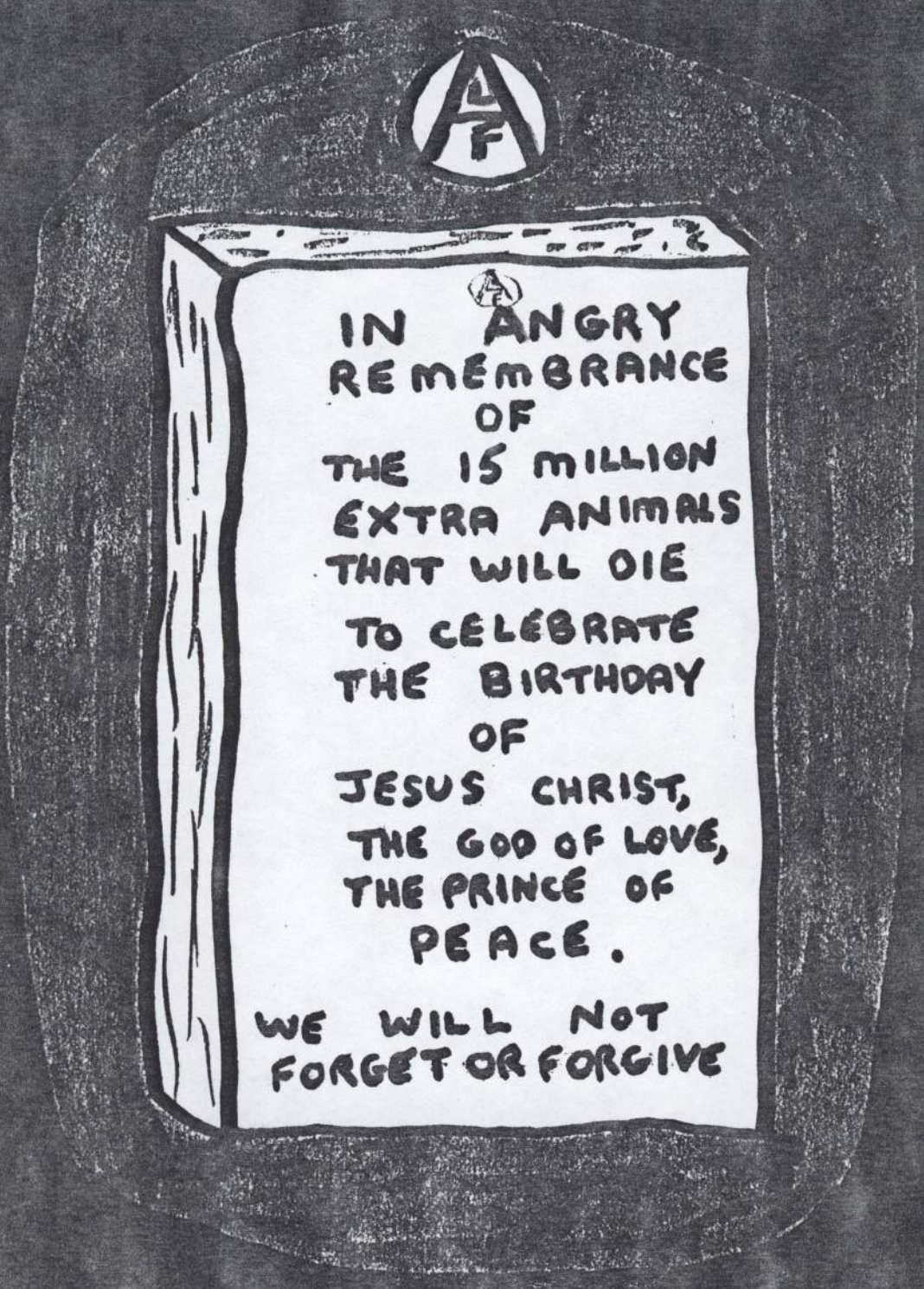
SARP NEWSLETTER
BLACK DECEMBER 1992



SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

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This newsletter is produced by SARP and distributed to a large number of animal rights groups and concerned individuals. Acopy of this newsletter is also sent to all animal rights prisoners and defendants, where known. If you know of someone who should be recieving a copy and isn't then get in touch. If you or your group would like to be included on the mailing list then get in touch. SARP is a free service that relies on donations and independant fund raising for its continuing existence.

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SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS is an independant prisoner support group that exists to encourage support for those imprisoned for Animal Liberation related "offences", publicise and morally support all activists on trial for alleged Animal Liberation related "offences", publicise all arrests for alleged Animal Liberation related "offences" and to publicise all events and information of general Animal Liberation related interest.

The SARP newsletter is produced with the intention of helping to achieve all of the above aims and to also offer a space, unavailable elsewhere, for comment, analasis, discussion and general debate of Animal Liberation related issues.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS is a legal organisation with no direct contact or involvement with activists involved in direct action of a nature that the state would term illegal. SARP is organised and run by people within the movement who do not take part in any form of direct action that the state might term illegal. All activities carried on behalf of SARP and by SARP volunteers are of a legal nature as defined by the state.

The contents of the SARP newsletter are ALL what we consider to be legally permisible items of general Animal Liberation related interest. They are included to help educate, inform, amuse and generally enlighten everyone in the Animal Liberation movement who may read them. They are included to help encourage people to renew their committment to the cause and redouble their efforts to achieve Animal Liberation. They express, we believe, the wide ranging strength and determination of those involved in Animal Liberation and the diversity of views currently circulating.

