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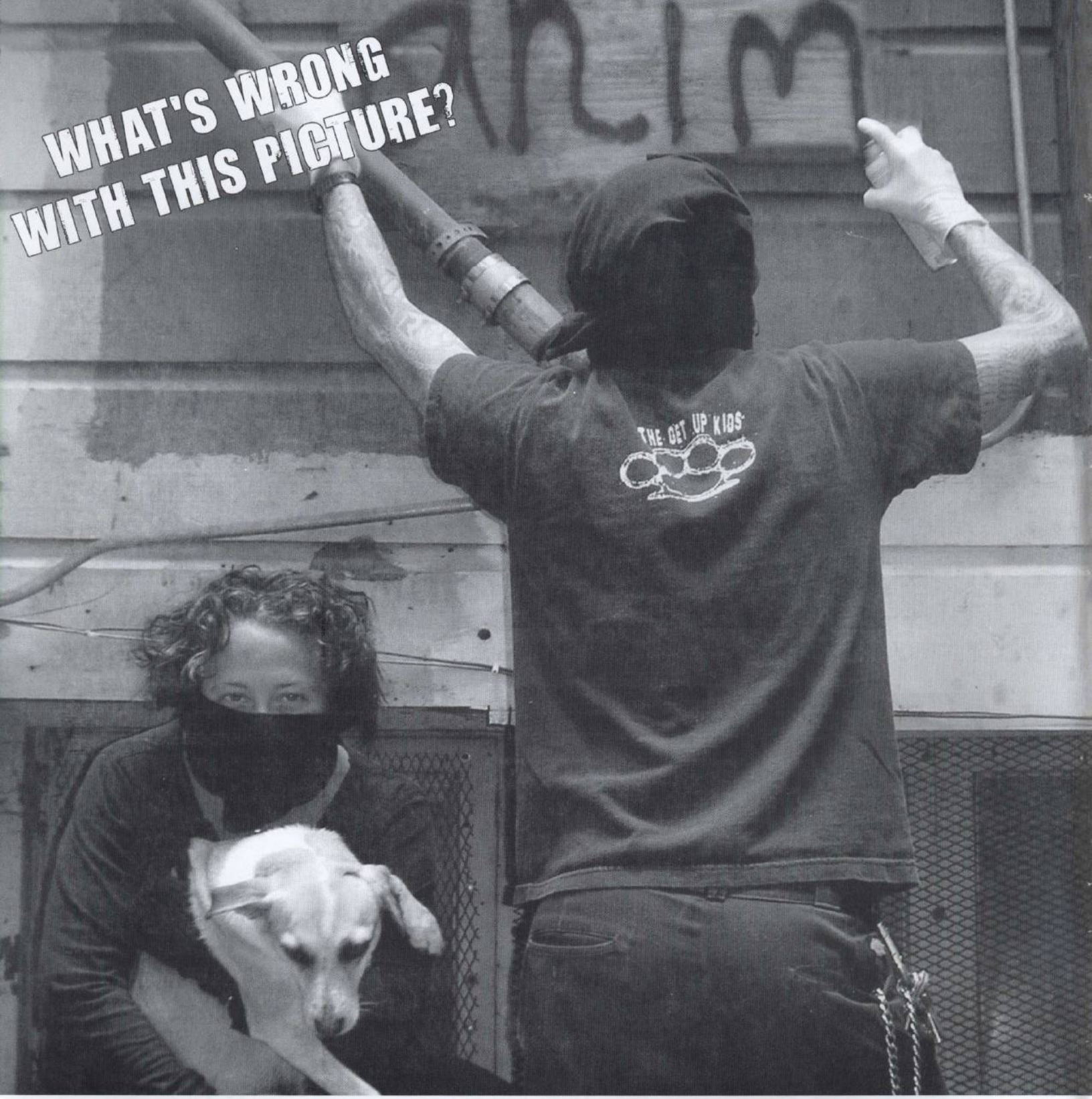
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The ALF liberate 108 Ducklings in the UK

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PUT YOUR SECURITY KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST!

How many times have you read about activists being arrested for actions because of simple mistakes?

The individuals above are trying to save animals and cause economic sabotage. But their numerous security mistakes will likely land them in jail. Take a look at the picture and circle all of the security errors made above. See page 29 to check your answers and see what mistakes you missed!

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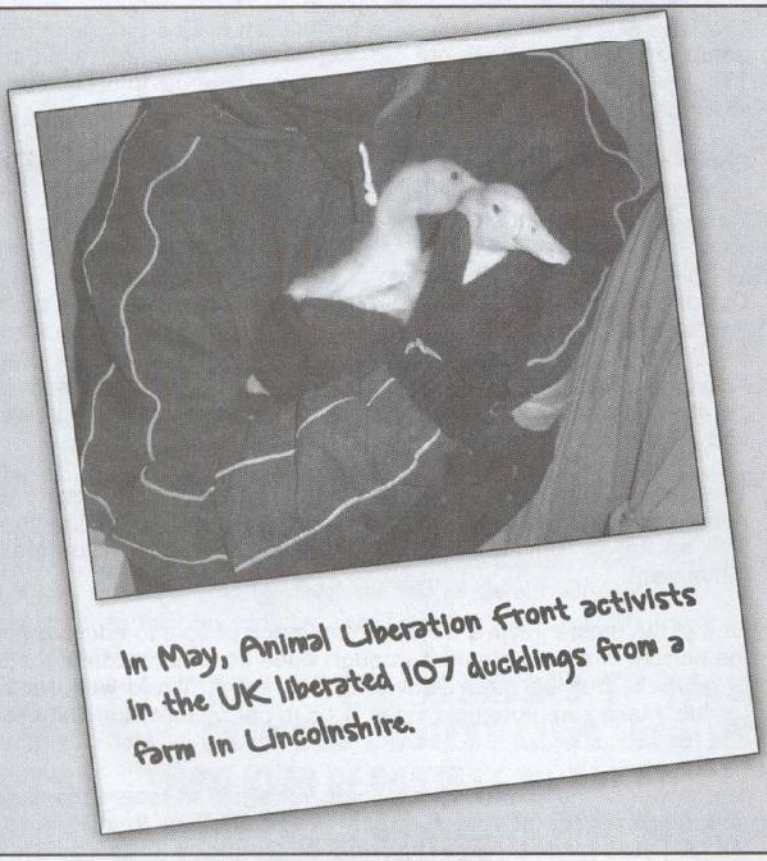
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In May, Animal Liberation Front activists in the UK liberated 107 ducklings from a farm in Lincolnshire.

From the Communiqué...

"...As midnight struck, so did we, and the door to the unit was wrenched off of its hinges. Our masked-up commando's slid into the shed, where they were greeted by the calls of thousands of adorable ducklings.

It did not take long for our cell to round up 107 of the delightful birds....It was a joy to behold as they frolicked in grass, and splashed about in their water bowls - the first water they had ever been able to play in. It was a shame that they had not been given the chance to develop their natural water-proofing, but in their new and loving homes, it will not be long before they are swimming with the best of them."

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Introductory Ramblings

Thank you for picking up the spring 2005 issue of No Compromise! If you're not already a subscriber and would like to keep up to date with all the latest happenings in the animal liberation movement please consider signing up today (*see inside back cover*). Each issue is jam-packed with the latest news, activism tips, and discussion of the vital issues facing our movement.

This issue you'll find lots of great tips on how to be a more effective activist. For those of you who don't have the benefit of having a local animal advocacy group to work with, check out our Top Ten - Do It Yourself Activism tips (p. 13). We also received a commentary piece about the importance of starting small when it comes to underground direct action (p. 20).

Some of the pitfalls one can encounter when first getting started with underground activism are illustrated in our What's Wrong With This Picture game inside the front cover, and in an article describing a lab raid done by a cell of first-timers in Finland (p. 18).

Our direct action coverage doesn't end there! We also have our quarterly look at direct action in the U.S. (p.22), and a special feature on the liberation of 12 ducks from Woodland Farms (p. 21). And of course the Shadow Activist is back to answer more questions about how direct action activists get the job done - this issue the questions focus on getting past fences, and getting photos to above-ground groups (p. 23).

The campaign for animal liberation is truly global, and this issue we take a peek inside the world of international activism with a full length interview with an Italian "animalisti" (p. 14) who gives us and inside look at their movement.

One of the most effective ways we can reach people to educate them about the horrors of animal abuse is through video documentation of the treatment of animals, but too often activist videos aren't filmed well enough to be usable. Make sure your next video is up to par by following just a few simple tips (p. 12)!

The power of video was driven home yet again in recent months with two shocking exposes of animal torture - the Canadian Seal Hunt (p. 9), and PETA's undercover investigation of Covance labs (p. 6). Similar investigations at Huntingdon Life Sciences led to the current world wide campaign against them that has them tottering on the brink of bankruptcy (p. 8).

Unfortunately in societies where corporate well-being is elevated above personal well-being, there tends to be a strong government backlash against activists. This issue No Compromise Magazine takes a special look at how several corporate sponsored politicians in both the U.S. (p. 4) and England (p. 2) are lashing back at activists for targeting the companies that fund them. Meanwhile other activists are already paying the price for caring about animals and the earth. Be sure to check out our prisoner list and new prisoner profiles (pp. 26) and do what you can to support these brave activists.

And remember No Compromise Magazine is YOUR magazine! Without your articles, feedback and financial support we could not continue to exist.

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UK CRACKDOWN PUTTING A STOP TO LEGAL PROTEST.

Animal liberationists in North America have become painfully aware in the last few years that our rights are increasingly being infringed upon by terrorist groups known as "corporations." These thugs have headquarters in every major U.S. city and their powerful henchmen are not only above the law, but they make the laws by which the rest of the citizenry are supposed to abide. As their iron grip has become tighter, many activists have found themselves pushed underground. There they may fight these tyrants with less fear of repercussion. For those of us who remain aboveground, it is important to stay abreast of developments in the global police state.

"ADD THESE MEASURES TO THOSE ENSHRINED IN THE PREVIOUS PROTEST LAWS AND YOU FIND THAT THERE IS NO KIND OF PROTEST, OF ANY EFFICACY WHATSOEVER, THAT THE POLICE OR COURTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PREVENT AND PUNISH IF THEY CHOOSE."

—George Monbiot, The Guardian, 2/22/05

Our comrades in England are currently facing stiffer sentencing under new measures in the Serious Organized Crime and Police Bill, which passed after "animal rights extremism" was mentioned in the Queen's speech. Using a wide definition of the term "economic damage," the new law makes it so that activists who cause financial loss to animal laboratories or their suppliers will now face five years in jail.

The police, without a court hearing, are also able to ban demonstrators from specific properties for three months, whether they have committed a criminal act or not. Additionally, conducting any home demonstration, no matter how peaceably, is now a criminal offense that can result not only in a year's jail time, but also in a ban from the neighborhoods surrounding vivisectors' homes.

Section 121 of the bill could potentially ban activists from leafleting or holding ANY demonstration. That particular section of the bill claims to stop "harassment," but the bill defines harassment as anything causing alarm or distress on at least one occasion in relation to two or more persons. For example, a company can now sue activists and ask for injunctions if an activist approaches a person twice in one day with leaflets that allegedly caused "alarm or distress."

Recent examples of the abuse of this law and its previous incarnation are numerous. In March 2004, a woman was arrested for sending polite emails to a company working for Huntingdon Life Sciences. The police alleged that the emails constituted harassment because one person received two of them.

Another activist was arrested at a demonstration in January 2004 for demonstrating with a picture of a dead cat on a placard. In September 2003, the police forced peaceful protestors to leave a demonstration against a circus in London, claiming that since the carnies lived in trailers nearby the protest was tantamount to a home demonstration.

If all forms of protest that may cause alarm or distress are abolished, the act of protesting is, in effect, outlawed. The point of demonstrations is not to make people comfortable with the status quo. Challenging people's ideas and assumptions about the world and the reality of animal suffering is necessarily distressing.

It is clear that with these new laws in U.K., as well as other repressive measures against activists around the world, the point is not to stop criminal activity. If that were the case, existing laws should be enough. The point, rather, is to intimidate activists and render them mute in the face of corporations that profit from animal suffering.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (1/11) - Harrison David Burrows, who pleaded guilty to a July 8th arson at an animal husbandry building at BYU and then implicated two others in the blaze, is sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison. He had faced up to 20 years in prison for his conviction of destruction of property by fire.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (1/15) – Former McDonald's CEO Charlie Bell dies of cancer at the age of 44. Bell, who claimed to have eaten a McDonald's product almost every day, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer just weeks after being named CEO. Bell succeeded Jim Cantalupo, who died of a heart attack after a year on the job.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (1/18) - Justin S. Demmitt, who admitted setting fire to a BYU farm building, is sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison. He had faced a total of 20 years after pleading guilty to destruction of property by fire. The blaze caused an estimated $30,000 damage.

CHICAGO, ILL. (1/19) – Peaches, the oldest African elephant in the U.S., dies at the Lincoln Park Zoo at the age of 55. Zoo keepers found Peaches sprawled on the floor of an indoor enclosure, breathing with difficulty. Veterinarians could not get her back on her feet and euthanized her hours later.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (1/27) - A man who joked to friends that he would eat a fish live choked to death when the fish squirmed and lodged in his throat. The incident occurred when 22-year-old Jose Angel Torres Padilla was fishing with friends in the municipality of Dario, about 40 miles north of the capital.

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE DECLARES ANIMAL LIBERATIONISTS TOP DOMESTIC TERROR THREAT

we're number one.

On May 18, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works held a hearing titled "Oversight on Eco-terrorism specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF")." The result of the hearing was a wide proclamation that the A.L.F. and E.L.F. are the number-one domestic terror threats in the United States.

Hosted by Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), widely regarded as one of the dumbest members of the senate, the hearing offered up little in the way of experts on the subject. Instead, the panel was made up of people like the Center for Consumer Freedom's David Martosko. Absent from the list of speakers was Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-Miss.), ranking member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, who was denied the opportunity to speak by Inhofe. Inhofe's refusal to allow Thompson to speak is the only time a member of Congress has been denied permission to testify before a Senate committee when he has formally requested to do so.

While the issue was widely covered in the media with headlines such as "Bunny Huggers #1 Domestic Terror Threat," the hearing and its contents were widely dismissed by many in Congress, the media, and activist circles as an exaggeration and a distraction from the real threats to domestic security.

The results of the hearing—if any—remain to be seen.

Leading the Charge: Senator James Inhofe



Just who is the senator from Oklahoma that hosted the so-called eco-terrorism hearing? He's Jim Inhofe, a die-hard Republican and a congressman considered by many to lack the intellect of his peers. Here, we take a glance at Senator Inhofe's track record:

>>He was elected in 1994 after running on a platform he described as "God, gays, and guns."
>>In 1997, he blocked the nomination of James Hormel, the first openly-gay ambassadorial nominee.
>>He maintains that global warming and climate change are not caused by humans and that, in fact, natural variability, rather than human influence, is the "overwhelming factor influencing climate."
>>In 1972, as an Oklahoma state senator, he recommended that Jane Fonda and George McGovern be hanged for treason.
>>Inhofe sponsored the Religious Freedom Amendment, which would have required accommodation of religion on all public property, specifically in schools. When queried about how he'd feel when schools would have to let Muslim students pray to Allah five times per day, or to provide vegetarian meals for Buddhists, or to allow Wiccans or Druids to conduct their ceremonies on school property and proselytize other students, Inhofe said that, basically, anything other than Judaism or Christianity isn't a "real" religion and wouldn't be constitutionally protected.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (1/21) -The Environmental Protection Agency says it will shield operators of large livestock operations from prosecution for air pollution violations if they participate in a program to collect emissions data from their farms. The information gathered would be used to determine which of the factory farms violate the Clean Air Act or other environmental laws.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (1/19) - The FBI announces that it has effectively abandoned its "Carnivore" surveillance system, designed to read e-mails and other online communications among suspected criminals and terrorists. Instead, the FBI said it has switched to unspecified commercial software to eavesdrop on computer traffic, as well as asking Internet providers to conduct wiretaps on targeted customers.

AUBURN, CALIF (1/19) - In a letter received at the *Auburn Journal*, the E.L.F. claims responsibility for five firebombs planted at the Park Hill Professional Center in the 400 block of Auburn Folsom Road, as well as a similar bomb-planting in Lincoln discovered Dec. 27. A construction crew found the five firebomb-type devices, and law enforcement disabled them.

EITZEN, MINN (2/4) - Wiebke Fur Co.'s headquarters burns to the ground late at night. Animal fats in the building caused the fire to burn very hot, and the structure was a total loss. No cause of the fire has been determined. Wiebke has a retail location, which sells raccoon, muskrat and other furs, at 110 Rose St. in La Crosse.

OCEAN CITY, MD (02/04) – Perdue Chicken is absolved of having to face animal cruelty charges after Deputy State's Attorney Daniel Mumford said on the record that the state wished to "confess a verdict of not guilty," in the criminal case against Perdue Farms. The tactic is rarely used and essentially pre-empts a trial and is the equivalent of an acquittal of the defendant.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS . . .
excerpts from the senate hearing

ON THE ABSURDITY OF LABELING ANIMAL RIGHTS/ ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS THE NUMBER ONE DOMESTIC TERRORIST THREAT...

"While I appreciate the Chairman's interest in these fringe groups, I urge the Committee to focus its attention on larger environmental threats, such as the dangerously high blood lead levels in hundreds of thousands of children. With all due respect, Mr. Chairman, I believe the Committee's time would be better spent learning why EPA has not promulgated regulations to deal with lead paint in remodeled homes."
Senator Barack Obama

"To date, not a single incident of so-called environmental terrorism has killed anyone."
Senator Frank Lautenberg

PUTTING THE "THREAT" INYO PERSPECTIVE...

"We need to keep things in perspective. As I mentioned, the Oklahoma City bombing killed 168 people. The attacks of 9/11 killed 3,000."
Senator Frank Lautenberg

"I do not want people to think that the threat from these organizations is equivalent to other crimes faced by Americans every day. According to the FBI, there were over 7,400 hate crimes committed in 2003 – half of which racially motivated. More directly relevant to this committee, the FBI reports 450 pending environmental crimes cases involving worker endangerment or threats to public health or the environment."
Senator Barack Obama

"ELF and ALF may threaten dozens of people each year, but an incident at a chemical, nuclear or wastewater facility would threaten tens of thousands."
Senator James M. Jeffords

"35 homes under construction in the Maryland subdivision of Hunters Brooke were partially or entirely destroyed by arson in December, 2004. The perpetrators torched the entire subdivision because they believed many of the families who would move in were African American. This arson attack was characterized as 'the worst arson in Maryland history,' and this one incident caused approximately $10 million in damage — almost 1/10th the damage alleged to have been caused by ALF and ELF — and all other environmental extremist groups — in the last 14 years."
Senator Bennie G. Thompson

ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE A.L.F...

