and not take a positive public stand on illegal non-violent direct action.

To those in the animal rights/liberation movement who are surprised by my resignation or upset about the lack of a public voice for the ALF, I say this: Now is your opportunity to step forward! Now is the time for your local animal rights group to put out a press release in support of the ALF when they next strike in your area. Now is the time for you and your friends to organize and garner public support for the ALF when next they raid that fur farm in your town or state, or destroy those meat trucks at the local slaughterhouse, or paint slogans on the neighbourhood fast food outlet. Now is **your** time, Animal Rights Person/Animal Rights Group!

Let's face it: A few dozen public spokespeople across the continent, all speaking up in support of the ALF is a much better situation than that one public face you see and hear about all the time. The story isn't about me, it's about the animals, and the brave people who risk everything to save them. My resignation is a step toward re-focussing the media away from a persona, and toward the real issues of animal exploitation, by removing the one story they love to persue: the media guy.

And it is an opportunity for the animal rights movement to step up the fight and play a more critical role in this struggle.

Although I am resigning my position as public spokesperson, the ALF Press Office will still exist and will be run by several anonymous people. The Press Office will still be a recipient of anonymous communiques from the ALF underground, and the Press Office volunteers will continue to send out those communications to the media.

The primary delivery service that the ALF Press Office will now be utiliziing is the Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service email list. I strongly encourage reporters, editors, and all media to subscribe to this service, which is also the primary method of press release delivery by the Earth Liberation Front Press Office.

To subscribe simply go to http://www.waste.org/mail/?list=frontline-news and subscribe your email address.

Effective immediately, the ALF Press Office can now be contacted at alfpress@resist.ca. Emails sent to our old address <naalfpo@tao.ca> will be forwarded on for a short time until the account is permanently closed.

There is now no telephone contact for the ALF Press Office. All phone lines have been disconnected.

The mailing address post office box will remain open for now, until other arrangements are made.

On a final note, donations to the ALF Press Office are still gratefully accepted by the people who will now take on the responsibility. As well, donations to help cover the cost of legal expenses incurred in my fight to retrieve the property seized by the recently-determined illegal RCMP search this past summer on my home and office are also gratefully appreciated.

All donations and communications can be mailed to:

ALF Press Office
P.O. Box 3673
Courtenay, BC
V9N 7P1 Canada

Freedom and Liberation,
David Barbarash

Activist Resources

BOOKS

Free The Animals, Ingrid Newkirk
Earth First Direct Action Manual
Ecodefense, Dave Foreman & Bill Haywood (www.igive.com/NoCompromise)
Earth Force, Paul Watson (AK Press*)
War At Home, Brian Glick
Agents of Repression, Ward Churchill and J. Vander Wall
Animal Liberation, Peter Singer (www.igive.com/NoCompromise)
Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating, Erik Marcus (www.igive.com/NoCompromise)
Becoming Vegan, Vesanto, R.D. Melina, Brenda Davis (www.igive.com/NoCompromise)
Being Vegan, Joanne Stepaniak (www.igive.com/NoCompromise)
Vegan Handbook, Debra Wasserman and Reed Mangels (AK Press*)
Animal Ingredients A to Z (AK Press*)
An Unnatural Order, Jim Mason
The Dreaded Comparison, Marjorie Spiegal
The Sexual Politics of Meat, Carol Adams (AK Press*)
The New Farm Vegetarian Cookbook (AK Press*)

DIRECT ACTION BOOKLETS

The Final Nail #2 (www.animalliberation.net/finalnail)
Memories of Freedom (NA-ALFSG - see Reporting Actions, p. 22)
Against All Odds (NA-ALFSG - see Reporting Actions, p. 22)
Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers
Animal Liberation Primer (www.animalliberation.net/library/alprimer.html)

RESOURCE GROUPS

Animal Rights America - ARA maintains a directory of grassroots animal rights groups; PMB 274, 15 Starrett Dr, Belfast, ME 04915, E-mail: ara100@adelphia.net

The Fund for Animals - Neiman Marcus Flyers, hunting factsheets, articles and videos, etc.; 8121 Georgia Ave. Ste. 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: (301) 585-2591, Fax: (301) 585-2595

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals - 'WEARING FUR' stickers, posters, etc.; 501 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510, Phone: (757) 622-7382, Fax: (757) 628-0784, URL: www.peta-online.org

Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine - Nutrition and anti-vivisection info, a "Guide to Cruelty-Free Giving", etc.; 5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404, Washington, DC, 20016 Phone: (202) 686-2210, x300, Fax: (202) 686-2216, E-mail: pcrm@pcrm.org, URL: www.pcrm.org

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (USA & UK) - Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty is leading the campaign to shut down Huntingdon Life Sciences. Literature, posters, videos, t-shirts and other campaign material available. In the U.S.; PO Box 22398, Philadelphia, PA 19110, Phone: (732) 545-7560, Email: shacusa@envirolink.org, Website: www.shacamerica.net; In the U.K.: 6 Boat Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4BP, Phone: 0845-458-0603, E-mail: info@shac.net, URL: www.shac.net

