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## A.L.F.'s Freedom Summer

MIDWEST, USA — The largest liberation of animals in U.S. history, and the largest liberation of animals from a laboratory in 10 years were two monumental actions during a two-week wave of A.L.F. raids this summer.

In the early morning hours of August 28th A.L.F. operatives ripped open outdoor pens and drilled through a laboratory wall to free 179 birds from painful toxicology testing at Genesis Laboratories in Wellington, Colorado.

Genesis Laboratories - a contract toxicology lab - specializes in experiments on wildlife, including tests of poisons and chemicals. Their clientele includes private industry - such as pesticide manufacturers – as well as state and federal agencies with an interest in "pest control." USDA Animal Welfare Act data covering animal use at Genesis shows the lab using 24 gophers, 44 ferrets, 19 rats, and 142 prairie dogs in 1997. 143 of these animals underwent the most egregious of testing - listed under pain-category "E" - during which experiments were conducted involving pain with no pain-relieving drugs given. Earlier Freedom of Information Act requests show similarly prolific annual records of wildlife butchery.

For 68 of the birds liberated, time had all but rUn out - their last minute rescue by the A.L.F. came just before their use in a study of the toxic effects of rat poison on birds.

In a communiqué received by the A.L.F. Press Office the following day, the A.L.F. took credit for the raid and detailed its course: "An outdoor aviary holding wild Bobwhite birds held for future use inside the lab was located, the pen walls cut away with wire cutters, and approximately 100 birds allowed to escape.

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## Darren Thurston and David Barbarash Receive Stay of Charges!

### Crown Attempts to Cover Up Campaign of Dirty Tricks

by the Support Campaign for David Barbarash and Darren Thurston, September 25, 2000

VANCOUVER, BC — More than five years of RCMP harassment against two local animal rights activists quietly came to an end last fall. On September 21st, Darren Thurston and A.L.F. Spokesperson, David Barbarash received a letter from B.C. Crown Counsel Pat Donald, indicating that the Crown has entered a Stay of Proceedings on all charges against them.

Darren and David are committed activists whose issues of concern include animal/earth liberation, anti-fascist organizing, and prisoner support. Both are former political prisoners who have done time for acting on their beliefs. Most notably, they were convicted for the liberation of 29 cats from a University of Alberta animal facility in 1992.

It is this history of involvement in liberation movements that lead the RCMP to falsely charge them with 23 counts of 'mailing a dangerous device with the intent to cause harm' in 1998. Specifically, those charges involved letters sent from Victoria to guide outfitters across BC in January of 1996. A group called the Justice Department laid claim to sending the letters which were booby trapped with a razor blade that was positioned in such a way that the recipient could cut their finger while opening it. Darren and David have always maintained their innocence on these charges.

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## Boycott Macy's Tour Hits Long Island Hard




GARDEN CITY, NY — On June 11, 2000, dozens of activists gathered at the entrance of the Roosevelt Field Mall on Long Island to protest Macy's East's continued sale of fur. This demonstration marked the fourth New York protest of the Fur Free Macy's Tour, which made 14 stops at Macy's East stores along the East Coast.

The Fur Free Macy's tour was organized by several groups including The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT), The Animal Defense League (ADL), In Defense of Animals (IDA), and Last Chance for Animals (LCA). Its purpose was to escalate the grassroots campaign against Macy's East, a division of Federated Department Stores, the largest retailer of fur in the United States. In 1996, on the

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# Introductory Ramblings

Dear *NC* Readers,

Five billion animals later, *No Compromise* returns after a six month hiatus. To compensate, we've added 8 extra pages of news and welcomed five new steering committee members (listed at left). We're sorry for the lateness, but more than that, we're sorry *No Compromise* comes out at all. Our existence is only justified by the slaughter of billions, and when it ends, thankfully, so will we. Until that day, we'll bring you news of what a few are doing to end this atrocity.

Legally, the past six months have been one of the most active ever for the North American movement. Activist Josh Harper was jailed for refusing to testify before a grand jury *[p. 8]*. Two activists have been arrested in Utah on charges relating to a daylight raid on a mink farm *[p. 10]*. Five arrests have been made recently of activists charged for earth liberation actions, including 4 on serious arson charges. Three of those charged are currently in custody. Write them and every prisoner a letter today! Prisoner addresses are on page 30.

More positively, the case of two long-time Canadian activists accused of Justice Department actions involving booby-trapped envelopes ended with the government dropping it's case. A news article is on page 1 and an interview with A.L.F. Press Officer and co-defendent in the case David Barbarash is on page 3.

And then there are the snitches... One chapter in the case of two men accused of a two week spree of mink releases came to a bitter end in August, when word came that Justin Samuel chose to implicate and testify against co-defendant Peter Young. In exchange, Justin received a light sentence. Tragically, there are weak elements in our movement who choose to aid the government to save themselves, and others who refuse to condemn it. Some may take solace knowing prison culture has no such tolerance for snitches, and Justin's brief stay behind bars will not be easy.

And the case of two activists arrested on Long Island for fur shop actions ended similarly, when Ron Blaich testified against Andy Stepanian in exchange for minimal jail time. Andy is currently serving 90 days *[see page 10 for story and address]*. Both informants have betrayed their "friends", and more tragically, the animals who suffer more in their prison than any human in our own. *No Compromise* will never express one word in defense of these wretches. To quote Rod's column *[facing page]*: "Nobody talks, everybody walks."

With the worst of news comes the greatest - September saw the largest liberation of animals in history - 14,000 mink released in Iowa *[news story, p. 1 and communique, p. 31]*! This summer also saw North America's largest ever liberation from a factory farm with 613 baby chicks rescued from an egg factory in California *[photos, p. 29]*. A complete diary of actions begins on page 28.

Also in the good news department is the very exciting new campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences. Grassroots and national groups in the US have linked arms with UK activists to bring this vile lab to its knees. See pages 9 and 17 for stories.

This issue we spotlight Genetic Engineering - an issue with perhaps the graver implications for animal suffering, human health and environmental collapse than any other in history. All activists are wise to read our articles on the subject, choose their targets, and get busy.

Enjoy the issue, and ask yourself what you are doing for animals today.

Until Every Cage is Empty,
*NC* Steering Committee

## Deadlines for Next Issue:

**March 6 - Feature Articles Due**
**March 13 - Trenches Updates Due**
**March 20 - News Stories Due**
**Early May - In Your Mailbox**

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# Interview *with* A.L.F. Press Officer

# David Barbarash

David Barbarash is the North American spokesperson for the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). David and co-defendant Darren Thurston were the targets of a five-year campaign of harassment, intimidation, surveillance and investigation by the Canadian government. This case finally came to its conclusion September 20th when the prosecution decided to stay all charges *[see p. 1]*.



*No Compromise: What's it been like to be the focus of so much government harassment for so long and how has it affected your life?*

**David:** It's been very difficult. I've suffered tremendously during these past few years; most notably my health has suffered from all the stress involved. Emotionally and psychologically it's been very hard. Some of my relationships have been altered as well. In our society you need only be charged or suspected of committing crimes and the media will paint you as guilty, and most people believe that you must be guilty if you've been charged, or if the media demonizes you. This is what happened to us.

Specifically, my stress levels went soaring, which lead to problems with my heart. It now races at times due to stress, and that has lead to bouts of insomnia as well. I moved away from Vancouver to a smaller community to help alleviate some of the stress involved with daily life.

There will always be people who will think I am guilty even though all the charges were dropped, and that's a load to bear as well. But my family and my close friends have been incredibly supportive throughout this ordeal.

*NC: How does it feel to finally have this case over with and what are your future plans?*

**David:** On the one hand I am very relieved this case is over and done with, but I'm also very angry at the way it has concluded. There were never any grounds to charge me with sending those razor blade letters, nor were there any grounds to raid me a year prior to that, and I was really looking forward to our trial because I would have been exonerated completely. We also had a hearing scheduled to quash the search warrants and we would have been successful at that as well. So the Crown stays the charges but denies me my day in court to prove beyond a doubt my innocence. It's a bittersweet ending to a five-year ordeal.

My future plans now include a lot of travel, I hope! As part of my bail conditions for the past two and a half years I had to surrender my passport and could not leave British Columbia. I was also required to report to the feds in person once a week. But now I have my passport back and can actually begin to think of traveling again, which is very exciting!

Other than that I plan to continue speaking out in support of animal liberation and the A.L.F. My ideals have not changed. In fact I am more firmly convinced, if that's possible, in the goals of animal and earth liberation, so I have no plans to quit speaking out for those who have no voice.

*NC: Why do you think you and Darren were made targets in this government campaign of harassment?*

**David:** According to their own notes we were chosen because of our history of involvement with the A.L.F., specifically the rescue of 29 cats from the University of Alberta in 1992. Darren was also involved with anti-fascist organizing. Based on this and no other facts or evidence we were chosen as the prime suspects.

This is typical of the way the RCMP conduct their investigations: if they have no evidence they decide who they are going to target, and then they pour all their resources and energy into those suspects, trying to make any possible connection they can to the crime, regardless of the innocence of those they've chosen. Over the past few years a number of high-profile cases of RCMP abuse have come to light where this type of investigation was used.

Some people spent many years in prison falsely convicted before being completely exonerated. Luckily that didn't happen to us, but it's obscene the lengths they will go to harass non-violent people. Basically it comes down to the fact that they've got no evidence on us, but they don't like what we advocate, so if they can nail us then they're happy. Fortunately that didn't happen.

*NC: Now that the charges have been stayed against you, do you think the government harassment of you and Darren will end as well?*

**David:** I don't think for a second the RCMP or CSIS have lost any interest in us. In fact, over the past couple of years it has probably increased, at least for me, because of my role as A.L.F. spokesperson. I believe we will always be suspects in whatever animal rights, environmental, or anti-fascist illegal actions occur in BC and Canada.

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# When the Weak Link Breaks

**by Rod Coronado**

A couple of weeks ago I had a conversation with Marlene Samuel, Justin's mother. It was a difficult phone call, and it reminded me of the pain and worry my own mother suffered when I was captured and sent to prison.

Despite my disagreement with Justin's decision to testify against Peter Young *[see story, p. 6]*, I found it hard to feel anything but sympathy for him and his family. The animal liberation movement should use Justin's case as an example of what not to do when captured for A.L.F. actions.

That Justin could be found, arrested and extradited from another country for opening cages of doomed wildlife speaks volumes about the U.S. Government's resolve to capture and imprison A.L.F. warriors.

In Justin's case, there was once again the spread of misinformation, some from our own movement, that Justin and Peter faced over 80 years in prison (based on the maximum sentence allowable for each indicted offense and not on an actual sentence computation). Justin also suffered the trauma of nearly a year of pre-trial imprisonment and the denial of a vegan diet.

These factors led Justin to agree to testify, hoping cooperation would win him an instant release. A review of court transcripts reveals no such promise. Instead, what is said is that the prosecution and defense attorneys recognized that despite the plea agreement, the sentencing judge would retain the legal right to punish Justin to the full extent of the law. That happened on November 3rd, when Justin was sentenced to the maximum prison time allowable under federal sentencing guidelines.

Justin violated the first code of conduct for A.L.F. warriors when captured — never cooperate with the enemy against fellow activists. Another lesson once again painfully learned by Justin is that the U.S. Government is an immoral and unethical oppressor that historically has broken any and all promises in order to further its own objectives. Our credo must remain that when asked to incriminate our comrades, we will never negotiate with government terrorists and hostage takers.

Another key mistake was that Justin, on the advice of his lawyers, asked that his name be removed from prisoner lists and that no activists write to him in the hopes that disassociation would improve his odds at sentencing. By doing that, Justin instead cut himself off from the immense international support our movement has for direct action prisoners. Instead of receiving large amounts of mail that improve one's psychological strength and well-being, Justin faced his opponents alone and was deceived by the government's false promises.

Rather than direct vindictive energy towards Justin, we must focus on the need to strengthen the resiliency of our warriors so they can endure the intimidation faced once captured. It helps no one, least of all the oppressed animal nations, to allow ourselves to harbor the kind of anger and hatred we are supposed to be against. Having seen for himself that nothing can be gained by cooperating with the U.S. Government, Justin has months to think about his mistakes.

Don't get me wrong. As the subject of past grand jury investigations, I know what it's like to have former friends testify against you. But rather than having hatred for those responsible, I instead choose to recognize that some of us in the animal liberation community do not have the strength one needs to remain unbroken in prison or close-mouthed in front of grand jury interrogators.

Because of that, it's vital to remind direct action warriors that if you can't do the time, don't do the crime. You help no one if you can only carry out actions

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## News Briefs

EUGENE, OR — Two people were arrested for spray painting "Meat is Murder" at McDonalds on June 2nd. The arrestees, Alex Castle and Dylan Barr, were charged with felony Criminal Mischief and agreed to pay $400 restitution and do 40 hours of community service.

SACRAMENTO, CA — Ringling Bros. circus led an illegal, covert surveillance operation against the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), planting "volunteers" to gather confidential information in an attempt to discredit the organization, a federal lawsuit charges. The suit, which PAWS filed in U.S. District Court on June 8th, alleges that Feld Entertainment, Inc., Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows and operatives spied on and stole documents belonging to PAWS, a nonprofit animal sanctuary. It accuses the groups of hiring people who, beginning in 1989, infiltrated PAWS and gathered files, personnel records, donor lists and other information in an attempt to taint its public image, harm its ability to raise money and drive it out of existence "in order to benefit defendants and their business of using animals in live circus performances."

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — On June 9th a federal appeals court overturned the ruling that allowed Washington State's Makah Indians to resume whaling. The Makah, claiming whaling rights under an 1855 treaty, hunted and killed a young gray whale in 1999.

SECAUCAS, NJ — The state Supreme Court ruled on June 14th that shopping mall owners may not impose unreasonable restrictions on grassroots political groups seeking to hand out leaflets or collect signatures. The unanimous decision came four years after the court declared that malls were the new town squares and could not ban groups from distributing literature. Activists raised the ruling as a victory for free speech.

SACRAMENTO, CA — It was reported on June 14th that a million dollar civil rights lawsuit has been filed in federal court against the University of California, the chief of a primate research lab and the UC Davis chancellor and police. The 13-count lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, is the second in two years lodged against UC for beating and falsely arresting animal rights demonstrators.

EUGENE, OR — On June 16th two anarchists were arrested on charges of Criminal Mischief and Arson One, suspected of an arson that had occurred that evening at a local car dealership, which resulted in $40,000 damage. After spending five months in custody awaiting trial, Craig Marshall (AKA Critter) plead No Contest to Conspiracy to Commit Arson and Possession of an

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# A.L.F.'s Freedom Summer

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"We then cut into an adjacent aviary where 11 ducks were loaded into carriers and taken to a getaway vehicle.

"The main laboratory was our next target. Using a high-speed drill and 3/8" drill bit, several holes were drilled into the wall of the building. Bolt cutters were then used to cut away a 3' X 3' hole in the corrugated metal siding. Fiberglass insulation was stripped away, and an additional hole was cut into the drywall, giving us direct access into a room holding an additional 68 Bobwhite birds. These birds were held in tiny wire cages allowing no room to fly or walk. The cages were cut into and all 68 birds loaded into carriers for delivery to a getaway vehicle."

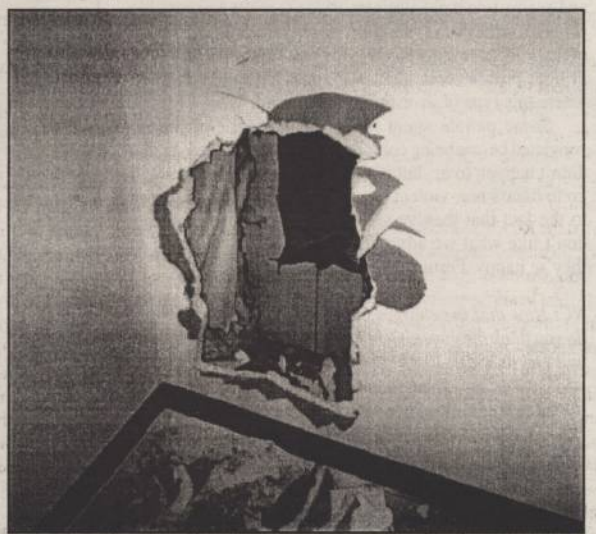
The raid featured the U.S. A.L.F.'s first use of cutting through a wall to bypass alarms and gain direct access to a building - a technique used by the A.L.F. in Europe since the 1980s.

Police responded to a motion sensor alarm at Genesis at 3:51 AM, tripped in a hallway after operatives emptied a vivarium and moved further into the lab "with the intent of liberating every last animal," according to the communiqué. "This unfortunate technical error forced us to leave behind hundreds of animals held throughout the building including additional birds, prairie dogs, squirrels, ferrets, and wild mice and rats."

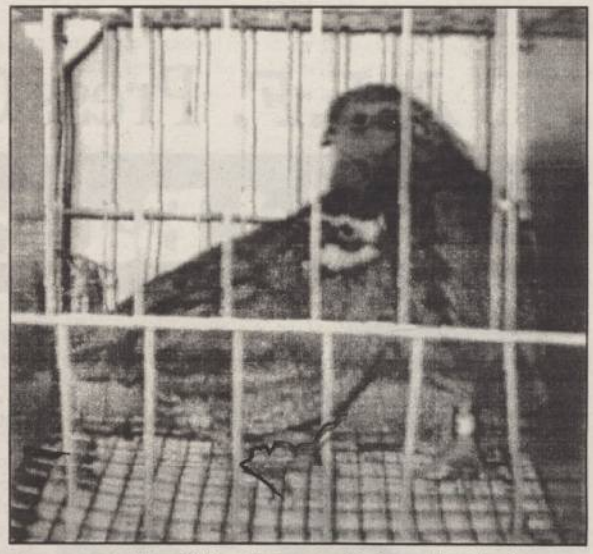
The A.L.F. stated 100 of the birds housed in outdoor aviaries were released into the surrounding countryside, while the remaining 68 quail and 11 ducks were taken to a getaway vehicle and later released into a wilderness area.

Immediate effects of the raid included police patrols of stockyards and other animal exploitation sites in northern Colorado, and the hiring by Genesis of an overnight armed guard.

Curiously, nearby Fort Collins is the American epicenter of wildlife research, hosting Genesis Laboratories in a northern suburb, the headquarters of the USDA's National Wildlife Research Center, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Foothills Wildlife Research Facility, the Colorado State University's wildlife program, an office of NIH federal fur research laboratory, Rocky Mountain Laboratories, and mink farm pharmaceutical manufacturer Wild-



**the A.L.F. drilled through a wall to enter Genesis Labs**



**caged quail days before suffering scheduled force-feeding of rat poison - rescued by the A.L.F.**

life Pharmaceuticals - the target of an unsuccessful arson attack in 1997.

On September 7th—10 days later and two states east in New Hampton, Iowa—fences were cut and cages opened at Drewelow & Sons Fur Farm, allowing 14,000 mink to literally run for their lives.

Owner Earl Drewelow described the scene of waking up to 14,000 mink running wild through surrounding cornfields as his "worst nightmare."

The raid was the largest liberation of animals in North American history. The following day the A.L.F. took credit.

Received by the Press Office that day, the communiqué *[see p. 31]* rebutted standard fur industry lies about mink releases and set the facts straight for a mostly unreceptive media. News coverage following the raid regurgitated lies from numerous Fur Commission USA news releases, including the improbable claim that 7000 mink had been recaptured within 36 hours.

Newspapers did reveal that the future of the farm was uncertain. One report described the farm as "wiped out." Losses were estimated at $400,000. Additional encouraging testimony to the effectiveness of A.L.F. action came in a newspaper's follow-up on past fur farm targets. Of three farms from which animals have been released in Iowa, two - the Circle K Fur Farm in Sioux City (5000 mink and 100 fox released 10-16-97), and the Hidden Valley Fur Farm (300 fox released 8-20-98) - have since shut down. Any arrests resulting from state and federal investigations was reported "unlikely."

Two nights later, A.L.F. operatives entered a shed at Double T Farms in Glenwood, Iowa and removed 215 pigeons (by their count) slated for shipment to vivisection laboratories. Owner Ted Golka put the number at over 400 and his losses at $10,000. Every animal was taken.

The following day the A.L.F. once again took credit for the liberation—their third in two weeks—and described the rescue: "Access was gained to the pigeon shed through an unlocked door. 63 pigeons were placed in containers and loaded into a vehicle for transport to a wilderness area out of state. We were, unfortunately, logistically unable to transport by vehicle any more than these 63 pigeons. The remaining 152 birds were loaded into tubs and manually transported through nearby fields to wooded areas a half mile in every direction and released to freedom."

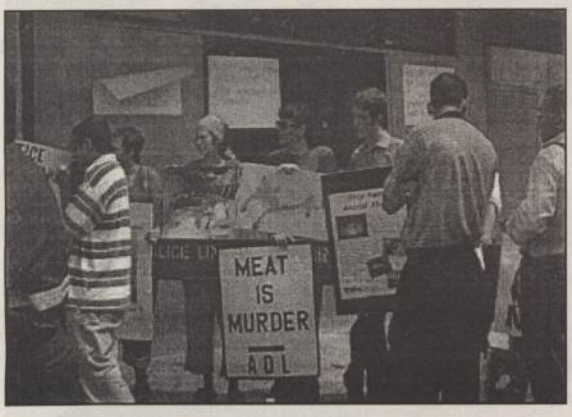
Double T Farms is a known breeder of pigeons for use in experimentation through advertisements in vivisection industry publication Lab Animal magazine.

New tactics and bigger numbers - a new episode in the evolving counter offensive of the animals' last hope: the A.L.F.

# Slaughterhouse Shut Down 162 Birds Saved!

QUEENS, NY — Following the spirited and headline-grabbing escape of a young cow, a local slaughterhouse was protested, raided and shut down in a matter of days.

Politicians, concerned neighbors and activists from all over the Northeast joined the ADL on August 24th to blast Astoria Live Poultry for its inhumane conditions, filthy equipment, proximity to a residential area, and disturbing sights, smells and sounds. During the protest, unidentified activists scaled 10-ft. fences topped with barbed wire to liberate 15 pigeons and a chicken.




The following day, city officials closed the operation down due to numerous health violations discovered in a round of inspections. All the remaining animals (128 chickens, 1 turkey and 17 baby quail) were rescued and taken to Farm Sanctuary.

There was significant media coverage and public interest. The New York Daily News described the hullabaloo as having "...touched off a tricky debate over religion, food, community and culture."

"This place deserves to be shut down, it stinks," shouted a jogger as she passed by the slaughterhouse. Everyone watched her jog by and then turned their attention more deservingly to the closed doors of Astoria Live Poultry. The press, the Farm Sanctuary, and a couple volunteer workers were anxiously awaiting the unveiling of the slaughterhouse. The doors were finally opened and we entered hesitantly into the dark and filthy building. The only sunlight and air circulation came in through the doors behind us.

Inside, we found 75 Rhode Island Red Hens, 46 white chickens, 1 turkey, 17 baby quail and 7 baby chickens in cramped cages.

Each metal cage was approximately 8 inches in height and 2 feet wide by 2 feet long. There was no water or food evident in the cages. The cages looked as though they had never been cleaned and with the foul stench that was emitted from them, the assumption could be confirmed.

There were about 10-12 white chickens per cage. They could manage to stand up without too much difficulty. Unlike the Rhode Island Reds, which were about 15 per cage, and the turkey who had to either crouch or lie down.

A wooden cage was approximately 2 feet in height and 8 inches wide by 2 feet long. There was filthy, discolored water but no food. The quails and chicks, 24 total, filled the cage and some stood on top of each other.

All of the birds were said to have gone about 5 days without food. The chickens, hens, and turkey were said to have had no water for 5 days as well. There were dead birds left in cages to be trampled upon by others. There was a quail that was barely alive left in the drinking water.

All of the chicks and quails had wounds where they had been pecked at by each other out of boredom and hunger. All of the chickens and hens had been debeaked and a good portion of them had patches where they had lost their feathers. They also had fevers due to influenza.

All of the 146 birds were transported out of the slaughterhouse and went on their way to a happier life. Unfortunately, because of the lack of cleanliness and the contraction of influenza, several of the birds did not survive. At least they died freed birds and not at the cold hands of a murderer.

Thanks to the Farm Sanctuary and the helpers for doing the best job they could.

## Darren and David

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RCMP harassment of the pair began in 1995 when four parcel pipe bombs were sent to individuals across Canada involved in far-right activity. Darren and David have been subjected to extensive physical surveillance, the implantation of bugs in their homes and vehicles, searches on four residences and two storage lockers, and the seizure of belongings including files, clothing, tools, books, computer components, and other personal effects. Most notably, the RCMP waged a campaign of dirty tricks against the activists that involved the use of undercover operatives. These agents attempted to involve Darren and David in an arson on an abandoned building under the guise of fighting the trade in bear parts.

An order for disclosure of surveillance on this undercover operation likely led to the Crown entering the Stay of Proceedings. Throughout the case, Crown counsel Pat Donald, and lead RCMP/NSIS investigator Leigh Ryan have both continually denied the existence of undercover operatives or any dirty tricks campaign. However, the Crown's own disclosure to the defendants contained some information about officers operating undercover. This information allowed the defense to launch an argument for more disclosure about the constables suspected to be involved. BC Supreme Court Judge Lysyk found this request to be within reason and had ordered that the Crown release the info in a timely manner. The Crown, in order to cover up its abuse of power and to quash any public discussion on the matter, chose to enter the Stay rather than disclose this incriminating evidence.

In the end, it is questionable whether the charges laid against Darren and David were ever meant to stick. This investigation, which proceeded despite the lack of evidence against the pair, allowed the RCMP to harass and maintain surveillance on many members of the activist community. Tapped phones, infiltration, physical surveillance, and cross-country interviews gave the RCMP a chance to develop profiles on dozens of activists. These profiles will stay in the RCMP filing system for many years to come. Not only that, but the investigation allowed the police to restrict the movements and activities of Darren and David, forcing them to report to RCMP headquarters once a week and stopping them from leaving the country, or even the province of BC without permission.

This case goes to show the lengths that the Canadian government is willing to go to criminalize a basic human right - the right to express non-violent dissent. The information as given above should serve as a warning to all people who dare to protest - what the RCMP did to Darren and David, they can do to anyone.

Darren and David would like to extend their thanks to all the people who supported them throughout this time of trial and send a message of support out to all those struggling for liberation of humans, animals and the earth today.

Please see the background document - Activism on Trial for more detailed information about the investigation, the case itself and Darren and David's political work. It can be downloaded at:
**www.tao.ca/~darren/actontrial.pdf**

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Unlawful Device on November 22nd and sentenced to 5-1/2 years in the Oregon State Penitentiary. Jeffrey Luers (AKA Free) still awaits a new trial in the Lane County Jail - his lawyer died of a heart attack during the original trial. *[see prisoner listings on p. 30 for Free and Critter's addresses].*

DANBURY, CT — It was reported on June 17th that anti-fur activists secured themselves inside Danbury Mall while dozens of others picketed outside and dropped a huge anti-Macy's banner attacking the store for its policy of selling fur. The Macy's at Danbury Mall — the site of a dozen arrests in past anti-fur demonstrations — has been targeted as one of the primary targets in a nationally-coordinated series of protests against the sale of fur.

PROVIDENCE, RI — A bill to ban performances by lions, tigers, bears and elephants won a slim victory in the House of Representatives June 20th, moving the state a step closer to being the first in the country to outlaw the circus animals. The vote of 51 to 43 surprised even the bill's supporters, who hope to discourage what they view as cruel methods used to teach the animals to stand on their heads, jump through flaming hoops and perform other tricks.

BLOOMINGTON, IN — It was announced June 30th that the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) has officially claimed credit for spiking trees in two counties in southern Indiana. A communiqué sent to the North American E.L.F. Press Office stated, "The Earth Liberation Front would like to make public that we have placed hundreds of spikes in trees in the timber sales that are about to be cut on Crooked Creek Road in Brown County and in Monroe County." An estimated 20 or so spikes have already been found by state officials. The communiqué continued, "The trees are now worthless to the mill and dangerous to cut down. We ask that this action be widely publicized in order to prevent injury to any timber workers who might be working in the area. It is not our intention to cause harm to anyone."

LOS ANGELES, CA — It was reported July 17th that a Superior Court judge has dismissed nine of eleven causes of action against Kaiser Permanente by Jerold Friedman, a vegan who was fired when he refused a mumps vaccination because it includes material from chicken embryos. He was also injected with a tuberculosis test, which he was told was free of animal ingredients, only to learn later that it contained cow serum. Friedman's attorney said he would appeal the ruling in favor of Kaiser by Judge Ronald Sohigian with a writ. The multi-million-dollar lawsuit, filed in February, could be the first of its kind.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA — It was reported July 20th that threats made by a local furrier may result in the closure of a popular, but controversial web site. The web site — **www.Ferberfurs.com** — could be a violation of the "Anti-Cybersquatting Consumer Protection Act" and could be considered "stalking by communication," according to an attorney with Jacques Ferber Furs of Philadelphia. CAFT insists the threats are just another example of harassment by Rodger and Ferber Furs against the protected speech of anti-fur activists. The fur store has filed injunctions and the nation's first animal rights-related RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) suit in efforts to stop picketing. All have failed.

BOULDER, CO — It was reported on July 21st that Jeremiah Rush Bowen and Jennifer Howard were arrested for investigation of first degree arson and second degree burglary. Police suspect that they were responsible for the torching of four townhomes under construction in June. The townhomes were part of a housing development that displaced local foxes. Jeremiah and Jennifer have accepted plea bargains and are scheduled to be sentenced in late January and early March respectively. Jeremiah, still in custody, is expecting to receive two years in prison and five years probation while Jennifer, out on bail, may be given a parole sentence. *[see prisoner listings on p. 30 for Jeremiah's address].*

NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA — On August 1st the local SPCA charged two men associated with the George Carden International Circus for alleged cruelty and mistreatment of animals while the traveling show was in Mount Pearl in June. The charges were laid under the province's Animal Protection Act and the Criminal Code of Canada. Charges include causing unnecessary pain and suffering to five bears, five elephants, and eight ponies; negligence in failing to provide proper care to the ponies; and negligence in failing to provide adequate water or care to five elephants.

LOS ANGELES, CA — It was reported August 2nd, that six protesters were arrested and two were sent to area hospitals by ambulance during an anti-circus demonstration at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Two activists climbed the roof of the facility and three others locked themselves together at the entrance to the arena to protest the opening night of the Ringling Brothers Circus. An estimated 50 SWAT officers used batons to push several dozen protesters away from the building although they were on public property. The club-wielding police hurt two demonstrators - both not involved with the blockade - who were hospitalized.