"On August 1, 2003 ELF torched an apartment building that Garden Communities was building in San Diego, totally destroying the building and causing millions of dollars of damage."
Mr. Monty McIntyre, Esq.
Garden Communities

"ALF vandals spray-painted slogans over several walls and cabinets, destroyed several pieces of expensive laboratory equipment, and generally trashed the entire laboratory causing an estimated $250,000 worth of damage to the property. Research in the laboratory was suspended for about a year as repairs were made . . . [a] second attack resulted in an estimated $30,000 worth of damage to the property. Again, the faculty and staff suffered psychological harm from the fear of their safety due to this incident."
Senator David Vitter

"From January 1990 to June 2004, animal and environmental rights extremists have claimed credit for more than 1,200 criminal incidents, resulting in millions of dollars in damage and monetary loss."
John Lewis
Deputy Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

"...the total direct costs for the incident are approximately $450,000. The cost for the chemical cleanup, both by our own Health Protection Office and outside contractors, is estimated at $150,000. The cost to our Department of Public Safety, including increased contract-based security on campus, is approximately $25,000, and replacement estimates for equipment and supplies are over $250,000. With this incident prompting a review of all of our security measures, the eventual cost for additional research facility protection will be much more. What cannot be measured in monetary terms is the loss of progress in research."
David Skorton
University of Iowa President on A.L.F. raid

ON AVOIDING IDENTIFICATION...

"ELF and ALF activists wear gloves during their illegal activity to avoid leaving behind fingerprints, and wear non-descript clothing to include hoods and hats to hide their identity. They are knowledgeable of the implications of DNA evidence. Also, in the event bolt cutters are used during an attack, they are instructed to sharpen the bolt cutters afterwards in order to thwart law enforcement tool mark analysis."
Carson Carroll
Deputy Assistant Director
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

HOHENWALD, TENN (2/11) - Lota, a former circus elephant who suffered from advanced tuberculosis and was the focus of a campaign to free her from her internment at the controversial Hawthorn Circus facility, dies at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn., after only three months of freedom.

STRASBOURG, UK (2/15) - The European Court of Human Rights declares that the UK government breached the public's right to a fair trial and right to freedom of expression during the McLibel trial against Helen Steel & Dave Morris. The European Court ruled UK laws had failed to protect the public's right to criticize massive corporations whose business practices can affect people's lives, health and the environment.

BAKERSFIELD, CA (2/14) - Olen Arnold, who owned five Burger Kings and five Papa O's Pizzerias, dies in a hunting accident near Wasco. He was 61. A 9-year-old boy accidentally shot Arnold while the two were pheasant hunting, according to the California Department of Fish and Game.

NEAH BAY, ALASKA (2/15) – In an attempt to regain its controversial treaty-based right to hunt whales off the North Olympic Peninsula coast, the Makah tribe files a waiver to the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C.

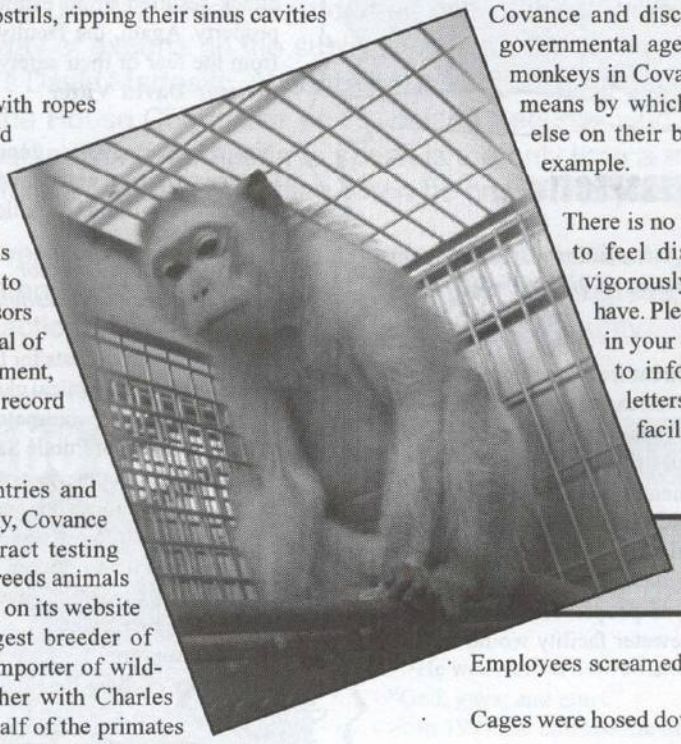
NASHVILLE, TENN. (2/19) – Threatened by animal rights activists, state lawmakers propose a constitutional amendment making hunting and fishing a basic right. Tennessee would join 21 states that have either looked at or are considering the idea. So far, it has passed in six states.

COVANCE EXPOSED
Drug Testing Lab Busted Again!

For eleven months— from April 2004 to March 2005— Lisa Leitten, an investigator with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), worked undercover as a primate technician inside Covance's animal testing hellhole in Vienna, Virginia.

Leitten documented deplorable abuse of monkeys being struck, choked, thrown against cages, threatened, and psychologically tormented. She videotaped one-and-two-year-old monkeys, traumatized from having been ripped from their mothers, being violently restrained as thick dosing tubes were pushed up their nostrils, ripping their sinus cavities and resulting in daily nose bleeds.

As monkeys were bound crudely with ropes into restraint chairs or forced into hard plastic tubes to be dosed and bled, as tight alligator clips were clamped onto monkeys' nipples for ECG readings, as sick and injured animals were denied veterinary care and left to suffer alone in their cages, as supervisors continually rejected the most minimal of concessions for humane animal treatment, Leitten's video camera continued to record the damning evidence.



With operations in seventeen countries and revenues exceeding $1 billion annually, Covance is one of the world's largest contract testing outfits. Covance also supplies and breeds animals for vivisection, nefariously bragging on its website about its status as the world's largest breeder of dogs for experiments. A notorious importer of wild-caught monkeys, Covance— together with Charles River, Inc.— purchases more than half of the primates imported into the U.S.

But "business as usual" at Covance hit a snag on May 17, when PETA went public with the findings from its investigation, filing a 272-page complaint with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a second complaint with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). PETA is calling on the USDA to shut down the Vienna laboratory until a thorough investigation is conducted. It's also calling on the Senate Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation to schedule emergency hearings to investigate the USDA's failures to enforce even the most basic protections afforded by the paltry Animal Welfare Act in U.S. laboratories.

In Covance's labs, Lisa Leitten videotaped monkeys attempting to help other monkeys as they reached their tiny arms out of their cages and grabbed the sleeves of workers who were hurting their friends. While we may feel daunted by the massive resources of a multinational like Covance and discouraged by the snail's pace at which governmental agencies act to stop abusive practices, the monkeys in Covance's labs – having no resources and no means by which to petition the government or anyone else on their behalf – offer us a lesson through their example.

There is no time to feel daunted and there is no time to feel discouraged; there is only time to act vigorously, passionately, and with everything we have. Please write to government officials, organize in your community, screen the undercover video to inform others of what's happening, write letters to your local papers, protest Covance's facilities and agitate, agitate, agitate!

Other Documented Horrors for Animals at Covance

- Employees screamed curses at frightened, sick monkeys.
- Cages were hosed down with monkeys still inside, soaking the animals.
- Technicians terrorized loose monkeys by slamming cages into walls to scare the animals out of hiding.
- When monkeys in one test suffered open, necrotic wounds on their legs, the veterinarian was forbidden to examine them or provide any treatment, including euthanasia. Another young monkey with a broken arm was left without treatment.
- Covance failed to provide psychological enrichment and socialization for monkeys, resulting in monkeys self-mutilating and displaying insane behaviors.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (2/20) – An elephant named Abu crushes a zoo keeper to death at the Vienna Zoo. The zookeeper was killed after the elephant, an almost 4-year-old bull, pinned him to the wall and speared him with his tusks. The oldest elephant in the zoo's herd, 46-year-old Jumbo, had died the previous weekend.

ENGLAND (2/25) – Activist Sarah Gisborne is sentenced to 6½ years in prison for conspiracy to cause criminal damage in relation to Huntingdon Life Sciences. Write to Sarah at: Sarah Gisborne [LT5393], HMP Cookham Wood, Rochester, Kent ME1 3LU

LIBERTY, NEW YORK (2/19) – Media report that a new slaughterhouse is slated to open in "a remote, wooded area overlooking Route 17 behind the sewer treatment plant" within a year. Within three years, the slaughterhouse plans to kill 4,000 animals annually, including cows, goats and lambs.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (3/10) – The San Francisco Zoo allows its last elephant, Lulu, to retire to an elephant sanctuary, making the zoo (and the city) elephant-free for the first time in 80 years. Lulu is a 38-year- old African elephant. She now lives at a spacious sanctuary in the Sierra foothills.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (3/10) - A federal grand jury indicts four people — Lili Holland, Jeremiah Colcleasure, Ryan Lewis and Eva Holland — in a series of E.L.F. firebomb attacks. All four are charged with conspiracy to commit arson and two counts of attempted arson. Each charge carries a mandatory minimum five years and up to 20 years in prison.







ENGLAND'S HUNT BAN: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

On the 18th of February, the Hunting Act came into force in England and Wales, making it illegal to hunt wild mammals with dogs. This legislation was meant to put an end to hunting with hounds. Although it has not completely wiped hunting from the British landscape, the Hunting Act has effectively changed the way that it takes place in Britain (more of that below).

This piece of legislation came after more than 70 years of campaigning by various organizations, including the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), League Against Cruel Sports (LACS), International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and Protect Our Wild Animals (POWA), together with 40 years of direct action in the hunting field by members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA). Hunt sabotage directly saved the lives of thousands of foxes, deer, hares and mink being pursued by packs of hounds. It also put activists in a position to gather photographic and video evidence of the cruelty inflicted on animals in the name of "sport" by animal abusers.

The carcasses of animals killed by packs of hounds were documented and taken away for post-mortem examinations, helping to underline the stress experienced by the animals and the nature of their death. This in turn helped put an end to false claims that the hunted animals were killed instantly by the lead hound snapping their necks, proving that death was usually a protracted disembowelment whilst the animal was still conscious.

Another incident involving hunt saboteurs resulted in a young fox that had actually been attacked by hounds being rescued, taken for veterinary treatment and then released into the wild. (The fox became known as "Copper" after a policeman's helmet was used at the scene to prevent hounds digging into the earth.) This case again proved the nature in which animals were attacked. There is no doubt that, although monitoring of hunts by other anti-hunting organizations captured incidences of cruelty, without the extra evidence provided by hunt saboteurs the case against hunting could not have been put forward so forcefully.

Unfortunately, some in the anti-hunting movement have seen fit to play down the important role played by hunt saboteurs, so I will take this opportunity to underline its importance again and briefly recap what happened.

- Over 40 years, we directly saved the lives of tens of thousands of animals.
- Constant sabotage forced hunts to reduce the numbers of days hunted and in some cases forced closures or mergers of hunts – saving yet more lives.
- Constant sabotage reduced the overall killing ability of packs of hounds – again saving more lives.
- We helped keep the issue alive in the media.
- We provided vital evidence of what takes place at a hunt.
- Sadly, putting the lives of animals first, two hunt saboteurs died at hunts and hundreds more have sustained serious (often permanent) injuries. There have also been hundreds of arrests, some of which unfortunately resulted in criminal convictions.

When you consider all of the above, to play down our role seems not only crass, but downright offensive.

Although we are glad that hunting as we know it has been banned, the Act itself falls short of fully preventing hunters from persecuting wildlife. Hunts may still use two hounds to flush animals out of woodland to a line of people with shotguns. This activity has always taken place in areas such as parts of Wales and the West Country, and these "fox destruction packs" are often more difficult to find than the traditional mounted hunts, as they tend to operate as small clubs of farmers and other animal abusers. To some in the "anti-hunt movement" this is acceptable. To the HSA it is not.

Whilst some who are opposed to hunting are not opposed to the "control" of wildlife so much as with the way it takes place, we do not accept that the killing of wildlife is necessary. Foxes, for instance, are much maligned by people who enjoy killing animals, but there is little evidence to support their claims that foxes are "vermin." In fact, there is more evidence to suggest the contrary. Buying into the argument that foxes need "controlling" is something that we will not do.

What marks us out from others in the "anti-hunt movement" is that we are not animal welfarists; rather, we believe in animal rights (and indeed liberation). On this point, it has been argued that the HSA became the world's first animal rights organization in 1979, when the AGM adopted a declaration of animal rights as its guiding principle.

Terrier work – putting terriers into fox earths to locate foxes and flush them out or dig down to them – has also been given some exemptions, pandering to the shooting fraternity who claim that they need to control foxes to protect the birds they rear in order that they can later shoot them.

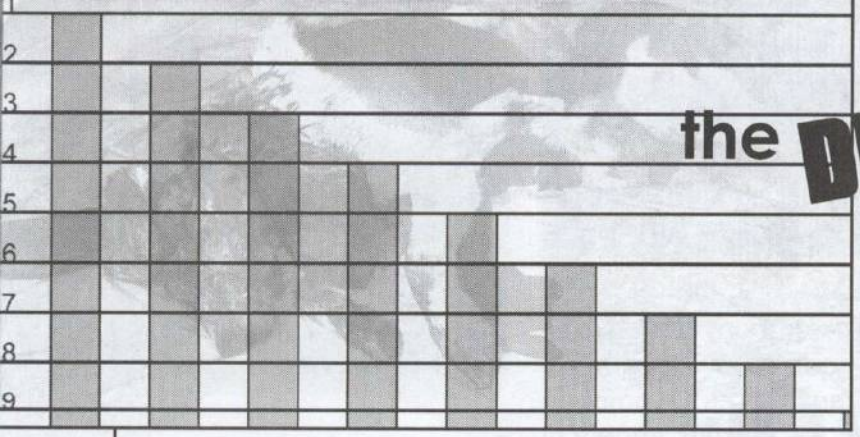
CONNECTICUT – (3/14) - Three activists with the Rainforest Action Network were arrested and fined after posting "Wanted" signs on telephone poles and trees near the home of J.P. Morgan Chase CEO William Harrison. Within half an hour of posting them, the activists were charged with disturbing the peace and the fliers were removed. The ACLU of Connecticut is looking into the arrests.

HEREFORDS, UK (3/11) - A fire kills 9000 chickens and destroys a 14,000 sq ft shed on a farm in Ledbury, Herefords. The cost of the fire at Hill House Farm has been estimated at more than £100,000. An electrical fault was suspected as the cause, though the building had been rewired and refurbished just 18 months earlier.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (3/12) - Howard Giles becomes the first person to kill an animal by remote control from his home in San Antonio, using a service provided by a company called Live-shot.com. The pig was munching on corn about 50 miles away in the Texas Hill country. "He was a beast," said Giles. "I felt like I was there."

TEL AVIV, ISREAL (3/16) - Anonymous for Animal Rights announces that it has succeeded in its campaign to convince the municipality of Tel-Aviv to ban circus acts that include any type of animal, wild or otherwise. Wild animal circus acts have already been banned all over the country since 1995.

IRELAND (3/21) - The government rules out a nationwide ban on fur farming but says it may introduce stricter licensing requirements in the future, saying an all-out ban would be neither practical nor useful. Earlier, Greens leader Trevor Sargent said, "Our intention is to end this needless and cruel practice via the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill 2004."



the DISMAL financial outlook for Life Sciences Research (aka Huntingdon Life Sciences)

The other day, while sitting in my corporate finance class, my professor assigned us a company valuation project. I immediately thought that Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) would be a perfect company to analyze and expose to my classmates. Why not get class credit for doing some animal rights research?

My professor laid out some requirements first: The company must pay a dividend and must be publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). I was amazed that HLS met neither requirement. These are such basic requirements for any publicly-traded company that I was shocked to find that HLS virtually doesn't exist in the business world.

So, I called SHAC and asked what was going on. It turns out that because a group of dedicated activists decided to expose the pitiful business practices of HLS, the company was kicked off the New York Stock Exchange. Not bad for a bunch of volunteers; especially considering that HLS was also kicked off the London Stock Exchange. Once that happened, HLS was re-incorporated as Life Sciences Research Inc., an American company.

Even though HLS sought protection in the U.S. markets, the company remains so unstable that it is currently traded on an Over the Counter (OTC) Market –Bulletin Board Symbol LSRI. The OTC is where penny stocks are traded— it's reserved for the highly-volatile, low-return companies that no analyst would be caught dead covering.

Think information on HLS is easy to find? Think again. HLS is so decimated that I couldn't conduct even the most basic business research on it. It isn't listed on any business databases. Most information that is available is dated circa 2000, when HLS last traded on the NYSE. In fact, I can't find the last time that HLS even paid a dividend to shareholders. This is startling considering HLS is a mature company that is expected to pay dividends to investors. All of this paints a pretty bleak forecast for HLS.

While it's easy to forget how successful the SHAC campaign has been— to think that HLS is on its last leg and should be shut down already— we must remain attuned to the ultimate goal of permanently closing down this morally-bankrupt and corrupt lab.

Not surprisingly, the annual meeting (being held in Panama?!?) for HLS is in June 2005—the same month that the SHAC 7 go to trial. Coincidence? I don't think so. HLS' stock price is closely linked to SHAC. In fact, ever since the indictment for the SHAC 7 was issued, the stock price has been slowly climbing to today's all-time high price of $12.35. But remember—even this isn't a true reflection of the stock price, because HLS did a reverse stock split, which decreased the number of shares available. The true stock price (divided by 50) is 25 ***cents***.

This isn't over yet. There have been so many times when HLS should have closed its doors for good, but the government stepped in to bail out the company. I am confident that these types of last-ditch efforts will evaporate quickly. Finance theory states that managers must be fiscally responsible and maximize shareholder value. Any way you look at it, HLS has done a miserable job of that.

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SAN JOSE, CALIF. (3/21) - Peter Young, who had been a "fugitive from justice" since 1998, is captured. Young was indicted in 1998 on charges of violating the "Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act"— stemming from a series of 1997 mink liberations in Wisconsin.

PENNSYLVANIA (3/22) – A revision of Pennsylvania's current "ecoterrorism" bill passes the PA house by a vote of 168-16. The bill would make it possible for a person to become a convicted ecoterrorist having committed a summary offense-level violation. It also fails to enumerate what it means to "intimidate or coerce."