Viva! USA - Viva! has great resources on factory farming, veganism and other animal issues. Vegan Basics - Guide for New & Aspiring Vegans is now available! Other resources include guides highlighting the environmental impact of a meat-based diet and the nutritional advantages of a vegan lifestyle, plus videos, posters and other materials; P.O. Box 4398, Davis, CA 95617, Phone: (530) 759-8482, E-mail: info@vivausa.org, URL: ww.vivausa.org

PUBLICATIONS

Bite Back - 222 Lakeview Ave, Ste. 160-231, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, E-mail: biteback@directaction.info, URL: www.DirectAction.info

EF! Journal - PO Box 3023, Tucson, AZ 85702, Phone: (520) 620-6900, Fax: (413) 254 0057, URL: www.earthfirstjournal.org

Live Wild or Die - LWOD, POB 481, Tucson, AZ 85702 Amerika

For a list of useful web site links check out the Resources section of the No Compromise website: www.nocompromise.org

* AK Press - PO Box 40682, San Francisco, CA 94140-0682, (415) 864-0892, E-mail: akpress@org.org, URL: www.akpress.org

In The Trenches

All of the following groups are grassroots liberation organizations who support direct action. To be listed in this directory, please send an email with your organization's contact information to nc-trenches@nocompromise.org.

North America:

Activism Center at Wetlands Preserve
(includes 5F: Fighting for Fur Free Fashion)
PO Box 344
New York, NY 10108
Phone: 212-947-7744
Fax: 212-947-7773
Email: adam@wetlands-preserve.org
Web: http://wetlands-preserve.org

Alliance for Animals Milwaukee
Email:
alliance4animals@yahoo.com

Animal Defense League Atlanta
P.O. Box 3123
Atlanta, GA 30302
Phone: 404-228-2114
Email: adlatlanta@hotmail.com

Animal Defense League Chicago
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Chicago, IL 60610
Phone: 847-297-3596 VM #6
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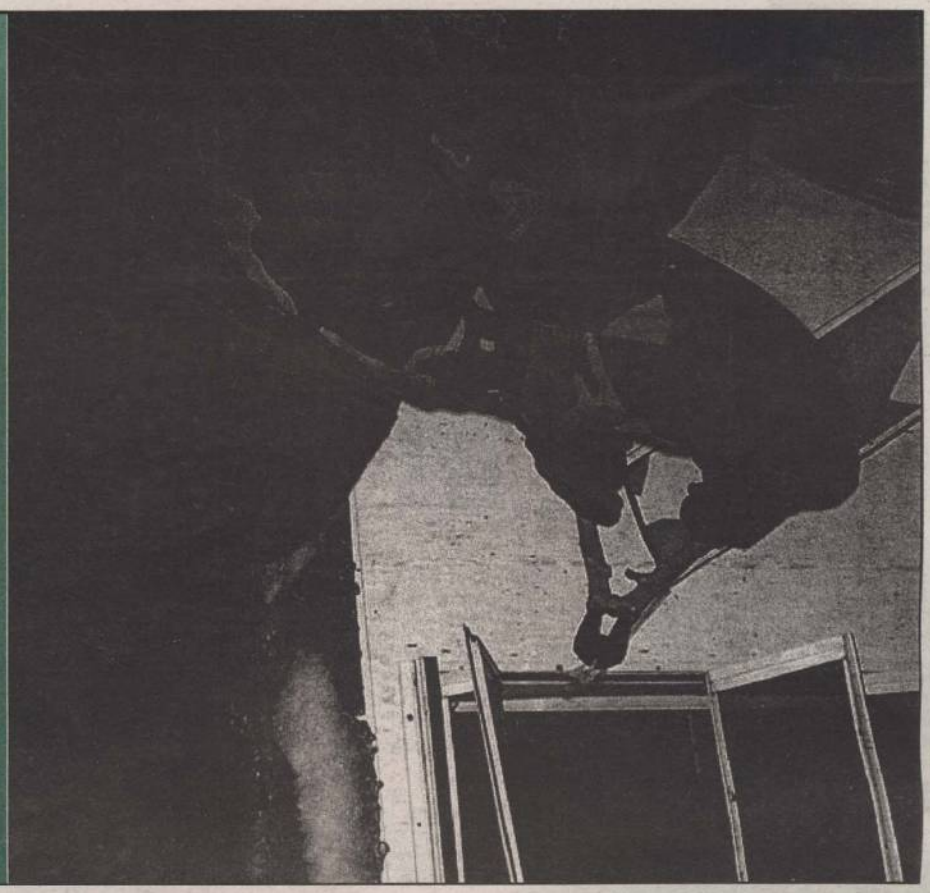
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