# 48 Animal Rights Activists Arrested During DNC Protests

LOS ANGELES, CA — Police arrested 48 activists for allegedly attacking the storefronts of two fur shops near the Democratic National Convention on August 15. The protesters were charged with conspiracy to commit vandalism.

Earlier that same day a small group of animal liberation activists who had intended to march in the "Corporate Greed Protest," instead chose to block the 10,000-person march after discovering it was to be led by a horse-drawn "stagecoach." After a debate with march organizers, a United Steelworkers representative declared the stagecoach would not continue with the march and the horses would be rested and given water "out of respect for animal rights supporters, who are valued members of the progressive movement."



# Justin Samuel: Traitor

MADISON, WI — In October 1997 a series of daring raids on five different fur farms occurred in South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. These raids by the Animal Liberation Front resulted in freedom for thousands upon thousands of animals; saving them from certain death at the farmers' hands and a new chance at life. One can only imagine the unbelievable joy these animals must have felt when released into the wild after spending their lives in the cramped quarters of a cage with barely enough room to turn around in!

Unfortunately, the laws of the United States place a much higher value on money than life. As a result, a Federal Grand Jury was convened which produced a six-count indictment against Peter Young and Justin Samuel based on marks linking wirecutters to cut fur farm fences. This indictment charged the two activists with "Animal Enterprise Terrorism" and unlawful interference with interstate commerce.

The indictment alleges that Peter and Justin raided at least two of the farms and released nearly 12,000 mink with the intent to cause significant economic damage to the farms. Despite the indictments, it was not until September of 1999 that Justin was tracked down in Belgium, where he had been arrested on other charges. Peter is still at large.

Immediately after his arrest, support campaigns for Justin sprang up in both Europe and the United States.

After arriving in the United States, Justin, at his lawyer's urging, cut himself off from his supporters by asking that his prison address not be published. Finally, after almost a year in jail, Justin caved in to pressure to take a deal that betrayed one of the fundamental principles for activists; he agreed to testify against a comrade.

On August 30th Justin Samuel entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office in which he implicated Peter Young as having conspired with him as well as participated in numerous raids on fur farms. Justin also agreed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury to "make a full, complete, truthful statement regarding his involvement in violations of federal criminal statutes charged in the original indictment, as well as the involvement of all other individuals known to him regarding the crimes charged in that indictment," and to testify at any future trials or hearings.

Justin's change of heart and decision to turn on his friend came as a shock to us all. Not too long ago, Justin had said, "...what really gives me strength is to see people continuing to follow their hearts, not deterred by fear or consumed by anger when any one of us is subject to a small piece of the injustice this world has to offer."

Sadly, it appears Justin did not himself have the moral fortitude to stick to his beliefs and let himself be overcome by fear of what might happen if this case went to trial. Ironically, Justin was still sentenced to 2 years in a federal prison. Unfortunately, it is not only Justin who will pay the price for his fears but Peter Young and any other activists Justin chose to name in his efforts to protect himself.

As a traitor to the movement, Justin has forfeited his right to support from each and every one of us. There can be no excuses for turning in your comrades in the struggle. But we can not dwell on this. Justin's betrayal was of the entire movement, but his testimony most affects Peter Young and we must do whatever we can to prepare for the possibility of his arrest. Peter wherever you are, our hearts are with you.

# Tripods Blockade Texas Aquarium

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX — On Saturday morning, July 8th, 35 members of several animal rights groups and environmental groups arrived here to participate in a demonstration against the Texas State Aquarium (TSA). TSA officials had claimed through the media that public opposition to their planned dolphinarium had waned. To place this issue back in the public eye, several members participated in a civil disobedience involving the first time use of tripods in Texas. Several hours later three protesters had been arrested - one for possession of crack, another for rioting, and the third for disorderly conduct.

Organizing and participating in the demo were Friends of the Dolphins, a Corpus Christi group that has spoken out against TSA for 10 years, Houston Animal Rights Team (HART), Action for Animals of Austin, Voice for Animals of San Antonio, and Earth First! of Austin and Houston.

We had planned on setting up the tripods at noon. However, at 11:30 a.m. we noticed that a meterman, who had passed by us as we prepared the tripods, was now talking to police a half block away and pointing at us. We decided we had no choice but to start the CD early. Eight activists picked up the 20-foot tripods and rushed the half block to the staging area. On the way we were forced to drop the tripods and stand in front of them with signs and banners when two police cars passed within feet of us. In seconds the tripods were pushed up to the entrance of TSA and two activists pulled themselves to the tops.

For the next two hours, Tony Nocella of HART and I, James Parker, remained at the top of the tripods and chanted. Police arrived and asked us to come down. Media arrived and did several interviews.

A police supervisor arrived and asked us to come down. We ignored the request. The police supervisor then offered to issue a citation with no arrests if both of us came down. We recognized this as a lie that would end in our arrest.

The police supervisor was forced to repeat his offer to all the demonstrators and our camera. With evidence of the promise, we agreed to the offer and came down. Tony and I preferred not to go to jail. We reached this decision because the civil disobedience could have only lasted 30 more minutes since fire trucks had arrived to pluck us from the tripods. Secondly, only one TV station had showed up. For these reasons we decided to come down and not be arrested.

After climbing down, we were searched, placed into police cars and taken a short distance away from the demo. I suspected that we had been lied to and would be arrested. But we were not. I didn't necessarily trust the police supervisor, but his offer was good. However, while sitting in the police car awaiting my citation, I was told that Tony had been arrested for possession of crack. I was in complete disbelief!



Tony Nocella sits atop tripod to protest aquarium

I was taken from the police car and left by the side of the road to be picked up by someone from the demo. I was extremely polite to the police officers while in custody but noticed that all three of them would not look at me when I told them I was sorry for inconveniencing them.

Tony was driven to the county jail. I was driven back to the demo and found chaos. Several of the demonstrators had backed away from the demo site and some were driving around the area. Those still at the demo were not together but were watching from across the street. Apparently, after hearing that Tony had been arrested for possession of crack, several disbelieving demonstrators became angry and began chanting, "Corpus Christi, Crooked Cops." One of the chanters, Jason Nuegent of Austin, was pulled out of the crowd and charged with inciting a riot. Another demonstrator from Houston was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after using the F-word to a cop.

We regrouped and gathered at the county jail. One activist was released at 6 p.m., another at 9 p.m., and Tony was released at 11 p.m.

We believe Tony is innocent for several reasons. Not only is Tony Straight Edge, but he had already been released and was walking away from the police car when the crack was discovered in the car, not on his person. Tony had been searched before being placed in the police car. In addition, the previous day 15 prostitutes had been arrested, and one was charged with possession of crack. It is possible that another had dumped her crack in the police car that Tony was placed in.

We have consulted several lawyers who say a prosecutor cannot go forward with this charge due to doubt that the crack was Tony's. As well, the two charges against the two other people do not meet the elements of inciting a riot and disorderly conduct. We believe these charges will be dropped or that both demonstrators will be found innocent if tried.

Two of those arrested have received court dates set for April of this year. Tony has not received notice of his arraignment. I have not received my citation. We have all decided to return to Corpus Christi for future demonstrations. We are not about to let this stop us.

Now we need to raise funds for lawyer fees. If you would like to make a donation, send to:

**Action for Animals**
**PO Box 17702**
**Austin, TX 78760**

*(Please include a note saying what your donation is for).*

For more information, call:

**(512) 479-4180**
or e-mail: **afa@ccsi.com**

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WILLIAMS, OR — Early on the morning of August 10th agents from the FBI, ATF, BLM and state police visited longtime activist Jonathan Paul in southern Oregon. Paul - who spent five months in a Washington jail resisting a federal grand jury in 1992-93 - said the agents made a point of letting him know that they "know everything," and said they were investigating A.L.F./E.L.F. fires, going "way back" to the first A.L.F. fire at UC Davis in 1987. They asked him about himself and some other activists, but he refused to answer their questions. Didn't they pay attention to why he went to jail for five months years ago?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — On August 11th, it was announced that the city's Commission on Animal Control and Welfare plans to urge city leaders to ban the sale of fur products in stores. The same commission also called for a boycott of rock star Ted Nugent, an avid hunter who got into an altercation with fur protesters outside Neiman Marcus *[see story p. 11]*. At a packed public hearing, commissioners showed a graphic video on how overseas fur manufacturers trap and kill dogs and cats to make coats, and they heard testimony from individuals supporting a fur sale ban. A bill making it illegal to import, export or sell products containing dog or cat hair in the United States was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives two weeks prior and sits before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, DC — It was reported August 28th by a Syracuse University research center that the number of FBI intelligence officers has grown almost five-fold during the Clinton administration, but internal security and terrorism cases accounted for only 45 of the FBI's 12,730 convictions in 1998. The research center cautioned that convictions may not be the best measure of the effectiveness of the FBI intelligence effort, and an FBI executive said the small number may reflect the bureau's success in preventing actual terrorist attacks.

PORTLAND, OR — On August 28th In Defense of Animals sponsored a news conference which revealed gruesome undercover footage from the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center. Matt Rosell had worked at the Center for two years covertly photographing and videotaping horrific conditions, distressed and diseased animals, and severe abuse and neglect of monkeys.

WASHINGTON, DC — Six activists from Compassion Over Killing were awarded $10,000 each when a lawsuit against the DC police department was settled out of court on August 29th. They were arrested during a lockdown in April 1999 which prevented animals from being forced to perform at the Ringling Bros. Circus.

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SEATTLE, WA — On September 2nd anti-whaling activist Erin Abbott was sentenced to 140 hours of community service for intervening with the Makah whale hunt prior to being run over by a Coast Guard vessel. Observers reported that the prosecution went out of their way to stifle all of the anti-whaling activists, including lying to the Judge. They also intentionally withheld evidence until the last minute.

PORTLAND, OR — On September 3rd political activist Craig Rosebraugh filed suit against the city of Portland and three police officers in U.S. District Court, claiming his civil rights were violated when officers arrested him and broke his arm during a demonstration last October. In June, a circuit court judge ruled that the police erred in restraining Rosebraugh, 28, and that he was not guilty of the charge - disobeying a police officer.

BEND, OR — Per the ongoing chronicles of government harassment in the Northwest, agents of repression representing five law enforcement agencies including the FBI, Oregon State Police and the US Forest Service visited relatives of Gina Lynn (*No Compromise* Steering Committee member) on September 12th. Investigators interrogated Lynn's aunt, uncle and grandfather regarding dates that she had visited with them (specifically if they recalled her visiting around the time of any A.L.F./E.L.F. actions in the state), and if she was with anyone else and who.

BLOOMINGTON, IN — It was reported on September 18th that the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for setting a fire at the GOP headquarters here. This marked the fourth major action committed by the E.L.F. in Bloomington this year. The communiqué sent by the E.L.F. stated, "The fire was set as a reminder to politicians such as John Hostettler that we are watching and that we will not sit idly by as they push for plans like I-69."

SHERMAN OAKS, CA — On September 24th militant anti-fur activists blockaded the Bloomingdale's store here and locked themselves together in first floor aisles as part of a campaign to convince the retailer to stop selling fur. The Sherman Oaks protest was one of a series against Bloomingdale's, several of which have resulted in arrests and ensuing court battles. "Bloomingdale's should join other department stores who are taking the ethical and moral high ground, and are saying NO to selling fur from animals anally-electrocuted, trapped or poisoned. Fur is the result of needless torture, suffering and death for millions of innocent animals," said a statement issued by the anti-fur activists.

# Grand Jury Jails 1

PORTLAND, OR — This month's update on the grand jury investigating A.L.F. and E.L.F. actions in the northwest comes in the form of a letter from Josh Harper. Josh is one of three activists known to have been subpoenaed and the only one arrested (so far).

Dear Supporters,

As many of you may have heard, I was arrested on a warrant September 27 by agents from the FBI, US Marshall's office, and local police. The warrant stemmed from my refusal to appear before a grand jury convened in Portland investigating the actions of the Animal and Earth Liberation Fronts.

I was taken to a federal detention center and was expecting to be transported to Portland to await trial. Then, a small miracle happened. The prosecutor in Portland and the one in Washington both tried to block me from getting bail. Federal agents were flown in to convince the magistrate not to release me, but due to overwhelming support from the animal, environmental, and anarchist communities I was released on bail! The courtroom was overflowing with supporters, and they were able to raise more than the amount needed for my bail in less than 20 minutes! I am overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who helped me, and cannot begin to express my gratitude.

Now that I am on the outside again I am preparing to fight the charge of criminal contempt. It is not likely that I will win however, and chances are fair that I will be spending at least a year in federal prison, possibly more.

We must first put this in perspective. The crime I am accused of basically amounts to missing a court date. So why such a serious penalty? I say it is because they are afraid.

All across the world people are rising up. Small cells of committed activists are fighting for human freedom, ecological sanity, animal liberation, and autonomy. Large protests are finally going past the tired, ineffective marches and sign holdings that kept the government safe from us all these years, and now are actually becoming a threat! People are ignoring electoral politics and taking action themselves.

We are sick of the lie that tells us four minutes of action every four years will change the world. We are sick of watching as the last of the wild dies, as the animal nations are massacred, and as our communities become devoid of real life, happiness, freedom and personality. We don't want to live in a world owned by Starbucks. We don't want to work our existence away making profit for the rich bastards we all despise; and we don't want to be beaten down and arrested for finally speaking up! As we rise, they must try to knock us down. The grand jury system is being used all over this country to keep the power in the hands of the elite few.

We cannot let this happen without resistance! Besides donating to my defense as indicated below, the best thing you can do to support me is keep the resistance growing.

*Thank You, Josh*

Please send donations to:
**Josh Harper Support Fund**
**P.O. Box 45275, Seattle, WA 98145**
**nevergivein@hotmail.com**

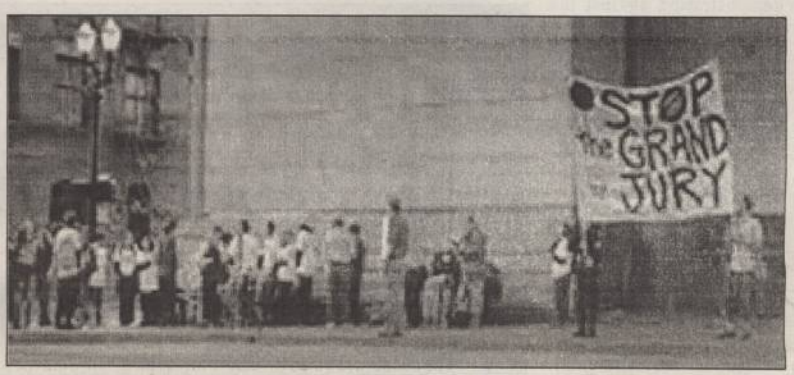
Larger tax deductible contributions to:
**Animal Rights America**
**(earmarked "for Josh Harper")**
**P.O. Box 469, Caldwell, NJ 07006**

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At Josh's October 27th court date, he was informed that the prosecutor would likely be seeking at least a two year sentence. About 60 supporters outside the courthouse kept the spotlight on the unjust nature of this ongoing harassment.

At the following court date, Josh was informed that he is no longer allowed to support illegal actions. The judge, clearly flaunting his disregard for the constitution, stated that if Josh incites, advocates, or publicizes approval of illegal actions, his bail will be revoked and he will be returned to jail to face additional charges.

Most recently Craig Rosebraugh, E.L.F. spokesperson, and his partner, Elaine Close, have been subpoenaed to testify at Josh's grand jury trial.




activists gather outside the Portland Federal Building to protest the grand jury

# Long Island Macy's

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heels of mass protests and consumer boycotts, Macy's West (another division of Federated) closed all of their fur salons, then removed all high end fur trim items from their stores in 1998.

The tour lasted from Memorial Day to Labor Day, beginning and ending at Macy's East's flagship store at Herald Square in New York City. The tour generated lots of positive media along the way, educating the public about Macy's participation in the cruel fur trade. A website on Macy's role in the fur industry - www.boycottmacys.com - was promoted heavily during the tour and received thousands of visitors. Those who visited the site learned about the campaign and how they could help. Hundreds sent e-mails directly to Harold Kahn, the CEO of Macy's East, via an automatic e-mailer on the website.

At the June 11th demonstration, hosted by the Long Island chapter of the ADL, protesters held signs and banners at the main entrance to the Roosevelt Field Mall. Several other activists erected a 20-foot tripod at a major intersection of another mall entrance closer to Macy's. Once assembled, activist Jon Lefkowitz climbed to the top of the structure, unfurling a large banner that read, "Boycott Macy's, Fur Is Murder, www.boycottmacys.com." The police arrived and immediately attempted to take down the tripod, with Jon still at the top. Ignoring all concern for his safety they collapsed the tripod, causing him to fall 20 feet to the ground below. Although the entire event was caught on videotape by an activist who was watching nearby, a police officer noticed the activist filming, took the camera from him, and physically destroyed the tape. As the protest continued, conflict between police and activists intensified and five more protesters were arrested on charges related to disorderly conduct.

Just four weeks later, on July 9th, the Long Island ADL received a communiqué from the Animal Liberation Front reporting a visit to another Macy's store, only a few miles from the location targeted by protesters two days previous. The night before the A.L.F. had broken more than 20 of the store's large plate glass windows and doors, and spray-painted slogans such as, "Boycott Federated" and "Fur is Murder" on the walls of the Garden City store. The communiqué reported, "Our intention was not to hurt anyone. The A.L.F. has declared an open-ended war on all animal abusers. We will not let up until all life is free. Abusers beware."

Macy's stores on Long Island are feeling the heat of both above- and below-ground activists, with both promising that there is only more to come.

# New Jersey Bear Hunt Cancelled for the Year 2000

by Lynda Smith, the Bear Education And Resource Group (BEAR) and Janine Motta, New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA)

TRENTON, NJ — New Jersey hasn't had a bear hunt in 30 years, but on March 22, 2000, the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife announced plans to once again hunt and kill black bears. This was NOT a surprise to activists, who had long suspected a hunt would be imminent and had already laid the groundwork for a campaign to stop the hunt. Our response was instantaneous, resulting in a 6-month concerted effort that culminated in the cancellation of the bear hunt!

During that time, we found ourselves working with people and organizations with which we found common ground, despite some very obvious differences. Animal rights activists embraced animal welfare individuals, hunters who opposed the bear hunt, environmentalists and residents of bear country to forge alliances against one common enemy. By focusing on one primary issue - stopping the bear hunt - we were able to work together with spectacular results.

Key points in the campaign:

· Black Bear Newsletter - 60,000 copies distributed in 6 months, containing practical information on the timid nature of black bears, how to live peacefully with them, alternatives to bear hunting, and information on joining us to stop the hunt.

· Lawn signs, tote bags, baseball caps and bumperstickers helped advertise the issue as well as our Black Bear Hotline and our Black Bear Website.

· Rally in Trenton, May 22 - close to 200 people rallied on the steps of the State House, demanding an end to the hunt. Our special guest speaker was wildlife management officer Steven Searles from Mammoth Lakes, California, who pioneered the development of aversive conditioning of black bears.

· A billboard reading "Only YOU Can Prevent Bear Hunting in New Jersey" was erected in the heart of "bear country."

· Senate Environment Committee Hearing, June 15 - black bear experts Lynn Rogers, PhD and Steve Searles flew in to testify in support of legislation to ban the bear hunt. The committee voted favorably on the bill.

· The Senate passed the Black Bear Protection Bill on June 26, by a vote of 32-6.

· The bill was stalled in the Assembly due to summer recess.

· A half-page ad was placed in New Jersey's largest newspaper; other ads were also run.

· Representatives from the BEAR group, NJARA and Steve Searles met with the Governor's counsel urging that the hunt be canceled.

· Protests against key NJ legislators took place throughout the spring and summer.

· A candlelight vigil was held at the Governor's mansion on July 22. Over 200 people attended.

· Volunteers went to town council meetings throughout northern New Jersey urging them to pass resolutions against the bear hunt; 30 towns, representing over 350,000 residents, did so.

· Over 70,000 New Jersey residents signed petitions against the bear hunt.

· The Coalition to Protect New Jersey Black Bears consisting of 22 organizations with 330,000 members opposed the hunt.

· Massive letter writing, faxing and phone calling to legislators and the Governor.

This issue got unprecedented media coverage, with stories on every major TV network, radio stations, newspapers and even the Discovery Channel.

On Friday, September 8, just 10 days before the hunt was to begin, Governor Christine Todd Whitman issued a formal request to the Fish & Game Council to call off the hunt. At a meeting on Tuesday, September 12, the Council voted 6-4 to comply with the governor's request. That the vote was not unanimous is indicative of the arrogance of the Council, to go against the will of the people, the will of the Senate and the wishes of the Governor.

While we are ecstatic that the hunt was cancelled for this year, we are looking toward the future and are now working toward the passage of more comprehensive legislation that would protect black bears and provide funding for the implementation of nonlethal alternatives such as immunocontraception, public education and aversive conditioning. For more information and continual updates, please visit:

**www.savenjbears.com**

or call the Black Bear Hotline at:

**(732) 446-6963**

# Huntingdon Life Sciences Protesters Arrested

EAST MILLSTONE, NJ — A major demonstration was held at Huntingdon Life Sciences on September 8th, resulting in five unfounded arrests. One activist remained in jail for four days before being released on $250 bail on the 12th.

Approximately 60 people came out to protest HLS that Friday. Upon arriving, activists found that Franklin Township Police had barricaded off a small area far from the driveway from which workers, who protesters were hoping to reach, would be exiting for the evening. The area adjacent to the driveway is public property and a perfectly legal area for protest.

This was clearly an effort to illegally curtail the activist's first amendment rights. Activists had protests at this location numerous times before without incident. Protesters arrived at their usual spot next to the driveway and were met by a wall of police. After holding their ground for a minute or two, police moved in and began physically pushing the protesters into the street. Those who were pushed to the ground were arrested.

The demonstration continued for two hours as workers exited the facility. A number of media outlets were present to cover the story.

The arrests merely fueled the U.S. campaign against HLS. For each day that activists remained in jail, actions against HLS were planned. To kick things off Saturday night, a candlelight vigil was held at the home of HLS Director Alan Staple. Media reports stated that 20 activists from the Animal Defense League of NJ and In Defense of Animals were present. The Trenton Times quoted one protester as saying, "I'm here to express my grief that 500 animals died today and each day in the name of science at Huntingdon labs throughout the world."

Following the release of the last activist from this unlawful arrest, the campaign against HLS in the U.S. has continued with regular protests, phone-call-ins and other actions targeting not only HLS itself, but investors in the morally bankrupt company as well.

for more on the exciting new campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences in the US, see p. 17

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YOUNGSTOWN, OH — On September 27th presidential candidate Ralph Nader campaigned here, blasting the corporate prison industry as well as the Clinton Administration and George W. Bush for encouraging its growth. Speaking at Youngstown State University, Nader called the prison industry "one of the most ill-conceived ventures corporations have ever entered into," and challenged Vice-President Gore and Governor Bush to give back the more than $100,000 in soft money that corporations running for-profit prisons have given to both the DNC and the RNC. "The goal of the criminal justice system should be to increase public safety," Nader said. "For-profit prisons make a mockery of this goal."

PHILADELPHIA, PA — On October 3rd, the display window at the front of Ferber Furs was found smashed. Though no one has claimed it yet, there is no doubt this action was committed in defense of the animals killed for the merchandise the store sells. Their display window has been broken and etched by the A.L.F. several times in the past. In April of 1999 Ferber Furs filed a RICO suit against the Coaltion to Abolish the Fur Trade - who have campaigned against the store for four years - but have recently realized they did not have a strong case against the activists and placed the suit in civil suspense.

COURTENAY, BC — Hunters invaded an animal rights video showing hosted by A.L.F. spokesperson David Barbarash on October 26th. The mob of about two dozen enraged hunters descended on the Bar None Cafe shouting, intimidating people into leaving, and preventing others from entering. Signs displayed outside the cafe had David's picture with the *false* labels "violent" and "eco-terrorist" on them. David's car was urinated on and adorned with two bullets following death threats being levelled against him and another. Sadly, as a result of all the chaos, the cafe canceled future video events involving David.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI — Associated Press reported on November 28th that six hunters were shot to death during the first 12 of the state's 16-day firearm season. Two killed by self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing or atop elevated hunting platforms.

SEATTLE, WA — In the few days leading up to the first anniversary of the WTO protests that rocked the city, nine Starbucks had windows smashed and locks glued. Nordstrom Rack's windows were smashed and Wendy's was spray-painted. An estimated 5000 people attended an anniversary rally/march on November 30th which lasted well into the evening when cops pepper-sprayed, beat and arrested about 75 remaining protesters.

# Activist Testifies Against Another - Andy Stepanian Jailed

LONG ISLAND, NY — This is currently one of the nation's most intense areas of Animal Liberation Front activity. Last year hundreds of A.L.F. actions took place, and hundreds more have been reported by media, police, and aboveground activists but were never claimed by the A.L.F.

The Long Island Animal Defense League (ADL) has publicized communiqués received from the A.L.F. In conservative Long Island, this has led to unprecedented police pressure on ADL. Plainclothes police officers attend hardcore music shows and visit animal rights information tables at these shows to collect literature, and learn how to infiltrate activist groups.

On the night of January 20, 2000 nine A.L.F. attacks, resulting in roughly $60,000 in damages, rocked local furriers. At this point the FBI intervened and began coaching local police on strategy for capturing A.L.F. activists: a 24-hour stake out at all targets that have been hit by the A.L.F. That stake-out lasted for two weeks. Stake-outs on local fur stores occur frequently to this day.

Many members of the ADL are now under surveillance. On January 21st a wire-tap was installed at the home of Andy Stepanian, a local ADL organizer. A digital camera was placed on a telephone pole across the street from his house on January 11th. Many other animal rights activists were also investigated and followed.

On the night of February 3rd, Andy was using a computer at Kinko's for online access to do his homework, when Ron Blaich, a friend and fellow ADL member, called and explained that he needed a place to stay for the night. Ron met Andy at Kinko's and waited around while Andy completed his schoolwork, then they left together and began driving home.

At roughly the same time, Animal Liberation Front activists were smashing windows at Bayshore Furriers. Kinko's security cameras and computer logs clearly prove that Andy did not leave the store until roughly twenty-five minutes after the time that police allege the windows were broken. Nevertheless, on their way home, Andy and Ron were pulled over by Suffolk County Police Department Officers Lewis and Farrell. The encounter was originally framed as a traffic stop for a loud muffler. Police later claimed that the activists were parked on the side of the road plotting to break the windows of Professional Designers, a furrier in Cold Spring Harbor, when the police approached them.

At first, the activists were asked for identification, license and registration, as part of a routine traffic stop. About one minute later, Andy believes, police recognized him as an ADL activist (in court police claimed that they knew what his car looked like and referred to Andy as the "leader" of the Animal Defense League.) Police returned Andy's license and registration, and told the activists, "Sit there for one second, OK?" Within minutes, five marked police cars along with one unmarked one arrived on the scene. The activists were then led —uncuffed— into two separate police cars. The pair asked if they were under arrest and were told that they were not, and were just being taken in for questioning.

The police took the two to Suffolk County's second precinct and brought Andy into an interview room where one of his arms was cuffed to a wall. Using the typical "good cop-bad cop" routine, Detectives McGrath, Valario, Greene, and Farrell attempted to extract information from Andy pertaining to the Animal Liberation Front. One officer stated "things nowadays have changed so much, and gone to shit, because you can't lay a hand on a kid anymore." Questions were interspersed with taunting, vulgarity, and harassment. Andy and Ron answered all questions with, "no comment."

Three hours later, while still in custody, Officer Greene claimed that he had a visual identification of Ron as one of the window breakers, at which point the two were placed under arrest. Cops continued interrogating the activists. When they realized that no answers were forthcoming, they placed the activists in separate holding cells.

The next morning, Andy and Ron were brought to court. The police had issued a press release hyping their "victory" in capturing what they claimed were "some of the activists who were plaguing Huntington for the past six months." At their hearing, bail was set at $35,000. By contrast, a man accused of attempted homicide for slashing his girl-friend's neighbor with a knife, had bail set at only $2,000 that day!

After the bail hearing, Andy and Ron were transported to the Riverhead Correctional Facility in Riverhead, NY. There, they immediately began a hunger strike. Andy's parents bailed him out against his will on February 5th. Ron was unable to make bail at the time, but after a bail reduction hearing and with the assistance of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, In Defense of Animals, and other activists, Ron was finally bailed out after an 11-day hunger strike.

Pretrial hearings began a month later. Privately, the DA offered Andy a deal where he would be convicted of misdemeanor malicious destruction of property, and be given five years probation in exchange for information leading to the arrest of "other" A.L.F. activists. Andy, of course, refused this offer. He was then given the option of pleading guilty to felony charges and in return receiving five years of probation with no jail time and without having to implicate

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

**Contribute to Andy's Legal Defense**

So far, Andy has spent $10,000 on legal defense and $10,000 on bail. Andy is considering an appeal, but this would require thousands of dollars, money he does not have. If he cannot raise the money for an appeal, he will be unable to stay the execution of his jail sentence. He will be left with a felony conviction for life, which may prevent him from becoming a professional environmental educator, his lifelong dream. Your contribution is desperately needed to help get Andy out of jail!

Send donations to:

**Long Island Animal Defense League**
**P.O. Box 1117, Huntington, NY 11743**
(Make checks out to The Animal Defense League, and write "Andy Legal Defense" in the note section)

**Write Letters of Support!**

**Andy Stepanian, 8/8/78,**
**100 Center Drive**
**Riverhead, NY 11901, USA**

You can also send e-mail to be printed and mailed: **Andy@adl-online.com**. Please include your full name with e-mails. Remember that ALL letters will be opened and read by prison personnel, so do not discuss anything of a confidential nature.

The ADL will be working to shed light on Andy's case and the campaign of surveillance and harassment being waged by the Long Island legal system and police against animal rights activists.

For additional information, call the Long Island Animal Defense League hotline at **(631) 340-4708** or visit **www.adl-online.com**

# Arrests and Harassment in Utah

by Sabrina Forsey

*"So in Utah we have lost the first round with the feds. Let's learn from this mistake so it is not repeated."* - Massive Government Harassment in Utah, *NC #5*

## Case Background

In November of 1999, the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) and the Utah Animal Rights Coalition (UARC) organized several anti-fur actions in Salt Lake City. Things were on the rise after the Utah Animal Rights Alliance was torn apart by individuals succumbing to government pressure.

On November 13, 1999 a 50-strong group of activists gathered outside the gates of the Beckstead Mink Ranch. Protesters had the experience of seeing for the first time the animals they were fighting for, moving some to tears, and apparently, some to action. We later learned that an unknown number of mink had been liberated, as well as breeding cards being destroyed.