SACRAMENTO, CALIF (3/22) - Robert Harjit pleads guilty in federal court to one count of federal perjury (giving false answers knowingly to the grand jury) in relation to an FBI investigation in Chico. He faces 10-21 months. Robert Brooks pleads to one count of misdemeanor contempt, which holds a possible 0-6 month sentence.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF (3/23) – Activists Pamelyn Ferdin and Natalie Norcross file false arrest and harassment claims against the city of Los Angeles. Ferdin and Norcross had demonstrated in Mayor Hahn's neighborhood to protest mismanagement, corruption and senseless killing among Department of Animal Services officials.

MIAMI, FLORIDA (3/25) - In response to the "Free Lolita" campaign, the Miami Seaquarium serves two activists with a $300,000 lawsuit. The action is a countersuit to the assault charges against Seaquarium employees who attacked activists in 2002. More info at www.miamiseaprison.com.

ON THE ICE FLOES
PROTECTING CANADIAN SEALS

What do Paris Hilton, the Sea Shepherd Society and 22 members of the 109th Congress have in common? This year, they all spoke out against Canada's bloody harp seal hunt.

If anything good can be claimed to have sprouted from this year's vile massacre of weeks-old harp seals, it is the huge public awareness raised by the convergence of so many divergent faces in support of the seals. While Paris Hilton publicly sported an eye-catching "Club sandwiches, not seals" shirt, members of Congress drafted a resolution "[u]rging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt."

Even Hollywood's MacGyver (Richard Dean Anderson) and 007 (Pierce Brosnan) spoke out for the seals, asking consumers to boycott Canadian seafood until the government stops the slaughter. (While we'd of course prefer a perpetual boycott, we appreciate the sentiment in this case.)

Meanwhile, Sea Shepherd and other animal protection groups took to the ice, bearing witness to the grim slaughter. Armed with cameras, they brought their footage to the rest of the world, sparking an international outcry reminiscent of that seen against the seal hunts of the 1970s, when the resultant public relations disaster forced a ban on the import of the baby seal skins into the U.S and European Union countries.

Blood on the ice

And this year's hunt was every bit as bloody, if not more so, than those from the 70s. Images of baby seals emitting bloody gurgles in their death throes before being skinned alive were a grim flashback to the ugly images from decades earlier. Predictably, the response of Canadian officials has been dismissive at best.

"Freshly-killed seals often exhibit a 'swim reflex,'" explained Department of Fisheries spokesman Phil Jenkins, when confronted with footage of bloodied seals writhing in anguish and screaming after being bludgeoned by sealers.

Baby seals weren't the victims in this year's seal hunts; activists were also targets of the sealers' violence. More than one violent attack on activists was caught on camera and broadcast over the Internet. To date, no prosecutions have resulted.



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On the other hand, prosecutions are currently pending against 11 Sea Shepherd crewmembers who are charged with the outrageous crime of—*gasp*— filming without permission from the government. Sea Shepherd has vowed to use these upcoming court battles as an "opportunity to challenge these censorship regulations as violations of the Canadian Constitution and the Charter of Rights."

Dealers in Death

So who are the thugs behind this atrocity? Count Alan Herscovici, executive vice-president of the Fur Council of Canada, as one.

According to Herscovici, "Sealskin is lightweight and sleek, which is more fashionable now than the shaggier furs warn by previous generations. It's also ideal for producing bags, shoes, purses and other accessories - so even if you can't afford a full-length coat, you can still have a bit of fur."

The Rieber group, one of the world's major processors of seal pelts, is another. The Rieber group transports seals skins from Canada to Norway, the world's largest importer of seal furs. Although the European Union and the U.S. have banned the import of baby seal skins from Canada, Eastern Europe (which sports a record on animal protection just as dismal as its human rights record) provides a healthy market for the skins of "older" seals.

Fashion designers also bear responsibility for the massacre. Designers like Prada and Donatella Versace have reportedly used seal fur in their collections. (The latter was thanked for her cruelty with a letter of protest signed by a cadre of American Idol contestants; how much more mainstream American can you get than that?)

Finally, there are the sealers themselves—off-season cod fishermen looking to bolster their income after a run of dismal fishing seasons, conveniently blamed on allegedly ravenous seals. The myth of cod-devouring seals has been propagated and sustained by the Canadian government, eager to divert attention from the true cause for declining fish populations: overfishing.

But try as they might, the Canadian seal hunt is one government-sponsored cruelty that seems destined for defeat. It's been said that an image is worth a thousand words, and thanks to the brave activists documenting this year's hunt, this is one animal cruelty issue that surely speaks for itself.

TORONTO, CANADA (3/30) - Thousands of sealers armed with clubs, rifles and spears begin killing baby harp seals on the ice floes off eastern Canada. Hunters were expected to kill more than 300,000 seals by May 15, when a federal three-year plan allowing sealers to harvest a total of 975,000 seals since 2003 ends.

ISRAEL (4/1) - The High Court of Justice decides that the practice of force-feeding geese for foie gras will be illegal, effective immediately. The original court ruling came as a result of a petition filed by activists, who argued that force-feeding to enlarge their livers constitutes illegal animal abuse.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (4/13) – A third suspect is charged with aiding in an arson at BYU's agriculture school. Jason Hall has been charged with a misdemeanor for his alleged assistance in setting the fires. Two others, Josh Demmitt and snitch Harrison David Burrows, are already serving 2.5-year sentences for their part in the fire.

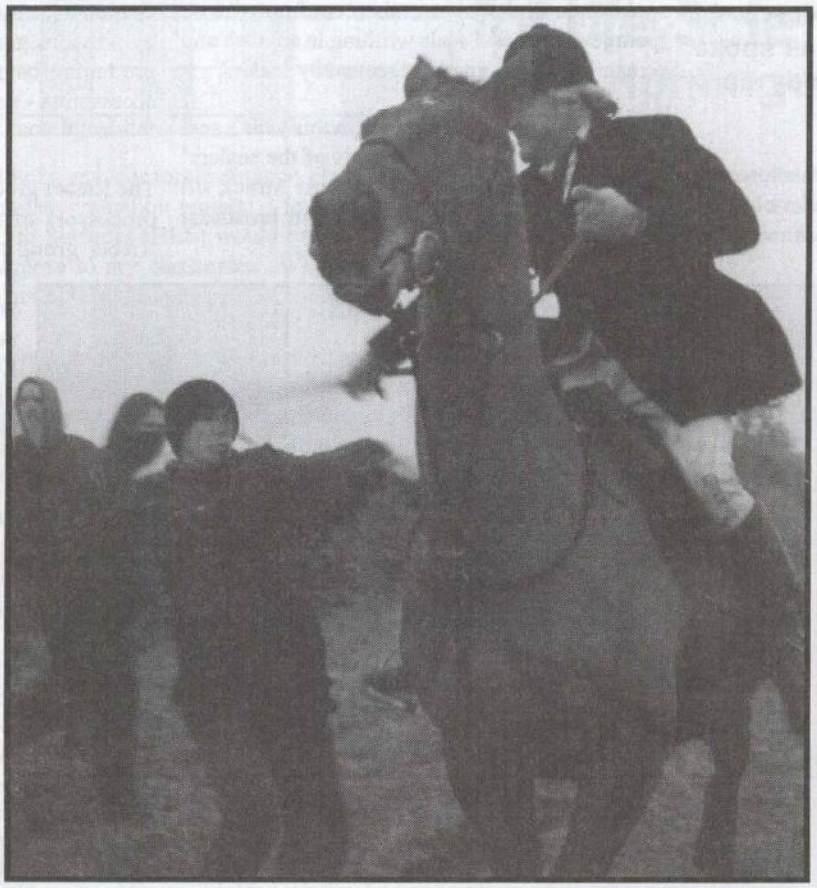
POLK CITY, FLA (4/15) - A 52-year-old man working at an elephant-breeding facility is injured when an elephant knocks him to the ground with her trunk and then steps on him. The man was feeding the elephant at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Center for Elephant Conservation when the incident happened

HOUSTON, TEXAS (4/15) - Bella, the Houston Zoo's baby elephant, is put to sleep after zoo officials learn that screws used to repair her fractured femur had already dislodged.
Bella had somehow stumbled and fallen earlier while walking in the elephant yard and subsequently underwent a 2 1/2 -hour operation

HUNT BAN *(Continued from Pg. 7)*

On Saturday February 19th, hunts across the country held high-profile meets in protest against the new law. They scored an own goal by proudly displaying the foxes they killed "within the law." The blinkered view that these people have about the issue is often their own worst enemy. Ordinary people generally cannot relate to them!

Hunt saboteurs attended as well, to see how the hunts acted in the face of the legislation – and to act if necessary. The media interest in hunt saboteurs was unprecedented. Across the country, journalists and TV crews joined sabs. In Kent, a BBC TV crew was caught up in an attack on sabs by hunt thugs. In Sussex, an ITV crew filmed sabs being attacked and their vehicle being rammed by hunt thugs. They also filmed police failing to act against any of these blatant breaches of the law or to act on the allegations that the hunt itself was breaking the law. None of this is new, but the footage was broadcast on primetime TV. In Hampshire, a journalist for the national paper, *The Observer*, has his car keys stolen by hunt thugs when they attacked sabs.



Since that day, the majority of hunts have been complying with the law. Reports from around the country attest to the fact that many have adopted drag hunting – that is, chasing a trail that has been laid down previously. Others have taken to flushing out to guns, and at these events, hunts saboteurs have been attacked and arrested. A small minority of hunters have carried out illegal hunting, some of which have been caught on camera. Legal proceedings for these are eagerly awaited.

What is clear is that if the ban is to be effective, it needs to be enforced. Following years of constant police harassment, bias and persecution, we have found ourselves in the role of policing the hunt and needing to establish working relationships with those whom we sought to avoid before!

Whilst in some areas, this assistance has been welcomed and a new era of collaboration has started, this has not always been the case. Publicly, the Association of Chief Police Officers has stated that they do not want our assistance. However, on the flip side, they have failed to prioritise the issue or make resources available, forcing us into this unenviable position.

We also have to consider whether the officers involved can be trusted. In the past, officers themselves have been involved in bloodsports, and high-ranking officers have been spotted riding with the hunt!

What the future holds remains to be seen. My prediction is that in the next couple of years, hunts will start to fold or merge at an increasing rate. There will be no overnight "bang," but rather, we believe the activity will just fizzle out. Neither will it stop completely. Some will carry on breaking the law and hunting when they are not being watched. Others will stick to the law and engage in drag hunting. Still others will form "gun packs."

Whatever happens, we will have to react to what takes place and remain vigilant. As someone once said, "The only thing you can predict about sabotaging a hunt is that it is unpredictable."

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. (4/18) – William Cottrell is sentenced to more than eight years in prison and ordered to pay $3.5 million for his role in a spree of arson and vandalism that targeted gas-guzzling Hummers and other sports utility vehicles. Cottrell earlier snitched on his two alleged accomplices, who were forced to flee the country.

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS (4/21) - The Netherlands reports its first human case of "mad cow" disease but says Dutch beef is safe to eat due to the safety measures introduced after the disease ravaged farming in Britain. Dutch media report that the patient is a 26-year-old woman, but the authorities declined to confirm that.

PITTSBURGH, PENN (4/21) - Robert Stevens of Pittsville, Virginia is sentenced to more than three years in prison Thursday for selling videotapes of fighting pit bulls.
He is the first person sentenced under a 1999 federal animal cruelty law that forbids interstate commerce in animal cruelty depictions.

SEOUL, KOREA (4/23) – Six elephants escape from a children's circus, trample property and trash a pork restaurant. One woman needed treatment for a head wound after she was bowled over by an elephant's trunk. The elephants fled in the middle of a performance at Children's Park in north-eastern Seoul, where they perform five times a day.

PORTLAND, ORE (4/28) - The City Council approves a recommendation by Mayor Tom Potter to withdraw police officers from an FBI-led anti-terror task force (Joint Terrorism Task Force), making the city the first in the nation to pull out of a nationwide network put together by the federal agency.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

SHAC 7 TRIAL DELAYED



What has been billed by animal advocates as the most important legal case in recent history took an interesting turn in June. The trial of the SHAC 7 was unexpectedly delayed at the start of trial and is now slated to begin either late this year or in early 2006.

The trial for the six individuals and the organization Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty began June 1st with a mass rally outside the courthouse. Attorneys on the case had selected a jury and opening statements had begun when a lead defense attorney fell ill. A week later, the judge declared a mistrial, effectively putting off the trial until a later date.

The SHAC 7 trial focuses on seven individuals allegedly involved in the campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences. Armed FBI agents stormed the homes of the activists in May 2004 and arrested them on charges of interstate stalking and Animal Enterprise Terrorism. Although one of the individuals—John McGee—had his charges dismissed just prior to the trial's commencement, charges still loom over the heads of the remaining six.

While trial is put off for now, it is still inevitable, and the SHAC 7 need our continued support. Stay tuned to www.SHAC7.com for future updates.

RESISTING GRAND JURIES IN CA

Grand juries have been sprouting up all over California, with at least ten activists subpoenaed to testify at a grand jury in San Francisco. At a rally in late June, at least 100 activists gathered to protest the first of several scheduled grand jury dates for those subpoenaed.

At the other end of the state, a San Diego grand jury has repeatedly convened and has so far subpoenaed at least nine activists under the guise of investigating environmental activism in the area.

Many of the subpoenaed individuals have publicly stated that they will not cooperate with the grand jury. At the San Francisco rally, subpoenaed activist Nadia Winstead stated, "I refuse to participate in their modern day witch hunt. I will not cooperate with this grand jury or any in the future."



Activists have traditionally refused to cooperate with grand juries—often risking jail time as a result. They view grand juries as unconstitutional because they are conducted in secret, deprive individuals access to an attorney, allow them no right to remain silent, and strip them of Fifth Amendment privileges.

Stay abreast of new developments with the recent spate of grand jury activity at www.FBIWitchHunt.com.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF (4/29) - Eight nonviolent logging protesters who had pepper spray swabbed in their eyes by law enforcement officers in 1997 finally win their case when a jury rules that Humboldt County and Eureka law enforcement officers used excessive force at the protest. Attorneys say the verdict would prevent the use of pepper spray on nonviolent protesters.

WINCHESTER, ENGLAND (4/29) – Veteran activist Keith Mann is sentenced to six months in prison for contempt of court relating to a raid on Wickham labs in Hampshire. The raid, which revealed the ongoing use of the notorious LD-50 tests at the lab, resulted in the liberation of over 700 mice.

CHICAGO, ILL (5/1) - The last elephant at the Lincoln Park Zoo – Wankie, a 36-year-old African elephant – dies just hours after being moved from Lincoln Park to a Utah zoo following the death of her two elephant companions earlier this year. Midway through the trip, Wankie reportedly collapsed. Activists believe the transfer was rushed to circumvent a pending city council resolution that Wankie be retired to a sanctuary.

VIRGIN ISLANDS (5/6) - The local legislature passes a law making animal abuse a felony. The 15-member unicameral legislature unanimously voted to override Gov. Charles Turnbull's veto of the law last year. The law now provides a maximum two-year prison sentence and a US$2,000 fine for people convicted of cruelty to animals.

HOBART, AUSTRALIA (5/7) – Activist Ralph Hahnheuser is cleared of criminal charges stemming from an action in which he added pig meat to animal feed to stop the export of live sheep to the Middle East. As a result of the action, the sheep were considered unsuitable for consumption in Muslim countries, and the sheep killers lost more than $1.3 million as a result.

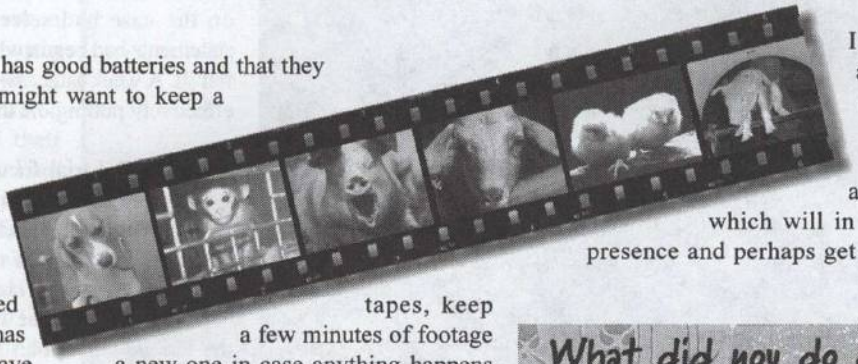
a guide to TAKING GOOD VIDEO FOOTAGE

what you need to know to shoot usable video of animals

We've all seen footage of animals in horrendous conditions. But where does that footage come from? Typically, it's shot by your everyday activist who wants to expose what is happening behind closed doors. Any one of us can do it--here No Compromise offers up some tips on how to shoot usable footage. After all, blurry or shaky video does little to help animals. Now get out there and start filming!

Have all equipment prepared and ready to be used before getting to the location.

Make sure your camera has good batteries and that they are fully charged. You might want to keep a back up with you.



Be sure to take plenty of film or memory (for digital cameras).

If you have partially used tapes, keep them safe. Even if it just has a few minutes of footage on one tape, it is best to have a new one in case anything happens and your camera is taken. Identify tapes by writing on them the moment they are removed from your camera and put them somewhere safe.

Make sure if you do not have a light on your camera that you bring some additional light.

Use the ten second rule when videotaping your subject. Keep your camera still and steady and focused for 10 seconds. Try not to get distracted by other animals walking around. You can videotape them later. If applicable, do be sure to get the sounds of the animals or other noises in the area.