The views and opinions expressed in the newsletter are NOT, however, the views and opinions of SARP. SARP, as an organisation, supports all activists involved in actions designed to achieve Animal Liberation and supports all actions carried out in pursuit of Animal Liberation.

SARP, however, does not seek to incite others to break the law or committ actions of an unlawful nature but believes each person must carry out the actions that his or her own conscience dictates are the correct ones. SARP has no policies or opinions on the way forward or what actions are the correct ones to take in pursuit of Animal Liberation. Each person must decide these issues for themselves.

With the exception of this page, the front cover and the article "Black December", the entire contents of this newsletter have been written by people within the movement who are not directly connected to the SARP organisation. SARP will happily consider for inclusion in the newsletter any articles, letters, poems and general items of information as long as they are not inciting, abusive, counter-productive or unrelated to the struggle.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS is tottally committed to unity within the movement and believes this to be the only way to effectively achieve Animal Liberation.

BLACK DECEMBER

Black December 1992, no different than 1991 or as 1990 was before it. To the animals killed for food it means only one thing, their suffering will end in death as the annual orgy of pseudo-religious celebration creates yet another holocaust in the name of "peace on earth and goodwill to all men". Christmas for human meat eaters is based on the mass slaughter of the abused animal kingdom, the more animals that die the greater can then be the gluttony of insensitive, selfish people and therefore the happier they are. For them, no Christmas is complete without a dead turkey "with all the trimmings" to gorge themselves on, so empty are their lives and so devoid of morals are they that without the death of that turkey their Christmas becomes meaningless and unhappy. Where though is the happiness for a turkey, fattened in attrocious conditions along with thousands of its fellow kind only to face certain death in the name of a "Happy Christmas".

And all for what? To celebrate the birthday of a man who most people care nothing for and know even less about. Did Jesus live and die just to save the human race? Or is it more likely that his life here on earth was meant to teach people the true meanings of compassion and understanding, lessons that have been conveniently ignored by consumer and animal abuser alike. Even the Church, be it Anglican, Catholic or whatever, chooses to turn a blind eye to that message of life and love in case it offends its followers. The religious leaders in 1992 know when to keep their mouths shut and their minds closed. Not for them the message "life for all" as they ignore the slaughter carried out in the name of a God who they proffess to serve. The words of Jesus ring hollowly in their churches on HIS birthday, understood by none and meaningless to all.

In these days very few involved in Animal Liberation believe in Jesus Christ and may believe that this page and the front cover are devoted to attacking the Christian religion. This is not so. To those who believe in Animal Liberation and ARE Christians we hope they will understand the words we are saying. Like everything connected with the greed and materialism of the capitalist world, the established churches too are based on animal abuse. By their refusal to condemn the slaughter, they condone and are as guilty as the slaughterhouse owner or the turkey breeder. But then does the church of today really represent religion or does it merely care about its own existence.

If Jesus really lived and died for this world and if he really said the words attributed to him then no-one connected with the church today really cares. For if they did they even now would be joining with others to break down the doors and liberate our brothers and sisters from the hell-holes. For Jesus spoke of things so radical that no-one understood and he had to die as a dangerous fanatic. Were he alive today there is no doubt he would be a Vegan and an Animal Liberator for he understood that God created all life and did NOT give dominion to humans over animals to do with them as we please. Rather, he charged us to care for them and not harm them but who now worries about such technicalities?

The answer is that WE do, WE care and we will not forget or forgive the suffering and slaughter that this selfish world creates for its own pathetic enjoyment. And as the "normal" weekly slaughter of our brethren becomes the Christmas holocaust let us never forget, as THEY have, the true meaning of Christmas

Its not about suffering, its not about misery, and its not about death.
Its about PEACE and LOVE and COMPASSION.
FOR ALL

NO MORE CHRISTMAS HOLOCAUSTS

ANIMAL LIBERATION NOW.

THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL MEETINGS

240 ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING IN LIVERPOOL

ADVANCE NOTICE

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY '93

240 people attended the latest Animal Rescue Public Meeting in the Bluecoat Chambers on Monday 26th October. Neil Lea from Manchester spoke about the role of local groups and Eric Staples from the HSA spoke about hunting. Information on a cruelty free lifestyle was provided, there were stalls by several local groups along with two stalls of vegan food by the Animal Rescue Caff. Part of the Animals Film was shown, a hunt sab. video and a series of scenes filmed inside factory farms and research establishments during the summer.

The next large Public Meeting is booked for the Tuesday 23 February 1993, in the Concert Hall, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool city centre. There will be speakers from Animal Rescue and CEVALU (Campaign to End Vivisection At Liverpool University). There will be stalls from several local groups and the Animal Rescue Caff. The meeting starts at 7.30pm prompt.

Animal Rescue, PO Box 233, Liverpool L69 7LF.

REPORT ON SEARC DEMONSTRATION AT EASTERN DOCKS DOVER: 12.11.92

About 230 activists demonstrated in support of SEARC's Campaign Against Sealink Export of Live Animals at Easter docks, Dover, on Thursday 12th November 1992. The demonstration lasted over three hours.

The event was also well attended by the police: They contributed 8 fully-loaded mini-buses, a couple of of riot vans - presumably equally well-topped up, and numbers of squad cars and land rovers that continually buzzed around the dock approaches.

Some of the activists made several attempts to break through the police ranks to stage a sit-down but were thwarted by the density of the police lines. There were no arrests, but a passing, supportive motorist was charged with excessive use of his car horn.