On November 14, 2000 the group demonstrated at the home of Mahjouba and Charles Jeppson, owners of L'Ours Blanc Furs. Eric Ward's warrant relating to this event described it as "Approximately 15 people, most wearing ski masks, gathered in the street, blocking traffic, and lit a fire [of fur coats] in the roadway. Candles were placed in the roadway, and banners were placed in the roadway. 'Wanted for Murder' posters were handed out to the Jeppson's neighbors." Police cited the group for illegal burning and contributing to the delinquency of minors, charges which were supposedly later dropped.

On November 26, three people locked themselves inside the entrance of L'Ours Blanc Furs, causing police and fire officials to break the store's glass windows to get them out. We were under the impression that these charges had also been dropped.

## The Arrests

On November 24, 2000, a year after the actions in question, 14 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with local police, arrested Jeremy Parkin at his home. With a warrant citing five felony charges relating to the protest at the Beckstead Mink Ranch, Jeremy was jailed and bail was set at $100,000.

After 14 days on hunger strike and losing considerable weight, Jeremy's parents paid bond. Jeremy is currently recovering in his home, and at the advice of his lawyer, has withdrawn himself from animal rights

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## Utah Arrests

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groups as he prepares to face trial.

On December 4, 2000 Eric Ward was arrested on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Trespass, both third degree felonies, and under new legislation, hate crimes. The charges stem from Eric's participation in last year's vigil and lockdown.

The "hate crime" charges may be a new tactic of slander, a form of media-savvy propaganda against non-violent protesters. Although they were dropped at Eric's initial appearance, the original two felonies remain.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:*** *The second half of this article was left out at this time as it contained information that has not yet been verified.* No Compromise *prides itself on the accuracy of what we report and feel it would be irresponsible to publicize this info at this time. Please look forward to an update in a future issue of* NC.

## Andy Jailed

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any other activists. Andy refused this deal as well on the grounds that he was innocent and that a felony conviction would interfere with his plan to become a full-time teacher.

During the evidentiary hearings, Judge Michael Mullen expressed his displeasure with the testimony of Officers Farrell, Greene, and Valario, recognizing their conflicting and unconvincing accounts. Midway through pretrial, the judge reduced Andy's bail to $10,000 and stated that he would be unwilling to take the case to trial. $20,000 of Andy's bail was returned and Judge Anthony Corso took over the case.

Meanwhile, Ron was offered a deal. He could plead to malicious destruction of property and be placed on five years of probation with a 60-day cap on jail time. Unlike Andy, Ron was not asked to provide information that would help police widen the net of information that they were using to ensnare A.L.F. activists; instead he would be used to implicate Andy.

On May 16, Ron Blaich accepted this plea offer, agreeing to plead guilty to the misdemeanor and testify against his friend.

Andy's trial began September 7, 2000 and continued for one and a half weeks. Despite misinformation and distortions by police Andy was convicted on the weight of Ron's testimony. Ron testified he had acted in tandem with Andy in smashing the windows of Bayshore Furriers.

The jury convicted Andy of Criminal Mischief in the second degree, a class D felony. On January 5, Andy was sentenced to three months in jail, five years of probation, with additional restitution penalties, and the equivalent of three months of community service. As of the time of this printing Andy remains in jail and needs your support!

# SAN FRANCISCO FUR WARS




activists drop banner inside Neiman's while others lockdown at the main entrance in July

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Protests against Neiman Marcus here have resulted in close to 60 arrests in recent months. Things got off to a good start July 13th when close to 100 protesters showed up to support local activist Anita Carswell's refusal to appear before a Federal Grand Jury which had been convened to investigate recent A.L.F. actions in the bay area.

In a prepared statement made to the media outside the court house she'd been ordered to appear at, Ms. Carswell stated "I have the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney and I will go to jail if necessary to uphold these rights for all of us. These modern day inquisitions respect the constitutional rights and privacy of no-one." After Anita's refusal to appear, the Grand Jury quietly dissapeared as they are wont to do when exposed to the light of public scrutiny.

On July 22nd, two CAFT activists locked themselves to Neiman Marcus' front doors, as six others entered the store and locked themselves in front of the fur salon. Thousands of fur cards were distributed and a banner reading, "Fur is Murder" was dropped over the railing of the top floor to educate consumers about the realities of the fur industry. In typical SFPD fashion, all of the support demonstrators who were leafleting or videotaping outside of the store were also arrested. Many of the activists remained locked down at the store until it closed at 7 pm. In total 13 people were arrested and released from custody later that night.

The next weekend CAFT San Francisco activists got an unpleasant surprise when middle-aged rock star Ted Nugent spit on, assaulted, and falsely arrested protesters.

Nugent, who is notorious for his pro-hunting, anti-animal rights, and anti-immigrant position, confronted protesters during a weekly demonstration at Neiman Marcus. When offered a leaflet, Nugent spat on one activist.

After harassing the protesters, Nugent grabbed CAFT activist Bhaskar Sinha (who was the only non-white person around) and alleged he had threatened to kill Nugent.

Star struck police refused to arrest Nugent but immediately cuffed Sinha, charging him with two felony counts of threatening a crime with intent to terrorize and one misdemeanor count of battery. At the station, officers palled around with Nugent, taking photos, getting autographs, and having their pictures taken with him.

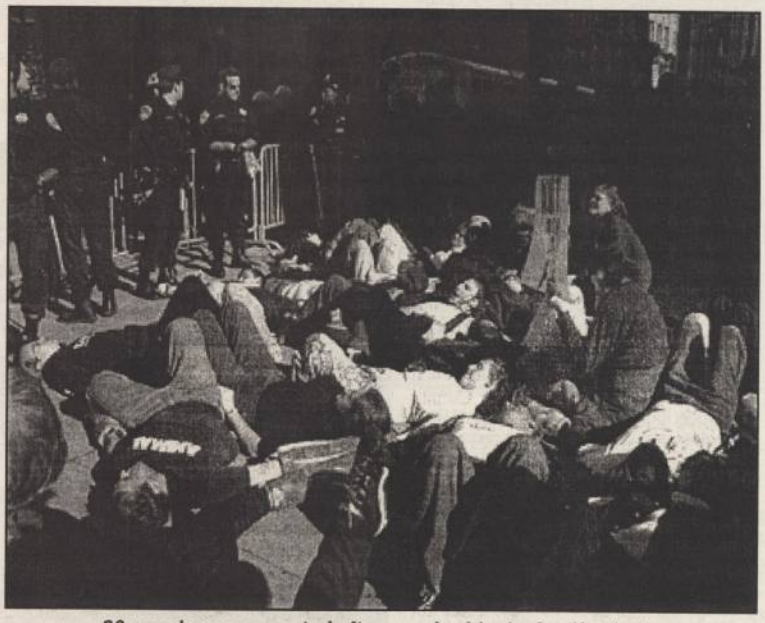
Nugent has a long history of attacking animal rights activists. The gun fanatic was sued in 1993 by an animal rights activist after he verbally accosted her.

All charges against Sinha were dropped when an investigation proved Nugent's allegations lacked substance. Happily, this unfortunate incident garnered quite a bit of media attention for CAFT with descriptions of Nugent ranging from a "washed up rocker" to a "right-wing extremist."

Then, in early December, six CAFT-SF activists entered Neiman Marcus and marched through the store while holding signs and passing out leaflets. When asked to leave, they proceeded to the fur salon and occupied it for 30 minutes before they were arrested by the police. All charges were eventually dropped.

On December 16th, CAFT-SF had their second annual mass sit-in. Following up last year's 76 arrests, 36 anti-fur activists blocked the doors of Neiman Marcus while linking themselves together using lockboxes. They successfully closed the store for two hours while crowds of people gathered around to see what was happening.

After threats of using pain compliance holds, the police picked up the chained protesters and put each of them on a dolly and rolled them away. The protesters remained chained after they moved and eventually unlocked. Once taken to the jail, all arrested activists (including a mother and son) were released in 20 minutes and all charges were dropped before arraignment.



36 people were arrested after a major blockade effectively closed the store for hours on the Saturday before Christmas

# Direct Action News From Around the World

## A.L.F. Active in New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND — The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for smashing windows and spray-painting slogans on several butcher shops and meat industry-related businesses in Auckland and Christchurch during May. When Canterbury vivisectors had a meeting in a Christchurch Hotel in July, someone found a suspicious package in the carpark. The army bomb disposal team was called and they used a robot to blow up the package. Someone is getting paranoid!

A car displaying pro-hunting slogans had its tires slashed by anonymous anti-hunting activists in Christchurch recently. Hundreds of "made with cruelty on a factory farm" stickers have been appearing on packets of meat in Wellington Supermarkets recently.

### A.L.F. ARRESTS

Early in the morning of November 29th last year, the manager of the Rangitikei Tavern in the small town of Bulls heard the sound of breaking glass. He looked out the window and claims he saw two men smashing windows and escaping in a small white car. A short time later, about 20 miles away, police stopped a car at a roadblock and questioned the two animal rights activists who were in the car.

Suzanne Carey and Anthony West were then arrested and forced to stand in the main street of Bulls in front of the broken windows where the pub manager could see them. The police forced Anthony to remove his jacket so that his clothing fit the description of the window smasher better and the pub manager decided that the two men he saw were actually a male and a female. The arresting officers threatened the two activists, told them they had no rights at all, assaulted Anthony, and threw him on the ground while forcibly removing his jacket.

The two activists appeared in court a few days later and pleaded not guilty to causing several thousand dollars of damage to the Bulls branch of Meat Warehouse and a fast food bar nearby.

A defense campaign was set up and we started raising money to hire a lawyer to get them off the charges. We originally hired a lawyer in Palmerston North who turned out to be very expensive and not very helpful at all. We changed to an experienced civil rights lawyer in Wellington who was quite confident that the police misconduct during the arrests would be enough to make any judge dismiss the charges. Unfortunately, we could not raise the amount of money necessary to hire him so we had to get another, cheaper and less experienced lawyer.

The trial took place in the Feilding District Court on May 30th this year. The lawyer we had was inexperienced but was very understanding and sympathetic to the cause. Unfortunately, this was not enough when faced with a biased judge and a bunch of cops who lied all the way through the case, claiming they had not done anything wrong during the arrest. The Judge refused to hear any of the lawyer's arguments about how the evidence against the defendants was unfair because the witness changed his original statement to fit the descriptions of Suzanne and Anthony. The judge also said he was very good at guessing who was telling the truth by the way they dressed and the way they looked. In his opinion, the people wearing blue uniforms were obviously telling the truth!

The two activists were found guilty and on June 27th in the Auckland District Court they were sentenced to 40 hours community service each and ordered to pay back the amount of the damage at $10 a week. (In New Zealand a lot of activists receive unemployment benefits and the state can deduct fines and reparations from benefit payments without your consent.)

### FERRET FARM RAIDED

An underground animal rights group has claimed responsibility for a raid on a Waikato ferret farm July 13. The Hamilton Animal Liberation Front says it released 200 ferrets from cages on the farm, damaged equipment, and destroyed most of the farm's breeding records.

Mystic Ferrets is a factory farm owned by Bruce Hollamby that has bred ferrets to be killed and skinned for the fur trade for at least 20 years. Recently they have become the main supplier of ferrets to the pet shop industry. Hundreds of ferrets spend their entire lives confined in tiny wire cages similar to a battery hen cage.

The A.L.F. sent an anonymous message to sympathetic animal rights groups saying it had released the ferrets from their cages and into the surrounding farmland early on a Thursday morning. The action was aimed at causing maximum disruption to the farmer who would have to try and round them up again, and some ferrets would be able to escape and survive in the wild. It seems that the farmer recaptured most of the ferrets the following day, but at least one had either escaped totally or had been taken in by activists.

The Department of Conservation said releasing the ferrets would endanger local kiwis and other native birds. Hollamby claimed that would not happen because the ferrets would be unable to survive in the wild. In any case there are no kiwis living in the surrounding sheep and dairy farms.

The most serious disruption for the farmer would be the destruction of his breeding records. Ferret farms depend on accurate breeding records to survive economically. The destruction of the breeding records will almost certainly force the company out of business.

A spokesperson for a sympathetic animal rights group said "This action means at least some of the ferrets had a chance at freedom, rather than a life of suffering in a wire cage. And in the long term it will hopefully lead to the closure of the farm."

Auckland Animal Action spokesperson Michael Bone said his group had previously received copies of photos from the farm showing rows of filthy wire cages the same size as a battery chicken cage, with up to three ferrets in each cage.

The government should ban ferret farming in New Zealand. There is no excuse for keeping these intelligent animals confined in cruel conditions like the ones at this ferret factory farm. What needs to happen now is for activists in Hamilton to start a campaign to close the farm down for good.

### TURKEYS LIBERATED

Several turkeys were liberated from an Auckland factory farm in September. Activists discovered one adult turkey lying outside the shed in a driveway, suffering from serious injuries that were infected and bleeding. This turkey was rescued and more activists returned later that week to video the conditions and liberate several baby turkeys from inside the sheds.

## UK to Ban Fur Farming

UNITED KINGDOM — Anti-fur campaigners in Britain are building up to what is hoped to be the beginning of the end for fur farming in England. The Government Bill to ban the trade is now in its final stages in the House of Lords where it has to clear two more stages before Parliament breaks up in November. The situation is currently looking quite hopeful but with a phase out period for farms to close the pressure needs maintaining to ensure that as many farms close this winter as possible.

CAFT-UK is again organizing a National Anti-Fur Week (11-19 November), the fourth such campaign so far. Protests are being planned at fur farms and fur shops across England and Scotland. The Week of Action takes place at a time when killing of mink is underway. It's a time that the fur trade would rather people notice the use of fur in 'fashion' instead of the scenes of mink being gassed in wooden boxes and having the skins ripped from their backs.

Protests have been continuing throughout the year at various fur farms, and new campaigns have been launched. Earlier this year four campaigners were arrested for 'aggravated trespass' (normally used against hunt sabs) while trying to gather evidence of breaches of welfare laws at a Yorkshire fur farm. While in custody their car was set on fire and completely wrecked. The campaigners haven't been deterred however and having to travel to the area for court appearances means they are able to hold even more demos at the farm!

Meanwhile, London Animal Action has had a great year after closing two fur shops in the city. Zwirn's fur shop became so desperate to prevent demos that they took out an injunction under the anti-harassment law. This resulted in more demos, more press coverage and a legal bill of around 30,000 pounds for Barry Zwirn. A couple of activists were remanded to prison for between 3-7 days for breaching the injunction but the two cases that came to court were a sensational flop with the prosecution making a laughing stock of themselves. The loss of trade and rising legal costs must have been too much as Zwirn was forced to close down.

Campaigners then moved on to royal furriers Calman Links. A.L.F. activists had repeatedly smashed the store windows and the shop eventually decided to replace the glass with a big wooden board - hardly fitting in with the exclusive shopping area. After a brief campaign of pickets and home demos the shop finally closed.

If this carries on, the fur trade in London will be finished off in no time at all.



# Sea Shepherd vs. Faroe Islands *(again)*

FAROE ISLANDS — The ship campaign against the Faroese whale slaughter is over for this year. The Ocean Warrior was forced to return to Amsterdam by order of the Registry of Shipping for the British Cayman Islands.

The Cayman Islands acted in response to diplomatic pressure from Denmark's first attempt to obstruct the campaign on July 17th by ordering the Ocean Warrior to remain in Lerwick in the Shetland Islands for a "routine" inspection by the Cayman Island shipping inspector.

During this inspection, 39 pilot whales were slaughtered on the Faroese Island of Sandoy, the only kill that took place over the months of June and July.

The Ocean Warrior was found to be in compliance of safety requirements and therefore there was no valid technical or legal reason for the Cayman Islands to prevent our sailing.

On September 27th Sea Shepherd learned that Captain Paul Watson had been found guilty in absentia by a Faroese Court for violation of "immigration laws" - illegal entry into Faroese waters. The court has reportedly sentenced Watson to pay 300,000 Danish Kroner (US $37,000) or serve 60 days in prison for the alleged violations. Watson was never denied entry into Faroese waters and was not informed of any charges so unable to defend himself in court.

Despite intense political and military pressure brought against the Ocean Warrior, the campaign was successful.

**Some Sea Shepherd Achievements:**

- Forced Denmark to deploy the Navy
- Forced issuance of a mercury warning
- Major international media coverage including documentaries, interviews and cover stories
- Widely publicized boycott of Faroes
- Delivered a message loud and clear to the Faroes that there is strong opposition to their pilot whale slaughter
- Prevented one hunt from taking place

**Danish and Faroese Actions:**

- Deployment of a Danish Naval Frigate
- Deployment of 2 additional Navy ships
- Full deployment of the Police Force
- Arrests of 2 famous Dutch comedians
- The arrests of 2 journalists
- Refusal of entry to all crew
- Pressure on the Cayman Island Registry
- Fines of 200,000 Danish Krone (US $40,000)
- The arrest of Holland's #1 actor
- 39 pilot whales killed

Initially, we were prepared to physically intervene against Faroese whalers to protect the pilot whales from slaughter. The Danish government countered by deploying three Danish naval ships including a frigate. Tactically, the Ocean Warrior could not hope to outclass a frigate. What we could do and what we did do was provoke the Danish government into implicating itself with an activity expressly forbidden by European Union regulations.

Denmark is a member of the EU and the pilot whale hunt taking place in the non-EU protectorate of the Faroes is illegal. It is the position of Sea Shepherd International that Denmark should not be allowed to give military, financial and moral support to an illegal activity.

We carried out the most effective campaign possible considering the formidable physical opposition against us. A basic rule of engagement is that you don't give the enemy what they want. The Danish Navy wanted to take us and we were given information that they were about to do so. They failed.

We provoked them as far as we could and it is my gut feeling that we could not have pushed it any further without considerable consequence not necessarily in our favor. We also received information that a hunt was actually called off when our ship moved from one side of the island to the other and the Faroese believed that we were intent on interference. In short, we kicked them in the ass and stayed out of their clutches.

Sea Shepherd International will continue to oppose this slaughter through the organization of economic boycotts of Faroese fish and Danish products. We will continue to publicize the kill and we will not rest until this obscenity is shut down once and for all.

"Next year will be the first year of the 21st Century," said Captain Watson. "Let's leave the ugliness of slaughter and animal torture behind us. There is no room in the new millennium for archaic traditions that depend upon inflicting pain and exterminating life. This thing, this 'grind' that the Faroese practice, and the Danes support, has no place in a civilized world, and it has no place within the morality of modern humanity. It must go, and we will devote our efforts to seeing that it is consigned to the dark and embarrassing memories of history. In the future, humanity will look back and say, 'how could you have done such a thing?'"

The crew of the Ocean Warrior is satisfied that we have made an impact. There is no doubt that the campaign succeeded in informing millions of people worldwide about the rotten stench in the Danish Faroe Islands.

*[Also see Blast from the Past, p. 20 for more on action against the Faroes].*

**TAKE ACTION!**

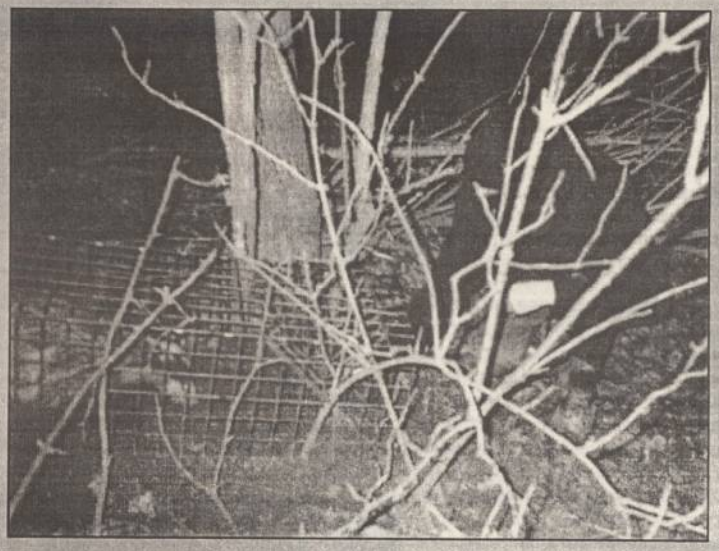
Tell the Danish Prime Minister to cancel the Faroes' one billion crowns (US $150 million) annual subsidy until the grind hunts are stopped:

**P.M. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen**
**Prins Jorgens Gard 11**
**1218 Copenhagen K, Denmark**
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**fax: (045) 33 11 16 65**
**e-mail: stm@stm.dk**

**CC: Queen Margrethe II**
**Amalienborg, DK 1257**
**Copenhagen K, Denmark**

# Badgers Set Free, Traps Destroyed





CORNWALL, ENGLAND -- It was reported that in early July an estimated 1200 badger traps were destroyed and 20 trapped badgers were freed. The British Government has set out to slaughter thousands of badgers under the guise of protecting cattle (for human profit). There has been a lot of activity to stop the massacre including this direct action which covered two of the badger killing areas.

Boycott major Euro corporations doing business with the Faroes and demand they cancel their Faroese seafood contracts:

**Niall FitgGerald, Chairman**
**Unilever PLC London**
**PO Box 68, London**
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**Tel: +44 (0) 20 7 882-5252**
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**PO Box 760**
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# Lockdown in Germany to Protest Fur

COLGNE, GERMANY — About 15 animal rights activists protested against the sale of fur inside and in front of the fur department of C&A on 23 December 2000 beginning at 1 PM. Protesters rolled out banners with slogans like "Fur Trade - Death Trade - Boycott C&A" and shouted slogans opposing C&A's sale of fur. Two activists chained themselves to the wheelchair of a third activist with bicycle locks around their necks. These three activists wore t-shirts saying "Fur Trade - Death Trade!," "C&A Makes Bloody Profit!," and "C&A Boycott!" Other activists handed out flyers against C&A's irresponsible reintroduction of fur.

Many customers gathered around and watched the protest with interest, while C&A employees tried with all their might to keep them away. While all this was going on inside, additional activists demonstrated at the entrance of the store with banners and flyers.

After the C&A security team tried without luck to tear the banners away from activists, an impressive number of cops with cameras and helmets arrived to size up the situation. About one hour after the protest began, the activists holding banners were handcuffed and led out of the store. The three chained activists continued their protest.

After another half an hour and the arrival of the fire brigade, the complete second floor of the store was evacuated and closed to customers. The fire brigade then set about trying to free the activists. Only after having to return to their vehicle to get heavier equipment were they finally able to break open the locks (about two hours after the protest began).

They tried several times to intimidate the activist in the wheel chair by threatening to damage the wheelchair to free the activists. Luckily this was to no avail and the wheelchair was not damaged. Police led away two of the activists who continued shouting anti-fur slogans. The wheelchair activist was escorted out of the store and given a Europe-wide ban on entering a C&A store.

Most activists were kept in police custody until the shops closed at 6 p.m. Until C&A announces a complete stop of their participation in the fur trade, the protest in and around C&A stores will continue.




# another UK Lab Breeder Closed Down!

SURREY, ENGLAND — On the morning of July 8, just 12 days into the campaign against Regal Rabbits, owner William Pitcher announced that he would cease operating immediately and hand over all the rabbits to sanctuaries and good homes. This sudden move comes on the heels of a very angry demo outside the farm the night before.

Campaigners went in and rescued 600 rabbits from the sheds and brought them to animal sanctuaries and homes across the country on July 11. The remaining 580 rabbits (breeding females and their young) will be rehomed as soon as the young are weaned. Most of the caging and feed was also removed from the farm.

This is the third lab breeder closed down in the UK this year (following Hillgrove Cat Farm and Shamrock Monkey Farm), all tremendous victories for the animals!

# Animal Rights in Israel

### Force-Feeding of Geese and Ducks

Foie gras is sick food: it is the ill fatty liver of geese and ducks. To induce this liver disease, workers force-feed geese through metal tubes shoved down their throats. 12% of the geese die before slaughter due to internal wounds or malfunction of body systems. An Anonymous activist who documented the process in one farm last spring describes an atmosphere of terror and violence, lacking any sensitivity for the geese. They become literally part of a machine.

The struggle to ban force-feeding of geese and ducks in Israel continues. In September Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, who is also acting Minister of Agriculture, issued proposed regulations regarding the production of foie gras.

These regulations are a gift for the producers. Under the guise of "reform" they permit the usage of force feeding metal tubes up to 25cm long and up to 19mm in diameter. The maximum quantity of cereal is set to 1kg per goose per day, more then 25% of the goose's body weight.

The positive side of the regulations is that production will be frozen at the rate at the time the regulations become valid: current numbers of production are about 700,000 geese and ducks per year.

The regulations still need the approval of the Parliamentary Education Committee. It is our hope that the committee rejects this proposal and demands a full ban on force-feeding, as countries such as Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Austria, Finland, and the Czech Republic have already done.

This misery can stop. Our next chance to use our influence is in the Parliament, probably in November. Here is how you can help: Please write **Member of Knesset Mr. Zvulun Orlev, Chairperson of the Education Committee, Haknesset, Jerusalem, Israel; fax +972-2-6753158.** Ask him to reject the regulations proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture and ban force-feeding of geese and ducks.

### S26 / Globalization

About one thousand people demonstrated in Tel-Aviv against the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on September 26th. Anonymous for Animal Rights was part of the organizing coalition and animal rights activists were very visible in the crowd, alongside socialists, environmentalists and others.

The effects of globalization are well felt in animal-related issues in Israel. Animal industries claim that if animal protection standards rise in Israel, they will move business to the Palestinian Authority areas or to Arab countries (and especially Jordan). A turtle farm, whose appeal for a license was rejected by Israeli authorities, has already done this. Other industries move to Jordan to take advantage of the cheaper labor there.

Another consequence of world trade is that more sheep and cattle are imported to Israel from Australia for slaughter. These journeys can take weeks in ships crowded with thousands of animals - sometimes in excess of 50 thousand. These journeys often claim many lives; animals will die slowly of starvation because they are not accustomed to the pellets served on the ship (as most are used to grazing on open lands). Others die of heat stress, as they cross from the Australian winter climate to the hot tropical and Middle Eastern summer.

WTO rules make it unlikely that a country can ban this trade for animal welfare concerns. The political strength of capitalists makes it improbable that a country would even try, since money, after all, is much more powerful in our society than morality.

# Arrests in Denmark

JUTLAND, DENMARK — In the early morning hours of Friday, September 28th, five people, two Dutchmen, two Danish men, and one Danish woman were arrested near a fur farm. According to the police they were shadowed, presumably by agents, to an area where a very large mink farm is located. There they were arrested as they were getting out of their car. They were carrying what the police call "raid gear" (headsets, coverings on their shoes and headlights). This was enough for the police to take them into custody.

They have all been charged with a minimum of 80 counts each, a procedure now common in Denmark. Practically every single action in Denmark over the last 2-2 1/2 years, has met with these charges, including arson, disrupting the national welfare, politically motivated crimes, simple destruction of property, and (last but not least) cruelty to animals. That last charge is probably the result of pressure from the Danish Fur Breeders Association.

The alarming number of charges is an attempt by the police attorney and prosecutor to discredit activists in custody and make them look like despicable people to the general public.

Those who know the judiciary system know that this is not about discovering guilt, but about discrediting the whole animal rights movement — in short, throwing as much mud as possible at them and hoping some of it sticks.

The five accused have been jailed in isolation. This means they are permitted one visit a week under surveillance and all visitors must be approved and controlled by the proper authorities (Police Intelligence Service, a kind of secret service branch) in cooperation with the police. All mail, both incoming and outgoing will be read and assessed by the authorities. The prisoners are allowed to listen to radio and watch TV. They are given restricted movement, meaning a walk in a special outdoors yard isolating them from others.

After an isolation period of 13 days they will be moved from this ward to another without the same restrictions, while they await their sentences, or freedom. There is no doubt that isolation is torture. This is another method the authorities use to put pressure on activists. It is important to remember that the accused are innocent until proven guilty. All the prosecution has to build this case on, apart from the five people being near a mink farm, is circumstantial evidence.

Visiting is primarily allowed for family and closest friends, and prisoners must seek the permission to have a visitor. Therefore, write them letters and postcards! Everything is welcome as they are isolated and without human contact other than prison guards. Please make sure that your letter does not contain any slogans, political statements, or anything concerning their case or other AR issues. Anything of this sort could be used by the authorities to incriminate them further and might result in their permits for visits and letters to be cancelled and withdrawn. Write about your dinner, that you've got a new bicycle, don't know where Denmark is or whatever you do on a day-to-day basis. Just write that you think about them.

Don't expect to receive a reply but write anyway, because your letters are the only thing that keeps them from insanity or the feeling of being forgotten.

All letters should be sent to the following address:

**Kafax**
**Korsgade 19, kaelderen**
**2200 Copenhagen N**
*(all letters should be marked "SG" so we can sort them and distribute the letters to the prisoners)*

We can not release their names due to a ruling by the judges protecting their families from further stress and keeping the press from obstructing justice. This ruling is both good and bad. It reduces the personal content of letters considerably, but it also keeps them safe from retribution and angry farmers when they are released. Concerning the Dutch prisoners the Dutch A.L.F.-SG will receive their names shortly. We will keep you all posted for further news as the case continues.

# Campaign Against NZ Poultry Farm



poultry farm blockaders are arrested by police

by Dunedin SAFE

DUNEDIN — Not content with being the largest battery hen farm in New Zealand, Mainland Poultry is planning on becoming the largest egg producer in the southern hemisphere, increasing their flock size from 270,000 hens to over one million birds.

Situated in Waikouaiti, a small beach side town north of Dunedin, Mainland Poultry contains six laying sheds - each eight cages high - and one large rearing shed. And what marvel of technology would be complete without a huge razor wire fence surrounding its perimeter? Inside, the baby chicks will live out their short and painful lives, ending with slaughter at just over one year old. To add insult, they have to endure bad classical music while they suffer.

Although Save Animals From Exploitation (SAFE) had been campaigning against Mainland Poultry's huge expansion for about 15 months, including making Resource Consent submissions and organizing many 'conventional' protests, we decided it was necessary to take things a step further.

## Easter Weekend May 2000

This demonstration took place both outside and inside Mainland Poultry's Depot in Dunedin, where their eggs are packed and distributed. The protest began with three people locking themselves to machinery inside the egg packing area. With this done, a group of about 40 people quickly descended on the plant bearing drums, banners, a giant chicken costume, masks and a megaphone.

Our aim was to effectively shut down the depot and attack them in the only place they will listen to - their pockets. Halting the depot affects the whole of Mainland Poultry's system. Since the depot is on a main road into the city, the protest was also highly visible. When the locks were cut from the three protesters' necks (who were simply let outside afterwards), the protest continued even more strongly at the depot entrances. In an unplanned move, protesters sat down in front of both the truck entrances, stopping Mainland from unloading or loading any eggs. At this point the many police didn't really seem to know what to do, especially as we were in two groups and kept changing.