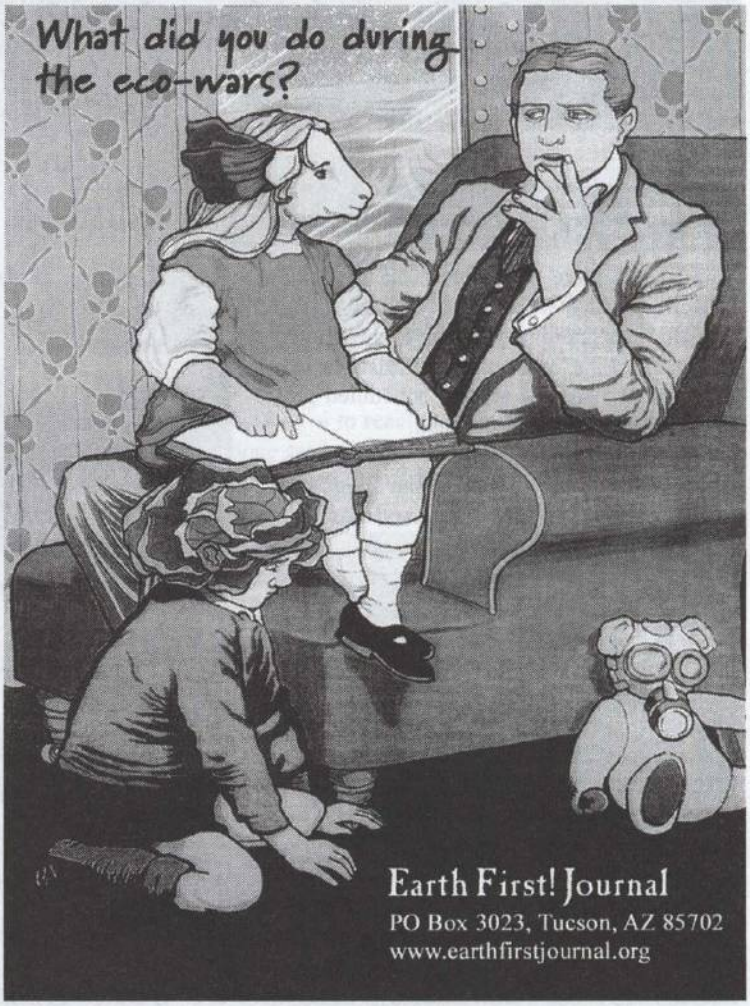
If the animal moves out of shot, allow them to go before moving the camera.

Once s/he's gone, move the camera quickly to catch up with the animal, and hold the shot still again - don't try and visually chase the animal around with the camera because the resulting footage will almost certainly be unusable. Sometimes it is necessary to follow the action, but try to do so in a smooth and fluid motion, beginning and ending with ten-second static shots.

If you need to show the size of a location or to show the full building for identification purposes, you might want to get a wide shot. If you do need to pan because you can't get far enough away from the buildings, take a static shot first, holding for about ten seconds. Then without cutting, pan very slowly keeping the camera on the same level all the time. At the end of the pan, hold still for a further ten seconds.

Keep in mind that for each animal there are specific things to look for in terms of their treatment. Dead animals are obvious signs of neglect. Welfare needs are important to observe: Do sows in crates have marks on their faces from banging their heads? How are ducks able to access the water? How closely confined are calves and hens? How many hens are in a cage? Be sure to video these and then later document it all by writing down what you remember and other details about the farm that perhaps would not be evident from the video.

If necessary and/or possible, have another person nearby to help with any security issues, so that you can concentrate fully on the photography/ videoing. This will allow you to be as calm and fully focused as possible, which will in turn help the animals adjust to your presence and perhaps get closer to you, if necessary.



UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE (5/7) – Hunter Tony Meltabarger is turkey hunting in the Plainview Community when another hunter shoots him in the shoulder and face. The two men were hunting separately. The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency is investigating the shooting.

NEW ZEALAND (5/9) - One man drowns in the North Island and a young boy is shot by his father in the South Island on Saturday during the first day of the duck shooting season. Kelvin John Demalmanche, 47, drowned after falling into Lake Koitiata while trying to retrieve a killed duck from the lake.

NEW JERSEY (5/9) – Turkey hunter Jerry White is shot by fellow turkey Hunter Michael Kalin while he hides behind trees, making turkey calls. According to reports, Kalin blasted White from behind with a 12-gauge shotgun. Doctors later removed 150 pellets from White's arms and legs.

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA (5/10) – Scientists from the Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Accounting declare, "Human-induced climate change is a reality. Its primary cause is excessive emissions of greenhouse gases across the globe: burning fossil fuels for transport and generating electricity; clearing and burning forests; farming land; and raising animals for food and clothing materials."

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. (5/10) — Police shoot and kill five buffaloes that escaped from a meatpacking plant. Instead of fleeing, the buffalo began grazing in a yard and police fired at the buffalo with semiautomatic rifles, killing them one-by-one. Grindinger, the plant owner, said six buffalo escaped in December 2003. Three of those were shot by police.

TOP 10 do it yourself animal liberation tips!

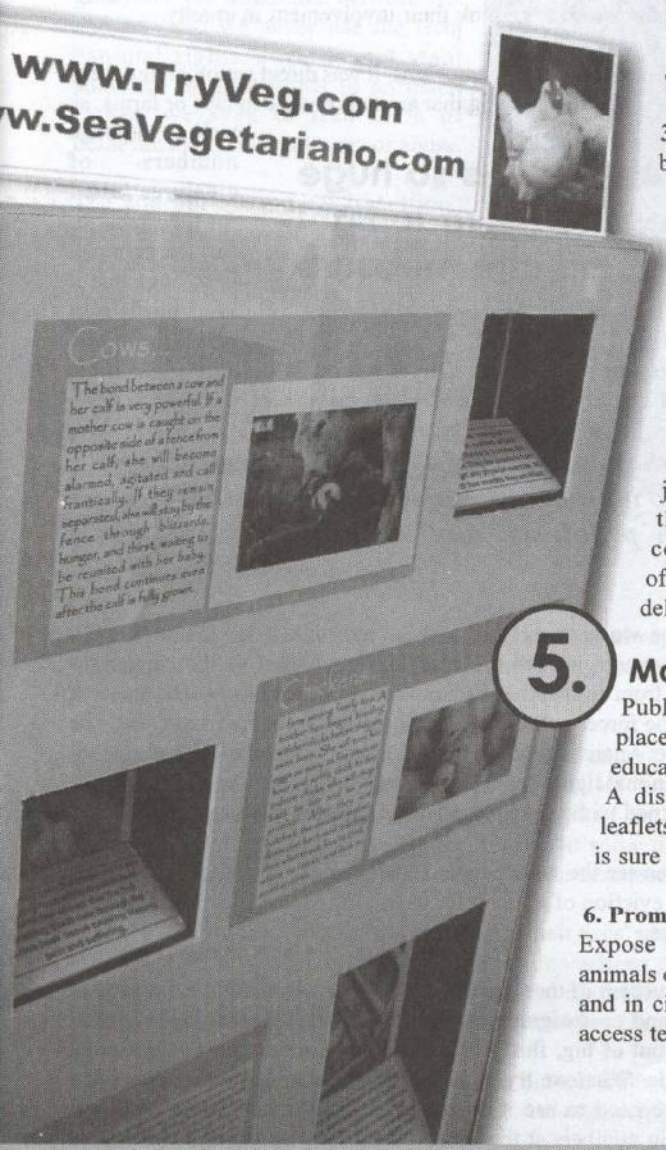
sometimes an army of one is all the animals need

As animal advocates, we often find ourselves working as a team of one or two. While mass demonstrations, rallies, investigations and other multiple person actions are needed and important, sometimes an army of one is all the animals need. Don't limit yourself with these 10 ideas. The animals need our creativity, our sacrifice, and our willingness to do what it takes!

Based on suggestions from Vegan Outreach and PETA

1. Work as a Humane Educator in area schools. Humane education examines the challenges facing our planet, from human oppression and animal exploitation to materialism and ecological degradation. For more information on Humane Education training visit *http://www.iihed.org*

2. Leaflet, leaflet, leaflet! Carry literature with you and leave it everywhere - at the laundromat, in waiting rooms, on the bus, and wherever you go. Leaflet a concert as it lets out; in just 20 minutes, you can pass out hundreds of booklets to concert-going youth.



3. Wear compassion on your sleeve (or backpack or shirt). It's amazing how effective simple activities, like strategically placing a sticker or an "Ask me why I'm vegan" button on your jacket or backpack, can be. You'll be amazed by the conversations that one little button, sticker, or t-shirt can start!

4. Host a vegan dinner party. Many people would like to go vegetarian but just don't know what to eat. We can't think of a better way to promote compassion than by showing your officemates, or non-vegan friends just how delicious vegan dining can be.

5. Make a library display.

Public libraries usually have prominently placed display cases that members can use to educate others about issues that concern them. A display with a collage or poster, some leaflets and appropriate books from the library is sure to get attention and turn heads!

6. Promote animal rights on cable-access TV. Expose thousands of people to the plight of animals on factory and fur farms, in laboratories and in circuses by organizing your own cable-access television show.

7. Get involved with local community groups. Members of local organizations can talk to their clubs about offering vegan meals at group functions. Church members can speak with pastors about veggie options at church dinners and fundraisers.

7.



Set up an information table.

A great way to reach a large number of people is to set up an information table in a busy area of your town (try the local mall, concerts, street and craft fairs, middle schools, high schools, colleges, etc., and be sure to get permission). Stock your table with flyers and fact sheets and get ready to amaze and educate passersby!

8. Write letters for the animals. The Letters section is the most-read section of the daily paper and is well read in magazines as well. Scan the newspaper for animal issues, then put pen to paper. See "Letters for Liberation" in *No Compromise issue #26*for more info.

10. Make requests at grocery stores and restaurants for vegan foods. Give everyone vegan options and save animals who otherwise would have died for someone's plate. Grocery stores and restaurants will bend over backwards to satisfy their customers, so don't be shy about requesting vegan foods!

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. (5/11) – Residents of a neighborhood attack and beat two individuals caught chasing and beating a pit bull puppy with a baseball bat. After rescuing the dog, the rescuers fed her and turned her over to the SPCA (who told the individuals that the dog would be sold and not euthanized).

MACON COUNTY, GA. (5/8) – Known animal abuser Jeremy White, who bragged frequently about killing his dog with antifreeze, is found drowned in the Ocmulgee River in a freak hunting accident. We are thankful that no other animals will die at his hands.

VANCOUVER, B.C. (5/14) — Prisons say they will begin offering inmates a vegan meal option, after 2 inmates who were denied vegan accommodations file suits with the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal. Inmate Keith Maydak had tried to refuse the trays of food at mealtimes, but was told he would be put in segregation if he didn't eat.

SAN MATEO, CALIF. (5/17) — Robert Kelly, who lives on the 1500 block of Mount Diablo Ave, is arrested after allegedly beating a cat to death with a golf club and then threatening a woman who tried to intervene. Kelly told police he was frustrated because the cat continually came onto his property and attempted to enter his home.

WASHINGTON (5/17) —Five groups – the ACLU, the American-Arab Anti-discrimination Committee, Greenpeace, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and United for Peace and Justice — join together to sue the FBI to release records about monitoring of anti-war and other political activities by federal agents assigned to counter-terrorism duties. The suit came after the FBI ignored FOIA requests for the documents.

A NEW WAVE OF ACTIVISM IN ITALY

interview with an italian activist on the morini and AIP campaign

"As soon as people can open their eyes, small revolutions take place."

In the past, the global AR/AL scene has hardly heard anything from Italy. And suddenly there are thousands of people in Italy on the streets to protest against the exploitation of animals. How do you explain this?

There are two reasons that explain this situation. The first is that the Italian movement— although existing and active— in the past has never had a continued sharing of ideas and news with other countries. Direct actions began in the '80s, during which time many fur farms have been emptied and closed down, vivisection labs raided and animals freed. At the same time, the national organizations were bringing in 1,000 or 2,000 people to demos; almost 3,000 people reportedly gathered at a 1993 protest at a Morini farm demo organized by LAV (Anti Vivisection League).

What has changed in the last years is that a new wave of activism has taken place, inspired by grassroots animal liberation campaigns abroad, and there are activists in touch with others in different countries. This has resulted in increasing activities and pressure on abusers, new groups being formed, and the sharing of news with the worldwide movement.

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Can you tell something about the structure of the AR/AL movement in Italy? Who are these people who are active for animals? How do you work?

The grassroots movement and the organizations are quite separated; there's no cooperation. A few organizations are more genuine and sometimes a sort of dialogue or reciprocal respect can take place, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Lager, national organizations, who fear the growth of the radical movement that has attracted the attention of media and the support of people, have, at various times, actively boycotted some of our national demos.

The grassroots animal liberation movement is formed mostly by activists who refuse any sort of hierarchy and cooperate on consensus. There is still the need for a better "structured" movement comprised of a network of local groups. But this is still a work in progress. Currently our movement has a lot of young activists, and the need for more experience is often apparent. On a positive note, there's a diffused sensibility on different aspects of our society, and not only about the oppression and abuse of animals.

Which strategies do you use? One of your main projects is the Morini campaign. Do you consider campaigns being an appropriate measure to fight animal exploitation?

The tactics used in Italy are similar to those used in other countries, with some slight variations. Every country has its peculiarities in its history of struggles and with its approach to repressive forces. There is a less diffused use of civil disobedience, for example, because it has never been a tactic widely used in Italian social movements.

In Italy, there is quite a straight division between legal and illegal activities, and there is not much use of daylight illegal actions or of civil disobedience—partly due to the heavy reaction that policemen often have to these tactics. And we have a different approach to arrests, in that they definitely tend to be avoided.

Campaigning against the animal abuse system or any other form of exploitation is very important. History proves that it is only with a mix of campaigning, information and action that victories can be achieved. But campaigning cannot be the only solution in many cases, and that's when direct action makes its way. The A.L.F. actions, for example, directly save lives or push companies to rethink their involvement in cruelty.

Many times, in many different campaigns, it was direct action giving them strength. The amount of suffering that animals endure in labs or farms, as well as the huge numbers of creatures killed for their meat or fur, for example, is so huge that it is hard to pinpoint one single best measure to fight it. Direct action is definitely the most appropriate measure we can see used in the movement.

Which are the differences of the AR/AL movement in Italy, compared to the movement in other countries? Which are your main problems, and which are your biggest successes?

One difference we have noticed is how interlinked the Italian animal liberation movement is with the anarchist one. Most of the campaigns activists come from an anarchist background (from squats or social centers), and much of the forces gathered for national demos come from there. The result is double: Anarchists are becoming more involved in the struggle for animals, and animal rights people are getting in touch with a wider critic of society concerned with the exploitation of humans and nature as well.

In Italy, you can see the same people at demos against vivisection, GMOs or against the eviction of a squat, for example. Many movements tend to help each other.

The greatest success of these years has been in delivering the message of direct action and campaigning to all those interested in animal rights—taking forces out of big, fluffy organizations to direct them into a more radical struggle. What we try to explain is that any individual has some power, and we need to use it ourselves, not pay others to use it in our names. The big numbers at the Morini demos are an example of this, as they show the growth of many new groups inspired by this way of campaigning.

One problem this has led to is a numeric growth of the movement without, in many cases, a similar growth in the "quality" of protesters. A lot of people in fact do not have knowledge of the grassroots animal liberation movement, or they lack the political analysis to understand the situations

they find themselves to face (i.e. repression, or the infiltration of fascists in the movement). On the other side, we also have the problem of trying to get anarchists to dump stereotyped methods of fighting and go past some ideological mindsets. When a movement is young, there's a lot to of improvement to be had.

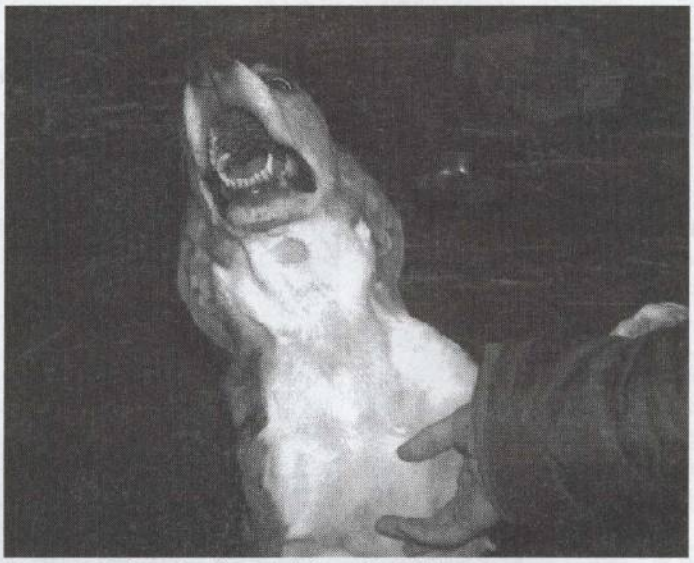
You call yourselves 'animalisti' in Italy. What does this term mean and stand for? What would you say is your self identity?

"Animalisti" is a term used to describe, generally, animal lovers, animal rights activists or animal welfarists. It's a general term with no particular identity. We see ourselves as individuals fighting against any form of oppression. A better term describing us would be anti-speciesist.

How do you discuss the terms 'animal rights' and 'animal liberation' in Italy?

It is already taken for granted in the grassroots the difference between AR and AL, and we never use the term "animal rights." We do not want someone to give rights to animals; rather, we seek to free them of domestication, from any cage or abuse.

The concept of "animal liberation" doesn't differ as much in its practical approach (like direct action) as it does in its theoretical approach.



One of 99 beagles liberated from Morini in 2002

Your Italian magazine shows that you are fighting against all forms of oppression in practice. "What future do you see for social change through social-political protest?" Are we all utopian fanatics?

This is a hard question. Every freedom fighter has always been called utopian, so maybe we do have a chance of achieving the changes we wish to see in this society.

Everyday life gives us negativity, being around so many brainwashed or insensitive people who are ready to repeat the so-called truth they hear on TV. This often gives activists despair, because all of our cries seem to remain unheard. I think all of us have felt this at some time— perhaps when leafleting to completely indifferent people on the streets, for example.

But on the other hand, as soon as people open their eyes, small revolutions take place. Everyday, acts of revolt against impositions or abuses take place— often unknown, unheard and silenced by the media. And in many cases we can see local struggle build collaboration between communities.

It is our duty to educate people about the hidden truths of power and corporations and to explain the potential of self-organization, which can bring us to a far better world.

In some countries it is discussed controversially if there is a good balance between theory and practice in the ARAR/AL movement. Do you have a similar discussion in Italy?

It's never easy to balance theory and practice. As a movement, we definitely need discussion on this point and on various issues. A movement without theory is hollow, but at the same time, theory cannot be a deterrent for action. We do not need armchair philosophers; rather, we need activists in the streets and in the shadows who can analyze and discuss animal and human liberation. We have this discussion here, and the answer we are trying to give is that a movement that has links with many other issues and causes can give rise to theory— the same theory that should be the input for more action.

Which role does the AR/AL movement play for global justice and peace? Which future do you see for the AR/AL movement?

Animal liberation is the ultimate liberation movement, since it takes forward the fight against *all* injustice, enlarging the concept of freedom for species beyond just humans. Anti-speciesism should be widely discussed and brought as an issue in all social struggle movements, since it can present new perspectives and help form really equalitarian struggles. We cannot fight to free humans while we forget our animal brothers lying in cages or being raised as objects. But neither should we cry for animals in cages and accept cages for humans. That's where we see animal and human liberation part of the same fight.

How did it come that you started the campaign against Morini?