Considering that SEARC have only been in existence since September, and for an intended 'regional' event held mid-week; the demonstration received surprising and very welcome 'national' support. Non-affiliated groups came from several areas including Birmingham, Yeovil, Northants, Bristol, Bromley and Cheltenham. Many of the thirty two groups that presently constitute the South East Animal Rights Coalition attended, including those from Oxford, Southampton. North London, South London, Brighton, Chichester, Esher, Hastings, Bexhill, Herne Bay, Maidstone, and Folkstone.

The object of the exercise was to bring the concern to the attention of the public and to encourage the Sealink Stena Line to discontinue the practise. The first intent was fulfilled with media coverage from; a report on TVS Regional News, showing the demo, an interview with a demonstrator and some library footage of animals being transported. BBC TV Regional News Programme covered the event. It was also reported on local radio, and will be published in all seven local newspapers.

In 1991 one million, one hundred and eighty six thousand, seven hundred and two, perfectly innocent animals were exported to the continent. Many suffered great cruelty in the process. Participants at this demonstration witnessed several thousand more enduring similar persecution. In order to impress Sealink with the sincerity of the second intent these animals need everyone who considers him or herself a true animal rightist to demonstrate at

the next SEARC event to be held at the Eastern Dock, Dover, 11.00 am onwards on Thursday 7th January 1993. Please phone 0424 730154 for more details.

OF COURSE WE SHALL SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

Just imagine being in prison for years without any support from the outside world. Imagine Ronnie Lee spending nearly seven years in prison without support from all over the world. I know for sure how much it means for the imprisoned to get a friendly letter or postcard.

I especially remember one Animal Rights prisoner who was given very poor vegan food, I wrote him a letter, knowing the prison personel would read it, saying that I was planning to get in touch with the English Home Office and various UK newspapers to tell them how this young man was treated. That really got them going, the same week he got proper meals.

To write to a prisoner is not "only" to support her/him, It's a way to prevent ill-treatment of the prisoners but it's also a way to show "the system" that we keep track of each other and take care.

Of course our first duty is to rescue abused and tortured animals, but as I see it, our second duty is to support those in prison. I'm sure that supporting prisoners by letters and postcards doesn't steal time from Animal-Rights work. The money spent on SARP NEWSLETTER and THE SG NEWSLETTER is well spent. These newsletters are comforting for us not yet put in jail, we know when our time comes that help will be coming.

To support prisoners also means that those in prison are maybe motivated to go on working for Animal Rights after their release. To say otherwise is just a lot of crap.

So to all of you in prison I say: You are always in my heart and mind and I give you my sympathy, respect and admiration and I'll light a candle for each and every one of you.

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Let us all together make 1993 a better year for animals and prisoners all over the world.

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CHRISTMAS SLAUGHTER

A poem by GARI ALLEN.

HO HO HO merry xmas everyone, tis the time to be jolly, time to have fun,
A season of good tidings to celebrate Jesus's birth,
But it's not fun for all that live on this earth,
I'm talking about those born with feathers on their back,
Living in factory farms with their lives on the rack.
The freezers are brimming with little dead corpse,
Each waiting to be stuffed with chestnut and cranberry sauce.

Millions of birds are killed each year for the Christmas day plate,
Is it any wonder that some of us feel hate?
The farmer is counting his wads of blood money on Christmas day,
While for the hens in the battery cage, it's just another day.
Another day of suffering for those imprisoned in their cage,
Being fattened for the oven, to be stuffed with onion and sage.
Well your days are nearly numbered farmer, we're entering a new age,
Where people have had enough of your cruelty, veganism is now the rage.
Meat is murder you sick bastard, factory farming will be banned,
We will open all your cages, to let the hens live in freedom off the land.
So when Christmas day comes round next year, I'd like to give a toast,
To those of us who wont eat meat, instead we'll have a nut roast.

Some words about DAVID BARR. 1967-1991

I would not be surprised if you do not know that name because there are some people within the animal rights movement who look on suicide as a waste,as if it was something that could be controlled or chosen.David was an activist who died of an overdose of prescribed drugs.He was not an addict, he was driven to take his own life.

The only people who know anything about suicide are those who try but are prevented from doing so by chance.Ask those people and they will tell you that they were driven to it not because they particullary wanted to die but because of their situation.
I know that David did not want to die, but I also knew that he felt rejected and lonely.He loved life and had a great sense of humour.
Yet he took his own life. It seems that people who do this in any walk of life,including the struggle for animal rights, are looked on rather differently than if they had died under any other circumstances.We dont print leaflets about them or shout for justice for them, but they are just as dead as any other casualty no matter what the circumstances are, and should be treated no differently.
Personally I do not believe that there is such a thing as suicide. It is just a word used to explain murder by the state of a person by means of poverty, deprivation, exploitation and oppression.Murder by a corrupt system supported by selfish and uncaring people.Murder by failed relationships caused by the stress of a greed-orientated system.
In one of his letters from prison to a friend Davy said "....tommorow may never come, but if nothing else some of us didnt stop trying....". Davy didnt stop trying-his friends just stopped caring or maybe they just didnt know how to care.

A tribute to David Barr.

Few days pass that leave me free
But memory shows his face to me
It's still young Dave who looks over my shoulder
And just I who goes on, no wiser, just older.

He rejected religion, no Jesus to lean on
He knew that the human is the only deacon,
And strongly supported those words of wisdom
"It's not just the bomb, it's the whole system."

Sometimes his eyes in an instant would glitter
Filled with anger and rage that was deep and bitter,
He craved not materialism that most seek to gain
But to bring to an end a world filled with pain.