The blockade lasted for over three hours before six people were arrested for breach of the peace and later released without charge.

## The Barrel Blockade

In early June SAFE managed to block off the only road access to Mainland Poultry's farm with the help of three large concrete-filled barrels. The barrels had been fitted out with lock-boxes so people could lock their arms inside the barrels. If this is done with a chain of people and barrels it creates a really nice roadblock. In this case, four people locked themselves to the barrels for over three hours, accompanied by nine other protesters. The road was also blocked by police (a double blockade) further down (so it could be argued we didn't really block the road at all - it was the police).

Jeff Winmill, long time battery farmer and farm manager of Mainland Poultry, made a brief appearance but quickly fled. He was visibly angry but told the local newspaper there was no animosity held towards us. However, he still won't let us in to inspect the farm or even reply to our letters.

The four blockaders were each charged with 'Obstruction of a Public Way' which is a minor charge. When the case was finally heard in September, all four were found guilty and fined $480 dollars each, a figure which is very high for civil disobedience.

We consider our actions perfectly legal and reasonable and will continue to campaign against Mainland Poultry in any way we see fit.

# Direct Action News From Around the World

# German Activists Blockade Slaughterhouse

BERLIN, GERMANY — About 150 people who took part at the international animal rights gathering last year made their way up to a slaughterhouse of the firm "Wiesenhof" in Niederlehme about 50 km south of Berlin on the morning of July 25, 2000. The huge buildings where the chickens are fattened before being taken to the slaughterhouse were only a few kilometers.

Police apparently watched the centrum where the gathering took place and hidden cops rode along in the train to Niederlehme. The police thought an attack against the farm buildings was planned so that a police contingent was already near the slaughterhouse when people arrived at the Niederlehme train station. But they waited at the wrong place.



Activists arrived at the slaughterhouse and stopped an empty chicken transporter as it attempted to drive into the slaughterhouse. A few of the vehicle's lights were apparently broken and many of the empty cages were cast out of the truck.

Later these cages, along with heavy logs, were used to build barricades on the road to the facility. At the same time, the main group of demonstrators blockaded the entrance to the slaughterhouse.

Six people locked their necks together with bicycle U-locks and lay down on the ground. They also locked the gates of the slaughterhouse with bicycle locks. When a massive police force arrived about 50 people left the scene. The remaining 100 people sat down still blockading the entrance to the slaughterhouse. Police themselves now blockaded the street.

After quite a while they started to roughly pull people out of the crowd, checking IDs, and photographing each activist. The police then took the activists to the next train station and seated them on a train to Berlin.

The fire brigade arrived with heavy gear and put a blanket over the remaining activists that had locked themselves together. At this point they opened their locks by themselves. The whole blockade lasted for about six hours and got wide media coverage.

## International Contacts

As usual, contact information for groups in any of the countries covered in our International News section, can be found on page 35.

## Bloodsports Watch (UK Hunt News Briefs)

by A. Fox of Bloodsports Watch

### Ban Hunting or We Resign

On the 11th of June it was reported that three Junior Ministers have threatened to resign their positions if the Labour Government does not ban hunting with hounds.

### Ouch!

On August 13th a sea angler managed to hook himself after a needle-sharp hook whipped back into his mouth during a fishing trip off the Dorset coast. Apparently he was in agony. Now the bastard knows how the fish feel.

### News from Ireland

The badger cull, supposed to start on September 1st has been cancelled due to public outcry.

### Hit and Run

On September 1st hunt saboteur Steve Christmas was left with serious injuries, including several broken bones, after he was deliberately run down by a hunt supporter in a 4x4 vehicle. Because of the severity of his injuries Steve had to be airlifted to hospital were he was put under intensive care. Earlier in the day hunt supporters had driven their vehicle at the sabs, and the Huntsman, M. Bycroft, had whipped the sabs.

### Revenge for Hit and Run

30-50 masked anti-hunt protesters got into an altercation with hunt thugs wielding pickaxe handles on September 2nd. By the time they left the kennels of the Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Fox Hounds, 17 windows were smashed and other damage was done to the property.

### HRS Threats

A week after 30-50 masked activists stoned the kennels of the Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Hunt *[see Revenge for Hit and Run, above]*, members of that hunt received letters signed by the Hunt Retribution Squad warning them that they were considered "legitimate targets". The letters also called for an immediate halt to hunting. Dena Scott, the joint master of the hunt kennels, told reporters: "It's getting far too personal now. We have families and children and it is a nightmare. We are terrified particularly after what happened at the weekend. We had nothing to do with the incident on Friday *[see Hit and Run, above]*. We are not interested in violence of any sort."

### Scottish Bollocks

On September 6th the Daily Telegraph reported that the bill to outlaw foxhunting in Scotland could be delayed by three years after an influential Scottish Parliament committee indicated it will throw it out. The Rural Affairs Committee is poised to recommend that the Protection of Wild Mammals Bill (Scotland) be withdrawn because of the way it is drafted, amid fears that it is too wide ranging.

### Police Raids

On October 11th police officers around the country stayed a series of dawn raids resulting in the arrests of 18 hunt sabs. The raids were in connection with the attack on the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Fox Hunt kennels where 17 windows were smashed *[see Revenge for Hit and Run, above]*. Those arrested came from Surrey, Sussex, Kent, London and Somerset. The police say that more arrests are expected.

### Early Morning Wake-up Call

On October 21st, at 1am in the morning, Huntsman David Pitfield from Surrey, was woken by the sound of his van catching fire after an incendiary device was placed under the vehicle. Five hours later a similar device was discovered under the vehicle of another hunter in East Sussex. This second device, which police described as "being capable of severe damage, even death" did not ignite and was removed by Army bomb disposal experts. Both hunters are involved with the Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Fox Hunt and both had recently been warned by the Hunt Retribution Squad to stop hunting or become "legitimate targets" *[see HRS Threats]*.

### Other European News

On August 10th the A.L.F. admitted destroying seven large hunting platforms in Brandenburg, Germany.

On Sunday, the 3rd of September, persons unknown cut down a hunting platform on the Schneeberg in Lower Austria. One week later another two hunting platforms were cut in the Kamp valley in Lower Austria.

# international effort to CLOSE Huntingdon Life Sciences

## In Defense of Animals and Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty have joined forces to shut down HLS

The Campaign to shut down Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) is fast becoming one of the most significant in the animal rights movement's history. The speed, methodology, and determination with which one of the world's biggest animal testing laboratories is being brought to it's knees, almost entirely by the efforts of volunteer grassroots activists, denotes the endless possibilities of what a small community of passionate campaigners can do. The closure of HLS by an animal rights campaign will not only mean saving the 180,000 animals that die annually in HLS laboratories, but will also signify another nail in the coffin of the vivisection industry.

Huntingdon Life Sciences is Europe's largest contract animal testing laboratory and ranks as one of the largest in the world. HLS is a company based in the United Kingdom where it operates two laboratory sites. Additionally HLS runs another laboratory facility in East Millstone, New Jersey called the Princeton Research Center. Everyday 500 animals die a horrible death after being slowly poisoned. At any one point there are over 70,000 animals in the HLS labs suffering a fate worse than death, including over 1,000 dogs, 200 cats, 1,000 monkeys, 4,000 guinea pigs, 2,000 rabbits, 3,000 birds, 4,000 fish, and countless farms animals and rodents. HLS specializes in testing the toxicity of agrochemical, GMOs, food colorings, adhesives, washing powders, and various pharmaceutical products.

"Your secret is our secret" is HLS's motto and one they have trouble living up to. In the last three years the so called "secured premises" of all three of HLS's laboratories have been penetrated four times in undercover investigations, and one other time 20 years previous. The five investigations into HLS have every time shown horrific and illegal cases of animal cruelty.

• In 1981 Sarah Kite, of the British Union Against Vivisection, worked inside the HLS lab in Huntingdon. She worked for six months in rodent toxicology where she witnessed incredible suffering and the animals used in studies were described by one animal technician as rotting, but still alive. Most of the rats in rodent toxicology were being 'sacrificed' for a study testing a new tanning lotion.

Sarah spent her last two months working in dog toxicology. The beagles, during the time she worked there, were being used to test the toxicity of pesticides, dental hygiene products, and food wrapping plastic. She was told by her supervisors not to play or touch the puppies because it was a waste of her work time. After two months of watching these dogs being poisoned and butchered she could no longer emotionally handle the suffering and quit her job.

Her investigation splashed HLS's name in the national press and offered the public its first glimpse inside the notorious laboratory.

• In 1997, unbeknownst to each other, two undercover investigators infiltrated HLS for the purpose of exposing the rampant animal cruelty and sloppy science at HLS. Again at the Huntingdon lab in England an undercover investigator got a job as an animal technician looking after 32 beagles.

Zoe Broughton worked in HLS for 64 days and wore a hidden camera part of the time for a documentary she was to make for Channel Four (a major UK network). What Zoe caught on tape shocked the country. She filmed puppies sitting in their own congealed blood, vivisectors using dogs so young they couldn't find big enough veins to inject the poisons, and terrifying instances of vivisectors violently shaking and punching repeatedly four-month-old puppies.

The documentary also captured the psychotic tendencies of the animal abusers as they laughed, fooled around, and made disparaging remarks concerning the animals suffering in front of them. The exposé lead to a national outcry for HLS to be shut down. HLS's share price plummeted to new lows, the government threatened to suspend their license to practice, and animal rights campaigners set up a series of protest camps outside the gates of the lab that cost the company over 250,000 pounds to evict.

While all of this was going on, Michelle Rokke, an investigator for PeTA was working inside the HLS lab in East Millstone, New Jersey and getting ready to release the video evidence she had gathered. Her undercover footage is the infamous Proctor and Gamble video showing a necropsy being performed on a still living monkey for a study sponsored by P&G. The fallout saw the USDA investigating HLS for animal cruelty, several clients pulling their business from HLS and vowing never to use them again, and HLS spending much of its time and financial resources suing PeTA to prevent any further release of information.

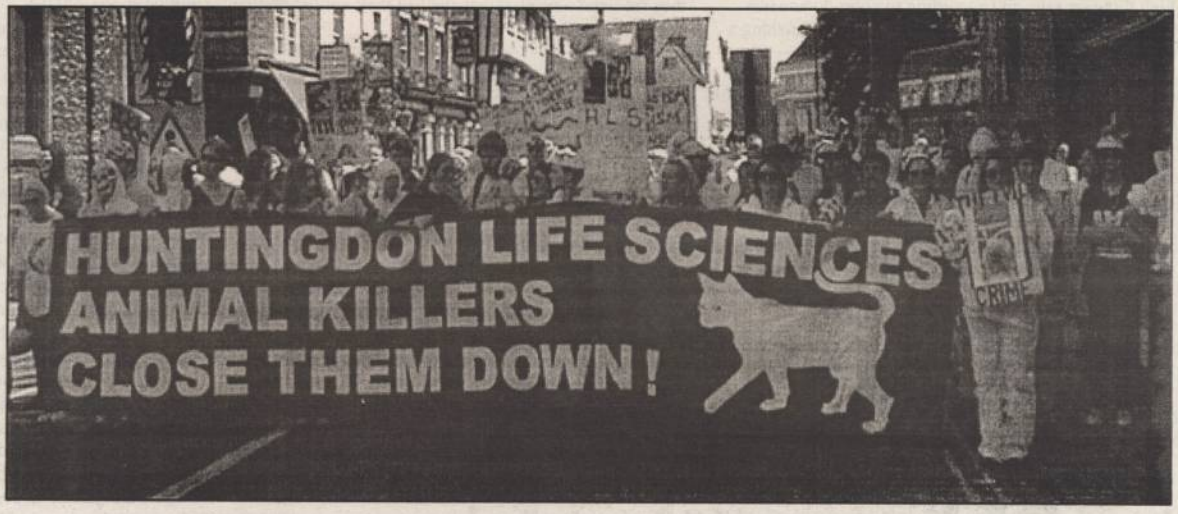
The combined effects of these two investigations lead to an internal overhaul by HLS wherein a new managerial team was put in to turn the company around, and HLS getting a 22.5 million pound loan from a major English bank. The two in charge of HLS, Brian Cass and Andrew Baker, promised within two years time they will have HLS out of the financial red and into the black, will secure customer confidence, and revive HLS's public image. Little did they know....

• The fourth undercover investigation was revealed in the Fall of 2000. A UK group called Uncaged released several files of internal documents from HLS concerning a top secret xenotransplantation study that HLS was contracted to do by Imutran. The documents consisted of confidential dialogue between HLS and Imutran concerning the quality of research HLS was performing. Imutran on several occasions sent scathing communiqués because of HLS's inept procedures, lack of attention to protocol and time frames, and overall sloppy science.

The documents also revealed the horrific conditions and deaths of the baboons and pigs used in the heart transplant research. This exposé also showed HLS to be in violation of Good Laboratory Practice laws, and in violation of the conditions the British government placed on HLS after the 1997 investigations. The exposé again landed HLS in the headlines, subject to a governmental inquiry, and saw Novartis (the parent company of Imutran) announce that it is closing it's UK operations and moving to America where there is a more hospitable climate for pharmaceutical research.

• The fifth undercover investigation was released by SHAC in the winter of 2000. An animal rights activist was able to gain entrance to HLS's lab in Occold on several occasions and managed to film and document the following; a monkey escaping from an HLS lab, drunkenness, drug-taking on site, high levels of absenteeism, low staff morale, animal suffering, gross incompetence, and safety regulations being flouted.

The activist also obtained detailed information regarding HLS's clients, including Monsanto, Glaxo Wellcome, British Biotech, Neurocrine, AdProTech, Roche, Lipha, Du Pont, Searle and Servier, and the primate toxicology experiments they paid HLS to carry out on their behalf in 1999-2000. The documents also include the 1999 findings of the Good Laboratory Practice Monitoring Authority, which lists a staggering 41 deficiencies found at the Occold laboratory.




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# Close HLS

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In late November of 1999 a small group of experienced animal rights campaigners started the group Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty with the sole intention of organizing against only HLS until it was closed, whether that victory takes three months or three years. They started this campaign after their two previous, and now legendary, campaign victories against Consort Kennels (beagle breeder for vivisection) and Hillgrove Farm (last private commercial cat breeder for vivisection in England).

These campaigns not only saved countless cats and dogs, but saw mobilization of the grassroots animal rights movement and created a recipe for success that has since been used to shut down Shamrock Monkey Farm and Regal Rabbits. HLS was chosen as a target because of its weak financial position, as it never fully recovered from the 1997 investigations that crashed the share prices. Additionally, the evidence condemning HLS and the number of animals suffering could not be ignored.

The SHAC campaign has, over the last year, hit HLS in a multi-pronged attack on the workers, shareholders, and clients resulting in all-time low worker morale, a rock bottom share price, and a loss of customer confidence.

• **Workers:** Every day of the week a crowd of protesters assemble outside the gates of HLS's main lab site in Huntingdon. All day long as workers of HLS come and go they are greeted with screaming protesters who let them know just how much their worth. Every eight weeks SHAC holds national demonstrations wherein over a thousand protesters show up to the lab, the town center, or a company affiliated with HLS in the area and lay siege to them.

Large demonstrations are always followed up with several home demonstrations of the workers. These tactics combined with the A.L.F.'s series of car bombings of workers (at 11 now) and numerous attacks on their homes has had a tremendous effect. There is a high turnover rate, and according to court documents several workers are having a hard time even finishing a day's work, or sleeping at night.

• **Clients:** Through the various exposés a large number of HLS's clients who contract the company to test their products on animals has been learned. Animal rights activists across the UK have demonstrated against one of HLS's biggest customers, SmithKline Beecham, outside grocery stores and drug stores encouraging a massive consumer boycott and warning stickers are placed on the products.

SHAC has also published on the internet the names and home addresses of the directors of HLS's clients to encourage people to take their protest directly to the people who have the ultimate say in whether HLS is used or not. The result has been a number of clients pulling their business from HLS and customer confidence has severely shaken.

• **Shareholders:** To date the most successful tool in the battle to shut down this vile place has been to target those who own bits of the lab through their shares. SHAC published the names and addresses of those all across England and internationally that have shares in HLS on the internet and additionally mailed out to all of them an informational pack requesting they sell their shares. Countless shareholders sold their stake in HLS immediately after learning of what HLS really does, and several others sold after having angry protests on their doorsteps nightly.

The biggest boost to the campaign has been targeting the corporate shareholders who own several thousand, or million, shares in the company. After publicity stunts, office occupations, phone and mail blockades, and home visits to the directors of the shareholding companies, large amounts of HLS stock had been and is continuously dumped on the market plummeting HLS's share price.

Within a year of SHAC's campaign against HLS, Phillips and Drew, one of the top 10 investment houses worldwide, sold its 11% stake in HLS. HLS's own stockbroker dumped them as a client after an important event they hosted in a trendy South London wine bar was stormed by animal rights activists.

The A.L.F. has also contributed largely to this campaign when one of HLS's biggest shareholders sold all 41 million shares they had for one pence each after they received a bomb threat and had their entire building evacuated for the day.

• **HLS's Bank:** In addition to targeting the shareholders, SHAC has focused in on the Royal Bank of Scotland which gave HLS a 22.5 million pound loan after the 1997 investigations. This loan kept HLS from closing and remains in that capacity today. All across the UK demonstrations have taken place outside (and often inside) the banks resulting in an 'alarming' number of customers closing their accounts.

The A.L.F. contributed to this aspect of the campaign by disabling dozens of the bank's ATMs by inserting into the machines cards covered in superglue. The bank has succumbed to animal rights pressure and has decided not to renew the loan, but has granted several extensions so that HLS may secure another loan, so the campaign continues.

In the Spring of 2000 a US chapter of SHAC was formed to target the New Jersey laboratory and the shareholders based in America, of which the largest are located. Later in the year, the national animal protection group In Defense of Animals adopted HLS as a national campaign. Combining their efforts, the two groups have organized regular protests outside the New Jersey lab, and have launched significant campaigns against Stephen's Inc. and the Bank of New York, two of HLS's biggest investors.

The fast and furious start to the American campaign has made significant progress. Two large American shareholders have sold their stake in the company, the Bank of New York dumped seven million shares, the president of the NJ lab has reportedly resigned, and the lab itself has been swamped with calls and letters.

Always a sign of a successful campaign is the backlash. At an HLS demonstration last fall over 60 activists clashed with the police as they verbally 'confronted' workers leaving. Five arrests were made and one is still facing charges of assaulting a police officer. Undeterred protesters visited the lab and the homes of the workers throughout the week. *[see news story, p. 9]*

The pressure on the shareholders has also yielded some entertaining results. Stephen's Inc., HLS's biggest shareholder, sued SHAC US for defamation of their name and slogan. SHAC US has a website that resembles the Stephen's Inc. website and informs visitors of the kind of atrocities Stephen's is funding at HLS, and allows visitors to e-mail workers at the company from the site. Stephen's spent over $100,000 suing HLS and still lost out to freedom of speech.



a frightened monkey inside HLS's Occold (UK) lab

Currently SHAC US has assembled action packs and is coordinating several national days of action against HLS customers and shareholders. No matter where you live in America there is something you can do to help.

Together, IDA and SHAC will be targeting HLS on both sides of the Atlantic. In the US, one of our main targets is the Bank of New York (BNY) which holds 62 million shares of HLS stock. Already we have organized two days of action and several phone blockades against BNY and the company has begun to feel the heat.

Between us we can (*and will!*) finish off Huntingdon Life Sciences for good. We urge you to become part of history in closing one of the world's largest contract vivisection labs. Please support us in this campaign to end the suffering.

For the past 16 years, In Defense of Animals (IDA) has been at the forefront of the fight for animal rights. From protests and educational campaigns to the filing of formal complaints with the USDA against the largest chimpanzee "research" center in the world, to working to elevate the status of animals from that of mere property, to preventing the trapping and shooting of hundreds of goats, raccoons, skunks, cats, foxes and squirrels, IDA was there for our animal friends.

Now SHAC and In Defense of Animals have linked arms in an international campaign designed to end the horrible labs at Huntingdon Life Sciences. See the following page to learn how *you* can help!

***Huntingdon will be closed.***

For the latest on the campaign:

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**APRIL 2, 2000 IN NEW JERSEY**

# SHUT HLS DOWN!

# What You Can Do

**Major US HLS Shareholders**

*You can help to permanently close Huntingdon Life Sciences! Contact the following companies that invest in HLS and let them know you will not bank or invest in their company and that by supporting HLS, they are supporting animal torture.*

*This is a big list so, if you're pressed for time, please pay special attention to the companies marked with an asterisk.*

*Remember, ACTION has gotten many companies like Natwest, Citibank and HSBC to sell their shares! We need to make the business climate toward animal abusers just as hostile in the US as it is in England.*

*** Stephens Inc.**

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**What Else You Can Do**

*Although our focus should be on the investors, we should not forget those who are actually performing these horrific experiments on the monkeys, beagles, rabbits, mice and fish.*

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P.O. Box 2360, Mettlers Rd.
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Phone: (732) 873-2550
Fax: (732) 873-8513 *(activists in the UK have faxed black pieces of paper to HLS fax machines to tie up the line longer.)*

Demand that they release ALL the animals to sanctuaries. Dial 0 for the operator or type in the first 4 letters of the employee's last name and you will get their extension

• Contact the **Director of US Operations**, Alan Staples, at his home. As director, he has the ability to free the animals.

Alan Staples
23 Littlebrook Rd.
Princeton, NJ 08540-4038
Phone: (609) 252-1301

**• Marshall Farms**
AKA **Butler Farms**
Phone: (315) 587-2295

Tell them to stop supplying beagles and ALL animals to HLS. This is the same breeder where 500 beagles were burned to death in a fire because they refused to install sprinklers. They have also been in violation of the Animal Welfare Act 168 times and we all know how minimal and basic that is.

# Blast from the Past:

# Sea Shepherd Campaign Against the Faroe Islands in 1986

**Our "Blast from the Past" column highlights a specific action or campaign from the history of the animal rights movement that may be useful or inspiring to newer, younger grassroots activists.**

**We have much to learn from our own experience and hope that this feature fosters discussion and evaluation of various tactics.**

by Rod Coronado

In the Summer of 1986, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society launched it's second expedition to the Faroe Islands, an isolated chain of islands north of Scotland. Every year, nearly 3,000 pilot whales and other small cetaceans are slaughtered by Faroese fishermen in what used to be a substinence hunt, but is now a bloody tradition turned sport.

The first campaign in 1985 introduced Sea Shepherd to this fiercely independent island nation which boasts one of the highest standards of living in all of Europe. That expedition ended without confrontation, but with a promise from the Faroese to not kill anymore whales if Sea Shepherd left Faroese waters and to, in the future, abide by any International Whaling Commission regulations governing small cetaceans.

Later that year Sea Shepherd learned that the Faroese violated both agreements and were continuing to use killing methods deemed inhumane by the IWC. When a pod of migrating pilot whales is spotted, fisherman in small boats herd the animals close to shore where they are then driven aground. Large metal hooks are dug into the animals and they are hauled into shallow waters where knives are used to slice behind their heads until their spinal cords are severed. The slaughter turns the sea to red and the cries of dying whales can be heard above the drunken voices of the fishermen.

In June of 1986, the Sea Shepherd set sail for the Faroe Islands via Malmo, Sweden where at the annual IWC meeting the Faroese were told to end this senseless slaughter of migratory wildlife. In mid-June the Sea Shepherd dropped anchor just outside of the Faroe Island capital of Torshavn. Faroese authorities told us that the local government had passed a resolution condemning Sea Shepherd and our tactics and announced that we were unwelcome there, yet no law prevented our presence and the Faroese themselves had invited all people concerned with the slaughter to come witness it themselves.

After a two day stalemate, three Sea Shepherd crewmembers went ashore in Torshavn and were immediately arrested and held without charge. When crewmember Nick Taylor and I tried to recover the crew's inflatable boat, we were pounced upon by Viking-sized policemen and forcefully subdued to the cries of "Kill them!" from local fishermen.

We were held in solitary confinement for two days and then released into the general Faroe Island prison population which with us now totalled 16 prisoners. Nick and I were told that we'd be charged with attempted murder of a police officer because I had used a knife to cut loose the captured boat, but when videotape of the arrest was shown on Faroese television it was obvious that I was innocent.

After one week, the five of us arrested were served with expulsion orders banning us from the Faroe Islands and all of Scandanavia for five years. We were offered plane tickets home, but Nick and I demanded to be returned to our ship which was continuing to patrol Faroese waters blocking any attempts to drive pilot whales near shore. At dawn we were bundled into the hold of the Faroese patrol vessel, Oliver Hagli, and taken to the three mile limit of territorial waters. Nick and I were shuttled to the Sea Shepherd where we rejoined the campaign and set sail for Scotland to resupply.



Rod Coronado aims fire hose at Faroese police

In Thurso, Scotland we prepared for a return to the Faroes. The ship was wrapped in a shroud of barbed-wire and any crewmembers unwilling to risk the consequences of a confrontation were given the opportunity to leave. With a reduced but united crew of 18, we pointed our bow north and within 48 hours were again patrolling Faroese waters.

A game of cat and mouse soon began between the Sea Shepherd and the Oliver Hagli. The patrol vessel would shadow our every move at a distance and occassionally make a full speed charge towards us whenever we violated the three-mile limit.

In one such charge, the Oliver Hagli pulled alongside the Sea Shepherd. Captain Paul Watson ordered me to steer the ship hard to port, a sharp left turn directly towards the Hagli. To avoid a collision the captain was forced to also turn hard to port, and in a well executed maritime manuever, the hunter became the hunted and the Sea Shepherd was chasing the Oliver Hagli.

The nervous captain radioed us asking our intentions and whether we intended to ram his vessel. We radioed back that we only wanted to prevent the slaughter of whales and uphold IWC regulations and that we didn't like being chased.

Following that episode, and with the realization that the Sea Shepherd outpaced the Oliver Hagli, the Faroese police began launching inflatable speed boats loaded with armed policemen in an attempt to arrest the Sea Shepherd and her crew. With each attempt, the captain of the Hagli would radio us and order us to stop our engines and prepare to be boarded and that we were under arrest. We would ignore their authority and sail into international waters.

The rough waters of the North Atlantic prevented the speedboats from reaching us until they were each outfitted with dual outboard engines. Finally, at dawn in mid-July, the crew of the Sea Shepherd were awoken by the watch and informed that once again the Hagli had launched it's speedboats. Only this time the waters were calm and our radar screen soon revealed four blips fast approaching.

We were ordered to our battle stations and I took up position on the forward deck with a high pressure fire hose and gas mask as my only weapons. Within minutes the speedboats were alongside us and we could clearly see the MP5 machine gun pistols strapped to each police officer's bright orange jumpsuit. We were once again told to stop our engines and placed under arrest and when we refused, a police officer hurled a cannister of tear gas onto the aft deck. A second later, a British crewmember and veteran of police riots in Britian grabbed the cannister and flung it straight back at the police where it landed in a boat of policemen without gas masks.

With that action began a three hour battle with police that saw our defense of the Sea Shepherd increase with the attempts by the Faroese police to board her. We knew then that if they successfully boarded us that we would not only be seriously charged for fighting back against the police, but also savagely beaten because of our resistance.

Police officers would stay out of range of our fire hoses and then speed directly alongside the Sea Shepherd long enough to hurl tear gas cannisters and fire gas cartridges from shotguns into the ship. It was our job to thwart their efforts. I remember the police officer who had arrested me

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# Blast from the Past

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pointing and giving me a wicked smile. Within minutes his overconfidence began to fade as our level of defense escalated. It was empowering to turn a stream of icy salt water into the face of the officer who had arrested me.

As the battle raged on police speedboats would be knocked out of the chase by the speed lines which fouled their propellers, the water from our fire hoses that filled their boats or simply to refuel and resupply their ammunitions from the Oliver Hagli. Every tear gas cannister that landed on our decks was returned to the police and now deep into international waters the police demonstrated frustration at not stopping our ship.

Two police speedboats pulled in front of the Sea Shepherd and strecthed out a length of fishing net in an attempt to snag our propeller. Unbeknownst to them, we had a protective guard around our propeller to prevent such action. As our own ammunition wore down we began throwing ice axes and wrenches at the police who, after witnessing the ferocity and non-pacifistic behavior of our crew, began to show fear.

Nick Taylor ran to the ship's stores and returned with a can of gasoline. We were going to hurl molotov cocktails at the police if neccesary to keep them at bay, but before we could the battered and soaked police called off their charge and limped back to the Oliver Hagli.

When I went down into the engine room to inform first engineer David Howitt that we had won the battle, I found him slaving away in an engine room not only over 100 degrees, but also wafting in tear gas. It was David more than anyone who kept the engines running and prevented the capture and arrest of our ship and crew. In a few months David and I would attack Iceland's whaling fleet, but that's another story.

We returned to England and held press conferences denouncing the pilot whale slaughter. A BBC film crew aboard the ship at the time produced a documentary titled "Black Harvest" which was also aired across Britain.

Unfortunately, the Faroese pilot whale slaughter continues. It is the largest single slaughter of whales in the world and escapes much of the attention of the animal rights movement. Sea Shepherd leads the direct action battle against this ecological atrocity and is currently organizing boycotts of Faroese fish products. *[see news story, p. 13].*

Pilot whales are highly social and family structured groups who depend on each other to safely navigate their migration through Faroese waters. Their relentless slaughter involves incredible [illegible] threatens the genetic integrity [illegible]. Help end the massacre.

# Interview *with*

# David Barbarash

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This ongoing five-year-plus investigation on us involves numerous "open files." The razor blade case is over with, but the investigation on us included many actions from 1995 through 1997... So, no, I don't think we've seen the end of government harassment.

*NC: What exactly does an A.L.F. Press Officer do and what is your affiliation with the Animal Liberation Front?*

**David:** The A.L.F. Press Office is set up to liaison with the media. We receive information that an A.L.F. action took place somewhere in Canada or the U.S. and we then inform the appropriate media outlets about it. I'll typically receive either a communiqué or a call from a reporter, and after verifying that the action did occur I'll send out a press release. I'm able to do interviews to further explain the goals of the animal liberation movement, the horrendous situations animals are in, and why some people believe it's okay to break the law to save lives.

The Press Office can best be described as being a part of the vast aboveground network of support for the A.L.F. We have no contact with any A.L.F. cell or activist except for the one-way communication when an A.L.F. cell sends us an action report.

*NC: Why do you feel that underground direct action is an important part of the movement?*

**David:** Throughout our history we can see the effectiveness that illegal direct action has played in moving social justice movements forward. There are numerous examples - everything from the Boston Tea Party to the civil rights movement to the suffragettes, and more - all these movements utilized direct action to achieve some of the freedoms and rights we now enjoy, though at the time the activists were beaten, jailed and killed.