The campaign started following June 2002, when police stopped a truck at the Austrian border with 56 beagles going from the Morini breeding farm to LPT lab in Hamburg. These puppies were taken by the police because the truck was not allowed to transport animals. Later, they were bought by a local politician and given to families. This led to a big media hype, and activists of one particular AR organization began a continuous, 24-hour-a-day presence at the farm, giving plate numbers to the police to stop the trucks. This lasted less than two weeks.

In July, the Regional Council approved a new law forbidding the use and sale of dogs to vivisection labs. This law was active for two years before being cancelled last June. This law didn't say anything about the sale of rodents and lab animal food, which have always been a big part of Morini's business.

Given the number of problems the farm was facing and the attention on it, we decided it was time to start our first radical campaign to close down this evil business. If it were not for this, we would have probably not begun a campaign against such a big and important company, probably going instead towards a smaller farm. But the timing was good for a big step towards the end of vivisection! A massive national demo with about 1,500 protesters was prepared for December 7.

Can you tell in short the most important developments in the Morini campaign?

The campaign has led many companies to stop working with Morini. For example, Morini has always used pet magazines to sell their beagles.

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COMMENTARY:

TOTAL LIBERATION

(NO ONE IS FREE WHILE OTHERS ARE OPPRESSED)

Rhetorically speaking, it is clear that many animal liberationists recognize the interconnection between all forms of oppression — speciesism, sexism, racism, classism, homophobia, body-typeism and so on. Many groups have built such palaver into their mission statements, pointing out (as does one particular group) that they acknowledge "the relationship between all forms of oppression and view[s] the struggle for animal rights as a part of the larger political struggle to end all forms of oppression."

Similar themes of "total liberation" have been the hot topics of recent conference organizing and ongoing internal debate.

For those of us who acknowledge the relationship between animal exploitation and other forms of oppression (though as debatable as any other philosophical stance), the formula is clear. The oppression of virtually all "weaker" groups – animals; women; people of color; people of varied gender and sexual orientations; the poor; "third-world nations"; the Earth, etc. — is grounded in the same sociopolitical/ economic mire. Disavowing this knowledge severely limits our ability to target the root of animal oppression and causes us to miss great opportunities for strong coalition building.

Though many activists agree that animal liberation is part of a larger struggle, action toward challenging the fundamental power structure is rarely incorporated into our activist agenda. That's a crucial misstep, because it's this fundamental power structure that not only allows for, but to a large degree necessitates, the oppression of animals and other groups.

We often bark about the reasons that feminists should be animal liberationists (or at least go vegan). Yet for the most part, we fail to recognize the importance of combating the rampant and insidious sexism that still finds a cozy home within our movement. While we tout the phrase that "no one is free while others are oppressed," oppressive language, thought and action remain commonplace within our ranks.

These double standards exist because, though many of us recognize the interconnection between all forms of oppression, few of us understand it and take time to combat our own internalized "isms." Owing to the long-standing and insidious nature of oppression, all of us are subject to some degree of internalized racism, sexism, homophobia, speciesism, body fascism, classism and so on, whether we realize it or not.

When faced with this realization, in order to avoid asking ourselves the really hard questions, we pull out our bag of excuses and proudly announce the reasons that animal liberationists are exempt from their own rhetoric. A few of our magical "EXEMPT" gems:

"With so many important animal issues at stake, there is no time to focus on our personal dysfunction."

"If we are too 'PC,' we will loose our ability to appeal to the mainstream."

"Human rights is just a scam, liberate the oppressed and they, in turn, become the oppressors."

"With all the government oppression activists are facing, now just isn't a good time to raise such sensitive issues."

However, if we truly understood the connection between animal exploitation and other forms of oppression, we would understand that animal liberation necessitates human liberation and that making excuses only serves to strengthen the oppressors' hold on our animal friends.

Incorporating true "total liberation" into our multi-pronged attack against animal oppression is easily said and, to some extent, surprisingly easily done. The first and most important place to start is your own head.

Our movement is made up of individuals, not floating rhetoric or walls of supposed moral superiority. Every action we take and every word we speak is tainted by our personal, internalized "isms." Therefore, it is on an individual level, with the support of our friends, family and comrades, that we must fight against deep-seated oppression.

When we react with hate or fear to someone's differences, we must challenge ourselves to explore and confront our own paradigms of negative thought. We must open our minds and evaluate our daily choices and actions through the eyes of the oppressed. We must focus on the issues and abandon hurtful and oppressive name-calling.

We must meditate on what a world free of oppression would look like and what fundamental changes are necessary to bring us there. Stalling will only serve to impede our ability to rock the foundations of animal exploitation and will prolong the plight of the animals.

No one is free while others are oppressed. Keep up the good fight for total liberation!



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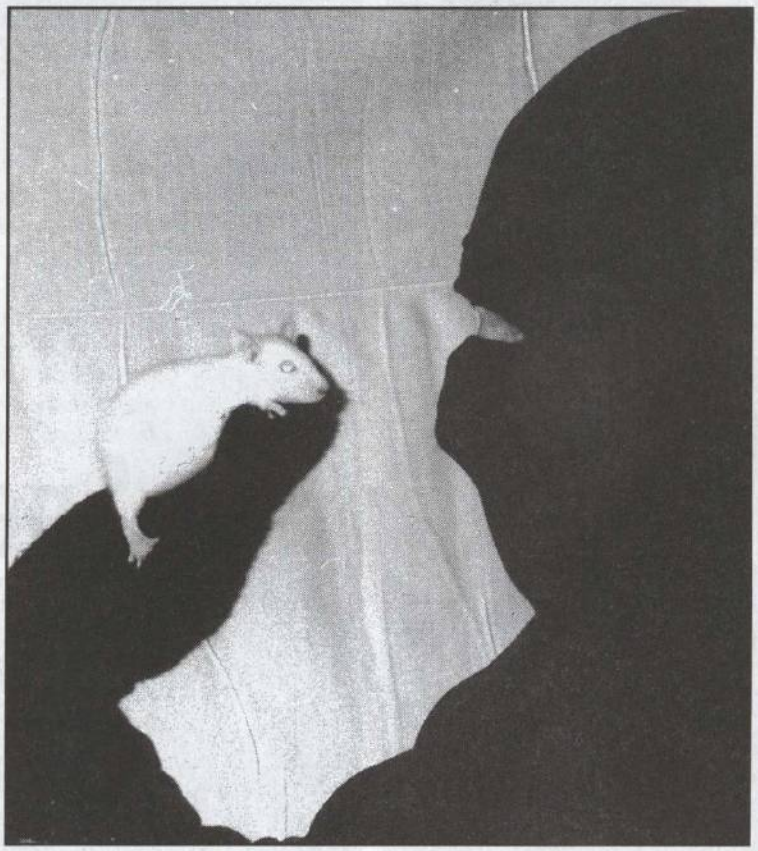
GETTING THE JOB DONE: RAIDING A LAB (AND LIBERATING RATS) with the finnish A.L.F.

THE STORY OF AN A.L.F. RAID ON A FINNISH UNIVERSITY. THE TRIALS, THE ERRORS, AND HOW THEY GOT THE JOB DONE. "I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE MORAL OF THIS STORY TO ACTIVISTS. YOU KNOW THE DRILL— ANYONE CAN UNDERTAKE RAIDS; THEY ARE NOT JUST FOR PROFESSIONALS."

In the summer of 1998, Finnish animal rights activists had their first protest camp outside the Karttula laboratory animal breeder, owned by Kuopio University. The camp ran from June until August. At the same time in another town, a small group of us met to think about ways in which we could join the fight against Kuopio's vivisectors and support the campers.

The thought of liberating animals from a laboratory or from a breeder was very inspiring. We knew, however, that getting dogs out of Karttula would be very difficult, because the site had increased security due to the camp and previous raids. In addition, none of us were very experienced in direct action, and we thought that an easier target might be more suitable for us.

One of us knew that in addition to the University laboratories, the National Public Health Institute (NPHI) also had animals in Kuopio. An anonymous source told us that behind the NPHI buildings where the lab was located, there was a door that could easily be opened with a crowbar.



Counting on this intelligence and information, we decided to see if we could liberate rats from the NPHI laboratory. Two of us took care of the preparations by getting us a car and a crowbar and finding two different, trustworthy persons who could temporarily take care of the rats until they were taken to permanent homes. We also knew of a fair number of possible permanent homes. The other participants had the easy job of appearing in the meeting place equipped with an extra pair of shoes and disposable gloves.

The first problem came when we met, when the more experienced thief in the group asked why we hadn't brought two crowbars. Apparently breaking open a door is much easier using two crowbars than one. Also, nobody had thought about bringing flashlights. It was too late to purchase any more items, so we decided to try to get by with what we had. (Naturally, we agreed that next time, we'd do the planning and preparations together as much as possible.)

In the early hours of the light summer night, we drove to the vicinity of the NPHI and searched for a suitable place to park. This part we should have done earlier, noted a sharp-tongued member of our group, because now we could raise unwanted attention by driving back and forth. So we parked in the first place where we could hide the car a little.

We had agreed that one of us would stand guard outside and alarm the others should somebody come to the scene. The guard stayed in a place deemed appropriate and waited while the others sought to open the door behind the lab with a crowbar. Contrary to the information we'd been given, the door was not very poorly constructed at all. After a few minutes, it became clear that the door wasn't about to open, even if we had ten crowbars. Noone needed to even say that we should have checked the place beforehand.

We didn't let this setback discourage us, though. Up on the wall there was a window, through which we could see empty cages. We concluded that behind that window there could be laboratory rooms. Cleverly we piled up some chairs we found around under the window to reach up to break the window and climb through.

The tallest member of the group got on top of the pile and was just about to hit the window with the crowbar, when our guard alarmed us about an approaching security company vehicle. Quickly we removed the chairs, and as everybody ran in different directions to the nearby forest, we realized that we should have agreed on an escape route. Those of us who stayed close saw the security guard get out of the car, get back in and drive off. However, some of the members of our group had disappeared, and we did not find them by our car either.

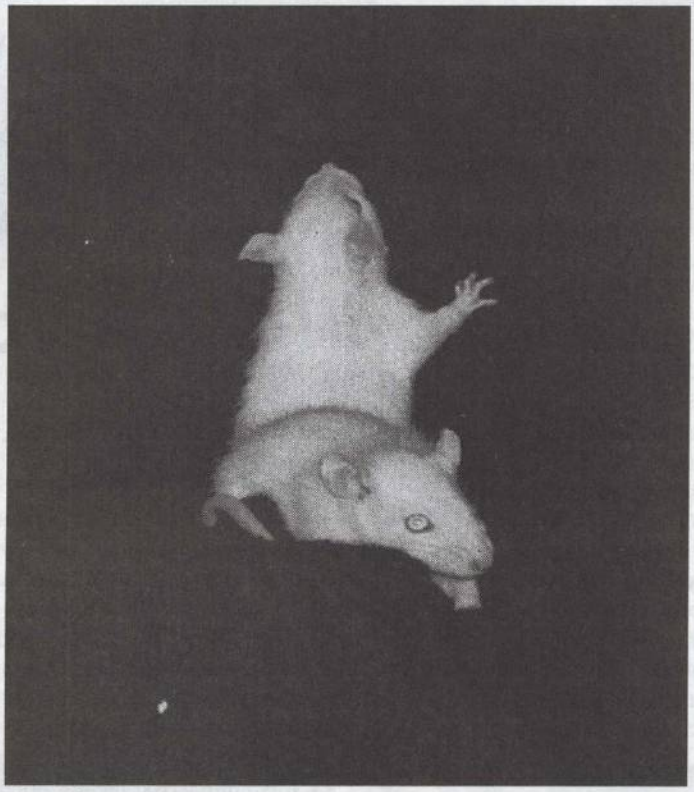
After half an hour of wandering and with a lot of luck, our group succeeded in reuniting. We decided that the security guard was not there because of us, and we didn't have to cancel the operation because of that. So we got back behind the NPHI.

Quickly, we piled up the chairs under the window, and the same tall member of the group climbed on top of them with the crowbar. There was a charged feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air as he took the crowbar behind his shoulder, covered his eyes with his arm and hit the window with a swing of the crowbar.

A loud bang echoed around the backyards of nearby buildings. The others had also covered their eyes to protect them from flying glass. When we opened our eyes, we were shocked: There was not even the slightest mark on the window— not even a tiny shatter.

At this point, there's probably no need to tell the reader that the option of giving up didn't cross anybody's mind. The activist standing on the chair pile hit the window again, much harder, but again with no results. The second bang was certainly louder, and we were afraid that it might raise the attention of possible passersby or people in the buildings.

So the comrade with the crowbar gathered all his strength for the third blow and hit the window as hard as he could. The activists waiting by the forest cheered silently as the window broke with a deafening noise. The activist on the chairs started to tear apart the glass with the crowbar to make a hole big enough to climb in through, but he soon noted that there was another layer of glass behind the broken one— a double window of course.



Two of the lucky ones liberated from NPHI

We quickly found out that the second layer was as hard as the first one, and breaking it also took three loud bangs. When we found a third layer behind the second one, we knew how much strength we needed to break it, and after a silent, disbelieving curse we managed to break it without unnecessary bangings.

It was rather difficult to make a big hole in a triple window, and trying to avoid getting wounded, our brave activist crept through the small, sharp-edged hole. Inside the empty room, there was enough light for him to find the door, behind which the others were waiting, and he succeeded without blunder to let them in.

After a quick search we found a room, where it was evident that rats were being bred. The rats were in small, metal cages with a barred lid. We took almost as many cages as we could (we hadn't really made a good plan), so each of us only took one cage. There was a kind of common understanding, though, that we would take as many cages as we could carry and make a quick retreat.

Carrying the cages, we headed for the door to get our guard to also carry some cages. The first activist who got out the door ran across the corner, where the guard was waiting. Due to a misunderstanding and communication problems, the others followed, and when the guard and the activist got back to the door, we noticed that the door had shut and was locked.

All of us were standing outside with the rats. At this point no one was willing to creep in through the death hole in the window, so, a little bit disappointed, we ran towards the car. At the car, we were lucky to have all the activists and rats safely together (one of the cages was missing a lid that had dropped, though), and we headed for the long journey towards the temporary homes of the rats.

Certainly we knew that for us the job had only begun, and the rats had to be taken to their permanent homes before we were done. For the rats, something else had begun— a new life without a fear of being sliced up alive.

Afterwards, we heard that after our raid the police went to the camp to look for the rats and arrested every single person there. No rats were surprisingly found there. If someone who was arrested at the camp reads this, we want to apologize. We didn't mean to cause trouble; we really overestimated the intelligence of the police.

I don't think we have to explain the moral of this story to activists. You know the drill— anyone can undertake raids; they are not just for professionals. But please now know that you must do at least a little bit of planning beforehand.

With love,

The Animal Liberation Front— North Savo Rat Company

MORINI *(Continued from Pg. 15)*

Now, none will accept their ads anymore. Even when Morini puts free ads with fake names on them, they have been traced and then deleted. The same has been done with dozens websites, and with many pet shops who stopped buying beagles from them. The list of suppliers dumping this farm is long, from couriers to fuel companies to Internet providers, and even their printer and their vaccines supplier. In April 2004, the farm's owner, Giovanna Soprani, had a breakdown and cried in front of activists, saying she couldn't stand us anymore! This clearly shows the campaign is having an impact.

On the other side, actions not done as part of the campaign, such as the liberation of 99 beagles from the farm in November 2002, brought to light the conditions the animals are kept in and to give a lot of hope to the movement. This action showed that nothing is impossible, and that even Morini—previously considered a fortress where other activists had been arrested in the past— could be successfully raided and defeated.

What are the chances, in your opinion, of closing down Morini?

The answer we always say is we do not know when, but we know they will close down. Even in the face of repression or difficulties, the campaign will not stop until that hellhole is empty and no more animals leave it bound for vivisection labs.

A LITTLE BIT GOES A LONG WAY







why you should start small and work your way up

Nothing warms the cockles of my heart like the news that another animal abuse enterprise has been reduced to ashes. I delight in poring over images of dairy trucks aglow, the charred skeletons of slaughterhouses, or land where fur industry warehouses *used* to be.

Arson is glorified by magazines, websites and individuals who support illegal direct action— and rightly so. It is inspiring and effective. But for those without commitment, know-how, and the willingness to sacrifice the rest of their lives in prison, it can be the beginning of the end. The end of their freedom, the end of their direct action careers, and all too often, the end of their dignity and courage, should they decide to roll over on a fellow activist.

Every year individuals are arrested for these types of actions who were not experienced, not prepared, not fully committed and not ready to go the distance. Many of these individuals share a name: snitch. The rest languish in prisons serving out long sentences. Regardless of the result, one thing is certain: All individuals attempting such actions would benefit from starting out with small, simple, low-consequence actions and working their way up.

Starting small serves many purposes. These actions are a training ground. With minimal risk, underground activists can learn what it takes to operate anonymously, effectively and without getting caught. It is better to develop these skills while risking a year in prison than it is while risking thirty years.

Low-consequence actions are also an opportunity for individuals to find out whom they work well with and whom they should avoid. Groups of committed activists have an opportunity to gel into cohesive, well-oiled partnerships while the stakes are relatively low. Each team member's strengths and weaknesses can be assessed so that operations can be carried out smoothly and quickly. This will be particularly important if these teams go on to take on riskier and more complicated actions.

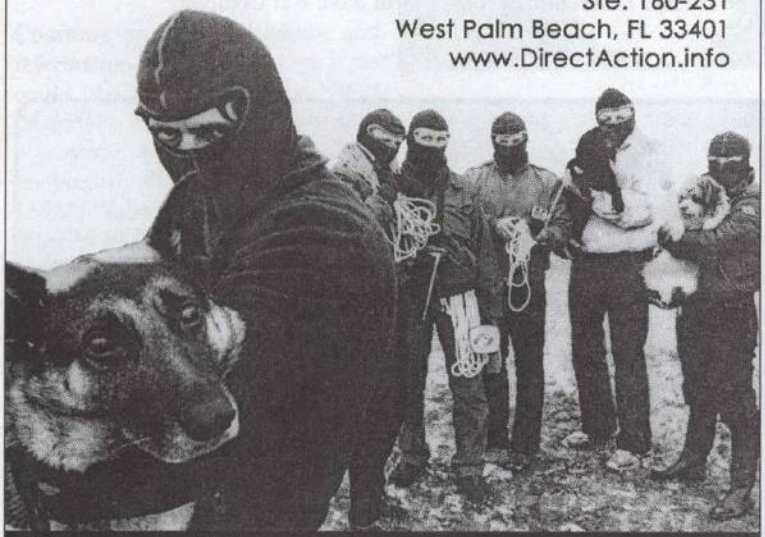
This time will also give each individual involved an opportunity to assess his or her ability and desire to carry on with what they have been doing. With experience, they will learn to evaluate risks honestly and leave their egos behind when deciding if they are willing to accept the consequences of their actions. Some may realize that they either are not fully committed or are more suited to playing supportive roles. It is vital that no person ever engage in any activity whose risks exceed the level of sacrifice they are willing to make.