At slaughterhouses, laboratories, leather and furs
He'd rant and rave and shout and curse,
For animals and humans kept locked in cages
His young mind struggled with hopeless rages.

So came the time he chose the path
That the determined few take to ease their wrath,
And that way had it's purple patches
With broken glass and flaring matches.

But still he couldn't do enough
For "Justice for all" was his only love
And at a fur store in a Scottish town
He planted a device and closed it down.

No small feat for one so young
But when arrested no praises were sung
By so-called friends, who to their shame
Turned face away at the sound of his name.

Their lives would never be the same
He'd shown them liberation's not a game,
And that all their threats of direct action
Was just cheap talk of gutless faction.

And when they viewed young Dave in Jail
I saw the fire within them pale
For then they knew the price of freedom
Once a friend, now they feared him.

The reality of the consequences
Was being counted up in pounds and onces,
And added to their material fears
Was the numbing though of lost careers.

So they drifted off in welcome defeat
Some even turning back to meat,
But enough of them their day will come
Till then they'll live with what they've done.

So busy that they couldn't give
Enough of their time to help him live,
For he hurt and suffered while in prison
But on-one care enough to listen.

And those that didn't make this note
He had eggs and meat forced down his throat,
Held down by men, abused and degraded
Those awful memories never faded.

His mind still bore those fearful scars
Of life within the cold steel bars,
Imprisonment had left it's mark
And behind his eyes the mind grew dark.

He'd taken all that he could suffer
When drink and drugs were his only buffer,
He felt his friends had let him down
He went unhonoured in his home town.

Life became drugs and video tapes
As from hurt and rejection he tried to escape,
But everything tried was useless fare
What he really craved was someone to care.

Even in this he was let down by me
Cau ght up in my life, too blind so see,
And Davy, whose friends turned out "fair weather"
Was speedily reaching the end of his tether.

Like other fighters who'd gazed through bars
He'd scorned the mud and scanned the stars,
How friendless, alone, an overdose
Quietly, sadly, life came to a close.

I've said my goodbye and shed all the tears
In life and death he shamed us and laughed at our fears
But suicide was not how Dave came to the end
To me, he was murdered, at the hands of his friends.

Davy Barr died on 16th March 1991, he was aged just 24 years. To us who knew him, his death was a tragedy that both shocked and shamed us. For Davy was a highly dedicated activist who devoted his life to helping the animals and who fought all of his short life to right the many injustices of this dark world. Finally Davy could go on no longer and took his own life, dying as he had lived, as a true friend of all animals. Davy Barr died for the cause and his loss saddened us then and will be with us forever. We remember Davy with sadness and affection as we remember all those who have given their lives for the animals. We will never forget them, thier memory will be with us until victory and beyond. A victory that they helped achieve.

FLAMINGO LAND DOLPHIN CAMPAIGN

The Flamingoland dolphin campaign held its second national demonstration in York 12th april 1992. After a march through the city around 250 people, watched a film show at the museum and heard speeches by Dr. Horace Dobbs of Int. dolphin watch and Doug Cartlidge ex. dolphin trainer, explaining why dolphins should be in thier natural habitat, and not have to preform demeaning tricks.
F.D.C. is organising a third national demonstration, this time the march will be from PICKERING IN NORTH YORKS TO FLAMINGOLAND (4 miles). It will take place on the 4th of April 1993 this will coincide with Flamingolands opening date the meeting point is Eastgate carpark in Pickering at 12 noon. Please try and attend and show your concern for the three captive dolphins that have been lanquishing in nothing more than a glorified swimming poolfor the last 10 years. We hope to have American Ric O'Barry as a speaker, there will be stalls selling merchandise and hot vegan food,and possibly a film show.

On virtually every Sunday from FL.s opening to their closure on November 1st we had pickets present outside the entrance with banners and leaflets. We had sucess in turning people away including two women who gave the entrance fee as a donation.

On May 2nd four intrepid cyclists left FL to cycle 80 miles to Sunderland on a sponsered ride. Sunderland was the destination as it was the last place Freddy (the free dolphin) was sighted. despite the extreme winds blowing

....against us we reached Sunderland. Thanks to people who sponsored us.

At the end of August we had a 2 day vigil over the bank holiday period.

This year approximately 8,000 signed pledges were handed in to F L making a total of 20,000.

Flamingoland had 1.1 million visitors in 1990 down to 1 million in 1991.

.D.C has a good range of merchandise send S.A.E.for list or eneral enquiries

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SO, NOT ONLY ARE THE BUTCHERS, MACDONALDS & VARIOUS OTHER ENTERPRISING ASSOCIATIONS TAKING PART IN THE NEEDLESS EXPLOITATION OF ANIMALS, BUT SO TO IT SEEMS IS THE CAR INDUSTRY.
BY THIS WE MEAN, THE INVOLVEMENT OF GENRAL MOTORS, ONE OF THE MAJOR CAR MANUFACTURERS, IN THE WORLD, HAVE IT SEEMS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITIES, INVOLVING ANIMAL ABUSE.
IN JUST PART OF THE ABUSE INFLICTED BY THIS COMPANY, DOGS, RABBITS, FERRETS, MICE, RATS & PIGS, ARE CONTINUALLY USED IN SIMULATED CAR CRASHES, BUT STILL HAVE ONE OF THE WORST SAFETY RECORDS TO SHOW FOR IT. THEY HAVE KILLED 20,000 ANIMALS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

ON 27-11-92 THE FOLLOWING PREMISES WERE HIT & APPROX 12 VEHICLES PAINT STRIPPED. CARRINGTONS, 235 YEADING LANE, HAYES, MIDDX UB4 9AB. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE HAVE LAUNCHED A MASSIVE OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALL VAUXHALL DEALERSHIPS & CAR OWNERS, WITH THE SOLE AIM OF CAUSING AS MUCH FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE AS OUR RESOURCES CAN MUSTER.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS, IS WE BELIEVE, VINDICATED, OWING TO THE NEEDLESS CRUELTY & SUFFERING IMPOSED BY PEOPLE & ORGANISATIONS LIKE GENRAL MOTORS ON ANIMALS & ALIKE.