I believe that social change of any kind will not come about from the use of one or a few tactics alone; all strategies are needed and we all need to work together to achieve change. We need people writing letters, people picketing fur stores, activists locking down blockading logging roads, Political Action Committees, etc., and we also need underground direct action. Everything works together to move the issues forward.

And I think there is a need for both underground and aboveground direct action. The Ploughshares people who destroy military equipment and then wait around for the police to arrest them serve as important a role as the eco-saboteurs who hit at night and escape so that they are able to strike again.

*NC: People often ask how they can "join" the A.L.F. - how do you respond to such questions?*

**David:** I get asked that frequently through e-mail, and I always cringe upon reading such a letter. I tell them first that having written the Press Office stating their desire to join the A.L.F., their name and information has now likely been placed on several law enforcement lists, and to please be very careful! Then I direct them to the Frontline Information site at: **www.animalliberation.net** and encourage them to read all the sections on security, as well as the story of how one activist got started.

Basically, I explain that the A.L.F. is not a group or a club you can join, but a concept which is only realized when an action takes place under that name, and that actions only take place when someone or some people decide to take action, not wait for direction from someone else.

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*NC: What prompted you to take on the role of Press Officer despite all the government harassment you were already facing?*

**David:** After being freed from jail in the fall of 1994 for the cat liberation I knew I could no longer continue as an active A.L.F. member. In 1999 the previous spokesperson (and founder) Katie Fedor wanted to relinquish the responsibilities, and I thought the role would be a perfect one for me because I could still actively and vocally support the A.L.F.

After we were raided in 1997 and then charged in 1998 my life changed gears and my focus changed to defending myself. As it became clear the extent to which I was under surveillance and harassed, and I became even more angry and defiant. I was innocent yet hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent trying to connect me to crimes I had not taken part in. I guess it was this anger and defiance that played some part in my decision to take on the Press Office. There was no way I was going to let the feds destroy me; I needed to become stronger and I think I have.

*NC: Sadly, when some activists have faced government harassment and threats of spending years in jail they have caved in and turned on their fellow activists. What kept you from considering doing this?*

**David:** First of all, there is nothing to consider because I don't know who committed the actions. Secondly, talking to the police isn't even on my radar screen. So-called activists who talk to the police disgust me, and I think one of the major reasons the animal liberation movement has not made more significant gains is because many activists do not understand the revolutionary nature of this movement. We're fighting a major war, defending animals and our very planet from human greed and destruction. There is no room for collaborators.

*NC: Why do you think some activists become snitches and turn on their comrades and what do you think we as a movement can do to help prevent this?*

**David:** As I said above, I don't think a lot of activists truly understand the revolution we are involved with. Perhaps for them, animal rights is only a past-time, or their friends are into it so they'll tag along, or for any number of reasons someone gets involved. And when faced with the threat of jail time these people cave in or say whatever they can to save their own ass.

I think a lot of people are still faced with the ingrained notion that the law is right, that the police and judges are our friends and will help us. There is a lot of unlearning we need to do in our society. When the shit hits the fan it doesn't take that much for someone who has not thought critically about the police and government to start talking. It's pretty natural for most people in our society to do.

How can we prevent this? First, we need to continually educate each other of police abuse, judicial abuse, and the insidious tactics cops will use to get someone to talk about their friends. Second, we need to remind people that just because something is illegal, it does not make it wrong. Collaborating with the police to nail someone who, for example, has just saved animal lives, is an abhorrent and despicable thing to do.

And we also need to collectively shun these people who have betrayed the animals and us. There are too many cases of people who have snitched on others yet are still welcome in the movement. No other social justice movement would tolerate such a thing and I don't think we should either.

*NC: To what extent do you view the animal liberation movement as being linked to other movements, and why?*

**David:** I believe that all social justice, animal liberation, and environmental movements are intricately connected because each of them is battling a common enemy - ignorance and greed. The same corporations and people who destroy animals are also involved with destroying the earth and destroying people, so it is critical that we think strategically and align ourselves together to fight our common foes.

That old saying - United we stand, divided we fall - is so very true. By ignoring other issues we are dooming ourselves to defeat. But I have great hope and optimism that many people are finally starting to make the connections. Oppression is oppression is oppression. We need to battle it on all fronts.

# GENETIC ENGINEERING IS CREATING MORE SUFFERING AND DEATH

**In the US, genetic engineering has primarily been considered a food and product labeling issue. However, with a deeper understanding of biotechnology, it is increasingly known to be an issue within all issues.**

People from diverse movements like: environmentalism, save our organic standards, forest and biodiversity preservation, indigenous rights, animal rights, organic farming, primitivists, social equality, ending corporate rule, and anti-industrial technology have all been working to stop genetic engineering. With an increase in genetic engineering of animals, it is now time for US animal rights activists to get involved and face this heinous beast of gene brutality. If the suffering of animals in labs, farms, agribusiness, and in medicine is going to be stopped, genetic engineering (GE) must be stopped.

One reason GE has not gotten much attention is that it is complicated. GE is discussed in extremely scientific terminology that is hard to understand. Also, it is so insidious that it is hard to recognize as one of the most important biological hazards we face today. Corporate control has allowed this run-away industrial technology to proliferate without the public noticing before it was already too late. According to Dr. Samuel Epstein, "there is, even at this early stage of the era of agrochemical genetic engineering, a wealth of scientific data which more than justifies an international ban on the new technology "a ban, which would in any case be justified by social and ethical considerations alone."

Fortunately, people are increasingly becoming aware of these issues and action is taking place. In Britain, for instance, Uncaged Campaigns took action against xenotransplantation in Cambridge, at the home of Imutran (a corporation in conjunction with Novartis who has multi-million dollar investments in xenotransplantation). 400 concerned people from around the country joined together in a massive ring-around-the-roses. Ring around the roses is a medieval children's rhyme commemorating the devastating effects of the Great Plague.

The aim of the event was to highlight the danger of creating a modern epidemic posed by xenotransplantation. The Health Secretary in England has received 20,000 postcards from members of the general public expressing opposition to xenotransplantation on public health and animal welfare/rights grounds.

By this time you may be asking: "What the hell is xenotransplantation?" or "What does GE really mean?" Xenotransplantation is simply transplanting organs from one species into animals of a different species, i.e. baboon heart into a human baby. Genetic engineering is the reshuffling of genes usually from one species to another. It is an artificial laboratory technique that allows for the cutting, joining, and transfer of genes between totally unrelated species that would never occur in nature.

Genes are the blueprints for proteins, the building blocks of all organisms from bacteria to humans. Geneticists still consider 95% of the genetic code to be "junk." Jeremy Rifkin, author of The Biotech Century explains why GE is a threat to life with the statement, "Imagine the wholesale transfer of genes between totally unrelated species and across all biological boundaries: plant and animal and human, creating thousands of novel life forms in a brief moment of evolutionary time.

Then, with clonal propagation, mass producing replicas of these very creations and releasing them into the biosphere to propagate, mutate, proliferate and migrate. This is, in fact, the radical scientific and commercial experiment now underway."

Questions that are only now being addressed: How do we know that GE won't produce new toxins and allergenic substances or increase the level of dormant toxins and allergens? What are the effects on the environment and on wildlife? What about gene silencing and gene instability? What about the sacredness of life?

Genetic Engineering is a test tube science. A gene studied in a test tube can only tell what this gene does and how it behaves in that particular test tube. It cannot tell us what its role and behavior are in the organism it came from or what it might do if we place it into a completely different species. Genes for the color red placed into petunia flowers not only changed the color of the petals but also decreased fertility and altered the growth of the roots and leaves. Salmon genetically engineered with a growth hormone gene not only grew too big too fast but also turned green. These are unpredictable side effects, from an unpredictable science.

It is pretty common knowledge now that 60% of processed foods contain traces of GE ingredients. This includes fish genes in tomatoes and other animal genes in fruit and vegtables, making veganism virtually impossible unless you eat an all organic diet. Vegetarians consume Monsanto's GE Bovine Growth Hormone, which causes mastitis and other painful infections in about 30% of dairy cows. Meat-eaters devour human genes in pigs for more tender meat! More than 45 million acres of US farmland are planted in GE crops a year, but what about GE animals?

Harvard University in the US revealed how GE experiments had helped create the first three-legged chicken. The news was hailed as a breakthrough in efforts to help humans with limb defects, but it also has implications for chickens reared for the dinner table. In the US pigs, cattle, chickens and fish are all being produced with genes that speed growth and "improve" the quality of meat. Closest to reaching the market are transgenic salmon. These have had a flounder gene introduced which speeds their growth rate by up to 400%.

Some GE experiments have already had unpredictable and alarming results. In 1985 US scientists inserted human growth hormone into a pig to make it grow bigger and more quickly. It was crippled with arthritis, developed ulcers and was impotent. Researchers in Australia injected sheep with a GE hormone so the fleece fell off without shearing. The animals suffered severe sunburn and heat stress and an increased chance of miscarriage.

Some examples of genetic engineering

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## Animal Genetics Conference Confronted

by Bioengineering Action Network (BAN)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — In late July over 300 people converged here to confront the annual International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG) conference. These were the first actions taken against the animal genetics industry in the US. Animal liberationists, anti-capitalists and anti-genetix activists united to shed light on these mad scientists and to disrupt their gathering.

Prior to the conference, Minneapolis police spent over 1.3 million dollars to close off massive areas of downtown, beef up their riot gear, and engage in infiltration and surveillance of activist groups and local anarchists. Some activists were arrested for simply walking on the University of Minnesota campus late at night. Others were questioned about last year's A.L.F. raid on the campus during which 116 animals were liberated *[NC #13, p. 1].*

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experiments on chickens include efforts to create chickens with extra legs, cloning to create identical animals, insertion of gene to create featherless chicken, insertion of gene to allow hens to eat grass, introduction of gene to make them more amenable to factory farming techniques.

Experiments on sheep include: cloning to create identical sheep, creation of sheep whose wool falls off without shearing, sheep which have more lambs, sheep which grow more quickly, insertion of human genes to create milk and blood to treat illnesses.

Goats are being altered to produce milk containing insulin or antibodies. Rabbits, mice, and rats are part of GE research for increased breeding. Vivisectors are trying to genetically alter baboons to make bone marrow for AIDS patients to boost immune system. Experiments on pigs include: introduction of human growth hormone to create bigger animals, human genes to provide a source of organs for humans, cloning to create identical animals, genes to make them more amenable to factory farming techniques, insertion of genes to allow them to eat grass, cells used to help humans suffering from liver failure, and fetal cells used in treatments. Fish: introduction of gene in salmon to speed growth by up to 400%, genes to enable farming in colder waters.

> *"If you care about laboratory animals and don't want researchers creating hybrid genetic monsters, you should resist genetic engineering. If you eat food, you should resist genetic engineering. If not you, then who? If not now, when? Resistance to genetic engineering is as transnational as capital."*
> -- Johnna Appleseed, Reclaim the Seeds

Cows are being subjected to a GE hormone that boosts their milk yield, cloning, and the introduction of genes to produce milk containing insulin or antibiotics.

In 1998 figures by the Home Office in England revealed that 20,499 more animals died in UK vivisection labs compared to 1997. A total of 2,593,587 animals were killed in experiments. The increase was largely driven by a rise in the use of genetically altered animals. The exploitation of GE rats doubled between 1997 and 1998. Experiments using animals with harmful genetic defects rose by about 10% to 259,318. Most experiments used mice, with 1,588,859 (61.2%) of the creatures sacrificed, an increase of 72,952. The Home Office minister George Howarth tried to defend the expansion in the abuse of GE animals by claiming: "The figures reflect the growing importance of GE animals in allowing new areas of medical and other scientific research to be explored." However, distinguished British biologist Dr. Mae-Wan Ho condemns these troubling developments: "The cloning and "pharming" of livestock, the creation of transgenic animals for xenotransplantation and to serve as animal models of human diseases are all scientifically flawed and morally unjustifiable." (From her book, *Genetic Engineering: Dream or Nightmare?*, Gateway Books).

At the same time that GE is increasing animal suffering and experimentation, 9 million "surplus" animals are killed a year in the UK, and the number of animals killed without being experimented upon is hidden from public view. A study published in the Independent reported on an investigation by the BUAV which revealed that a staggering 6.5 million mice and 2.4 million rats were destroyed because too many of the animals were bred.

Scientists have created an embryo of a frog without a head, raising the prospect of engineering headless human clones which could be used to grow organs and tissues for transplant surgery. The London Times reported, "the headless frog embryos have not been allowed to live longer than a week, but the scientists believe the technique could be adapted to grow human organs such as hearts, livers, kidneys, and the pancreas in an embryonic sac living in an artificial womb." Jonathan Slack, professor of developmental biology at Bath University UK, says he can now create headless frog embryos relatively easily by manipulating certain genes. Using the technique, he has been able to suppress not only development of a tadpole's head, but also its trunk and tail.

Under current Home Office rules, they are not considered animals until they are a week old, when they have to be destroyed. Professor Andrew Linzey, an animal ethicist at Oxford University, denounced this research, "This sort of thinking beggars belief. It's scientific fascism because we would be creating other beings whose very existence would be to serve the dominant group. It is morally regressive to create a mutant form of life.

It was the cloning of frogs 30 years ago that led to the cloning of Dolly at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland. Cows, sheep, pigs and monkeys, and in labs around the US and Europe are now pregnant with clones created by methods similar to those used to make Dolly the sheep. These animals are used to fulfill long-standing goals of cloning animals that produce medical drugs in their milk.

However, many pregnancies involving clones have already ended in miscarriages, and evidence is cropping up that many cloned fetuses have subtle genetic alterations that affect their development in mysterious ways. Tanja Dominko, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin, said a team there had taken skin cells from the ears of adult cattle, inserted those cells into cattle egg cells whose genetic material had been removed, and then applied an electric current to fuse the two cells and make them start dividing into an embryo.

In Scotland, Dolly was the sole survivor of 277 sheep embryos made from adult cells. No one knows why most of these attempts failed and only one succeeded. From a technical viewpoint, cloning presents different obstacles in every species, since embryo implantation, development, and gestation differ among different species. Are 276 "failed" lamb attempts acceptable losses? In recent studies, some of Dolly's chromosomes underwent subtle structural change usually found only in cells from older animals, evidence that they have retained a molecular memory of the fact that they are derived from a skin cell taken from a 6-year-old animal. A more pressing potential problem among cloned animals, described by several researchers, is the tendency for them to grow overly large in the womb, at significant risk to newborn and mother.

Cloning encourages the commodification of animals. Though industrialized societies commodify animal labor and animal lives, the biological commodification involved in animal cloning would be of a vastly different order. Cloning would turn procreation into a manufacturing process, where animal characteristics become added options and offspring become objects of deliberate design. Such a process of commodification needs to be actively opposed. It produces no benefits and undermines the very basis of our established notions of animal individuality and dignity.

Residents of Craig County, Virginia fear a proposed transgenic cattle farm will pollute their groundwater with mutant cow dung. They oppose Pharming Healthcare Inc.'s plan to bring to Craig a herd of 200 cows capable of producing human proteins in milk. If the proteins, used to make medicines, are in the cows' milk, they could end up in the cows' urine and manure. Pharming President Otto Postma said residents have nothing to fear: The cows are genetically designed to excrete the proteins only in milk.

Earlier this year, Pharming, a subsidiary of Dutch pharmaceutical company Pharming Group, N.V., announced that it would build $37 million worth of plants in Craig and at Virginia Tech to make medicines from genetically altered cow's milk.

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# ISAG Confronted

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On July 23, a large number of people attended a planned community speak-out and march. Many spoke about the connections between animal genetics, corporate sponsorship of the University, and the ecological and ethical problems with genetic engineering. The crowd cheered as someone announced that the Earth Liberation Front had just released a communiqué detailing an action in which over one million dollars of damage was done to a US Forest Service tree biotechnology center in Wisconsin. A small group of activists acted as security and confronted and photographed over 10 undercover police and detectives. Little did we know, there were many more undercover officers in attendance, compiling information on "leaders" and "organizers".

The next day activists gathered for another speak-out and march. The police told us that they had no intention of allowing any marching. After some careful maneuvering and frustrating moments the crowd surged toward a line of cops without riot gear and the march began! At this point the front guard of the crowd had a large banner and plywood shields to deflect any potential truncheon blows from the cops. These allowed the crowd to break through police lines halfway through the march, preventing a mass arrest. The police used pepper spray and baton blows but with little success.

Unfortunately, the riot cops were able to encircle a segment of protesters and arrested over 70 people. Mostly activists with backpacks were targeted as the police searched for weapons. The circle of 300 riot clad cops easily carted these people to jail as the rest of the crowd prepared for a major confrontation.

Later that night, a vindictive Minneapolis Police department, embarrassed by the earlier events, bit back. They raided an activist house and arrested 13 people for "disorderly house" and possession of drugs, even though they did not look for drugs at any point during the raid. Instead, they spent the whole time reading activist's literature, breaking personal possessions, confiscating diskettes and three activist computers, and degrading the occupants of the house.

Two activists were physically beaten when the police and DEA busted in. One activist required stitches and also suffered a broken nose and bruised eyes. It is highly suspected that the local FBI was involved with this raid as the agent leading the raid (David Mentor) was seen two weeks later in Philadelphia for the Republican National Convention and at the Minneapolis Mayday festival.

Overall it was a very successful gathering. Security mistakes were made which allowed the police to infiltrate and to acquire information that they wouldn't have gotten if everyone had followed good security guidelines. The media attention was tremendous although not all that positive and representatives of different anti-genetix groups had a chance to debate (and humiliate) the host of the ISAG conference on Pacifica radio nationwide. This issue is huge and more people need to take action and confront these mad scientists.

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# GUIDE TO NIGHT-TIME GARDENING

Instead of running our regular Shadow Activist column this issue, we decided to print the "Night Time Gardener's Guide" (http://www.tao.ca/~ban) as our salute to the surge in anti-genetic engineering action.

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*"May nighttime gardening flourish here as it has in Europe and other lands around the globe!"*

## EVENING ATTIRE FOR THE NIGHTTIME GARDENER

Gardening is a very dirty job. For the least hassle it is recommended to wear a complete set of old clothes that can easily be discarded in dumpsters after gardening. Don't be cheap. It's really necessary, even if like us, you hate wasting anything. Black evening attire is the most appropriate for shy gardeners. You may get very wet and cold, so wear appropriate cold-weather and rain gear. Have some comfortable clean clothes and shoes to change into before you get home.

A forensic scientist can tell roughly where you've been from the composition of the dirt and soil that you will have picked up on your travels. Say, for instance, you've been gardening at a Monsanto test site of GE corn, then traces of earth will be upon you, as will traces of plant life, such as pollen that you may have brushed against.

These traces are used to put you at a certain place, and in some instances, at a certain time. Once again, it is best to dispose of any gardening clothing - i.e. give up your attachment to your clothes! And before you leave for the action, empty your pockets and don't bring anything (even to leave in a vehicle) you don't need and wouldn't want to see in court.

On soft surfaces, such as mud, earth, dog shit, etc., shoe impressions will be left behind. The only sensible thing to do is to wear old shoes and to throw them a long way away immediately afterwards. Shoes (and clothes) will also carry traces away with them, such as oil, gas, glass splinters and other such gardening giveaways. Don't wear them in your vehicle or in your home. When gardening in urban areas, consider the impact that you may have on a passer-by wearing all black from head to toe. Wearing inconspicuous clothes such as dark pants and a hooded sweatshirt may serve the purpose.

Make sure you don't have activist bumper stickers on your action vehicle. A "Smash The State" sticker may narrow down the pool of suspects.

Gardening just after a spraying of RoundUp, Liberty or other toxic herbicides may pose a grave threat to the health-conscious gardener. Gore-Tex or rubber rain gear (cheaply purchased or easily stolen from Wal-Mart) as well as medical masks, and chemical-protective gloves (Home Depot, etc.) are necessary. It is possible to find out from county extension offices whether or not there is a particular timing for spraying of certain local crops. Particularly sensitive gardeners may want to hit BT or other pest-resistant crops rather than Roundup-Ready/ Liberty Link (herbicide tolerant) crops. It is more likely that commercial GE crops (those grown for market) will be sprayed. Be careful!

## THE NIGHTTIME GARDENER'S TOOLBOX

The tools you use for gardening will vary, but for some crops you won't need any at all. Your hands in good work gloves (for fingerprint guard and protection) will do just fine. Gardening without tools is great when the crops are easy enough to rip up by hand because you'll have less weight to carry, and less gear to accidentally leave at the site or get nabbed with. Night gardeners have had success with rolling their bodies over the crops as well, but this may only bend certain crops at certain ages, instead of damaging them beyond repair.

However, some GE crops (older trees, for example) are nearly impossible to take out without tools. Some people like to use saws, scythes, machetes, hoes, shears, or other gardening tools, but it's really a personal preference. Think simple and streamlined. Ever try to carry a machete over barbed wire? Not easy! They can sometimes be too much trouble, too time consuming, or difficult to part with after gardening. One group reported that a long metal pole pushed across one or two rows of corn (dubbed the California Corn Cutter") worked well for quick, convenient, and energy efficient gardening. Be creative. Practice beforehand if you are using any fancy methods.



Bolt cutters are good for getting through locked gates or into greenhouses. Another technique for gaining access into glass greenhouses is to duck tape a square one could crawl through, and then punch it in. The tape will muffle sound by absorbing the blow and keeping the glass from scattering all over the ground. There are also hand-held, manual, spring-loaded punches which paramedics use to break glass on car windows that work very well. Corrugated plastic greenhouses can be cut into with a sharp knife as well.

Another tool for rows of some crops is a strong board with holes in both ends through which a rope is strung. The board is placed on the ground, and then the gardener puts a foot on top of it and lifts up the rope to a comfortable waist height. Then, the gardener can go step by step stomping down the crops, and avoid stooping or kneeling on the ground, which can easily get very tiring.

Lots of tactics have been created since the need for nighttime gardening came about. If not properly handled, some tools can also be a serious safety issue.

If you do use any tools, make sure they are cleaned of all fingerprints before taken on site. A good way to clear up those pesky fingerprints is with warm, soapy water. In a time-crunch, extensive rubbing with cloth can be satisfactory. Be thorough: even the batteries inside a flashlight have been touched, and you wouldn't want to drop anything while you were out and about!

On the subject of dropping things, it's easy to lose things such as jewelry and glasses when working hard in the garden, so take them off beforehand or make sure they are secure. If something is dropped (especially a hat with hair stuck to it) it might be a good idea to go back and get it if it's not too sketch.

Entry and exit of the site is often the most risky aspect of nighttime excursions. If you need to use a vehicle, it's worth parking away from your gardening and walking in, as tires leave those horrible distinctive marks and can accumulate soils that are easily identified. Leave someone with your vehicle, as there can be unexpected people about, and make sure the driver has a reason to be where s/he is. A pair of people making out can be a good excuse, or a problem getting the car started. Better yet, have a driver who can quickly pick you up when done gardening. The driver might need to come around at several different times before the final pick-up in order to make sure the gardening is going well. Set up an interval of time (such as 15 minutes) for the driver to wait and come around again if nobody's at the pick-up site. This way if you're running late, you don't miss your only chance for a pick-up.

If the site is located in a residential neighborhood, a drop-off may look suspicious. Therefore, it may be appropriate to have two different pick-up and drop-off points, and possibly alternate sites as well if access is cut off in one place. It is also essential to plan an emergency pick-up time/place where a crew can run to and hide all night if they are detected and the cops are crawling around the neighborhood.

When you're waiting by the road for a car, you can't make out what kind of vehicle it is until the last second because of the headlight glare. A technique is to leave some distinctive marker, such as a bag of trash (not yours) or a [illegible] in place by the road. When the driver passes by, if the marker is no longer there, s/he knows to pull over and pick up the crew. Another method is for the driver to flash a turn signal during the approach if there is clearly no place a regular vehicle would be turning, and that way the crew can identify their ride to safety. Lastly and best of all, get radios (see below).

Remember when you get home to vacuum and clean the whole car. Oh, and get rid of your directions, too!

For a smooth night of gardening, it is best to bring along a reliable set of radios and a scanner. Remove all serial numbers on the radios, and make sure you purchase them discreetly and with cash. Ear pieces work best while gardening because they free up your hands. Check everything thoroughly before you leave, wipe them down, and have extra batteries. You can then be in communication with your driver (and other gardeners) and they can alert you to any possible disturbances.

## THE BEST TIME TO GO

The best gardening time for the shy gardener is obviously at night. And at the new moon is better than when it is full. You have two main choices: early morning is quite dead, but remember how long the job will take; starting earlier in the evening will give you more of an excuse to be out and about. Try and start at a time that provides you with enough time to garden thoroughly for the specific site and have a buffer for the drop-offs/pick-ups if they take longer than expected. Agricultural areas or neighborhood garden plots can be a busy place as farmers usually get an early start on the day, sometimes before dawn. At this time a flash-beam or light of any sort will draw attention. Cover flashlights with blue or red saran wrap, tinted tape, or a gel to filter the stark white light into something more subtle.

It is worth bearing in mind that when it's raining hard it will wash away most traces and provide visual and audio cover. You'll often get drenched from the dew alone. It is a good idea to scout your site of interest at many different times throughout the day/night to get a clear idea of what the scene is like.

An all-night recon is a really good idea to make sure the garden is right for you. There may be cameras at university test sites/greenhouses or biotech corporation labs/sites/greenhouses. For the main part, these cameras serve to deter potential "gardeners," and instill a healthy sense of paranoia. Paranoia, Nah! Those who are careful stay free!

## HOW TO SPOT YOUR CROP

Firstly, the timing of your harvest is important if you want to actually sabotage their research and cause economic damage. Too early could let them replant, and too late could harvest their crop for them! Just before flowering obviously prevents the mutant genes from escaping through the plant's pollen, and if you can't get it by then, you can cut down the plant before the seeds are fully developed. Don't just harvest the beans or corncob either, harvest the whole plant from the stalk/stems, or better yet, pull it right up out of the ground. A slick trick would be to bag up some of the offending matter and leave it on the doorstep of the facility, or on your local USDA or State Agriculture Department's doorstep!

It's important to research WHAT you are targeting and WHO. Considering how pervasive commercial GE crops are, it's a good idea to target research, both at universities and corporate facilities (is there really any difference??). Industry links up with local farmers as "co-operators" to grow seed and test varieties in their fields, often in return for advertising their more impressive trials with big signs advertising the company and the variety. Oftentimes you may see signs for a certain company's seed trials in a field that is obviously belonging to a small farmer (there may be a house and driveway and family-type items around the yard). Targeting these types of sites will likely bring into question the intentions of night gardeners and may confuse the message of opposing the Ag-Biotech industry by targeting already desperate farmers.

On occasion you may be able to identify a commercial crop that is being grown specifically for a company, or on Agribusiness farmland where no family is present. You can sometimes find these type of sites by checking out property maps ("Plats") at the County tax assessor's office in the County Building closest to your target crop (or the local library, but they often don't have current maps), or through the LEXUS property records database at your local library.

This is also a good process for locating corporate facilities not listed in the phone book (or on www.yellowpages.net). If you know the address of a facility or a plot of fields, a quick search on the county assessor's web site will tell you the value of the property, the acreage, and possibly the types of structures on the site.

The basic reality is that commercial GE crops cover 20 million acres of American farmland, and attacking random commercial fields is simply not strategic, especially when there are so many better research targets. If a research project is "nipped in the bud," so to speak, it may never make it to the commercial market!

For example, the same colorful signs that hug the backroads are often posted in the same fashion in front of rows of research crops at corporate facilities, often boasting the "Roundup Ready" or "YIELDGUARD" trait, depending on the company. Bt crops are often listed on signs by a certain variety number ending in Bt. Corn and Soybeans are the most common GE crops, both commercially and in research. But at universities, one might also see a wide variety of GE crops including sunflowers, alfalfa, and wheat.

A helpful, but not infallible, tool for zeroing in on your target crop is the US government database Field Trials listed on the USDA/APHIS web site. You can request searches of current trial notifications and permits as well as registered trials by state, crop, institution or phenotype (GE trait). The results will tell you the states these trials are being performed in, the acreage of the trial, and a contact person, usually a researcher, for information.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET THERE

Obviously the number of people you need will depend on the size of the GE site. Most sites can be done quite happily with 2-4 gardeners. The actual work could be one hour, or it could be all night. For larger sites you may need many gardeners, but it's harder to avoid detection in larger numbers. Again, make sure you're suitably dressed and scout out the site extensively, including in/out routes and an emergency escape plan/meeting place if things go awry. The group should decide what to do if confronted with an angry farmer. Instead of everyone scattering on their own, we strongly recommend sticking together as a group, at least at first, and then making a call to scatter if necessary.

Remember, a well-placed sheet over a camera can have a rather numbing effect on their security. A well-placed kick or spray paint shot over the lens can do the same.

The goal is to destroy the plants: you will either have to snap them off at the stem, or when uprooted pull them apart at times. At a release site in East Anglia (England), sugar beet was uprooted and left lying on the site. It was later replanted by the farmer (and later still, dug up by concerned gardeners and removed from the site). In 1987, the Strawberry Liberation Front in the US pulled up a crop of strawberries that were to be sprayed with ice-minus bacteria. For the photo opportunity the next day, the scientist placed the strawberries back in the holes from which they'd been pulled.

Remember, the test sites are experiments (with our future). If your aim is to disrupt this misguided experiment then you may not need to destroy all of the crop. Destroying 50-75% of the research plants will call into question any data collected. It will also disrupt the experiment if all the markers and identification tags are scattered around or taken, but be safe. Don't stick them in your closet. Make the garden messy, and it is less likely to be considered salvageable. Scattering bags and bags of organic or non-GE seeds can also ruin a test site and spread a little bit of consciousness as well. A good idea is to scatter seed in the beginning of the season and not issue a communiqué about it until a month later. By that time, your seeds have wreaked havoc on the GE varieties.

Don't forget to target irrigation equipment, greenhouses, solar thermometers and the like. Groups such as Reclaim The Seeds and the Future Farmers have sabotaged thousands of dollars of this sort of equipment in different actions. It is suggested that computers, data files, clipboards with research information, and other documentation should be removed for our own research, or quietly destroyed.

## WHAT YOU WILL BE GARDENING

**Canola (Oilseed Rape):** There are two different breeds of canola that you might be

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# Anti-GE Actions

**5/7/00; South Belgium** - 200 people descended on Monsanto's experimental farm and destroyed several parcels of maize and canola crops.

**6/5/00; Portland, Oregon** - A group calling itself the Anarchist Golfing Association destroyed experimental grasses at Pure-Seed Testing, a grass research company. Breaking into two greenhouses, the activists reportedly smashed plants and pots, and spray-painted slogans such as "nature bites back."

**6/14/00; Sacramento, California** - Reclaim the Seeds celebrated the shutdown of the Monsanto R&D unit in India with a direct action attempt on Monsanto's R&D unit at its Calgene Campus in Davis.