Just because an action carries low consequences and is simple to pull off does not mean that it cannot be effective. Many fur stores have been put out of business after repeatedly suffering broken windows, glued locks and painted walls. Numerous companies and individuals have decided to dissociate themselves from animal abuse after their vehicles and homes have been smashed up. Fur farms have shut down permanently after watching their captives scamper off to freedom.

Big things can come in small packages. The important thing is to think strategically, be smart, stay safe and just get out there and do it!

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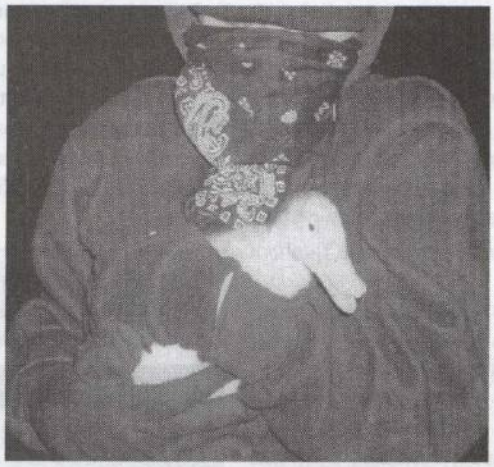
LUCKY DUCKS LIBERATED FROM HELL IN TRANQUILITY

When you think of factory farms, probably the first animals that come to mind are chickens, turkeys, cows or pigs. Although they make up only a small portion of the entire poultry industry, millions of ducks are killed each year for their flesh – approximately 24 million, in fact. Earlier this year, the A.L.F. saved 12 of these ducks from this fate. An anonymous communiqué stated,

> In the early morning hours of February 27, 2005, we liberated 12 ducklings from 29755 W. Jefferson Avenue, Tranquility, CA 93668, a farm owned by Woodland Farms, a subsidiary of Maple Leaf Farms. Maple Leaf Farms, the largest producer of duck meat in North America, murders over 15 million ducks each year.

Investigations of Maple Leaf Farms have found many ducks sick and injured, some so sick they could barely stand. The ducks are confined inside crowded, windowless sheds with nowhere near the amount of water they need to stay healthy.

It is common knowledge that ducks are waterfowl. In the wild, they literally live in water, spending a full 80% of their time in the water. Factory farms like Maple Leaf use "nipple-drinkers" to supply ducks with water. These nipple-drinkers only allow them to get water by single drops at a time. They don't have enough water to dip their bills into, let alone immerse themselves in. For ducks, the ability to immerse themselves in



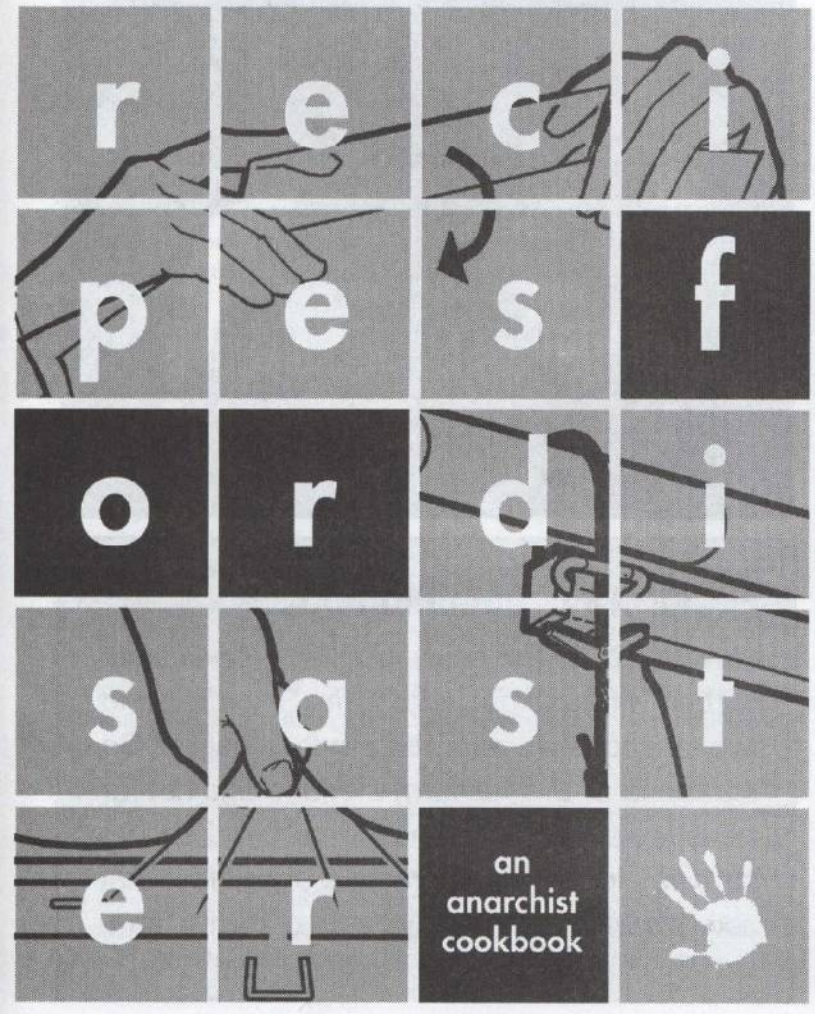
water is vital to their health. Without it, they cannot preen and have difficulty keeping warm.

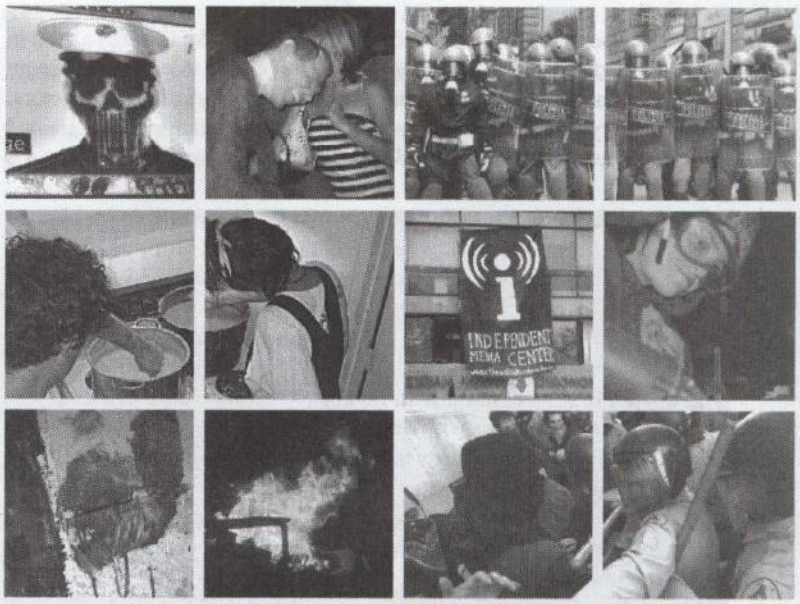
Many ducks on factory farms also have their bills mutilated. Much like beak-trimming with chickens, it is done to keep them from cannibalizing each other in crowded conditions.

Duck meat may sound like something that you'd only find on a Chinese menu or in a French restaurant, but it is actually not uncommon in supermarkets across the country. Albertsons and Wal-Mart both sell duck meat supplied by Maple Leaf. They also supply retailers, such as Pier 1, with feathers and down for pillows and cushions.

This liberation brings needed attention to the often-overlooked industry of duck farming. This isn't the first A.L.F. liberation of ducks, but in recent history ducks worldwide have more often been rescued from laboratories and hunters, not factory farms. While recent spotlights on the foie gras industry have highlighted a particularly horrendous treatment ducks suffer at the hand of the meat industry, these reports have ignored the much larger use of ducks for their meat.

Thanks to the anonymous activists that sent out the above communiqué, these twelve lucky ducklings will live out their lives naturally, instead of being slaughtered at 7 weeks of age. The ducklings have left the misery of the factory farm behind and have been rehomed where they will be provided with the water, space and fresh air that they need for a full, healthy life.





Three years in the making, ***Recipes for Disaster: an anarchist cookbook*** is the long-awaited follow-up to our notorious first book, *Days of War, Nights of Love*. This 624-page manual complements the romance and idealism of that earlier work with practical information and instruction illustrated with extensive technical diagrams and first-hand accounts. Over thirty collectives collaborated in testing, composing, and editing the book's 62 sections, which range from *Affinity Groups, Coalition Building*, and *Mental Health* to *Sabotage, Squatting*, and *Wheatpasting*. If you're looking for a tactical handbook for revolutionary action, look no further. $12 post-paid from: CrimethInc. / PO Box 1963 / Olympia WA 98507 / **www.crimethinc.com**



A.L.F. SPRING 2005 ACTION SUMMARY

WHAT OUR HEROES IN MASKS HAVE BEEN UP TO

While educational efforts lay the groundwork for societal change, direct action provides a way of saving animals' lives now. At a time of increased government repression of mainstream activists, underground direct action has been on a continuous upswing for the last nine months.

Every single day, somewhere in the world someone is taking direct action to save animal lives. In the last five months, underground activists have saved the lives of scores of animals in North America and have helped spread the word that animal abuse will not be tolerated. The Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) has been particularly busy taking action across the U.S., including the rescue of twelve ducks from a factory farm in California [see p. 21], as well as the rescue of dozens of foxes from certain death at the hands of an Illinois fur farmer.

An A.L.F. communiqué following the fur-farm raid states

> In the early morning hours of April 1st, our small band of do-gooders made our way through muddy fields and grassy mounds to descend upon a fox factory farm owned by Kerry Littig (1774 Eagle Run Rd, Bluffs, IL 62621). She is the top breeder of silver foxes in the U.S. Until now she probably thought that she was pretty safe since her address has never been made public. We found you Kerry, and more importantly, we found the foxes you imprison, force to suffer, and finally mutilate all for your own profit and the vanity of others.

The A.L.F. also reports that on April 22nd, one cell broke through a vent in a side door of a lab at Louisiana State University to rescue as many tortured animals as they could from the clutches of heartless vivisectors. In total, twenty-one mice were rescued, "removed, examined and treated by a sympathetic veterinarian, and placed in loving homes."

Sadly, the A.L.F.'s compassionate commandos were unable to liberate hundreds of other animals left in the lab, including rats, birds, mice, rabbits and turtles. The communiqué from the raid further lamented,

> [T]he cold solitude of the cage and the deafening silence of sterile, windowless laboratory rooms on the top floor of a building, with no chance to interact in the outside world or with one another is torture enough. Add to that the despicable cruelty of those human beings who've shown no compassion for the screams from animals in their never-ending, painful experiments and you can see where our sadness, and our anger, comes from.

For all the animals that are rescued by direct action, we must never forget those animals that remain behind. It is for them that we must always challenge ourselves to do more, remembering that a little inconvenience in our lives or even a long prison term is nothing compared to what these countless animals are subjected to every single day.

By focusing our actions – both aboveground and underground— on the same targets, our power can become exponentially amplified. Nowhere is this more evident than in the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). The value of strategic targeting is clearly understood by the vast majority of animal liberation activists who engage in underground action, given that the vast majority of direct-action reports are against targets affiliated with HLS. In fact, in the United States, more than two-thirds of actions in the last five months have focused on HLS affiliates.

While aboveground activists are targeted for speaking out against cruelty to animals, underground action continues to thrive. There seems little doubt that HLS will be unable to continue to do business much longer in the face of such pressure [see p. 8]. Every act of government repression merely demonstrates to those that care about animals that underground direct action is the most effective way of saving animal lives. Striving for legislative change in a system that is so corrupt as to target activists for simply exercising their free speech rights is pointless. There's no justice, just us.

RUSSIAN A.L.F. IN ACTION



FROM THE COMMUNIQUÉ...

May 7th, 2005 (Moscow region) - Activists cut barbed wire and got in fur farm. Silver fox and two raccoons were freed from their cages. On the fence of this fur farm slogans against fur industry were left. All animals found their freedom far away in the forest, in spite of the fact that activists was observed by guard of the fur farm.

SHADOW ACTIVIST:
FENCES AND PHOTOS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Dear Shadow Activist,

How does the A.L.F. manage to get through fences? Barbed wire is one thing but what about razor wire???

- Scratched up in Salinas



The first hurdle to overcome when physically accessing your target is the fence. Fences may serve primarily as a deterrent, but there is no fence that can stop a determined cell.

Generally, you'll find fences at rural targets and not so much at urban or suburban facilities like laboratories, fur retailers, corporate offices and the like. In the urban/ suburban environments you're more likely to find walls and iron fences, which are easy enough to climb, Just keep in mind the likelihood of cameras once you scale the outer defenses.

You may recall in a previous issue of *No Compromise* (see Issue #23), where I talked about the importance of nighttime warriors being physically fit. Fences, especially the flimsy and loud chain link fence, require a fair amount of upper body and abdominal strength if you are to scale them with any stealth or efficiency. It is the older, less stable chain link fence that is more troublesome to climb, as it doesn't allow for a secure climb and makes quite a bit of noise. In such a case, find the supporting poles and climb the fence using them rather than throwing your weight on a fence that will give underneath you.

Barbed wire is a joke. You're more likely to find it, between waist and chest-high, being used to separate property lines in rural environments than as a security measure. Again, it is the poorly-maintained fence that can give you more trouble. Protect your hands with thick gloves and secure any loose clothing when stepping over, climbing, or squeezing in between such fences. A snagged crotch, torn shirt, or pricked hand leaves forensic evidence — so be aware!

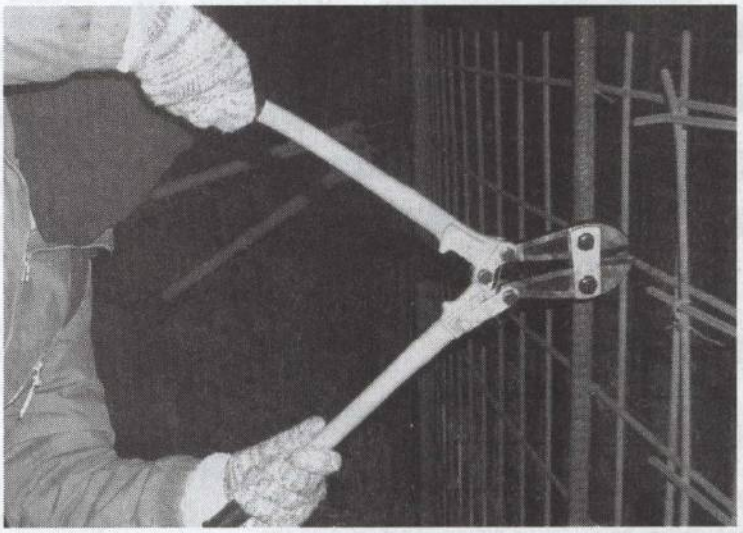
Electrified fences, or "hot wire," are typically used to keep out predators rather than masked liberators — and they're not as scary as they sound. You can generally hear if a line is electrified, or "hot," before you even get to it. Electrified fences generally look like barbed wire fences, except the wire is not twisted with barbs along it. The wires resemble straightened wire coat hangers and typically run into a plastic box (often red and often situated at a fence post). If you can't access the box to open the circuit and kill the line, you can use thick rubber gloves (not dishwashing gloves) to navigate the fence. You should be fine stepping on the fence with rubber-soled shoes, or soles made of any material that, like rubber, don't conduct electricity.

Razor wire is something you've got to be very careful with, as it can easily tear you up. Depending upon the nature of your visit (reconnaissance vs. execution), you should consider removing the risk altogether. If the wire is atop a fence, consider cutting through the fence and avoiding the razor wire completely (which isn't exactly an option for recon operations). If you must scale the fence, slowly cut the razor wire with wire cutters and peel it away from the fence's support pole. This will leave you with a sturdier path to climb.

If physically altering or avoiding the razor wire isn't an option, consider procuring thick, heavy blankets (for forensic considerations, none that you've had on your bed, etc.) and placing them over the wire to serve as a shield as you scale the fence. Once the recon is done and the operation is complete, properly dispose of all blankets, tools, and clothing.

And remember, always leave yourself an out for a quick escape.

Safe Navigating,
S.A.



"FENCES MAY SERVE PRIMARILY AS A DETERRENT, BUT THERE IS NO FENCE THAT CAN STOP A DETERMINED CELL."

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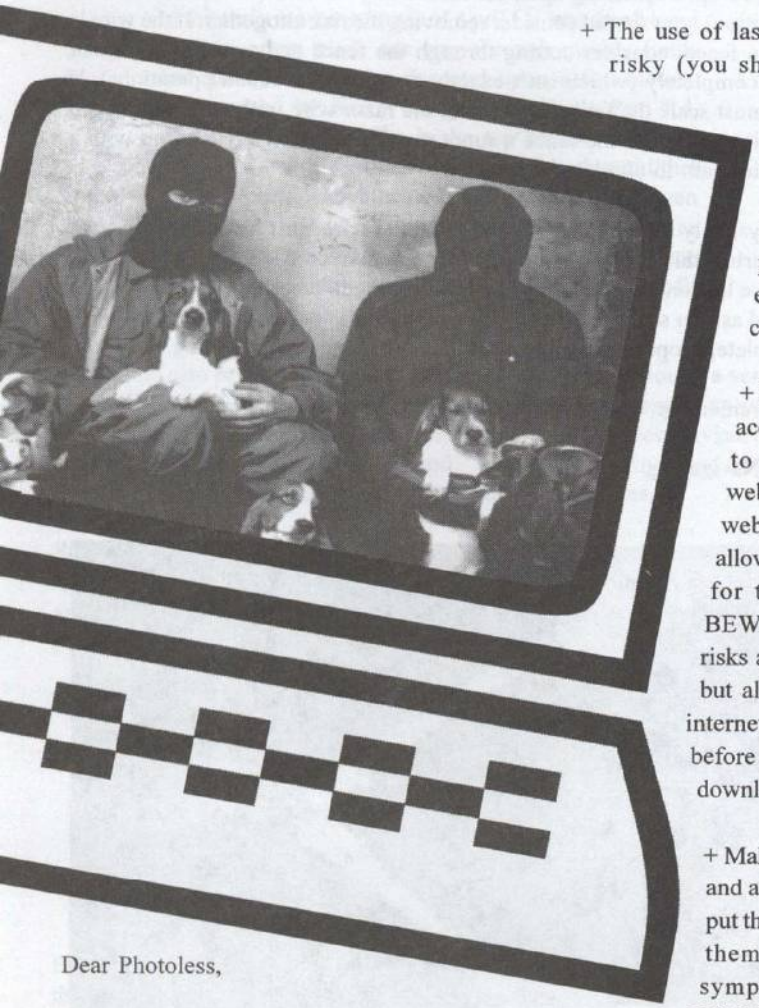
Shadow Activist
(Continued from Pg. 23)

Hello Shadow Activist.