IF IT IS NOT ANNOUNCED NATIONALY BY FEB 14-1993 (VALENTINES DAY) BY GENRAL MOTORS, THAT THEY ARE STOPPING ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS FOR GOOD, NOT ONLY WILL VAUXHALL DEALERSHIPS SUFFER BUT SO TO WILL THE ORDINALLY PUBLIC IE. GENRAL MOTOR OWNERS, WE COULD EASILY DO 100 VEHICLES A NIGHT. IT WOULD THEN SOON BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE NOT TO BUY A G.M. VEHICLE AS THEY WILL ALL BE TARGETS.

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I THINK NOT!!!!!!

FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON ALF POLICY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ALF PRESS OFFICER ON 0836-310763.

YOURS SINCERELY

WEST LONDON ALF.

NO JUSTICE FOR ANIMAL ABUSERS

Number 1 - COLIN FRENCH

Notorious animal abusing farmer, Colin French, was once more set free by magistrates at Buckingham in November to continue ill-treating animals on his farm. French now has over 100 convictions for cruelty and ill-treatment of animals on his farm stretching back several years, but has never yet been imprisoned for anything. This situation reached farcical proportions at his latest appearance in court.

Currently on a 6 month suspended sentence and banned from keeping any animals he was again taken to court after police witnessed him purchasing sheep at market. Despite being in breach of the 6 month suspended sentence and despite breaking the ban on keeping animals, the magistrates at Buckingham bent over backwards to be fair to him and only sentenced him to 3 months in prison, and then promptly released him on bail whilst he appeals against the sentence.

French has been the target of several ALF raids over the years during which, property, including his house and car have been firebombed and many animals liberated. On a lighter note, it was revealed in court that French currently has no roof on his house. Apparently he lost the original roof courtesy of an ALF incendiary device and has had trouble hiring any local building firm to install a new one due to his noteriety. Eventually he did manage to hire a firm to do the job but they only got as far as laying the felt and before they had laid a single tile decided to walk off site and refuse to return after warnings by the ALF.

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Number 2 - Blackburn badger diggers trial

Ended much as expected when just ONE person was sent to prison for the amazing sentence of SIX WEEKS.

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LAUGH ALONG WITH ALF

Exclusively in SARP newsletter we give you the chance to chuckle at the cartoons the other Animal Rights mags didnt want you to see! Rejected by the other publications, only SARP gives you the chance to "Laugh along with ALF" and smile in a world gone mad. Over the next few months we'll be printing the cartoons that were too funny for everybody else! Chuckle at the first hilarious instalment below and every month from now on and remember only SARP had the courage(?) to print the notorious Laugh along with ALF!

LAUGH ALONG WITH ALF no1.



HERTFORDSHIRE ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN,
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Dear SARP,
I would like to reply to the "No more hunt demos" letter from a Liverpool sab in the last edition.
This sab may be interested to know that the organisation that he attacks with such ferocity has in recent months donated over £1,500 to two hunt sab groups, the Mike Hill memorial fund, the Doddlestone appeal, the ALF press office and SARP.

Throughout the campaign we have steadfastly supported sabbing and, when planning our national march through Bedford, did so with sabbing in mind. We gave sab groups as much notice as possible of our plans in order that they could arrange to sab cubhunts within travelling distance of Bedford before attending the demo, which some did. Where this was not possible we made clear that sabbing should be given priority over the march.

Our "pathetic and counter-productive" march attracted a great deal of publicity which in turn generated new members for us, some of whom have since expressed an interest in sabbing!

I can only presume that this Liverpool sab represents a tiny minority within the sabbing movement, considering that the HSA not only had a speaker at the rally but also held a stall at the event, hopefully persauding people who had never thought about sabbing before to give it a try.

In view of all the above, I would ask the Liverpool sab to, in the unlikely event that (s)he has the intelligence to do so, do us the courtesy of at least getting his/her facts straight before penning such crap.

We will not be detterred by such ill-informed and offensive attacks and are about to launch a major new national campaign which we believe will serve as a unifying force within the anti-hunt movement. We base this belief on the fact that it will combine conventional leafletting, petitioning and public education (and yes, another national demo!) with providing substantial financial support for sab groups (perhaps with the exception of those in Liverpool!) as well as for undercover investigations into illegal bloodsports.

We will continue with our policy of not condemning anyone who takes action aimed at alleviating animal suffering, regardless of whether we think their action is correct, and we call on SARP to revert to its stated policy of encouraging unity within the movement - an aim which is not helped by providing a forum for abusive and inacurate attacks on other Animal Rights organisations.

Yours for Animal Liberation

NIEL HANSEN.