**7/9/00; Gloucestershire, England** - A six acre crop of genetically modified oilseed rape was destroyed at Wold End Farm, Chipping Camden. According to the police 3/4 of the crop was destroyed, with the plants being flattened, ripped up or slashed.

**7/14/00; Hemel Hempstead, England** - It was reported that earlier this week, anti-GM activists destroyed 90% of a farm scale trial of oilseed rape.

**7/13/00; Long Island, New York** - The E.L.F. destroyed 2 acres of G.M.O. crops and seedlings at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's agricultural research fields. Tractors and other farm equipment was also sabotaged and slogans spray painted. According to Newsday two years of genetic experiments were destroyed at a significant financial, emotional and academic cost to the lab.

**7/20/00; Essex, England** - Night time raiders destroyed a field of GM crops at a farm near Wivenhoe. Eleven people have been arrested in relation but we have no more details on their status at this time.

**7/20/00; Rhinelander, Wisconsin** - The E.L.F. cut down, ring-barked and trampled over 500 GE research pine and broadleaf trees and saplings at the US Forest Service's North Central Research Station Forest Biotechnology Labratory. Also, 10 Forest Service trucks were defaced and calling cards were left behind.

**7/22/00; Milo, Maine** - 1500-2000 genetically engineered trees at MEAD Corporation facilities were destroyed.

**7/31/00; Dusty, Washington** - The Dusty Desperadoes destroyed five acres of GM canola at Monsanto facilities. The communiqué states "...with machetes and scythes, we destroyed [Monsanto's] attempt at corporate greenwashing by leveling five acres of field tests including Round-Up Ready canola."

**8/10/00; Sacramento, California** - Reclaim the Seeds destroyed genetically engineered "Frankencorn" at the Davis campus of the University of California. According to the communiqué, this was the fifth visit that RTS has targeted UC Davis and the first time that anti-GE activists in North America have made video footage of a direct action available.

**8/25/00; San Diego, California** - One acre of GM maize as well as the contents of four greenhouses (including maize, tomatoes, rice, arabidopsis, tobacco and other GE lifeforms) at the University of California at San Diego were destroyed by the Ninos del Maiz. The activists also spray painted messages on the greenhouses and mixed up paper bags that were being used to collect maize in the field.

**10/9/00; Berkeley, California** - Green Streets destroyed a 1/2 acre test plot of genetically engineered corn at the University of California Gil Tract Research Facilities. The activists also disrupted research by mixing and removing labels as well as "isolation bags".

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"There are really two areas of concern," said Krimsky, author of the book *Agricultural Biotechnology and the Environment*. "First, are the proteins localized? Are they just expressed in the milk, or do they come out in other aspects? If they're being expressed in other ways from the animals, then that's a concern. Also, another issue or area of concern is the spread of antibiotic resistance factors. Sometimes, in the laboratory, you attach antibiotic resistance to cells. Could this create bacteria resistant to antibiotics?" The biggest concern about antibiotic resistant genes is the possibility that they could be transferred to bacteria in the guts of animals or humans, or to bacteria in the environment.

Strains of farm-bred fish developed to grow fat quickly are threatening to drive Britain's majestic wild salmon into extinction. Millions of modified fish have escaped into the Atlantic from offshore farms in Europe and America. The new strains are mating with wild salmon, polluting their gene pool and producing hybrids that can't survive in the open ocean. Don Staniford, of the Scottish office of Friends of the Earth, stated, "Wild salmon are nearly extinct in a number of Scottish regions and rivers where they used to be plentiful." "There's certainly a link between the decline of our wild salmon and the escape of these farm-bred fish. It's genetic pollution," says Sue Scott, of the Atlantic Salmon Federation in New Brunswick, Canada and "the farm fish are bred to be fat and lazy. Their genes have been manipulated by crossbreeding to produce a fish that grows quickly." They are kept in huge pens in the ocean off the coast of New Brunswick and the coast of Maine in the States. And over the last few years millions of them have escaped into the Atlantic.

Animals are not only being subjected to transgenic research, but are also being force fed GE feed right along side us human animals. Animal feed is the dumping ground for otherwise unmarketable waste from the food industry. The BSE crisis in Britain had its origins in contaminated animal feed; the recent dioxin crisis in Belgium had its origin in contaminated animal feed. The lesson is simple: contaminated animal feed may in turn contaminate the meat, fish, eggs, or dairy products we eat. GE animal feed risks pollution of the food chain, is the principle market for GE crops, and there is no regulation of GE animal feed. Unlike a food in the human diet, an animal feed derived from a single plant, corn or soy, may constitute a significant portion of the animal diet. Therefore, a change in nutrient or toxicant composition that is considered insignificant for human consumption may be a very significant change in the animal diet.

In an unmarked warehouse in the middle of a wheat field in central Ohio, a hulking 300-pound pig lies on her back, her legs tethered to a crude iron gurney in a bare, well-lighted room. The animal has been sedated into a light state of sleep, and the pale pink expanse of her belly rises and falls rhythmically with each breath. A young man in green hospital garb has just sliced a six-inch incision between the sow's nipples; now he pokes around her innards with latex-gloved hands. The pig on the table is pregnant.

The young man, a veterinary technician named Bruce Close, is about to remove her newly fertilized eggs. At 26, Close is an old hand at pig surgery; he has performed this operation more than 600 times in the two years he has been employed by Nextran, the Princeton, New Jersey, biotechnology company that runs this warehouse as a breeding center. This, however, is no ordinary pig farm. For the past decade, Nextran has been locked in a high-stakes race to build the perfect pig: an animal with human genes, whose organs can be transplanted into people.

In the medical lexicon, this is known as xenotransplantation, and it has been an elusive dream of scientists for nearly 100 years. Today, despite fears that pig-to-human transplants could unleash a deadly new virus, the dream is closer than ever to reality. Unlike human organs, which are donated, pig organs will be sold, and in a climate in which demand far outstrips supply, the seller will name the price.

Moving quickly and in silence, he tears at layers of pig fat until he can feel the pig's uterus. Gently, he extracts the slippery pink-and-purple mass, palpating it until his fingers reach a cluster of 10 blood-rich postules — the ovulation points." Each contains a single egg so recently joined with a sperm, through artificial insemination, that it has not yet divided from one cell into two. This is the optimal moment for creating "transgenic" piglets — animals that, at least in a genetic sense, look ever so slightly like people. It is a bizarre, almost creepy sight, this big, fat pig upside down on an operating table, her head dangling backward over a bucket in case she vomits, her insides splayed out on a blue paper surgical drape as a scientist rearranges the DNA of her unborn young.

In a moment, the animal's eggs will be flushed out of the ovaries, collected in a tiny vial and smeared onto a glass slide; then a "microinjectionist" will examine them under a high-powered microscope and, with a needle finer than a strand of hair, insert a single human gene into each. Later this afternoon, Close will return to the operating room to implant the growing embryos into a foster mother sow. In roughly 114 days, if all goes as Nextran hopes, she will deliver a litter that includes at least one transgenic piglet.

Across the Atlantic Ocean, at an undisclosed location in the English countryside, Imutran is running its own transgenic pig farm. Like Nextran, which was purchased several years ago by Baxter International, one of the world's largest medical-products manufacturers, Imutran is owned by a drug industry powerhouse, the Swiss-based Novartis Pharma AG, a company with three times the annual revenue and nearly seven times the research budget that Baxter has. While Nextran has been testing its pig hearts and kidneys in baboons, Imutran has been running tests in monkeys and baboons, and reporting longer survival times.

Like Nextran, Imutran is facing mounting criticism as it moves closer to testing its organs in people. Animal rights advocates, predictably, lament the fate of the poor pigs that will be used as spare-parts factories, a charge the companies shrug off by pointing to refrigerators stuffed with bacon and pork chops. What they cannot shrug off, however, are the very real safety concerns. The Campaign for Responsible Transplantation, a coalition of scientists and public-health professionals, has asked for a ban on cross-species transplant research. And one prominent xenotransplant expert, Dr. Fritz Bach, of Harvard University, who is a paid consultant to Novartis, has called for a national commission to study the risks.

Harold Vanderpool, a medical ethicist at the University of Texas Medical Branch, in Galveston, has a term for the visceral reaction these pigs evoke. "I call it 'the gag factor,'" he says. "We are thinking across a barrier that should never be crossed." And in point of fact, there may be a very good reason — the viruses — it should not be. Pigs have become the animal of choice in xenotransplant research for a variety of reasons. They are plentiful, and they breed easily. They are physiologically similar enough to humans. And pigs and people have lived side by side, in relative health and harmony, for centuries.

Three years ago, the Institute of Medicine calculated that if animal organs made it possible to offer a transplant to everyone in the United States who needed one, annual expenditures would rise to $20.3 billion, from $2.9 billion. Already, the Mayo Clinic has entered into what its director of heart and lung transplantation, Dr. Christopher McGregor, calls a "strategic alliance" with Nextran. McGregor is busy testing pig hearts in baboons, and the company has built a state-of-the-art breeding facility not far from the clinic so Mayo doctors can have a ready supply of pigs in the event that xenotransplantation takes off.

The Campaign for Responsible Transplantation, the group pressing for a research ban, has lately been threatening to sue Shalala if she does not respond to its petition. "The prospect of a global health pandemic doesn't seem to be concerning anybody," warns Alix Fano, the campaign's director. "And the people that are voicing their concerns are either being silenced or ignored." - Sheryl Gay Stolberg: The New York Times October 3, 1999, Sunday, Late Edition - Final Could This Pig Save Your Life?

Animal liberators play an important role in ending genetic engineering. GE animal labs must be targeted, crops for GE animal feed must be destroyed, human-centered and elitist xenotransplantation must be eliminated, and GE animal "pharming" must end now! Don't be fooled by "frankenscience," this technology is based on suffering, mutations, greed, corporate power, and a lack of understanding about biodiversity and the natural world.

**Warning!!!** One note of caution. GE animals have already been released from the confines of biotech hell, and the sentiments behind these actions are very powerful. However, please keep in mind that any GE animals released into the wild will scar the genetic heritage of all wild beings. This must not be taken lightly. Please do the research necessary to find out if lab animals are GE before any liberation takes place. Even in the lab, there is no real secure place for GE "experiments." It is important for us to recognize life's natural prolific tendencies, and we must be sensitive to the fact that GE animals must be dealt with as a unique situation. Please be careful out there! Life is in our hands.

# Rod's Column

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but cannot remain tight-lipped about them. A.L.F. actions are about more than getting the animals out and destroying the tools of their torture; A.L.F. actions require warriors to be ready to be treated like violent criminals in the courtrooms of the earth and animals' destroyers. We must be prepared to go to prison for years rather than utter a word about our still free fighting comrades.

In the Ellerman brothers' case in Utah and now with Justin, we've seen the damage done when warriors break and testify against each other. And ironically, it's those who cooperate who end up in prison for years, not those they testify against. An old friend once told me, "...nobody talks, and everybody walks..."

Now we must exercise some damage control and build support for Peter Young who faces an uphill battle when and if he's captured. Justin's testimony doesn't help, but it may not be enough to convict Peter as the 1998 Utah A.L.F. case illustrated.

We must also organize and raise awareness and funds to aid Josh Harper and Andy Stepanian. Josh is facing imprisonment for contempt *[see news story, p. 8]* while Andy's sentencing for fur shop actions in New York *[see news story, p. 10]* should have passed by print time. Both of these brave warriors are deeply committed to the causes of freedom, but their strength cannot be a substitute for the very real support they need from us.

And while the Fur Information Council touts Justin's conviction as a victory and the first successful application of the Animal Enterprise Protection Act, it's important to remember that despite earlier threats, a multi-state A.L.F. campaign that resulted in the release of over 12,000 mink and hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial loss to fur farmers netted Justin only 24 months and not the 10 years or more some feared under this draconian legislation.

It remains the obligation of every A.L.F. warrior: Be prepared to accept the negative and unpleasant ramifications of your actions. Be ready to do your time bravely and positively rather than compromise your comrades and the larger struggle with your inability to do so. In addition, a movement that engages in illegal tactics must ensure that its participants have total support before, during and after their sacrifice for the earth and her animal nations. Only then will cooperation with all our oppressors no longer be an option.

# GUIDE TO NIGHT TIME GARDENING

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gardening, winter and spring. The spring crop is sown mid March and April, and harvested late September to mid October. The winter crop is sown late August to mid September, flowering during May and is harvested mid July - mid August.

The plant has erect branching stems up to three feet high bearing deep-lobed, grass green, bristly lower leaves and lobed blue upper leaves, with distinctive yellow flowers. It may be harvested early by breaking the stalk of the plant. This can be achieved by holding a large disposable stick outstretched and falling onto a row of the crop. The California Corn Cutter is used the same way.

**Corn (Maize):** Corn is usually sown in late March early April and is harvested from July onward, depending on the region. It has a single main stem with irregular, long, thin, drooping leaves. It can be harvested in the same way as canola. A good snap is enough to finish off the corn plant.

**Tomatoes:** This crop is usually sown in seedbeds at the end of winter and then transplanted to the test fields between late March and early April. It is then harvested between mid-July and early September. They have a main stem with branches. Each branch produces a green fruit that turns red with ripening. To harvest early, pull or dig up the plant and snap the main stem.

**Wheat:** Winter wheat is sown between late September and early October. Summer wheat is sown in early March and harvested in August or September. When young it is difficult to distinguish from barley, both of which look like large-leafed grasses, but as they grow you can see that wheat has a much larger head. To harvest when young, pull up, if older use a "grass hook" (a type of crescent shaped knife).

**Barley:** Spring barley is sown February to March and harvested mid-May to mid-August. The winter crop is sown September to October and harvested July to August. Garden the same as wheat.

**Sugar Beet:** This crop is sown in seedbeds in late February and then transplanted to the fields between late March and late April, and is then harvested in early November.

It has a whitish conical root that produces a lot of stems each with a single irregular green, lobed leaf as well as a garland of flowers. It can be harvested early by pulling or digging up the crop and removing the root bit from the leaves and scattering in opposite directions.

**Potato:** There are lots of varieties of GE potatoes grown in North Amerika, many of which would be appropriate to garden. The description and the growing times of the plants will depend on the variety, but generally potato plants look like straggly tomato plants with either small yellow flowers or small green flowers. To harvest early, pull or dig up the plant and snap the main stem and pull apart or smash the root.

## GE FORESTRY

Weyerhaeuser, International Paper, Westvaco, and Boise Cascade, among others, are working in conjunction with the oil industry (Shell) and universities to create GE trees for herbicide tolerance, higher growth rates, improved fiber yield/uniformity, salt tolerance, and much much more! Douglas fir, eucalyptus, banana, papaya, walnut, radiata pine, loblolly pine, Amerikan sweetgum, poplar, European larch, white spruce, orange, kiwi fruit, cottonwood, alder and elm are all being genetically mutated and mutilated.

GE trees take a lot more energy, time, tools and research. For nighttime forestry it is important to have the right tools. Saws, hand saws, loppers, pruning tools, and ring-barking/girdling equipment are essential. Sometimes just good old brute force can bring down a small sapling. Or you can just snap it in two with your gloved hands. For small seedlings, cutting and pulling work together to make sure they not only are out of the earth, but cannot be put back in. Apparently, our distant cousins in England used a tool to "ring-bark" trees, which involves cutting a ring into the bark in a complete circle, which will end the tree's life. They also used knives to cut away the bark. The benefits of this silent method hold great potential.

Some GE tree sites are absolutely enormous and you can easily get lost in them. Others are small plots that won't take much time. Research sites generally have various sizes of trees, so come prepared accordingly. Franken-trees will most likely be out in the fields year round and are part of long-term research. Years of research have gone into them, so be meticulous in your work. Nighttime forestry works because the potency of economic sabotage is strongly felt at the frankenforest institution.

GE trees are also likely to be in pots in greenhouses at the research sites. Greenhouses can be spray painted, stink-bombed, broken, and have every pot inside emptied.

# Speaking in Schools

by Dawn Ratcliffe

Having been active in the animal rights movement for over six years now, I am constantly evaluating the tactics I use to promote awareness concerning the plight of animals (including our own species) and the environment. While I wholeheartedly advocate protesting, civil disobedience, tabling, and legislation as ways to affect change and create awareness, I feel that we must also dedicate more time to educating children of all ages.

Toward this goal I have given a total of 27 animal rights presentations over a two-month period in high schools alone. I encourage everyone to design a presentation format that works best for them, but I'll share some things that I found effective.

Prior to calling the individual schools, I came up with a list of dates and times when I would be available to speak. I then called every public and private high school in Charlotte in an attempt to find environmental or animal rights clubs. After several phone calls, I was given the advisor's name of an environmental club at one of the high schools.

While he was very enthusiastic about my willingness to speak to his classes, I discussed some of my views with him so he clearly understood that I would be talking about animal rights, not animal welfare. (The last thing you want to do is cause a stir in the school system simply because the teacher was unaware that you'd be talking about animal rights). In addition to speaking to his classes, he also referred me to other environmental science and horticulture teachers who he felt would be open to animal rights. If it weren't for obtaining referrals from each teacher, the speaking engagements would have been much more difficult to arrange.

Prior to the speaking engagements, I read up briefly on issues such as hunting, fur, vivisection, and zoos/aquariums so I'd be able to provide more updated information and statistics. I also carry fact sheets with me on various topics including hunting, circuses, Belk (the Charlotte based chain that has a fur department), animals in captivity, etc. for those who want more specific information on issues. I always have plenty of Why Vegans to hand out at the end of each class. I also bring along Andrew Linzey's *Christianity and Animal Rights*, Carol Adams' *The Sexual Politics of Meat*, and Eric Marcus' *Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating* for those who want more specifics on biblical quotes, the correlation between feminism and animal rights, and veganism.

I start every presentation by letting them know that I am open to any and all questions, as I think evasiveness can really thwart a discussion. I try to limit the time I speak to about 10 to 15 minutes, to allow them plenty of time for questions and answers. After telling them how I became involved in the movement, I talk about a few animal rights campaigns I've participated in and discuss the interconnectedness between the human rights, animal rights, and environmental movements. I also explain to them that since I think both the human animal and other species are equal when it comes to the right to live free of exploitation and abuse, I frequently make analogies between human slavery and the enslavement of animals. When I explain this prior to the discussion, the students do not get defensive when I make comparisons between animals and humans.

During the question and answer period, be prepared to answer all sorts of questions on issues ranging from abortion and birth control to dating and economic sabotage. While I answer all questions posed to me, I prevent tangents on unrelated topics and avoid arguments by offering to meet with students individually afterwards. Also, I gently remind them that while I understand where they are coming from, sometimes it's best to agree to disagree. When I am asked my stance on issues such as abortion, religion, and drinking, I always stress that these are my own views and are not necessarily reflective of views held by others in the animal rights movement.

Again, while I think it is imperative that we honestly answer questions posed to us during speaking engagements, we must not criticize other activists in the movement or students participating in the discussion who hold differing views. Nor should we allow the discussion to digress into a debate on abortion or religion. When we show a willingness to answer any and all questions in a respectful but truthful manner, we definitely come across as more approachable and believable.

Instead of talking solely about the atrocities being done to animals, the earth and one another, I always discuss some of the solutions as well. After all, if we continually inundate people with disturbing statistics and graphic pictures without offering them ideas on how to affect change, they will feel as if they can't make a difference. I also stress the importance of using a multitude of tactics such as civil disobedience, protests, letter writing, boycotts, legislation, support of the A.L.F. and E.L.F., etc. in order to promote various social justice issues.

While I feel that the presentations this past semester were fairly effective, there are some things I could do to improve them. During the question and answer portion, I plan on showing the Pink Floyd video (which shows graphic images of animals being tortured to death for various industries) to the middle school and high school students. (If you are interested in purchasing the video, please contact Compassion Over Killing - *see Trenches, p.37*). When I schedule speaking engagements, I will request that the teachers invite other classes to participate. This will enable me to reach more students without having to schedule additional presentations.

Of all the tactics I've utilized, speaking to students has been among the most rewarding. Not only did some students go vegetarian and vegan as a result of the presentations, but many have also started campaigning for vegan options in their schools and asked their teachers to replace animal dissection with computer models. I encourage anyone who is comfortable speaking in front of groups to contact your local school system and get involved!

If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please email me at:

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# CROSSING THE LINE

## DIRECT ACTION FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

*No Compromise* publishes this direct action listing to keep the movement educated on the tactics of nonviolence and aims of the A.L.F. and other underground animal liberation groups. We feel it is important to inform people of their activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers disseminate about them. his list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities.

*No Compromise* would like to thank the heroic and compassionate activists who make this list possible.

*Listed actions start where the last issue left off (6/1/00). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue. Due to the numbers of actions from around the world, we do not have room to list them all. For a more complete listing visit:* **www.animalliberation.net**

### AUSTRIA

**6/24/00; Innsbruck** - The A.L.F. liberated an undisclosed number of parrots from a private keeper.
**7/3/00; Linz** - 7 incendiary devices were planted at the Austrian National Circus which was on tour here. Several wagons, a van and the big tent caught fire. Damage was more than 150,000 pounds. Each device had 1 liter of a flammable liquid in a plastic bottle and was started with an electric igniter.
**7/16/00; Styria** - 3 trucks were damaged at the slaughterhouse Fuerstenfeld.
**7/17/00; Tirol** - A daily newspaper reported that unknown people are regularly removing animal bait, destroying hunting platforms and starting time delayed fire crackers during hunting drives to disrupt hunting activity.
**8/2/00; Wiesen** - A turkey factory was broken into, the doors opened and 1000 turkeys escaped into the nearby countryside. Also, the feeding machinery, the ventilation system and the power supply was damaged and equipment to the value of 30,000 Austrian Schilling was made unusable.
**9/3/00; Schneeberg** - One hunting platform was cut down. A week later 2 more hunting platforms were cut in the Kamp valley.
**11/early/00; Tirol** - Butyric acid attack on fur salon Rauter.
**11/11/00; Tirol** - Several restaurants attacked with butyric acid before they can serve the traditional November 11th meal: dead geese.

### BELGIUM

**9/3/00; Temse** - Meat processing plant Damar is destroyed by a fire. A meat truck was first set alight and the fire spread to the processing plant. Damage in the millions. Claimed by the Dutch A.L.F.

### BRAZIL

**10/1/00; Belo Horizonte** - 4 butchers' shop and 2 McDonalds' had their locks glued.

### CANADA

**8/15/00; Slocan Valley, BC** - Equipment damaged at Trozzo Creek logging site. Sugar, dirt and metal filings were poured into the fuel tanks of seven pieces of equipment on the weekend, causing $20,000 to $30,000 in damage.
**9/27/00; Vancouver, BC** - Glue sabotage at Donald's Meat Distribution. Windows were glued shut as were all locks on four meat trucks.
**9/29/00; Saskatoon, SK** - 9 tires slashed, 3 fuel tanks sand-filled, 2 undercarriages cut-up and numerous slogans painted at Prairie Meats.

### DENMARK

**6/9/98** - A meat-truck belonging to a slaughterhouse is spraypainted with slogans.
**12/22/98; Copenhagen** - 2 windows smashed and the lock glued at a furrier. The Panum-Institute (dentists' school practicing vivisection) is spraypainted with slogans such as "Vivisection is sick science."
**1/6/99** - A fur shop had 3 windows smashed and paint thrown at fur coats. Estimated damage - $15,000.
**1/14/99** - Fur shop has lock glued and slogan painted.
**2/15/99** - 3 butcher shops have windows smashed.
**2/27/99; Copenhagen** - Anti-meat slogans are spread over Østerbro.
**3/1/99** - Butcher shops have windows smashed.
**3/2/99** - 5 butcher shops have windows smashed.
**3/7/99** - 3 butcher shops have windows smashed and a meat-transporter is attacked with bricks and spraypaint.
**3/21/99; Harløse** - Between 200 and 300 mink are liberated from a fur farm.
**6/17/99; Aalborg** - The insurance company that insures the Danish fur-farmers is attacked with bricks and paint-bombs. During June, 2 fur-shops in Aalborg are attacked with bricks and paint-bombs, one three times.
**6/23/99; Holte** - Arson at Saga Furs, "DBF" is carved in the windows, slogans are sprayed, locks are glued. Fire damage very heavy.
**7/24/99; Overlade** - All 3000 minks are liberated from a farm. Slogans like "Stop the torture" and "Fur is murder" are spraypainted on the walls. Due to the lost breeding work the farm closed down.
**8/12/99; Valby** - 'Bakke-pels' has 3 windows smashed for the third time. 'Alexia Pelshouse' gets both shop-windows smashed and shop adorned with paint. A fur shop is attacked with bricks and paint. Fur shop on Frederiksberg gets the show window smashed and paint is thrown at the fur coats.
**12/23/99** - A fur shop on H.C. Ørstedsvej gets 2 show windows smashed, slogan painted. A fur shop on Frederiksberg Allé gets 2 show windows smashed, slogans painted. Two 'Steff-Houlberg' meat company trucks on Bornholm, gets wires cut and sand filled in the fuel tank. A huge commercial banner for Saga furs at Nørreport Station is destroyed.
**1999; Herlufmagle** - 1000 mink are liberated from a fur farm.
**1/1/00; Copenhagen** - Fur shop paint-bombed.
**1/3/00; Elmegade** - A fur shop is paint bombed two times, which results in store closing for 3 months.
**4/11/00** - The furrier on Danasplads has windows smashed and paint thrown on coats.
**4/13/00** - A fur shop on Borups Allé gets 2 show windows smashed and paint is thrown at fur-coats. Damage at $30,000.
**4/-/00; Aars** - 3 empty rows on a mink farm are burned down.
**5/9/00** - 'Bakke pels' gets 2 windows smashed.
**5/27/00** - The furrier on Danasplads gets the last show window smashed, paint-bombs are thrown at the door. Store closed for 2 months.
**7/10/00; Østerbro** - A fur shop on Østerfælled square gets 2 windows smashed. A fur shop in Copenhagen gets 2 show windows smashed.
**7/11/00; Hillerod** - 1700 mink were released from a fur farm. The same farm was raided in April '99 as well. The farmer lost all his breeding animals. He has said in media that all his breeding work since 25 years back was ruined.
**7/11/00; Copenhagen** - 'Bakke-pels,' a fur shop, gets 3 show windows smashed.
**9/24-25/00; Sealand** - 3 fur farms have had all their cages opened and a total of about 12,000 minks have been released. On the first night a farm on the Sealand had 8,000 minks released. Estimated damage is over $150,000. 17 years of breeding work is destroyed. The Danish DBF have taken responsibility for the action. The next night 3,000 minks were released from a farm on the Sealand, and 1,200 mink from another farm.

### ENGLAND

**6/-/00; London** - Smashed windows at the following: Butchers shop, (Hackney Wick), McDonalds (Hounslow), 6 shop windows displaying circus posters, meat shop (Mile End), fish shop ▶


**Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service**



**www.animalliberation.net**

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is an internet web site, who's goal is to provide up-to-date and current information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It is an uncensored clearing house for information on animal liberation actions, prisoners of war, publications and more.

(Stratford), pizza shop (Kings Cross), butchers shop (Kingston), kebab shop (New Cross), burger bar (London Bridge), McDonalds interior smashed up (Central London).
**6/7/00; Bristol** - Butcher's shop in Broad Street, Staple Hill, is damaged by fire. The cause of the fire is being investigated.
**6/19/00; Holloway** - The A.L.F. rescued 4 goats destined for slaughter.
**6/23/00; England** - Activists took a salmon from an angler and threw it back in the water.
**7/28/00; Surrey** - Rentokil van damaged.
**7/-/00; London** - Windows damaged at butcher's shop, 6 shop windows displaying circus posters; meat shop; fish shop; butcher's shop; kebab shop; burger bar. McDonalds interior smashed up.
**7/16/00; Shepton Mallet** - 2 lorries and their trailers were destroyed by fire. 2 other lorries were damaged because of the heat caused by the fires.
**7/-/00; Cornwall** - 1,200 badger traps destroyed *(see photos, p. 13)*.
**8/-/00; London** - 3 meat shops' windows smashed. 2 butchers vans, tyres slashed. Meat shop window smashed, leather shop door smashed (Hounslow). Chicken shop window smashed. Butcher's window smashed. Butcher's shop door smashed.
**8/early/00; London** - 3 meat shops and 1 fish shop windows smashed (Leyton). 2 butcher's windows smashed (Whitechapel). 2 meat shop windows smashed (Mile End). 4 butcher's shops windows smashed and leather shop door smashed (Forest Gate). Pet shop closed down after several visits (South Woodford). 2 butcher's shops and Burger King windows smashed (Wood Green).
**8/28/00; Cambridgeshire** - 5 vehicles at the home of employees from vivisector Huntingdon Life Sciences were set on fire.
**9/2/00; Surrey** - Windows smashed at the Old Surrey and Burstow Fox Hound Kennels at Felbridge, East Grinstead.
**9/8/00** - Members of the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Hunts have received letters signed by the Hunt Retribution Squad warning they were considered as "legitimate targets."
**9-10/00; London** - Betting shop, butcher's shop, fish shop, McDonalds windows smashed (Bethnal Green). 2 butcher's shop windows smashed (Forest Gate). Butcher's shop window smashed (Walthamstow). Fishing tackle shop, butcher's shop, fish shop windows smashed, (Tottenham). Pie and mash shop window smashed, Jellied eels stand tyres slashed (Leytonstone).
**10/21/00** - 2 members of the Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent Hunts had bombs placed under their cars. There were no injuries.

## FINLAND

**11/-/99; Lohja** - Fur store Suokorvi got its window smashed.
**1/-/00; Lohja** - Window smashed again at Suokorvi fur store.
**4/-/00; Lohja** - Windows smashed at Suokorvi fur store and McDonalds.
**5/-/00; Tampere** - Furrier Urho Joutila got his store windows smashed.
**6/-/00; Helsinki** - Rallis furs got its windows smashed twice.
**6/-/00; Tampere** - Furrier Urho Joutila lost three windows again.
**7/-/00; Joensuu** - Fur store in Joensuu got two of it's windows smashed.
**8/-/00; Helsinki** - Display window at Rallis Fur smashed.
**8/-/00; Jyvaskyla** - Windows smashed at fur store Valtonen.
**8/-/00; Helsinki** - 4 windows were smashed at McDonald's.
**8/-/00; Lohja** - Fur store Suokorvi had windows smashed.
**8/mid/00; Helsinki** - 4 windows smashed at McDonalds and 1 window smashed at Valtonen fur store.
**8/22/00; Kullaa** - 800-900 minks were released. Unclaimed.
**8/23/00; Teuva** - 1000 mink released and breeding cards destroyed. Unclaimed.
**9/-/00; Helsinki** - Windows at Rallis Fur smashed.