It would be useful to know how to send digital photos anonymously over the Internet. As I understand it, if they are uploaded to a computer and sent with a newly-created e-mail account used only for that purpose, there is still the chance of the photos being traced back to the specific computer that the e-mail account was accessed from (anonymized web browsers do not allow you to access e-mail accounts). And when the computer is identified, inquiring minds may ask the library or internet cafe workers about whom they may have seen, and they also could possibly get prints from the computer itself.

Help.

Photoless in Denver



Dear Photoless,

Photographs, video, and communiqués are integral to an effective action. They're also the biggest vulnerability in an effective, high-profile action. What must first be considered is the risk of making photographs public versus the reward. Are the pictures central to the action? Do they shed light behind closed doors? Do they embolden the movement and garner support? Photos and video are a liability and can provide a direct link to you. Proceed with caution.

It's true that dummy email accounts can be traced back to their origin, internet cafes often have cameras, employees can have ridiculously good memories and anonymous remailers are not always reliable —especially for something like photos.

There's no easy answer, but here are some options:

+ Use a disposable camera. Make sure it's clean (no fingerprints or forensic evidence) and mail it to an aboveground group. But BEWARE: Disposable cameras don't take high-quality photos, you can't preview/ edit the pictures before releasing them to the public (so make sure all identifiers are masked during the raid when the camera is out), they're not vegan, and if the film is intercepted or lost — that's it.

+ The use of laser and color printers is very risky (you should never use your home computer or printer for editing, copying, printing, etc— ever!!!) as laser printers, by default, create identifying numbers in the printed image to help law enforcement catch counterfeiters (and you).

+ Similar to using a dummy email account, use a public computer to upload the photos to a website. Some websites offer free webpage hosting and other sites allow visitors to upload their photos for the public to view. Again, BEWARE: This carries the same risks as simply emailing the photos but allows law enforcement or the internet host to remove the images before supporters or the public can download them.

+ Make digital copies of the photos and after previewing/ editing them, put them on multiple disks and mail them to several aboveground, sympathetic organizations. BEWARE: It is believed that several models of digital cameras and editing software imprint an electronic 'fingerprint' or digital serial number into the image. Don't distribute first generation photos (another reason that high-resolution originals are important).

+ Using a clean laptop computer with a wireless card, tap into someone else's wireless network and do your work from there. Create a dummy account and send the images and communiqué with the laptop from someone else's non-secure network. Using your imagination, you're sure to find locations with easy access and anonymous web surfing — you don't even have to be in the same building. BEWARE: Law enforcement can still trace the email to its origin, so it is imperative that you do not simply log into your neighbor's network from your home computer. You must use a clean laptop — one that neither you nor anyone you know has used before or will use again — at a location far away from your home. The laptop must be ultimately disposed of, as it can directly link you to the photos, the communiqué and the action itself.

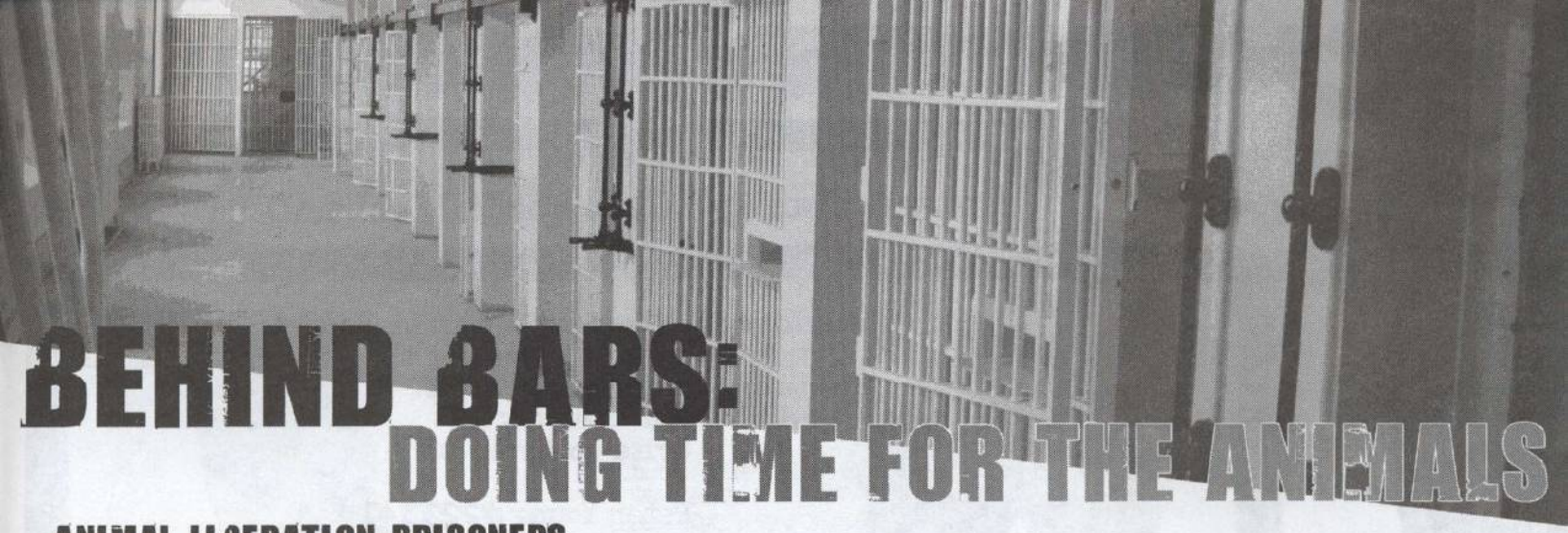
Ideally, cells should have a clean computer and camera to edit and duplicate photos and video. Remember, the best technology is *no* technology. Generally, the more basic, the safer it is for you.

If you do use a public computer, keep in mind that emails and Internet activity can be traced to the location and terminal, so don't leave any loose ends. Staff and employees are less likely to remember you if the place is busy, so make an effort to blend in. Cameras are less likely to identify you if you look nondescript and if you camouflage any distinguishing features (wear a hat, glasses, long sleeves and loose clothes). Computer terminals are less likely to reveal your identity if you leave without a trace. One way to avoid directly touching the keypad, mouse, or anything else is by wearing gloves (if it's cold outside), typing using pencil erasers or typing with tape over your fingers). Leave no finger or palm prints, keep no receipts and give no personal identifiers.

-S.A.

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BEHIND BARS: DOING TIME FOR THE ANIMALS

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

Dave Blenkinsop EM7899, HMP Rye Hill, Onley, Warwickshire, CV23 8AN, England. Serving 10 years: 1) three years for a stave attack on the Managing Director of HLS, 2) eighteen months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier and 3) 5½ years for planting incendiary devices under abattoir vehicles.

Paul Le Boutillier KA9326, HMP Wealstun, Walton Road, Wetherby, LS23 7AZ, England. Serving 2½ years for making threatening phone calls to various animal abusers including people associated with vivisection, blood sports and farming.

Stijn De Greve, p/a Gevangenis van Dendermonde, Sint Jacobsstraat 26, 9200 Dendermonde, Belgium. On remand, accused of smashing the windows of both a McDonalds and a fur shop.

Johan Jaatinen, Anstalten Skenas, SE-610 31 Vikbolandet, Sweden. Jailed until October 2005 for an open action that saw the damaging of a hatchery's incubator machines, resulting in the stopping of the development of 55,000 eggs. All precautions were taken not to harm any hen who had already hatched. Johan has a history of publicly criticizing the actions of the A.L.F. and arguing against underground direct action and is not supported by the Swedish A.L.F. Support Group.

Koen Van Keer, p/a Gevangenis van Dendermonde, Sint Jacobsstraat 26, 9200 Dendermonde, Belgium. On remand, accused of smashing the windows of both a McDonalds and a fur shop.

Keith Mann KJ9365, HMP The Weare, Portland Dock, Castletown, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1PZ, England. Serving 6 months for contempt of court for threatening an animal abuser in court.

See Pg. 27 for the following prisoners:
Christopher McIntosh
Josh Demmit
Sarah Gisborne
Peter Young

ECO-DEFENSE PRISONERS

Tre Arrow, CS# 05850722, North Fraser Pretrial Centre, 1451 Kingsway Ave., Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 1S2, Canada. On remand, accused of involvement with an arson on logging trucks and an arson on vehicles owned by a sand & gravel company. Both arsons occurred in the USA.

Marco Camenisch, Postfach 3143, CH-8105 Regensdorf, Switzerland. Serving 27 years: Ten years for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and 17 years for the murder of a Swiss Boarder Guard whilst on the run. In '02 Marco completed a 12-year sentence in Italy for destroying electricity pylons in Italy.

Ibai Ederra, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. Serving just under 5 years for sabotaging machinery at the controversial Itoiz dam construction site.

William Frediani, Casa di Reclusione, Via Maiano 10, 06049 Spoleto (PG), Italy. Il Silvestre defendant on remand, accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action.

Manase Furima, Lembaga Pemasyarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

Amanda Cerezo Garcia, C.P. ALICANTE II, Ctra. N-330, km. 66, 03400 - Villena, Spain. A well-known vegan anarchist on remand, accused of setting fire to a road construction vehicle. Also accused of sending a letter bomb to a Neo-Nazi politician. Whilst in prison she has been translating Italian animal rights literature into Spanish and getting her supporters to publish it.

Francesco Gioia, Modulo VII, Ctra. Comarcal 611, km. 3, 6; 28770 Soto del Real, Madrid, Spain. Italian Il Silvestre defendant on remand, accused of promoting sabotage, participating in direct action and escaping from house arrest. He is currently fighting his extradition back to Italy.

Charles Arthur Jordan IV, #68163065, Federal Prison Camp Sheridan, PO Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378, USA. On remand, accused of planning to destroy equipment belonging to a quarry company that he allegedly claims is polluting a river.

Jeffrey Luers, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State St. Salem, OR 97310, USA. Serving 22 years & 8 months for arson on a car dealership & attempted arson of an oil truck.

Stephen Marshall, 68511-065, Federal Prison Camp Sheridan, PO Box 6000, Sheridan, OR 97378, USA. On remand, accused of planning to destroy equipment belonging to a quarry company that he allegedly claims is polluting a river.

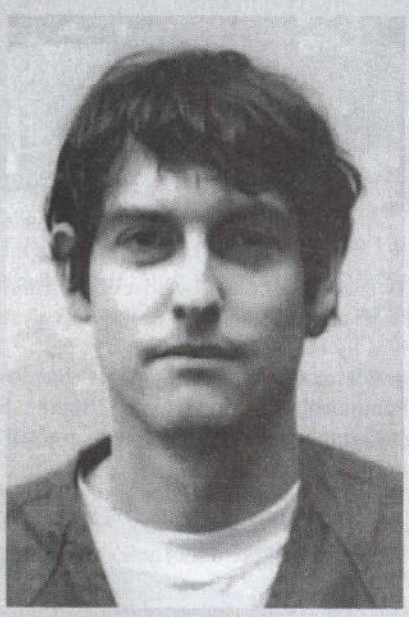
Matius Nasira, Lembaga Pemasyarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

John Wade #38548-083, FCI Petersburg Low, PO Box 1000, Petersburg, VA 23804, USA. Serving 37 months for a series of E.L.F. actions against a number of targets including McDonalds & Burger King, urban sprawl, the construction industry and an SUV dealership.

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

PRISONER PROFILES

Peter Young



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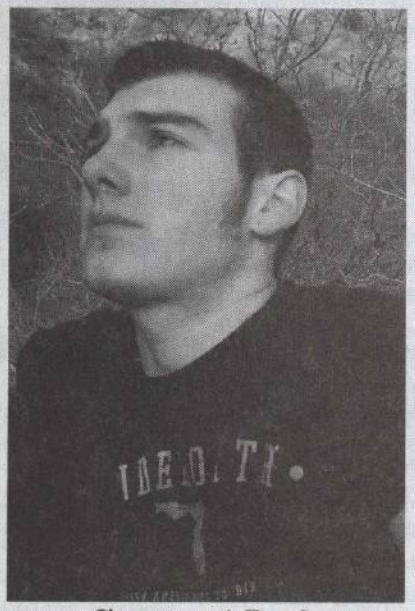
Status: Awaiting trial in Madison
Accused of: Liberating thousands of animals from fur farms in 1997.
What you can do:
Write to Peter at:

Peter Young #223341
Dane County Jail
115 West Doty St.
Madison, WI 53703
(Peter enjoys to hear about the last great show you went to, road trips, and your favorite city)

Send legal funds payable to "Peter Young Support Fund" to:

Peter Young Support Fund
740A 14th St. #237
San Francisco, CA 94114

Josh Demmit



www.SupportJosh.org
SupportJosh@riseup.net

Status: Serving 2.5 years in prison
Accused of: Freeing animals and property damage at a Utah university
What you can do:
Write to Josh at"

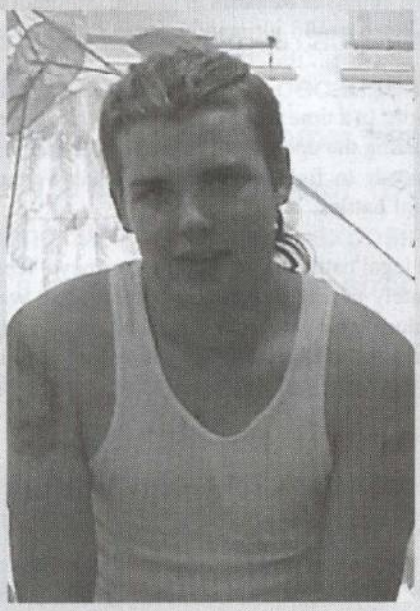
Josh Demmitt #12314-081
Federal Prison Camp Sheridan
P.O. Box 6000
Sheridan, OR 97378

Send legal funds payable to "Josh Demmit Support Group" to:

Josh Demmit Support Group
c/o Animal Defense League
PO Box 1587
Huntingdon, NY 11743

NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Chris McIntosh



www.SupportChris.org
SupportChris@hush.com

Status: Awaiting trial in Seattle
Accused of: An arson at McDonalds
What you can do:
Write to Chris at:

Christopher McIntosh 30512-013
FDC SeaTac
P.O. BOX 13900
Seattle, WA 98198

Send Legal Funds to:

Chris McIntosh Support Fund
PO Box 8943
Collingswood, NJ 08108

A Note From Chris:

"I'm an anarchist, squatter, crusty punk, and vegetarian. I have been an anarchist since I was 14 and hit the road when I was 16. I'm a solitary person, so not many people know me well. I never owned a car, never drove one, and never had a license. I've hitched the entire country. I love animals and Mother Earth."

Sarah Gisborne

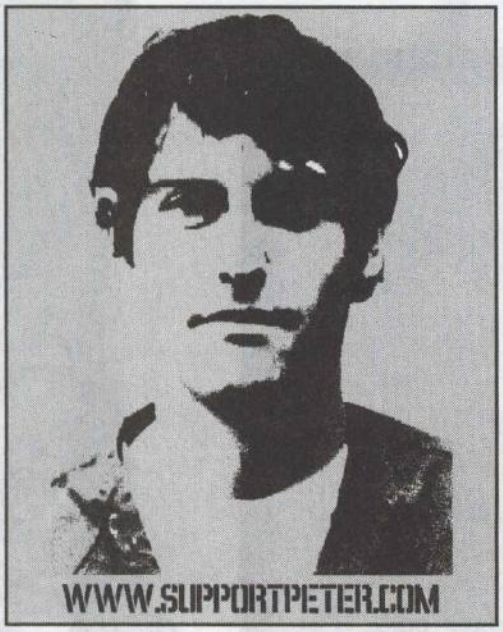


Status: Serving 6 1/2 years in the UK
Accused of: Criminal damage against Huntingdon Life Sciences Supporters
What you can do:
Write to Sarah at:

Sarah Gisborne LT5393
HMP Cookham Wood
Evelyn Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 3LU
UNITED KINGDON

Sarah can receive checks, stamps, sealed writing paper, envelopes, and paperback books.

PETER YOUNG ARRESTED AFTER 7 YEARS
ACCUSED OF LIBERATING THOUSANDS OF MINK IN 1997



In October 1997, unknown individuals slipped onto fur farms in the Midwest and liberated thousands of animals, causing hundreds of dollars in damage. In total, nearly 10,000 animals were released. Responsibility for the raids was never claimed.

One year later, a Wisconsin grand jury indicted Justin Samuel and Peter Young on federal charges of interfering with interstate commerce, conspiracy, and animal enterprise terrorism. The two seemingly disappeared. Then, in 1999, Justin Samuel was arrested in Belgium and extradited to the United States. Despite a tremendous outpouring of support from the animal rights community, Justin ultimately implicated both himself and Peter Young in the Wisconsin fur farm raids, becoming one of the most reviled and notorious snitches among the activist community. He was later sentenced to two years in prison in exchange for cooperating with authorities.

Not a word was heard about Peter Young until March of this year, when he was arrested on shoplifting charges in San Jose, California. After several weeks in San Jose, Peter resolved his local charges and was transferred to Wisconsin, where he is now facing four federal counts of interfering with interstate commerce, conspiracy, and animal enterprise terrorism. The maximum total penalty for the counts is 82 years in prison, although even if convicted on all charges, Peter would ultimately serve a substantially shorter sentence.

Now Peter Young needs support. In a time when the government is labeling activists as terrorists and equating the opening of cages with flying planes into buildings, each of us needs to fight back and do what we can to support activists fighting legal battles.