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appear in the newsletter that expressed criticism of other people or organisations within the movement. SARP adopted this policy in the beleif that it was the correct way of bringing unity at a time when factionalised infighting was sapping the committment and strengtn of us all. In other words, where no criticism was seen then no division existed. It soon became apparent that this policy was flawed and just because no critical words were spoken or read did not mean that internal discontent no longer existed. Rather, the situation could be viewed as worse because the dislikes and power struggles continued underground rather than out in the open and were consequently more dangerous for the future well being of the Animal Liberation movement. In hindsight the SARP 1991 policy could be viewed as naive to put it lightly and even dangerous because it ammounted to a policy of strict censorship and allowed for no criticism of any kind. After all, who decides what is unity and what is not? When SARP decides "what is unity" then unity becomes the personal opinion of SARP and this is obviously very dangerous ground to be on. SARP 1991 beleived itself to be an integral part of the struggle for Animal Liberation and as such, the newsletter was intended to express the views of the Animal Liberation movement as a whole. SARPs policy meant that the newsletter was always representing the views of only one part of the movement, even if that part were the majority as we beleive, it was still alienating other sections in the movement with valid things to say about the way forward.

In 1992, SARP changed the original policy to try and give a broader platform for discussion of all relevant views on Animal Liberation through the newsletter. SARP still remains tottally committed to working for unity within the movement but now recognises that this can best be accomplished by encouraging debate in a constructive manner through the newsletter. We have to recognise that there are different points of view and different ideas on how to achieve Animal Liberation and these are better expressed in a sensible and clear manner where they can be considered and argued, for and against, constructively. In the end the majority view will always prevail and, hopefully, be adopted by those who have no clear opinion themselves. In this way a greater degree of unity may be achieved and the morale and committment of the movement be renewed. So the newsletter will now consider for inclusion any article or letter that has a valid point to make, but only if that point is made in a constructive manner and could not be considered counter-productive. No personal attacks would ever be considered for inclusion and likewise no article or letter that criticised for the sake of it. Also the SARP newsletter will never include any racist or fascist items, be they overt or covert such as Green Wave or similar.

In the case of the "no more hunt demos" letter, this was included in the newsletter because we believe that this expressed opinion is shared by other people in the movement and therefore has a right to be aired. However, we expected that this opinion would have a very small following and this would seem to be correct, many letters have been recieved disagreeing and not one that expressed outright agreement. But by publishing this opinion we believe that this issue is now being debated constructively for once where all can see it. Whether we agree or disagree with the content of the letter we have to recognise it as a valid point of view.

However, having said all this, one thing should be made clear. The policies adopted by SARP are those that we believe best reflect the general views expressed within the movement and that best reflect Animal Liberation in general. But they are only adopted because WE decide on them, WE being people who are directly involved within the movement. SARP represents the movement because many people within the movement ARE involved in the running of SARP. Our policies are open to change at any time if that is what is needed and is decided upon by the majority view. If SARP is wrong then tell us, if enough people tell us then we will change where necassery. SARP is not run by an elitist clique and never will be. SARP is every one of us who cares and is the responsibility of us all.

PERSONAL OPINION

A PLACE OF OUR OWN

I do not know if anyone has suggested that as a movement we should have a place where we can gather together and remember. Our own Cenotaph. In memory of those who have died in the struggle for freedom and justice for animals and humans and for the animals who in their countless millions suffer and die each year at the hands of the abusers and oppressors.

A place where we can gather once a year to pay our respect at a monument. Not in any way, shape or form, a religious monument, but an object in an appropriate place on an appropriate date, when we could concentrate our thoughts and memories.

People could talk, not of gods or of unseen things above, but of our heroes, our fallen, our lost loves. Of what we know and what we must learn.

Bugles could blow and pipes could sound. We should honour our dead, the tortured, the abused. There are so many its time we got round to it. All we need is a date, a time, a place and some form of monument.

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Send us your personal opinion for inclusion on this page and let everybody else know what you think. No matter how controversial your opinion may be we'll consider it for inclusion as long as its of relevance to Animal Liberation or related subjects. Please dont send anything of an inciting nature as we cant put it in. Also try and make any criticism constructive and not counter-productive.

Dear Sarp

I'm an active sab, but sometimes the narrow minded attitudes of some sabs really infuriates me. Like it or not direct action is not the complete answer to stopping animal abuse. Campaigns to persuade and educate people are and should be seen to be a vital part of the struggle for Animal Liberation. The blithe dismissal by direct action campaigners of lobbyists and vice versa only serves to alienate and divide the Animal Rights movement. Speakers, video and radic programmes, letters newspaper and newsletter articles, leaflets and stalls all play fundamental roles in the search for truth and justice. WE may know the correctness of our arguments, but until we persuade enough people to take part in both economic sabotage and pressure groups activities we should not kid ourselves - tokenism and compromise will be the only solutions offered to us.

A North East Sab.

Dear SARP

This is a rant gainst a rant against the National anti-hunt demo in Bedford. It may disapoint him/her to find out that Manchester, Preston, Bolton, Darwen and Peterborough sabs had the foresight to go to Bedford the night before. This enabled us to sab the local Oakley hunt that morning after until they packed up well and truly pissed off. Only then did we join the march, support the stalls and listen to the very inspiring speakers. This took up only a couple of hours of the animals precious time until we, with the rest of the march persuaded the anglers at a nearby river to go home. We then returned to the Oakley kennels to hand a rather irate and worried kennelmaster a wreath. Our day was far from futile. Neither was it "a pathetic spectacle of tokenist reformanism". The Liverpool sab ended his/her rant with the words "fuck national demos, get out there and sab the bastards". It put it to you that the two are not mutually exclusive.

GIVE THEM HELL.... BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY.

by someone proved to be a N.W. sab and anti bloodsports demonstrator.