# REPORTING ACTIONS

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

Send your reports to supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include the name and a description of the target, what happened and also the time, date, city and state/province. Do not handwrite this as handwriting is as individualized as fingerprints.

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

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

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

Some groups that commonly receive and disseminate communiqués:

**NA - A.L.F. Press Office**
**PO Box 3873**
**Courtenay, B.C.**
**V9N 7P1, CANADA**
**e-mail: naalfpo@tao.ca**

***No Compromise***
**PO Box 1440**
**Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1440**
**e-mail: NoComp@waste.org**

**NA - A.L.F. Supporters Group**
**PO Box 69587, 5845 Yonge St.**
**Willowdale, Ontario**
**M2M 4K3, CANADA**
**e-mail: naalfsg@envirolink.org**

**9/14/00; Voyri** - 600 mink liberated from a farm in Pohjanmaa, which homes 1600 of Finland's fur farms.
**9/17/00; Voyri** - The fur farm raided on the 14th of September gets hit a second time with 2000 - 2500 mink liberated.
**10/-/00; Helsinki** - Display window at Rallis Fur smashed.
**10/-/00; Lohja** - 4 display windows at Shell smashed.
**10/-/00; Nurmes** - About $5000 worth of damage was caused to a dairy farme's feed.
**10/7/00; Alajarvi** - 800 foxes dyed at a fur farm.
**10/20-22/00; Iisalmi** - An estimated 1500 foxes were dyed, rendering their fur useless. All breeding cards were removed and video footage showing animal welfare violations was taken.
**11/16/00; Karstula** - 2000 blue and silver foxes were dyed with henna and the breeding cards stolen. This is believed to be the world's largest henna raid to date.

## GERMANY

**12/20/99; Munich** - The locks of 9 shops were glued.
**1/22/00; Munich** - The locks of 9 shops were glued.
**4/-/00; Duesseldorf** - A hunting shop was attacked with butyric acid.
**4/16/00; Rietberg** - Egg truck arson at chicken farm.
**4/27/00; Berlin** - Several windows smashed at 1 butcher and 2 fur shops.
**6/14/00; Berlin-Friedrichshain** - Windows smashed at McDonalds.
**6/14/00; Berlin-Friedrichshain** - 8 windows smashed at Burger King.
**7/8/00** - 36 chickens are liberated from farm. Claimed by the TBF. ▶



The A.L.F. liberated 613 baby chicks from a Southern California egg farm on June 24th to coincide with the premier of "Chicken Run"

A.L.F. warrior jumps through fence to gain access to Sunny-Cal eggs



# SUPPORT
# ANIMAL & EARTH LIBERATION PRISONERS

### DENMARK

**Mark Kulsdom**
**Blegdamfejens Faengsel**
**Blegdamsvej 6, 2200 Copenhagen N.**
Dutch A.L.F. activist serving 10 months for releasing 8,000 mink from a fur farm.

**Robert Molenaar**
**Blegdamfejens Faengsel**
**Blegdamsvej 6, 2200 Copenhagen N.**
Dutch A.L.F. activist serving 10 months for releasing 8,000 mink from a fur farm.

## importance of prisoner support

While others talk about it, the Animal Liberation Front is making animal libertion a reality today. Around the country and the world, selfless vegans put themselves on the line for animals by liberating animals from places of abuse and indirectly saving lives through property damage.

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

The A.L.F. has stepped up it's efforts to become more of a threat than ever and the feds want blood. With activists facing 82 years for freeing animals it's getting serious, and prisoner support is more crucial now then ever before. The activists listed above are in a desperate situation - either enduring a lonely prison life or facing long prison sentences in an upcoming trial. These people need your support. We cannot support the liberation of animals and abandon those who make it happen.

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

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

### ENGLAND

**Mel Broughton DJ8216**
**HMP The Mount, Molyneaux Avenue**
**Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead**
**Herts, HP3 0NZ**
Sentenced on February 25, 2000 to 4 years for conspiracy to cause explosions. Arrested December 23, 1999 after eluding authorities for over a year.

**Barry Horne VC2141**
**HMP Belmarsh, Western Way**
**Thamesmead**
**London, SE28 0EB**
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several vivisection targets on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol.

**Charlotte Lewis GN4092**
**HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd.**
**London, N7 ONU**
Serving 6 months after pleading guilty to sending hate mail to staff of Huntingdon Life Sciences.

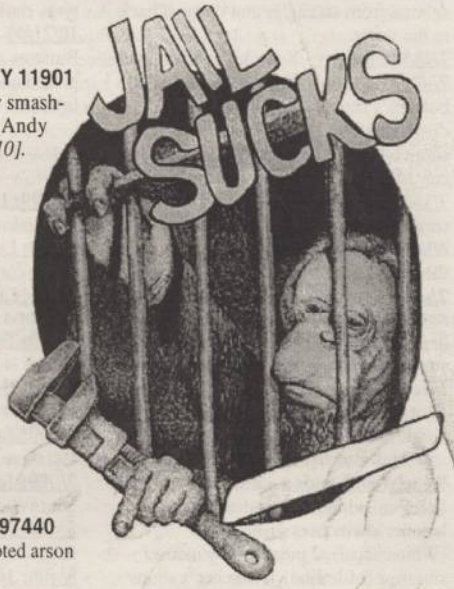
### UNITED STATES

**Andy Stepanian 8/8/78**
**100 Center Dr., Riverhead, NY 11901**
Serving 90 days for allegedly smashing windows on Long Island. Andy maintains his innocence *[see p. 10].*

**Jeremiah Rush Bowen**
**3200 Airport Rd.**
**Boulder, CO 80301**
On remand for setting fire to a townhouse under construction.

**Jeffrey Luers #1306729**
**101 W. 5th St.**
**Eugene, OR 97401**
Awaiting trial in March, accused of attempted arson at a car dealership.

**Craig Marshall #1306729**
**PO Box 50263, Eugene, OR 97440**
Serving 5-1/2 years for attempted arson at a car dealership.




## E-mail 2 Prisoners Project

The E-mail 2 Prisoners project allows anyone who has access to the internet to send e-mail to animal liberation prisoners.

E-mail 2 Prisoners is simple:

Send your letter to **<alf-pows@envirolink.org>** with the prisoner that you would like it directed to in the subject line. A.L.F.S.G. members will forward your messages on to the respective prisoners!

Important considerations before you write:

- All E-mail 2 Prisoners letters will be confidential, but please realize e-mail is not secure and can possibly be read by third parties.
- All incoming mail to prisons is read and inspected by prison authorities.
- Please be sure to include a regular postal address in your letter if you want a prisoner to reply -- the prisoners are not on e-mail! Please do not expect a reply through the internet.

What are you waiting for? Send some E-mail 2 Prisoners today!

This project is coordinated by:

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**Willowdale, Ont. Canada M2M 4K3**
**<naalfsg@envirolink.org>**

## More Actions...

**7/26/00; Hamburg** - TBF claims responsibility for smashing windows of the following 4 fur shops: Der Pelzmacher (Winterhude), Neumann H. (Wh.), Pelz & Mode Bernd Ranisch (Hummelsbüttel).
**7/end/00; Lausitz** - 20 hunting platforms destroyed.
**8/10/00; Brandenburg** - 7 hunting platforms destroyed.
**7/26/00; Hamburg** - 4 fur shops had windows smashed.
**10/1/00; Bochum** - Arson attack against trucks of the meat and sausage company ZIMBO. One truck was burnt out and destroyed. After police and fire brigade arrived they found 11 more burning devices under as many trucks. 3 of them set off shortly after but the fires were extinguished quickly doing only light damage. The remaining 8 devices were deactivated. Total damage was more than $230,000. Claimed by TBF.
**10/8/00; Brandenburg** - 7 hunting platforms destroyed.
**10/mid/00; Dormagen** - At least 1 hunting platform destroyed.
**10/24/00; Soellichau** - Approximately 700 mink and 4 hares from a mink/fox/hare farm liberated. Mink cages were transported out of the farm and opened nearby. The hares were given a new home.
**10/28/00; Duesseldorf** - 7 hunting platforms destroyed.

### HOLLAND

**5/-/00; Den Oever** - 4 trucks from the fish transport company Kaan were destroyed by fire. Kaan managed to save some trucks but the damage was enormous. The owner told a newspaper the business would barely survive.
**6/18/00; Ermelo** - For the second time in a year the Dutch A.L.F. has visited poultry processor Brinky Poultry Trading. Last year the DBF burned the processor out completely. The 40 employees who work there had to be moved to a new building which was built last spring. This new building was lightly damaged by the recent arson. In addition 1 truck was burned out and a second lightly damaged. The DBF claimed responsibility.
**8/6/00; Barchem** - During the early morning hours, a wooden warehouse which was housing mink pelts and all the equipment used for processing the pelts was burned to the ground.
**8/7/00; Barchem** - Mink liberation at the farm where the above mentioned arson happened. This was the second time the farm was raided.
**8/14/00; Nootdorp** - 2500 mink are liberated from a fur farm. The fence around the farm gets damaged and cages are trashed. Unclaimed.

**IF NOT YOU . . . WHO? - IF NOT NOW . . . WHEN?**

# Even More Diary of Actions!

**9/17/00; Rotterdam** - A.L.F. claimed responsibilty for burning 3 meat delivery vans owned by Randstad Vleesgroothandel.
**10/31/00; Limburg** - Hundreds of mink liberated from a fur farm. Unclaimed.

## IRELAND

**10/21/00; Offaly** - Half the hares caught and held in a coursing enclosure at the Edenderry Coursing Club were released.

## NEW ZEALAND

**7/13/00; Hamilton** - The Hamilton A.L.F. liberated 200 ferrets into the surrounding scrub and farmlands. Most breeding cards were also removed, cages damaged and other installations on the property damaged
**9/-/00; Auckland** - Several turkeys were liberated from a turkey factory farm. Activists discovered an adult turkey lying outside the shed in a driveway, suffering from serious injuries that were infected and bleeding. This turkey was rescued and more activists returned later that week to video the conditions and liberate several baby turkeys from inside the sheds.
**10/17/00; Auckland** -Locks glued at Smith & Caughey's New Market and Queen Street Department Stores 4 nights in a row.

## NORWAY

**10/10/00; Oslo** - 1500 mink liberated from a fur farm 60 km north of Oslo.
**10/18/00** - Between 100 and 240 foxes dyed with henna.

## POLAND

**11/8/00; Szymankowo** - 1 of the largest fur farms in Poland raided. 2 fences, guard dogs and 2 security guards bypassed and 300 mink released. Around 1000 mink henna-dyed as well.

## SWEDEN

**6/3/00; Orkelljunga** - Swedish A.L.F. liberated 5 beagle puppies from a vivisection breeder owned by Astra-Zeneca *[see photo p. 32]*.
**6/9/00; Orkelljunga** - Another dog was liberated from Astra-Zeneca's breeder.
**6/14/00** - According to newspapers, a window was smashed and a fire started at Swedfarm, producers of cages for battery hen systems in Scandinavia. Unfortunately, the fire department responded quickly and damage was minimal. It has not been claimed but police suspect animal rights activists to be involved.
**6/20/00; Orkelljunga** - Another attempt to liberate dogs from the pharmaceutical beagle breeder owned by Astra-Zeneca failed because of threats from a violent guard. This was the third time during the past month that the breeder was raided. A year ago another 5 dogs were liberated.
**7/3/00; Kristdala** - 50-100 foxes are liberated from a fox farm. 25 metres of the fence were taken down, and the cages destroyed after the foxes were liberated. Only 10 recaptured.
**7/9/00; Orebro** - 2 windows were smashed on a meat shop.
**7/11/00; Orebro** - Molotov cocktails were thrown in the basement of Robertssons meat store.
**7/13/00; Eslov** - McDonalds damaged.
**7/13/00; Trelleborg** - Circus damaged.
**7/-/00; Linkoping** - Molotov cocktails thrown into a battery farm cage-factory.
**8/3/00; Eslov** - McDonalds gets sabotaged again.
**8/16/00; Lund** - Wibergs Fur and McDonalds both get 2 windows smashed.
**8/18/00; Orebro** - Etching fluid used on windows at McDonalds.
**8/19/00; Eslov** - Slogans are sprayed on McDonalds.
**8/23/00; Angelholm** - Nilssons Fur gets paint bombed and slogans sprayed.
**8/29/00; Angelholm** - McDonalds damaged.
**9/4/00; Angelholm** - A molotov cocktail was thrown at a McDonalds.
**9/22/00; Eslov** - McDonalds gets bomb threat.
**9/23/00; Linkoping** - DBF-activists spray slogans on a vivisector's house.
**10/7/00; Angelholm** - Slogans sprayed on a meat shop. - DBF

## USA

**6/-/00; Long Island, NY** - 3 Rockville Center dairy trucks had their windows smashed and slogans painted.
**6/-/00; Long Island, NY** - An Oceanside McDonalds has bathroom spraypainted and stalls broken up.
**6/8/00; McAllen, TX** - Pizza Hut and McDonalds spraypainted.
**6/11/00; Falls Church, VA** - McDonalds had one window smashed.
**6/2/00; Eugene, OR** - 2 people were arrested for spraypainting "Meat is Murder" at the Willamette St. McDonalds. Later that night the Eugene McDonalds corporate office was bricked, smashing a window and a computer moniter inside. The arrestees, Alex Castle and Dylan Barr, were charged with felony criminal mischief in the first degree. Each agreed to pay $400 restitution and do 40 hours of community service.
**6/14/00; Lyndeboro, NH** - In the first U.S. mink release of the year, 30 feet of farm fencing is cut and 500 mink freed.
**6/18/00; Bayonne, NJ** - Locks glued at Famous Furs and Furs by John Keffas.
**6/19/00; Highland Park, NJ** - Lock glued at Continental Leathers. -A.L.F.
**6/21/00; Monroe, NJ** - Lock glued at Midstate Meats. - A.L.F.
**6/22/00; Boulder, CO** - 4 townhomes under construction torched. $35,000 damage. Jeremiah Rush Bowen, 21, and Jennifer Howard, 21, have been arrested for investigation of first degree arson and second degree burglary related to this action. Jeremiah has plead guilty and is serving a 2 year sentence in prison *[see previous page for address]*.
**6/24/00; Beaumont, CA** - The A.L.F. liberated 613 baby chicks from Sunny-Cal Eggs, obtaining video documentation of the horrible conditions the chickens were being raised in, before rescuing these animals and placing them in homes. This action was timed to coincide with the Hollywood release of "Chicken Run" to help bring attention to the plight of factory farmed chickens around the world. *[see photos p. 29]*
**6/27/00; Bloomington, IN** - The Earth Liberation Front spikes hundreds of trees.
**7/1/00; Long Island, NY** - The transport truck for a Huntington horse coach driver had it's window smashed.
**7/2/00; North Vernon, IN** - Anonymous activists set fire to a feed truck at Rose Acre Farm destroying the vehicle. Damage estimates total over $100,000. Graffiti found at the site included, "Polluter," "Animal Exploiter," "your turn to pay."
**7/4/00; Kerrville, TX** - Several fishing lines tied to trees removed.
**7/8/00; McAllen, TX** - Pizza Hut and McDonalds spraypainted.
**7/9/00; Long Island, NY** - A.L.F. activists descended on Macy's in Garden City, smashed 20 large plate glass windows and painted slogans. ▶

# Largest Animal Liberation Ever!!

The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the largest liberation of animals in history - the release of 14,000 mink from the Earl Drewelow & Sons Mink Farm, 2477 239th St., New Hampton IA; during the early morning hours of September 7th, 2000.

Handheld cutting tools were used to strip away two entire sides of the farm's fencing, giving the mink an escape route. Inside the sheds we found a horrific scene - thousands of mink crammed 2-3 to a tiny wire cage, waiting to die in a mess of waste and cobwebs. Any attempt by the fur industry to dismiss the Drewelow & Sons Fur Farm as an isolated example should be considered a lie. The A.L.F. know from experience these conditions to be the industry standard. Every cage was opened and 14,000 mink released to freedom.

The fur industry will be quick to respond to this beautiful act of compassion with baseless cookie-cutter form responses, in an attempt to discredit our actions and divert attention away from their sadistic industry. These standard lies from the mouths of murderers will be preemptively rebutted here:

**Lie #1:** "The mink will be hit by cars" - The absurdity of this statement is that before liberation, death was 100% certain. Every animal on the farm was bred to die. While it is true a small number may be hit by cars, most will not, and if nothing else they have been given a chance at freedom.

**Lie #2:** "Mink are domestic and cannot survive in the wild" - Mink are in fact only one or two generations removed from their wild cousins and have not yet had their wild instincts bred out. The "Mink Rehabilitation Project" led by convicted A.L.F. liberator Rod Coronado proved this a decade ago. Mink legally purchased from a fur farm were released into the wild and shown through observation to retain natural survival instincts and thrive in the wild after a lifetime in a cage.

**Lie #3:** "Most of the mink were recaptured" - Mink travel several miles a day. Most mink had dispersed into the surrounding fields before the liberation was complete. A few may be recaptured, but only a handful. Our hearts go out to those few recaptured who were given a shot at life and now have only suffering ahead.

**Lie #4:** "The A.L.F. are terrorists" - Every action carried out by the Animal Liberation Front is an act of compassion, with the only intent to save the lives of sentient creatures. These actions are carried out with no benefit to ourselves, except peace of mind knowing we have done all we can to rescue animals from the torture chambers and concentration camps of the meat, dairy, egg, fur and animal research industries. Their freedom is our victory.

We break the law in adherence to a higher law - one which states animals are not commodities, not objects, but sentient creatures with a right to live. We will fight for the lives of these animals as if they were our own.

Animal murderers beware - the A.L.F. is watching and there is no place to hide....

# Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# And Still More Diary of Actions!

**7/00; Clarksville, TN** - McDonalds had posters wheatpasted and slogans painted. Twice.
**7/11/00; Kerrville, TX** - "Meat is Murder" written in Taco Casa bathroom.
**7/12/00; Long Island, NY** - Various slogans were painted and 4 refrigerator trucks had their windows smashed at Oak Tree Dairy.
**7/00; Kerrville, TX** - Backdoor lock at Pets 'n' More jammed 3 times.
**7/20/00; Ann Arbor, MI** - Activists cut fences and break lock to rescue death-row dog from shelter.
**7/27/20; Smithtown, NY** - Windows broken at S.I. Gouras Furriers.
**7/28/00; Commack, NY** - McDonalds has windows broken and slogans painted.
**8/18/00; Minneola, Long Island, NY** - 2 Boars Head Provisions trucks had refrigerator systems sabotaged and windsheilds broken.
**8/21/00; Long Island, NY** - John Papas' Furs of Sayville had 6 windows broken and slogans painted.
**8/23/00; Long Island, NY** - 8 dairy trucks sloganized.
**8/24/00; Astorea, NY** - Daylight liberation of 15 pigeons and a chicken from a live slaughter market in Queens *[see story, p. 5]*. Also the site of a previous raid where the A.L.F. freed pigeons and rabbits.
**8/26/00; Albany, NY** - Milk billboards spraypainted.
**8/28/00; Wellington, CO** - The A.L.F. liberated 179 birds from Gensis Laboratories, where they had been slated to become victims in toxicology experiments. Activists ripped wire on outdoor aviaries, then drilled through a wall to gain access to animal rooms. The birds were then returned to the wilds from which they had been trapped. The communiqué stated that 168 bobwhites and 11 ducks were rescued in this manner. *[see cover story].*
**9/7/00; New Hampton, IA** - The A.L.F. has officially claimed responsibility for the largest-ever mink release at Earl Drewelow & Sons Mink Farm. Fences cut and 14,000 mink liberated. The farm was reported "wiped out". *[see full communiqué, previous page and also cover story].*
**9/9/00; Glenwood, IA** - The A.L.F. liberated 215 pigeons from Double T Farms, a breeder of animals for vivisection. Access was gained to the pigeon shed through an unlocked door. Every pigeon was taken *[see cover story].*
**9/9/00; Bloomington, IN** - The E.L.F. claims responsibility for setting a fire at the GOP headquarters to challenge the development of I-69 and anti-environmental policies.
**9/13/00; Gaston County, NC** - An estimated 20 cats were liberated from the Gaston County animal shelter.
**9/15/00; Long Island, NY** - Locks glued and slogans painted at Furs By Mina in Mt. Sinai.
**9/16/00; Long Island, NY** - A.L.F. smash out windows and paint slogans on 4 trucks at a meatpacking facility.
**9/17/00; Portland, OR** - 12 trucks and a portion of the building at Sunshine Dairy Food Company had locks superglued, surfaces spraypainted, and windows doused with a glass-deteriorating solution.
**9/22/00; Long Island, NY** - The A.L.F. returned to a recently hit meatpacking facility and smashed out all the windows that had been replaced.
**9/26/00; Long Island, NY** - Bulldozer and house under construction in Coram spraypainted and damaged, and survey stakes removed by the E.L.F.
**9/30/00; Long Island, NY** - McDonalds and Furs By Mina had windows broken and slogans painted.
**10/early/00; Philadelphia, PA** - Jacques Ferbers Furs display window smashed in.
**10/mid/00; Philadelphia, PA** - Jacques Ferber Furs window broken a second time.
**10/mid/00; Philadelphia, PA** - McDon alds windows smashed and dumpster set on fire.
**10/18/00; Shoals, IN** - 4 pieces of logging equipment had fuel and hydraulic lines cut, sand poured in the gas tank and crankcase, and seats slashed by the E.L.F.
**10/19/00; Garden City, NY** - McDonalds had windows smashed and slogans painted.
**10/21/00; Long Island, NY** - 19 ducks liberated from Titmus Duck Farm in Moriches. Fencing cut and stakes removed on pens to allow additional ducks to escape.
**11/3/00; Beverly Hills, CA** - 24 windows smashed at Neiman Marcus.
**11/4/00; Trenton, NJ** - Flemington Furs billboard brought down, the power box smashed and slogans painted.
**11/6/00; Long Island, NY** - 36 vials of butyric acid poured out at hunter's exhibition in Plainview. 6 cars displaying hunting tags had windows smashed.
**11/11/00; Queens, NY** - Rodeo horse trailers spray-painted and had locks glued.
**11/11/00; Long Island, NY** - Windows smashed and slogans painted at several under-construction homes by the E.L.F. in third action to protect wetlands.
**11/18/00; Buffalo, NY** - 5 windows smashed at Pollack Furs. Bricks thrown through windows at Palanker Furs. Damages estimated at $7000.
**11/18/00; Long Island, NY** - Port Jefferson Meat Distribution had refrigeration units destroyed on several trucks, locks of building glued, and slogans painted.
**11/19/00; ???** - Over a half-mile of fencing cut down at opposite corners of a canned hunt enclosure.
**11/24/00; Long Island, NY** - Over 17 windows smashed out of under-construction houses at a clear-cut development site. Machinery destroyed at a second location.



5 beagle puppies liberated by the A.L.F. from a vivisection breeder in Southern Sweden on June 3, 2000

## No Compromise Activist Defense Fund

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

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

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

For the Animals,

*Rod Coronado*
former A.L.F. prisoner

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# Animal Rights Commentary

## Your Appearance Makes a Difference

*by John Duerk*

Over the past several years I have encountered many activists at different demonstrations against almost every form of animal exploitation. Usually I leave with the following positive feelings: 1) that awareness has been generated on an issue that is very important; and 2) that I have networked with other like-minded people, thereby strengthening the movement as a whole. Occasionally though I leave with very negative feelings about the effectiveness of our efforts for the animals.

What has bothered me so much concerns the personal appearance and behavior of certain activists. Before I continue, it is imperative that our movement's ultimate goal be addressed along with the typical reaction of the average person to those who look different. As activists we are speaking out on behalf of the animals in an effort to convince members of the general public that they should change their speciesist perceptions of non-human beings. We want people to alter their diets and buying habits. In other words, we encourage them to change their values in order to lessen suffering. Though we maintain that conviction in our hearts, some of us ignore the fact that all humans pass judgment upon one another and that judgment is inescapable. Translated: What you wear to a protest makes a difference in how your ideas are received, and first impressions are crucial because not everyone is as liberal in what they accept or tolerate of others.

With this in mind, imagine you're standing out in front of a major department store on a busy sidewalk holding signs, distributing leaflets, and chanting through a megaphone. You only have seconds to communicate your message to the people passing by. What do you suppose the average person thinks of our cause when he or she sees one or more activists with purple mohawks, shirts and patches that display nihilistic phrases, spiked bracelets, tattoos and piercings, torn pants, a cigarette hanging from their lip, and 'leather' combat boots? Now, before you assume that I despise the fashion characteristic of the punk rock counterculture, I must defend myself by saying that I once dressed that way and still maintain my appreciation of the style (less the leather of course), so I'm not trying to come off as condescending. My point is that we have to think and adjust ourselves appropriately to effectively deliver the concept of "animal liberation" to the masses.

I'm sure there are activists who will scoff me for arguing the issue of appearance and behavior. My immediate response is that of a question: Whose side are you on? Let's face it: our struggle has been marginalized enough. Moreover, the industries that thrive on animal exploitation will only feel the moral pressure intensify if we convince people in the middle portions of society that our lifestyle is more ethical than those who profit from and/or ignore animal suffering. Part of convincing the multitude involves dressing like the average man or woman in a world where personal attire matters. Does this mean that you have to sell out to help the animals? Absolutely not! If spending two hours a week at a protest wearing plain clothing helps us move toward our ultimate goal, how could that be construed as sacrificing one's principles? Likewise, how could fashion ever be more important than saving innocent lives?

For those who take my concerns here seriously, I offer the following suggestions when attending demonstrations: 1) wear a plain t-shirt or plaid button-up (keep one in your car or backpack that you can access easily); 2) wear a baseball cap if your hair is dyed any unusual colors; 3) never wear leather (even if you still own any from before you went vegetarian because you leave us all open to mockery); 4) wear clothing that covers tattoos if possible and leave the more provocative jewelry off/out; and finally, 5) smoke before or after the event because it just doesn't look appealing (especially when you're attempting to convince someone that a vegan diet is healthier than eating meat).


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## My Head in a Nutshell

*by Anonymous*

My name is not important but my experience is. I am a pretty involved activist and because of that I have been followed, listened to and had my e-mails tampered with. My ex-girlfriend even got an anonymous phone call about something that could only have been discovered by breaking into my e-mail.

So why should you know this? If you feel that you have a lot of potential to give to the movement, expect this to happen or worse. I am scared and I cry in the night because of shit that THEY do to me, but my story is important. Have they broken me? Yes, in a way that makes me say the line has been set. And if they cross it I will do what it takes to protect Mother Nature and her creatures.

The problem is that the AR movement does not have a community, so it is hard to get my story out. Our movement has full paid staff members who can live isolated from each other and from the rest of the movement. Do you think the Zapatists are getting paid? No. What about the Chile El Salvador revolutionaries? They were not paid either. In America, Bobby Seal received no salary. These people carried their movements forward by working together with passion and commitment, not with finance.

How can one start a community? Get four of your activist friends and get a home. You don't need a big place-small and simple is preferable. Choose one in a nice, bright area. If it is an apartment, try to get it with an electric safety gate around the complex to keep out unwanted people. Safety is very important!

When you've moved in, try to get other places in the same complex or area for fellow activists. Also look for available shop space near your new home. An informational shop is an important part of activism and can be run by volunteers living in the AR community you have established.

Being organized is also important. Always remember where your possessions, papers, and other items are located in your home, so you will know immediately if they have been taken or moved.

Share everything, but trust no one completely. Some people are too happy-go-lucky and do not understand that unity is important. However, I have worked in many other movements and have seen this type of community work successfully in this country and in others.

Take others' safety first and foremost, but support your activists that need help. Never isolate your activists. That is what They want you to do. Margaret Mead said "never doubt what a few can do." Well in this day and age the quote should be "never doubt what a mass of people can do."

Don't be afraid of oppression. If an activist does not feel oppressed, he or she will be more detached from the movement against oppression. An activist leading a comfortable life is more likely to lose track of what they are fighting for. An activist with too much freedom, financial or otherwise, can easily forget the urgency of helping those who are powerless and oppressed.

Now that They have taken my safety and my freedom, I cannot leave the movement. I will always be a target until all animals are free. Only when animal oppression is over will they have no reason to watch my every move.

We need to begin to live together. We need to increase our productivity and be more efficient and effective. I do not live with activists. I drive alone. People are too scared to be with me. They say they've got my back, but they do not want to go down. Really, all they have is words.

When are we going to just walk into places and simply take monkeys out of their cages? When are we going to say "I will show you justice." They have broken me in a way that says TODAY is the day.

Where is our army? Is it a group of people working on salary? Or is it a group of people that collectively sacrifice their safe and comfortable homes to live together in sparse space and simplicity? At least we will have the freedom to leave. Those who we are fighting for don't.

These shared homes will increase activism. Today's businesses generate power from a capitalistic system. This allows business to own and control more of what oppresses us: the unjust system. It is businesses that are pleading with the government to oppress us more. We need to do something before this becomes a monopolistic state that is run by profit margins.

We need to start thinking community first and individual last. When people fight for individual freedoms, they separate themselves from the movement. We are not offending others, we are offending ourselves when we know what is right but are too damn brainwashed to do anything.

So remember: live with others, share, and don't do crack and we might just have a movement.

# FUR TRADE REPORTS

## WATCHING THE INTERNATIONAL DECLINE OF THE BLOODY FUR INDUSTRY

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This report is a compilation of information taken from fur trade journals, industry press releases, trapping magazines, newspaper articles, interviews and private correspondence. Sources can be supplied upon request. For more info contact Joe Miele at the NJARA office (732) 446-6808 or through e-mail at veegman@erols.com.

### INDUSTRY NEWS

Problems within the Fur Information Council of America have caused many major retailers and wholesalers to withdraw from that organization, costing the organization substantial loss in revenue. Some defectors returned to FICA after controversial executive director Carol Wynne resigned recently. Wynne's decision to sharply tone-down the event known as "Fur Fashion Week" in New York City into little more than a static display of fur coats on mannequins had puzzled many in the industry.

Escalating rent costs in New York City are forcing many furriers out of their buildings. One furrier reports that his rent for space at 150 West 30th Street rose from $10 a square foot to $27 per square foot for the next renewal. This amounts to $26,000 a month, as compared with $9,629 before.

Edward Brennan, the chief executive of the Seattle-based American Legend, said that fur industry ad campaigns have "not really (been) effective in terms of bringing back young potential consumers." Their new ad campaign is focusing on clothing and accessories like knitted sweaters, fur-trimmed jeans, headbands, bikinis, hats and purses.