Peter has a long and difficult legal battle ahead of him. Attorneys' fees are costly and funds are desperately needed. Fundraisers are a great way to generate donations and to educate others about Peter and other political prisoners. Donations can be made payable to "Peter Young Support Fund" and sent to:

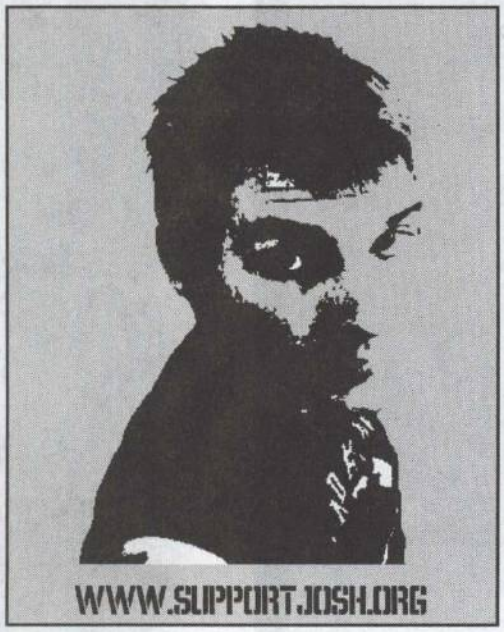
Peter Young Support Fund
740A 14th St. #237
San Francisco, CA 94114

Letters from the outside are the only lifelines to the outside for prisoners. Take a few minutes and write. Peter has said that he especially enjoys letters from supporters about:

1. The last great band they saw
2. Their favorite U.S. town or city
3. Their favorite road trip story

Supporting our comrades in need is one of the most important (and easiest!) aspects of activism. Write today!

UPDATE ON ANIMAL LIB PRISONER JOSH DEMMITT



After two months in prison, animal liberationist Josh Demmitt has settled in a bit and is receiving vegan food, lots of mail from supporters, and books and magazines to pass the time. After Josh's conviction for his role in the liberation of animals from Brigham Young University and for a fire causing $80,000 to the emptied animal facility, he was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in federal prison.

As is typical in prisons, Josh's dietary needs were ignored. So the Josh Demmitt Support Group launched a brief campaign to force the prison to provide nutritionally-adequate vegan food. At one point a hilariously distraught warden called members of the Support Group, worried that "300 PeTA protesters" would show up at the prison. Shortly thereafter Josh was moved in with a vegetarian cellmate and provided a special diet.

Josh is working in the prison garden and has been able to take a class in graphic design. He's been exercising in the yard to prepare for the Revolution and is incredibly thankful for all the support and letters. Josh is interested in graffiti, social movements, traveling, and hardcore music.

Josh, and all prisoners who have lost their freedom for the cause of animal liberation, deserve our continued support throughout their entire sentences. Help keep Josh's spirits up by reminding him there's an entire community of supporters waiting for his release.

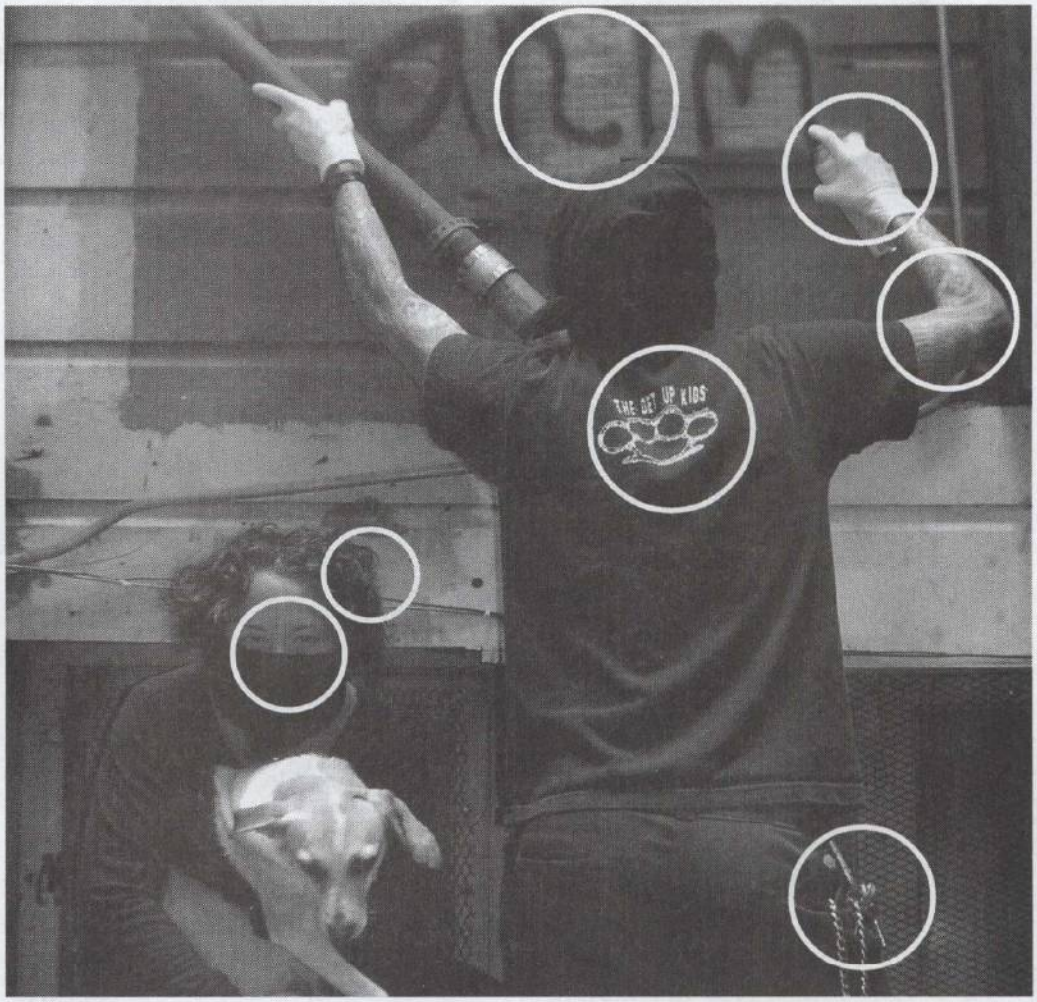
Take a minute to write to Josh and thank him for his courageous work on behalf of imprisoned animals. A quick note, a good book, a funny story, or an inspiring news article means a lot to a prisoner and takes just a minute of your time. For more information, contact the Josh Demmitt Support Group c/o The Animal Defense League P.O. Box 1587. Huntingdon, NY 11743, or email supportjosh@riseup.net.

answer key:
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

A better question might be, what isn't wrong with this picture? Activists are sometimes caught for underground actions because of mistakes that could have been easily avoided. Whether it be leaving DNA evidence, exposing one's face, or some other error, it is often activist slip-ups, not good police work, that leads to an arrest.

Remember this friendly exercise is not meant to encourage, educate, or incite anyone to commit illegal activities. It is produced solely for entertainment purposes.

That said, here are the most noticable things wrong with this picture:



1. ***Spraypainting in handwriting.*** Everyone has unique identifiers to his or her handwriting (even when trying to write "differently"). Handwriting experts can examine spraypainting samples like the one above and often match it with handwriting samples from a suspect. The best method to avoid identification is to write in block letters.

2. ***Latex gloves.*** Fingerprints and DNA evidence are left inside latex gloves. Additionally, small cells can pass through the gloves

3. T***attoos showing.*** Tattoos are like bar codes on humans. They are unique identifiers and thus can be easy clues for law enforcement. Also, leaving one's arms exposed during an action show skin color (another helpful identifier) and can lead to arm prints being left. While not as helpful as fingerprints, they can still be used against you in court.

4. ***Identifying clothing.*** Wearing anything that identifies a band, organization, or other interest/ affiliation is never a good idea. It only offers authorities insight into your identity and may serve as corroborating evidence later. Plain dark clothing is best.

5. ***Keys and other loose Items.*** The fewer extraneous items taken on an action the better. Anything that hangs off you can easily be snagged or dropped, effectively leaving behind evidence. Only take what you absolutely need!

6. ***Hair exposed.*** Leaving any hair exposed at all is bad for a number of reasons. First, hair can easily fall out and leave excellent DNA evidence. Second, revealing hair color and texture helps authorities identify suspects.

7. ***Eyes/eyebrows/nose exposed.*** Leaving any part of your face easily visible is one of the worst things you can do. In the past, suspects have been identified based simply on eye/eyebrow exposures. The authorities have technology available to analyze facial regions which allows them to--at minimum--narrow down the list of suspects.

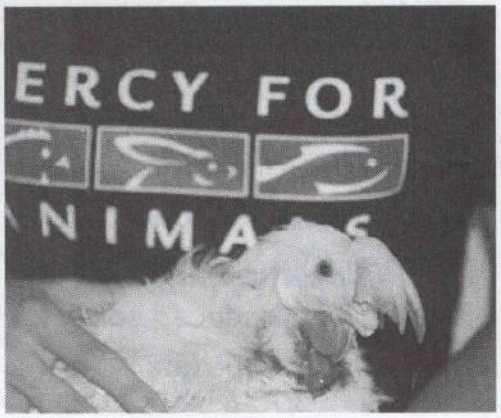
Trenches spotlight:
mercy for animals

Mercy For Animals (MFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Ohio-based, animal rights organization that believes non-human animals are irreplaceable individuals with morally-significant interests and hence rights, including the right to live free of suffering. Founded in 1999, MFA is dedicated to establishing and defending the rights of all animals.

Given that the vast majority of animal cruelty in the United States occurs in the production of meat, dairy, and eggs, MFA's main function is promoting a vegan diet. With the active support of more than 4,000 members, MFA works to end animal abuse wherever it is found and to create a culture where all animals are treated with the respect and compassion they deserve. MFA acts as a voice for animals through public education and advertisement campaigns, research and investigations, open rescues, working with news media and grassroots activism.







As part of MFA's ongoing work to expose farmed animal abuse, in November 2004, MFA investigators went behind the closed doors of Ohio Fresh Eggs, Ohio's largest egg farm. They emerged with shocking video and photographs that revealed the typical conditions inside an "Animal Care Certified" (ACC) facility.

The ACC campaign is a public relations gimmick created in 2000 by the United Egg Producers (the industry's primary trade association) in response to the public's growing awareness and sensitivity towards animal cruelty in the egg-industry. More than 80% of egg cartons found in supermarkets now bear the deceptive ACC logo, aimed to assure consumers that the laying hens were treated humanely. Sadly, little could be further from the truth.

The so-called ACC guidelines permit producers to confine birds in cages so small they can't even stretch their wings, temporarily starve birds in order to manipulate their egg-laying cycle, and burn off parts of the beaks of chicks without painkillers in a cruel process known as "debeaking." The Better Business Bureau has twice ruled the United Egg Producers' ACC campaign "misleading" to consumers and has recommended it discontinue the use of the label.

At Ohio Fresh Eggs, investigators found debeaked hens; hens with broken, damaged, and feces-covered feathers; hens suffering from bloody open wounds and untreated growths and infections; immobilized hens without access to food or water when their wings, head, neck, or feathers became trapped in the wire of their tiny cage and corpses left to rot in cages with birds still producing eggs for human consumption.

In addition to documenting and exposing these conditions to the public, MFA investigators provide onsite aid to sick and injured birds and openly rescue hens in dire need of veterinary care. Since 2001, MFA has conducted four egg farm investigations that have resulted in the rescue of 38 hens. These lucky survivors were provided with veterinary care and relocated to peaceful sanctuaries where they could live the rest of their lives free from the inherent cruelty of the battery cage.

What You Can Do

MFA recently launched a campaign against Ohio-based Kroger, the largest grocery chain in America, to stop the company from misleading consumers and torturing hens. Kroger's own *Policy on Business Ethics* states that "customers deserve clear and accurate advertising," which is not the case with the deceptive ACC logo. Please write to Kroger's CEO and urge him to follow his own company policy and also become an industry leader on animal welfare issues by taking real steps to eliminate animal cruelty at its suppliers. Ask Kroger to refuse purchasing eggs from suppliers who confine hens in cages, to eliminate the barbaric practice of beak trimming and to eliminate the cruel practice of "forced molting."

Please send polite letters to:

Mr. David B. Dillon, CEO
The Kroger Company
1014 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-1100

For more information, please visit AnimalCrueltyCertified.com and MercyForAnimals.org.

IN THE TRENCHES: GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS

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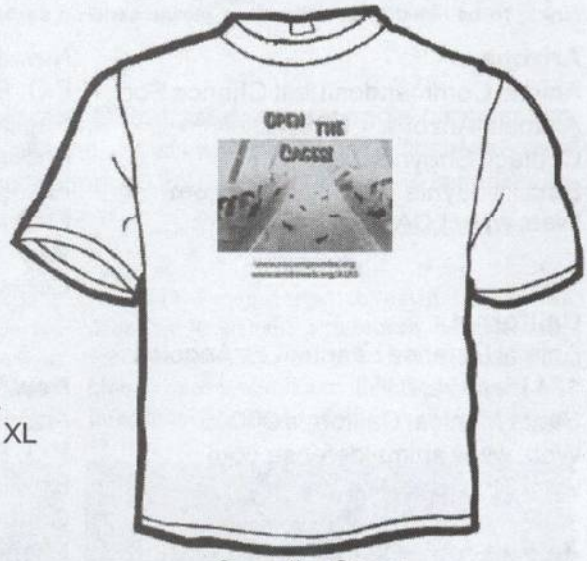
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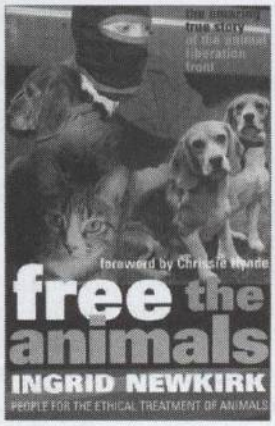
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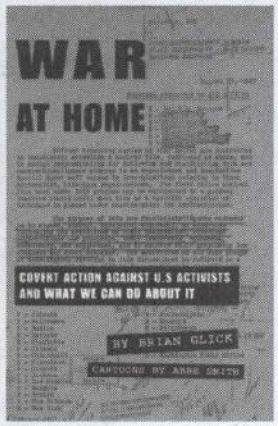


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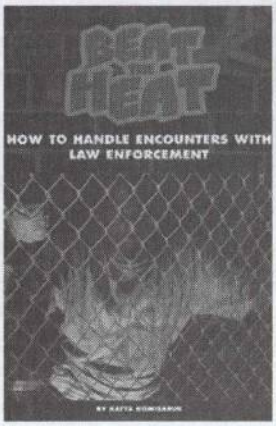
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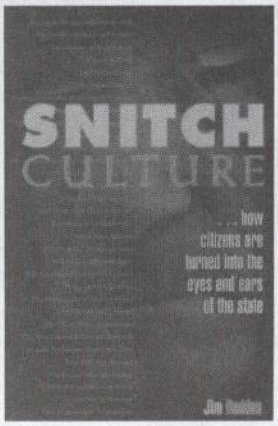
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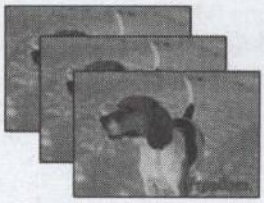
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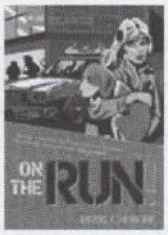
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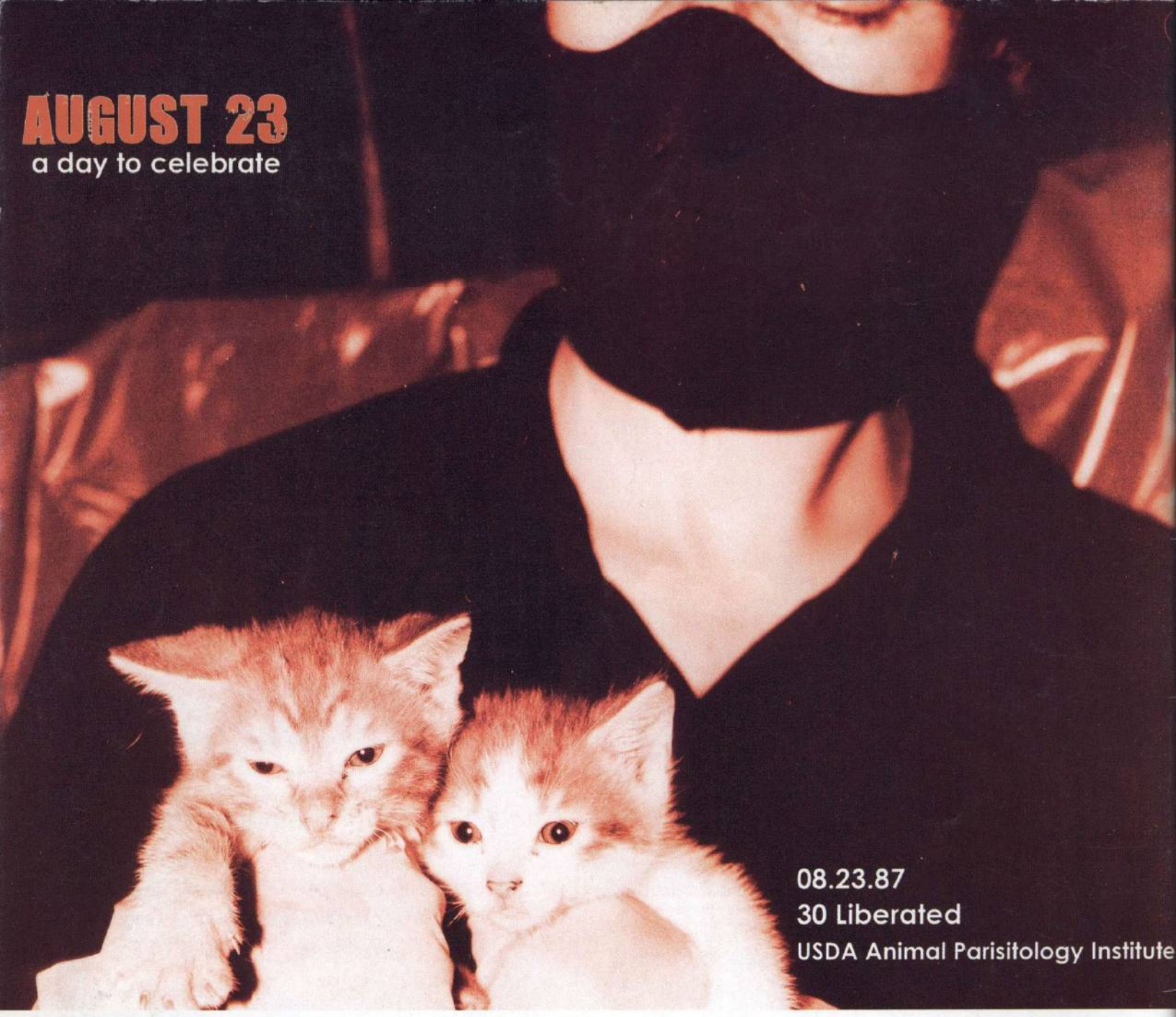
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