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

KEITH MANN,
NE 0316,
c/o ALIU,
PO BOX 38,
MANCHESTER.
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Keith Mann has been in police custody since his arrest in October 1991, after being arrested in Kent on arson charges. His co-defendant in that trial is now serving a six year sentence. Keith's sentencing has been delayed as he is currently involved in other trials around the country.

As Keith gets moved regularly (at the time of writing he has been in 6 prisons and over 10 police stations) letters of support can go amiss. Therefore letters should be sent care of the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit (ALIU, PO BOX 38, MANCHESTER. M60 1NX) and they wil be passed on to Keith - wherever he may be.

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ALISTAIR MULLEN,
A8028,
A WING, H6,
HMP MAZE,
LISBURN,
CO. ANTRIM,
N. IRELAND.
BT27 5RF.

DAVE NELSON,
A8030,
A WING, H6,
HMP MAZE,
LISBURN,
CO. ANTRIM,
N. IRELAND.
BT27 5RF.

Alistair and Dave were both convicted in May of this year for criminal damage and arson to battery sheds and bloodsports targets. Dave recieved 3½ years and Alistair 2 years.

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MARK POWER,
HP 0606,
HMP FOSTON HALL,
FOSTON,
DERBYSHIRE.
DE6 5DN.

Mark is currently serving a 4 year sentence for various charges of criminal damage, arson and going equipped to cause arson.

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JOHN CURTIN, DX 0978.
NEIL CROUCHER, DV 1515.
MARTIN EGGLETON, DV 1518.
DAVE BLENKINSOP, DV 1530.
GRAEME WOOD, DX 0976.

ALL FIVE ARE AT :-

HM PRISON,
KIRKHAM,
PRESTON. PR4 2RA.

John, Neil, Martin, Dave and Graeme were all convicted at the doddlestone trial in July of this year of section 2 of the POA. Dave, who pleaded not guilty, was sentenced to 15 months in prison. John, Neil, Martin and Graeme all recieved 12 month prison sentences and are due for release in January of next year.

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PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

HUDDERSFIELD FOUR

HUDDERSFIELD FOUR TRIAL

On the 9th of November the trial of Denise Booth, Daryl Cavenagh, Richard Anderson and Gavin Robinson went ahead. They were all arrested in the vicinity of a halal poultry farm at Holmirth, W.Yorks in August '91. They were charged with various offences including conspiracy to cause Arson and criminal damage as well as burglary, 6 offences in total. The result of the trial was all 4 pleading guilty to conspiracy to cause criminal damage and all the other charges were dropped. They are due to be sentenced on 23rd January 1993 and have all been granted bail until then.

ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL

Following a raid on the Royal London Hospital in which 1,000 mice and 4 beagles were liberated and many years of vivisectors work was destroyed, Adam Spare has been committed for trial and is currently awaiting a trial date. He is charged with Conspiracy to Burgle, Criminal Damage and theft of security cards. The raid allegedly took place while Adam was working undercover for an anti-vivisection society. Nine months after the raid the CPS decided to charge Nancy Phipps in connection with it. She was originally charged with Conspiracy to Burgle and with Forgery. At her committal on September 30th the charge of Conspiracy to Burgle was thrown out and Nancy was committed on the charge of Forgery only. Like Adam she is now awaiting a trial date.

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SWALESMOOR FUR FARM

Three people who were found guilty of Section 5 at Halifax Magistrates' Court in February, plus two others who were found Not Guilty but on the condition that they accepted a bind-over for 12 months are appealing against conviction. Five people have also been charged with Section 2 and Section 3 and will be facing trial at Leeds Crown Court.

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NORTHAMPTON

Annette Tibbles, Richard Duriez and Angela Hamp are charged with 'Conspiracy to cause criminal damage between May and August 1991'. After their arrest last August they spent several weeks in custody before being released on bail. They have been committed for trial and are currently awaiting a date, which is expected to be early next year.

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NOTTINGHAM BOOTS DEMO

Two men were arrested and charged during the natinal anti-Boots demonstration in Nottingham on November 7th. During the demo at Bots headquarters in Pennyfoot Street, Nottingham, the two men were arrested after allegedly climbing onto a balcony, breaking a door and entering the building. They have been charged with 'entering with intent to cause criminal damage' and were heldin police custody until Monday before being bailed to appear in Court on December 14th.

COTSWOLD VALE FARMERS HUNT BALL

Several people were arrested following alleged incidents at this hunt ball on November 26th at Cheltenham town hall. All have been bailed.

MANCHESTER CONSPIRACY

Ten people are now charged with 'Conspiring to pursue the aims and purposes of the Animal Liberation Front by causing criminal damage'. They are currently awaiting a trial date.

McDONALDS

Chris Tucker was found guilty of throwing a smoke bomb into McDonalds, and will be sentenced on 18th December.

LONDON ZOO

8 People are now charged with section 4 and 5 as well as vagrancy? after a London Zoo inspection. The original charge was burglery which has now been dropped. They are currently awaiting a trial date.

FITZWILLIAM HUNT

Three people were arrested following alleged incidents on a cubhunt of the Fitzwilliam Hunt in September of this year. The three hunt saboteurs have been charged with GBH and one with malicious wounding.

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PUCKERIDGE & THURLOW

8 people are now due to report back to their local police station 3 days before christmas to see if there are any grounds to charge them after an incident in October when 15 sabs were arrested after an alledged assault on a hunt heavy.

AMERICA

Three men are currently on bail following an alleged paint spraying incident at a fur store in Memphis, Tennessee, in August of this year. No trial date has yet been set but it is expected to be within the next couple of months.