### BALLOT INITIATIVES AND ORDINANCES

The city of Pinole, California may become the first Bay Area city to ban conibear traps. The city will draft an ordinance within a month and ask County supervisors to do the same. Pinole City Councilwoman Mary Horton said the city wanted to send the message that "these traps are inhumane." This move has some unlikely supporters. Regina Dizon, manager of D-Pest Exterminator Co. of Antioch, California uses cage traps to capture raccoons and opossums. "If you're going to trap an animal, you might as well do it humanely," Dizon said.

San Francisco's Commission on Animal Control and Welfare plans to urge city leaders to ban the sale of all fur products in the city's stores. The Commission is expected to recommend the ban to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on September 14, at which point the resolution must be approved by the Board before becoming effective.

California has a statute banning the sale and use of domestic dog and cat skins, and their introduction to the state from outside. At the federal level, a bill making it illegal to import products containing domestic dog or cat fur to the US was recently passed by the House of Representatives and now sits before the Senate.

The state of Oregon will be voting this November on a measure that would prohibit the use of "body gripping" traps. The ban, which will appear on the ballot as "Measure 97" would subject violators to penalties of up to a $5,000.00 fine and a year in jail per violation.

Ballot initiative I-713 in Washington State would ban body-gripping traps, unless authorized as a last resort by the director of the Fish and Wildlife Department. The measure also would prohibit the sale of skins from animals caught using the traps, as well as the use of two kinds of poison.

### US RETAIL UPDATE

An annual study conducted by Southwick Associates on behalf of the Fur Information Council of America (FICA) shows that U.S. fur sales jumped more than 15 percent from January 1 to December 31, 1999, reaching 1.4 billion dollars. The last time U.S. fur sales were this high was in 1989. In addition, fur sales in the month of January 2000; were up 16 percent compared to January 1999.

The following are United States retail fur sales figures compiled by the trade magazine Fur Age (an affiliate of furs.com) since 1981 when sales first topped $1 billion.

1981 — 1,027,000,000
1982 — 1,070,000,000
1983 — 1,200,000,000
1984 — 1.500.000.000
1985 — 1,700,000,000
1986 — 1,800,000,000
1987 — 1,800,000,000
1988 — 1,600,000,000
1989 — 1,500,000,000
1990 — 1,200,000,000
1991 — 1,000,000,000
1992 — 1,100,000,000
1993 — 1,200,000,000
1994 — 1,100,000,000
1995 — 1,200,000,000
1996 — 1,250,000,000
1997 — 1,270,000,000
1998 — 1,210,000,000
1999 — 1,400,000,000

Fur sales in the weaker summer months have also increased and this is being taken as an indication of good business ahead for furriers. High fashion and novelty items the most popular items, selling through boutiques and the non-fur departments of major department stores.

Designers interviewed by furs.com have said that they think the trend toward opulent apparel is just beginning to peak, possibly meaning that the end of the latest fur boom may be near.

### OPENINGS/CLOSINGS

Boston's 143-year-old Edward F. Kakas & Sons fur shop, once believed to be the oldest retail furrier in the U.S., has closed its doors for good.

Three fur shops in Philadelphia, one of the largest fur markets in the US, have closed for good. Bargain Furs has closed after a series of demonstrations by CAFT-Philly and a few hits by the A.L.F. Erika Schon and Strausstown Fur & Sheepskin have also gone out of business. This last fur retailer in Erie, Pennsylvania has gone out of the business because of pressure from the Erie Animal Rights Coalition.

In Beckenham, England, furrier SF Bord closed down after a campaign by local activists.

One of the biggest, if not the biggest, fur farming company in Finland, Gold Safir, has filed for bankruptcy.

In late October the high-end Italian furrier Fendi will open its eighth US store in Manhasset, Long Island, an affluent suburb of New York City.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION

The Fur Commission USA (FCUSA) published an article criticizing the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program. The TMDL program, established under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, is a framework for restoring polluted waters. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner called the TMDL rule "...the single most important step in a generation for cleaning up America's polluted rivers, lakes and shorelines."

Fur factory farmers are major polluters of America's streams, creeks and waterways. A female mink will produce 91.9 lbs. of waste in a year. Given that the average mink factory farm in the US confines about 7,000 mink, the average factory farm has to deal with 321 tons of mink waste annually. Fur factory farms contribute to the current state of water pollution and natural stream degradation when they dump the mink waste along with the carcasses of dead mink into landfills or directly into nearby streams and creeks.

### FACTORY FARMING

Factory-farmed fur accounts for more than 85% of the total world trade in fur.

Denmark, Holland, the USA, Russia and Finland are the five largest mink factory-farming nations, having killed a combined 20.25 million mink in 1999. The world total was 25,746,000 - down from 28,569,000 in 1998.

2.81 million mink were killed in the United States in 1999. This total was down 4 percent from the 1998 numbers. Wisconsin was the top mink killing state, having killed 731,700 animals.

404 mink factory farms were in operation in the US in 1999, down 8 percent from 1998. Leading states were Utah with 110 factory farms, followed by Wisconsin and Minnesota. Of the 404 mink factory farms, 27 also raised foxes in 1999. This figure is down from 31 the previous year.

Finland, China, Russia, Norway and Poland are the five largest fox factory-farming nations, killing nearly 3.5 million foxes combined. The world total was 3,666,500 in 1999, down from 4,759,000 in 1998.

### TRAPPING UPDATE

The majority of furs stolen from animals killed by trappers are used for fur covered toys, hat linings and trim for coats. Although it is not confirmed, it is suspected that the felt that tops pool tables is manufactured from 10-15% beaver fur.

The low prices paid to trappers for animal skins in 1999 points to the likelihood that there will be fewer animals trapped in the coming season. The number of animals killed by trappers in the 1999-2000 season may have been down as much as 75% for some species. Because prices have remained depressed,

# Activist Resources

### BOOKS

*Free The Animals* - Ingrid Newkirk (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Earth First Direct Action Manual* (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Ecodefense* - Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood (available from *EF! Journal* - see ad p. 33 - and http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore)
*Earth Force* - Paul Watson (available from AK Press*)
*War At Home* - Brian Glick (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Agents of Repression* - Ward Churchill and J. Vander Wall (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Animal Liberation* - Peter Singer (available from http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
*Vegan: The New Ethics of Eating* - Erik Marcus (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Vegan Handbook* - Debra Wasserman and Reed Mangels (available from AK Press*)
*Animal Ingredients A to Z* (available from AK Press*)
*An Unnatural Order* - Jim Mason (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*The Dreaded Comparison* - Marjorie Spiegal (from *NC*, p. 39)
*The Sexual Politics of Meat* - Carol Adams (available from AK Press*)
*Pacifisim as Pathology* - Ward Churchill (available from AK Press*)
*The New Farm Vegetarian Cookbook* (available from AK Press*)

### DIRECT ACTION BOOKLETS

*The Final Nail #2* (available from the North American ALF Supporters Group - see Trenches, p. 38 - or online at www.animalliberation.net/finalnail)
*Memories of Freedom* (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 38)
*Against All Odds* (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 38)
*Keep Fighting: Three Interviews with Britain's ALF Press Officers* (available from *NC*, p. 39)
*Animal Liberation Primer* (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 38 - or online at www.animalliberation.net/library/alprimer.html)

### RESOURCE GROUPS

**Vegan Outreach** - *'Why Vegan?'*; 211 Indian Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238, Phone: (412) 968-0268, e-mail: vegan@veganoutreach.org, URL: http://www.veganoutreach.org/

**In Defense of Animals** - Great graphic anti-fur posters, anti-fur cards, P&G flyers, etc.; 131 Camino Alto, Suite E, Mill Valley, CA 94941, Phone: (415) 388-9641, Fax: (415) 388-0388, URL: http://www.idausa.org

**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** - great 'WEARING FUR' and anti-McDeath stickers, graphic posters, etc.; 501 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510, Phone: (757) 622-7382, Fax: (757) 628-0784, URL: http://www.peta.com

**The Fund for Animals** - Hunting factsheets, articles and videos, etc.; 8121 Georgia Ave. Ste. 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: (301) 585-2591, Fax: (301) 585-2595

**Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine** - Nutrition and anti-vivisection info, a "Guide to Cruelty-Free Giving", etc.; 5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404, Washington, DC, 20016 Phone: (202) 686-2210, x300, Fax: (202) 686-2216, e-mail: pcrm@pcrm.org, URL: http://www.pcrm.org

### PUBLICATIONS

*EF! Journal* (see ad, p. 33)
*Live Wild or Die* - LWOD, POB 481 Tucson, AZ 85702 Amerika

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**For a list of useful web site links: http://www.nocompromise.org/links**

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trappers have little incentive to maintain their trap lines.

Given the indiscriminate nature of trapping, many trappers are calling their hobby "pot luck" trapping. In the words of trapper Jackie Malone "...you never know from day to day what you may catch!" Malone says "...I have caught coyotes in sets intended for fox and the other way around..." Malone comments on the performance of the double dirthole trap set by saying: "This set will usually catch the first animal that comes by...it truly is a pot luck set!"

Six and a half years ago Arizona voters banned trapping on public land. Since that time, the Arizona Trappers Association (ATA) has been trying to take the issue to court, claiming the trapping ban is unconstitutional. The ATA lost their case in court, and again lost on appeal. Not being satisfied, they attempted to bring the case to the United States Supreme Court, which refused to hear their appeal.

The Massachusetts House recently passed a bill that allows local boards of health to issue trapping permits for up to 20 days if beavers are causing problems deemed to be a threat to public health or safety. Legislators say that this plan does not violate the integrity of ballot "question one" which banned widespread trapping in 1996. The bill passed the House by unanimous vote and is expected to pass the Senate and be signed into law.

For the first time in 30 years, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is opening a hunting and trapping season for bobcats. Wildlife mismanagement caused the closure of bobcat season in Pennsylvania in 1970, when hunters and trappers killed off so many animals that it took 30 years for the population to rebound to where it is today.

## Seals

The seal hunt off the eastern coast of Canada was extended to June 15 because the *number of seals killed fell well* short of the allowable limit of 250,000. As a result, about 150,000 fewer seals were slaughtered and the skin dealers were hit by sagging prices. The top price paid for a seal skin was down almost 50% from last year. The Canadian government keeps the sealing industry alive by subsidizing the sale of seal meat. The Newfoundland seal hunt is the largest hunt for marine mammals anywhere in the world.

## International Update

On July 19 the proposed British Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill passed its second reading in the House of Lords. A recent poll indicates that 76% of the general public was in favor of the ban. The next hearing of the Bill will be at the House of Lords Committee stage in the autumn, hopefully prior to a third reading and Royal Assent. Passage of the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill would mean that all mink farming would have to stop by the end of January 1, 2003.

In Sweden, Agriculture Minister Margareta Weinberg has signaled her intention to ban mink and chinchilla farming. At the end of 2000 the government will impose new regulations for the farming of foxes which will make it impossible to raise them on intensive fox farms.

On March 30, the Dutch minister of agriculture Mr. Brinkhorst said he wanted to come up with a proposal to ban fur farming on moral grounds. Earlier, The Netherlands banned fox and chinchilla farming. Minister Brinkhorst announced that he will decide on the mink farming ban by the coming autumn.

The biggest fur processing factory in Finland, Panfur, declared bankruptcy in mid-May. The plant processed animal skins from all over the world. Russia's economic woes caused the move by Panfur.

Finnish government officials completed their annual survey of fur farming conditions. Around 70% of the inspected fur factory farms do not meet the minimal requirements set by Finnish animal welfare regulations. It is believed that fur farmers are not willing to invest the money needed to meet the minimum legal standards because they have very little faith in the industry's future. The survey found that 68% of the farms had one or more violations and received an official demand to fix the problems at once. 9% of the farms did not give fresh water to the animals every day. 2% of mink farms killed animals by neck breaking - a practice banned since 1996.

A Viennese University recently released a thesis on fur production in Austria. Researchers compared the conditions for keeping animals in fur farms with the animals' environmental needs and determined that fur farming cannot be carried out in an economically profitable manner while maintaining the minimal welfare standards needed by the animals.

Six Austrian provinces (Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria, the Tyrol, Vorarlberg, Vienna) have enacted total bans on commercial fur farming due to animal welfare considerations.

Factory fur farming is declining in Russia. Ten years ago, 200 factory farms were in operation and today, the number hovers around thirty. Many of the fur coats sold in Russia are manufactured in China. The ABLE International Company of Tianjin manufactures black dog fur overcoats for the Russian market. The coats are popular because they are inexpensive and durable.

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## Your Guide To Grassroots Animal Liberation Organizations

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**UPDATE:** ADL-Boston has been busy with a massive effort to provide sanctuary to countless animals abandoned during the summer months. Most recently, ADL intervened when a vivisection laboratory in Massachusetts closed down, leaving 14 "stock" rabbits to an untold fate. After a surprise deliberation on the part of lab officials, the rabbits were almost killed. However, ADL was able to entice officials to release the rabbits into our guardianship at the very last minute.

After months of recuperation, the rabbits were transported to sanctuaries where they will finally live in peace. But our hands-on work is not over. In the summer months ADL has focused much attention on hands-on rescues, taking in pit bulls and other animals that are immediately killed in Boston shelters. We have even started a foster program with locals to better mobilize in cases of emergency.

ADL-Boston has continued to represent AR issues at various community events around New England. Most recently, ADL members traveled to the Chautauqua Conference in Central Massachusetts. We are always looking for updates on opportunities to represent and table information at community events in the New England region.

ADL has been swamped with rodeo and circus protests since June. We held small protests during a series of Clyde-Beatty Circuses that hit the greater Boston area, and will be present at many other circus and rodeo venues throughout the duration of the summer and fall around the state.

ADL's anti-vivisection campaign against Harvard-owned NERPRC needs help this coming September when we kick off our fall events schedule. Anyone interested in participating in Cambridge based events please contact us via e-mail!

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**UPDATE:** The Chicago chapter of the Animal Defense League has been concentrating their efforts on Neiman Marcus (www.neimans.org) and are awaiting the grand opening of the new Nordstrom store in September.

**RESOURCES:** Buttons, primers, patches, stickers and literature. Contact us for more information.

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**UPDATE:** ADL Cincinnati is still in the raw. We have been handing out literature and getting people informed that we do exist. We will be holding our first meeting in about a month. Also we are starting a campaign against Proctor and Gamble since it is located here in Cincinnati. We will be participating in the NDA against BCF August 12th. Our big thing is November 3-5th. We will be holding a benefit show to raise money for Animal Rights, with all sorts of activist workshops, lots of bands, and good vegan food. That's about all for us. We have just formed, and not to many people are involved quite yet. If you're in the Cincinnati area and want to help out we can use it.

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**UPDATE:** ADL Hartford has been continuing their campaign against local furriers Lloyds and Roberts, Connecticut Furriers, and Ramone's. In July, ADL-Hartford staged their biggest protest ever as part of the Fur-Free Macy's Tour in Danbury, Connecticut. ADL began receiving anonymous communiqués from the A.L.F. as well, detailing their attacks on Lloyds and Roberts and Connecticut Furriers. As the colder weather sets in, ADL plans to step up their anti-fur campaign in preparation for Fur Free Friday.

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**UPDATE:** We have hit Circus Vargas and Ringling Bros. very hard this season with unrelenting protests. These included a 3-hour lockdown and banner drop at the opening night of Ringling Bros. in Los Angeles. A growing number of arrests have only encouraged activists and increased our turnout at protests. We are just starting our fur campaign up again for the season, hitting Bloomingdale's Department Stores (part of Federated) hard. We are also starting to throw a few Neiman protests into the mix in preparation for a full-on attack. We plan to give the fur industry a run for their money this season!

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**UPDATE:** The Animal Defense League - New Jersey is now about half way through the Fur Free New Jersey Tour. During this tour, protests are being held at each of the Garden State's 41 fur retailers. Results have been excellent with good turnouts and lots of new people getting involved in the struggle against the fur industry. The public reaction from all areas of the state has been wonderful as well.

Meetings are now being held to work on the next tour, to begin in April of 2001. This effort will merge a second Fur Free New Jersey Tour with a major campaign. We have not publicly announced what that campaign will be - but stay tuned.

A group of ADL-NJ members have begun organizing to give talks on animal liberation and veganism in schools. While the ADL-NJ has done this sporadically in the past, this new effort will be much more intensive. The campaign against Furs by Guarino of East Brunswick, NJ is now two and a half years old and activists are determined to not give up until the store is a distant memory.

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**UPDATE:** The Animal Defense League has been maintaining our regular protests against Macy's and the Fur District in NYC. Also, we co-sponsored a protest with In Defense of Animals at a Queens slaughterhouse on August 28 *[see p. 5]*. With support of the community and local politicians who didn't want a slaughter-house in their neighborhood, the slaughterhouse was shut down the next day based on a building permit violation. The animals were taken from the slaughter-house and transported to Farm Sanctuary where they can live out their lives.

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**UPDATE:** In the past few months we worked on distributing action alerts regarding the Animal Damage Control "Wildlife Services" vote that recently was defeated in Congress. Thousands of people were educated about the destructive and wasteful program of this agency.

We kicked off our Circus Campaign 2000 and targeted Ringling Bros. for a series of actions. We have been tabling at many public events and concerts to spread our message about animal rights and increase recruitment.

**RESOURCES:** ALT distributes and helps other organizations with leaflets, brochures and other forms to avoid duplication of our efforts.

ALT has available for distribution, information that helped us obtain victories on such campaigns as: promoting alternatives to Avitrol bird poison, banning pigeon shoots and an extensive file on the Animal Damage Control.

ALT also has a variety of animal rights t-shirts, bumper stickers, books, patches on sale to help promote our campaigns.

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**UPDATE:** Rather than forming under a specific group name, we hope to form a collective of local groups and individuals from students to older activists. This is still all in the early stages, but we will be working on a variety of campaigns dealing with fur, veganism, hunting, circuses, and vivisection. We want AR-MHV to organize under the theme of animal rights while supporting issue specific campaigns as well.

**RESOURCES:** AR-MHV has videos, leaflets, stickers, posters, speakers, and essentially anything else local individuals or groups would want to use for promoting animal rights. Everything is available for free. We also have an e-mail list that can be joined by sending a blank e-mail to: ar-mhv-subscribe@egroups.com. Everyone is encouraged to sign up!

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**UPDATE:** The recently formed Boston Coalition for Animal Liberation is beginning an intensive anti-fur campaign against Neiman Marcus. We are planning a fur retailer's forum for October as a chance to bring the relatively small number of Boston-area furriers together in an attempt to force them to publicly try to defend the bloody fur trade. We are working on building up our merchandise and getting a website which will include activist articles and a list and addresses of all the furriers in the state of Massachusetts.

## CAROLINA ANIMAL ACTIVISTS TOGETHER

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**UPDATE:** We are primarily an education and outreach organization. We host tables, protests, and leafleting (fur, Premarin, veganism, etc.), produce television programs on animal rights issues (everything from broadcasting anti-vivisection footage to vegan cooking shows), place ads in papers to offer the public info on vegan living and other issues, send out veggie starter kits to those who are interested, speak at events and schools, host vegan meals for the homeless and toy drives for animal rescues, send press releases on relevant animal issues to the media, hold candlelight vigils, produce our print newsletter as well as our e-mail list, keep the literature distribution program and poster brigade going, and much more.

**RESOURCES:** We have several pamphlets available and are happy to send reproducible copies to anyone interested: Why Can't I Just Go Home: The Top 10 Reasons People Abandon Their Companion Animals, Electronic Containment Systems: What They Do To Your Best Friend is Shocking, Adoption NOT Ownership, and 100 Reasons to Go Vegan.

We also have an e-mail list to announce animal rights related events to activists in the NC area. To submit an event, contact CAAT@mindspring.com.

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## COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE (CAFT) - NATIONAL HQ

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**UPDATE:** In August, CAFT organized an effective day of action against Burlington Coat Factory. This national action obtained favorable media stories from coast to coast educating people about fur.

CAFT worked closely with Congressman Pete Sessions to kill the proposed mink subsidy that would have provided several million dollars to the fur industry for advertising in foreign countries.

Our headquarters just recently relocated to Washington, DC, allowing CAFT the opportunity to expand our influence in the major fur markets.

**RESOURCES:** CAFT provides other organizations and activists with the resources needed to fight the fur industry. Publications available are: Fashion Victims, WSPA Report, Jaws of Steel, What is that They're Wearing? and Skinned. Contact us for a complete listing of merchandise and price list.

## CAFT - BOSTON

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**UPDATE:** CAFT - Boston continues to pressure Macy's Downtown Crossing by demonstrating against the store twice a week during the summer schedule and employing weekly walk-thru tours. At the Fur Free Macy's Tour Stop in Boston, the first of three tour stops that CAFT-Boston hosted, four activists were brutally assaulted by Macy's employees after a walk-thru transpired. One activist who had been targeted by Macy's security in the past was falsely arrested as he was exiting the store. It is more than apparent that Macy's employees have overstepped all legal boundaries in reaction to the intense pressure that has befallen them. CAFT is prepared to take legal action against the department store.

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**UPDATE:** We have been busy launching a preemptive strike against the fur trade before this year's fur season. A website - www.ferberfurs.com - was set up and thousands of postcards were sent out advertising the site. The owner, Andre Ferber, is once again pursuing legal action to get the site taken down. This is just one of the numerous efforts by the Ferber's to try and stop CAFT including the false arrest and conviction of one member.

We continue our campaign against Jacque Ferber Furs with weekly protests and the occasional vigil at the owner's house. We have also joined the campaign against Burlington Coat Factory by participating in National Days of Actions against the chain. Federated Department stores, namely Macy's, was another recent target of CAFT with a stop on the Fur Free Macy's Tour being organized by CAFT. At our last count, four stores in the surrounding area have closed down with more hopefully coming soon!

We have many ideas and actions planned for the upcoming fur season so please get in touch to help end the bloody fur trade.

## CAFT - SAN FRANCISCO

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**UPDATE:** CAFT-SF continues its focus on ending the sale of fur at Neiman Marcus *[see story, p. 11]* through civil disobedience, weekly protests, and other means. In July, 13 anti-fur protesters were arrested after they dropped a banner inside Neiman Marcus, while two activists locked to the railing near the fur salon and two others locked around the front doors. Media attention continued into the next week when animal-hating rockstar Ted Nugent falsely arrested a CAFT protester for "threatening to kill" Nugent and his family. Charges were later dropped.

The City of San Francisco is currently discussing a possible ban on the sale of fur products, and CAFT-SF members are speaking to city officials regarding the issue. Please join us every Sunday from 2-4pm to protest the sale of fur at Neiman Marcus in Union Square where CAFT-SF hands out over one thousand leaflets every week!

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**UPDATE:** Since the last issue of *No Compromise*, COK has tirelessly promoted veganism in the DC-area. Aside from regular feed-ins at local McDonalds and protests at area factory farms, we've also initiated our Vegan-Friendly DC campaign that aims to encourage DC-area restaurants to both serve and advertise more vegan options. Additionally, every Sunday from 9-5, COK's factory farming exhibit is on the National Mall, exposing thousands of tourists to the injustices committed against animals in factory farms and slaughterhouses.

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**UPDATE:** Instead of holding anti-McDonalds protests, we have decided to do vegan promotions in hopes of reaching more people. We have chosen to stand in front of health food stores and food chains located in high traffic areas (with stoplights) with pro-vegan signs. Interested passersby will receive Why Vegans as well as lists of tasty vegan items (substitutes for margarine, ice cream, burgers, etc.) and personal hygiene items offered by the particular store we're standing in front of that day. We are also working on getting coupons and food samples.

Since the animal rights presentations we conducted in the local public schools this past spring were very successful, we also plan to do them again this fall. *[see Speaking in Schools, p. 27]*.

## HOUSTON ANIMAL RIGHTS TEAM (HART)

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**UPDATE:** The Houston Animal Rights Team started in 1985 with the purpose of "using education to end animal cruelty." H.A.R.T. is located in Houston, Texas and is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit ▶


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organization. H.A.R.T.'s mission is to foster a more humane ethic of animal (domestic and wild) treatment through education about animal welfare and animal rights issues. We focus on the following issues: the use of animals for entertainment (circuses, dog and horse racing, cock-fighting and rodeos), cosmetics and product testing on animals, the fur industry, the meat and dairy industry, hunting and fishing, pet theft, pound seizure and more. H.A.R.T. works to reach the community in a number of ways, including distributing literature at local events, music shows and festivals, speaking to classes at local schools and universities, hosting lectures and regular meetings that are open to the public, publishing an organizational newsletter, hosting vegan potlucks and vegan food giveaways for various events and maintaining a website that includes links to other animal welfare organizations (both local and national). We work with many organizations and support groups such as Food Not Bombs, Earth First!, O22, ABC.

Recently, we opened the first (and much needed) animal rights info shop, so check it out. Located at the Texas Hemp Company in Montrose on Westheimer Street, second floor - enter in the back.

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- It is the largest breeder and dealer of primates in the country.
- It is the home of the largest wetlands refuge for migrating birds from South and Central America.
- It is home to Charles Hurwitz - destroyer of the redwood forest (www.jailhurwitz.com).

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**UPDATE:** Join the team working to end the exploitation and oppression of all animals. Current campaigns include: "Free Range" myth, Horse Carriages, McDonalds.

## OCEAN DEFENSE INTERNATIONAL

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**UPDATE:** Ocean Defense Int'l spent the spring patrolling the waters off the Washington coast defending gray whales from the Makah whalers. ODI spent six weeks monitoring the movement of the hunters and the whales. Utilizing various successful hunt sab techniques, ODI managed to halt the Makah in all of their attempts to kill a whale. The US Coast Guard, spending $5 million, assisted the Makah, by harassing, ramming, and running over activists. Presently the hunt has been suspended until a proper environmental assessment can be done on the impact of the hunt. ODI is also concentrating on assembling a campaign to confront the Japanese commercial whale hunts occurring on the high seas.

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY - STUDENTS IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS (PU-SIDA)

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**UPDATE:** Our organization is only a few years old, but has strong numbers and experienced leaders. This year, we will be fighting to end the legal slavery known as the Ringling Bros. Circus, participating in Fur Free Friday against Lazarus Stores, and educating our fellow students about the horrors of companies which test on animals (many companies such as P&G come here to recruit - it's nice having them come to us! They don't know what they're getting into!!!). Purdue SIDA is committed to the animal liberation movement through activism and a vegan diet.

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**UPDATE:** SOAR recently survived the University of Minnesota administration's feverish year-long effort to disband our organization. The vivisectors are sweating bullets from the public exposure they've received, and have no qualms about destroying free speech if it means they get to go hide in their caves again.

This summer, some of us helped plan (and more participated in) a counter-conference, peaceful demonstrations, and community events in response to the hundreds of animal-genetics mad scientists who oozed into Minneapolis for their international conference *[see story, p. 22]*. The "researchers" answered with the usual feigned innocence and broad assurances, while we were met on the streets with unprovoked police violence, flagrant civil rights violations, and mass arrests.

Lately we've begun working with northern Minnesota residents who have noticed increasing dog "thefts." The dogs are reportedly being "sold" for vivisection in Minneapolis. This fall we plan to focus on two campaigns. One will be centered on vegan outreach and education, and the goal of the other will be the abolition of primate research at the U.

**RESOURCES:** We have a wide variety of pro-A.L.F. merchandise for sale, like t-shirts, videos, and magazines. We also have a library of books and videos for loan.

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**UPDATE:** We recently joined forces with In Defense of Animals (IDA) to close Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) *[see stories, p. 9 & 17]*. We started off with an intense campaign against The Bank of New York (BNY) for acting as the corporate broker for HLS. We held several e-mail and phone blockades as well as a National Day of Action with several cities protesting at BNY locations across the US. A website was launched (URL above) to expose BNY's support of animal cruelty. The campaign has been successful as numerous people have closed their accounts and one equity fund sold all their shares!

We are also beginning another major campaign against Stephens, Inc., an investment firm holding 15.6% of HLS. The employees have also been targeted with "greet the workers" protests being held as they are going to and leaving the lab with a high level of police presence making the lab look like it was under siege! To build stronger support for the campaign, a major conference will take place in September in NYC. We are currently seeking groups and individuals to assist in the campaign especially activist in the NJ/NY/PA area to help with "greet the workers" protests.

**RESOURCES:** IDA will be printing up literature and posters soon. We also have videos of the horrible experiments and atrocities that HLS performs.

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**UPDATE:** VARC has been very busy with events ranging from trips to the local no-kill shelter to protesting the circus. In addition to regularly tabling for general animal rights, we have increased our campus presence with the escalation of our campaign to gain a written Choice Policy to animal use in all biology and psychology courses. We have gained tremendous national support, as well as the written support of the Vassar College student government. Our friends at ARK Trust have set up a web page about the issue: www.arktrust.org/outcry/vassar.htm. We are also working with the campus dining facilities to gain more vegan options on campus and in the community. Also see AR-MHV for further info.

**RESOURCES:** VARC is hoping to be a very active community group in addition to our campus involvement. Along with AR-MHV, we hope to promote veganism, protest animal exploiters, and otherwise confront the dominant, exploitative paradigm. Campus groups nationwide please get in touch if you need help with your campaigns. Local groups and prospective students contact us to help.

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**UPDATE:** Our campaign against Gap, Inc.'s (Gap, Old Navy, and Banana Republic) use of sweatshop labor and Gap, Inc.'s destruction of redwood forests continues.

At the Banana Republic Buyers' Spring Show activists, staging a "Spring Clothes Fling," threw off their clothes with the message that they'd rather go naked than wear Gap, Inc. clothes.

On May 27, we debuted a giant puppet of an endangered Coho salmon at a demonstration at an Old Navy in Brooklyn. Activists chanted, leafleted, drummed, and political folk singer/guitarist Ray Korona performed.

On June 8, Wetlands and SCALE held a lively march and "Rhythm Demo" where activists raised a ruckus with drums and assorted noisemakers in front of a Gap, Old Navy, and two Banana Republic stores.

On June 26, almost 100 protested at the Gap store at 42nd Street and Broadway, at an elaborate demonstration featuring performance artist Reverend Billy of the Church of Stop Shopping. Meanwhile, two blocks away, two activists climbed the outdoor movie screen at Bryant Park, where Banana Republic co-sponsors a weekly film series, and threw a 35' x 15' foot banner over the screen that read, "Banana Republic Stop Exploiting Workers and Forests."

On Thursdays from 5-8pm, we join In Defense of Animals for demonstrations at Le Chien (61st St. and 3rd Ave.), a pet store that sells dogs from puppy mills.

**RESOURCES:** We hold weekly forums on animal rights, environmental and human rights issues in the downstairs lounge of the Wetlands Preserve nightclub on Tuesdays at 7PM. A wide range of internships are available year-round (see www.wetlands-preserve.org/internship.htm). We are happy to display your group's literature or posters at our Earth Station information center in the Wetlands Preserve nightclub or announce your New York area events at our weekly forums.

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