NOTIFYING SARP OF ARRESTS

It is of vital importance that as much information as possible on any Animal Liberation related arrests is sent to either SARP or the ALF SG as soon as possible after the arrest(s). This ensures that support is forthcoming should the arrest result in remand to prison or so that the arrest can be publicised fully should bail be granted. Should arrests occur where no publicity/support is wanted then SARP will comply with that request, but the information should still be passed on to us for future reference should the situation change. This applied to all Animal Liberation related arrests including for hunt sabotage.

Don't leave it to someone else, if you know, then let us know.

BELFAST ANIMAL BUST FUND

Set up to raise funds to support Animal Rights Prisoners in N.Ireland, the Bust Fund is currently making an urgent appeal for donations to continue its support of Alistair Mullen and Dave Nelson in the Maze prison.The Fund helps out financially those visiting Alistair and Dave at the prison in Lisburn.As both Dave and Alistair are from Belfast this can mean a lot of travelling expense for those visiting.The fund also supports them financially in any way that makes their stay in prison any more bearable.Any donations small or large will be gratefully recieved and should be sent to BELFAST ANIMAL BUST FUND, PO BOX 148, BELFAST, BT1 2LZ.

AN APOLOGY

In the November issue of the SARP newsletter two relevant items of information was ommitted from the 'Prisoners Released' section. These were that Hassen Sadelli was released from prison in France at the end of September and that Ronnie Lee was released on November 13th after having served 6 years and 8 months in prison. The reason for these ommissions is inexplicable and we apologise to everyone who may have been unaware of these releases due to our oversight.

We also apologise, of course to both Hassen and Ronnie and wish them both well for the future.

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

Darren Thurston
Edmonton Remand Centre
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Edmonton
Alberta
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Darren has been in prison on remand since June of 92 charged with "Break and Enter,Mischief over $1000 and Theft over $1000",in connection with an ALF action at the University Alberta Bio animals kennels where 29 cats were liberated and $100,000 damage was done on 1st June 92. He also faces one charge of Arson regarding a incident on 15th December 91 at Billingsgate fish company where 3 delivery trucks were destroyed causing $100,000 damage. Whilst in custody Darrens flat was raided for a second time and as a result of this raid Darren now faces a further charge of "Possession of a device to steal telecomunications". Darrens preliminary trial is set for 11-14 January 93 with the main trial likely to be a couple of months after that.

Also arrested at the same time was Grant Harwood who was also charged with "Break and enter, Theft over $1000 and Mischief over $1000". Grant was released with strict bail conditions and faced his preliminary trial on the 12th of November. As a result of this hearing the charges were "stayed" through lack of evidence. This means that the charges can still be reinstated at a later date but if not within a year they must be dropped.

On July 3rd of 92 a Canada wide warrant was issued for the arrest of a 3rd man on the same charges as Grant in connection with the University of Alberta raid.

Money is urgently needed to meet defence costs and any donations can be sent to ALF SG, PO BOX 75029, RITCHIE POSTAL OUTLET, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T6E 6K, CANADA. Please make cheques payable to "ALF SG, CANADA".

Due to increased activity in Canada and the USA the american FBI and the Canadian authorities have been working closely together to try and track down alledged suspects in both countries.This has led to widespread surveillence,phone tapping etc,of alledged activists.

In the next issue of SARP we shall be including a more detailed account of the situation in both countries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 24th December	Vigil at Wellcome laboratory Beckingham, Kent. 7.00pm to midnight. Contact Bramley Defence GRoup - 081 464 6035
Friday 25th December	Xmas day vigil at Hazette Laboratories Harrogate Yorkshire. Contact Harrogate anti-vivisection group. PO Box 135, Harrogate H61 5AX Tel: 523826.
Saturday 26th December	Boxing day hunts everywhere.
Sunday 3rd January	Demonstation by the Campaign to Close Leyden Street Chicken Slaughterhouse. Meet at the main entrance of Liverpool Street tube/BR mainline station between 10.45-11.00am.
Thursday 7th January	SEARC campaign to stop Sealink exporting live animals. Assemble 11.00am at the roundabout to the Eastern dock entrance, Dover. More info contact SEARC - 0424 730154

S.A.R. P. MERCHANDISE

S.A.R.P. is now able to offer the original SARP T-shirt at the low price of just £6.50 (inc P&P) / £7.50 (inc P&P) overseas. T-shirt has the SARP. logo on the front of two clenched fists and the prison bars and the words "SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS - THEY GIVE THEIR FREEDOM".

S.A.R.P. T-shirt available in white XL size - £6.50
£7.50 (overseas).

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Also at £6.50 (inc P&P)/£7.50 overseas, we have the "ALF NEEDS YOU" T-shirt. On the front "ALF NEEDS YOU - ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT" and on the back - "NO JUSTICE - NO PEACE".

ALF NEEDS YOU T-shirt available it white or grey XL size -
£6.50
£7.50 overseas.

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At £7.00 (inc P&P)/£8.00 overseas, we have the latest ALF on tour t-shirt FEAR HAUNTS THE ABBATTOIRS. Front has the words "FEAR HAUNTS THE ABBOTTOIRS", picture of burnt out meat truck and the words "ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT" back has the "ALF ON TOUR" list of selected ALF actions.

ALF ON TOUR T-shirt available in white XL size -
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DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN - THE BOOK OF SUFFERING, benefit tape produced in memory of Davy Barr, Animal Rights activist, died 16th March 1991, aged 24 years. Tape comes complete with booklet. Good music for a worthy cause to remember a sadly missed activist by. Tape only £3.50 (inc P&P)
£4.50 (inc P&P) overseas.

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