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NEWSLETTER

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IN THIS, THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE SARP NEWSLETTER, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING SARP.

A STORY HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE MOVEMENT THAT SARP WAS SET UP AS A GOING CONCERN AGAIN BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE DISATISFIED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALF SG. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE PEOPLE WHO REFORMED SARP DID SO BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT THE SG WERE GIVING TO PRISONERS. IN EFFECT SARP HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO TAKE OVER FROM THE SG AND OF ATTACKING THE SG. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THE ORGANISERS OF SARP HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE SG WHO OVER THE YEARS HAVE CARRIED OUT A DIFFICULT UNDER, AT TIMES, IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES. NO GROUP COULD HAVE DONE MORE AND WE INCLUDE SARP IN THAT ASSERTION. THE GREATEST WISH OF SARP IS THAT THE SG CONTINUES GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND CONTINUES AS A VITAL PART OF THE MOVEMENT AND WE OFFER THE ORGANISERS OF THE SG OUR FULLEST SUPPORT AND COOPERATION AT ALL TIMES.

THE SECOND STORY IN CURRENT CIRCULATION IS THAT SARP IS BEING RUN BY TWO WELL KNOWN ACTIVISTS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON. THIS AGAIN IS FALSE. SARP IS RUN BY A COMMITTEE, AT PRESENT CONSISTING OF FIVE PEOPLE, WHO HANDLE ALL THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF SARP. THE TWO PEOPLE IN QUESTION HAVE ASKED US TO STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE AND NEVER HAVE BEEN. THEY ARE HOWEVER SUPPORTERS OF SARP AND IN THE PAST HAVE GIVEN OF THIER OWN TIME ANDMONEY TO ASSIST US TO REFORM SARP AND HAVE ALSO HELPED WITH FUNDRAISING. AT NO TIME HAVE THEY HAD ANY SAY IN THE RUNNING OF SARP AND NOR WOULD THEY WISH ANY. BOTH OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ACCUSED, AT VARIOUS TIMES, OF USING SARP FOR THIER OWN PURPOSES AND OF TAKING MONEY FROM SARP. THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND HAVE CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF HEARTACHE AND BITTERNESS FOR TWO VERY GENUINE ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. SARP IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, A PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP AND COULD NEVER SUCCEED IF IT WERE MERELY A A FUNDRAISING SCHEME FOR ANYTHING ELSE UNCONNECTED WITH THE PRISONERS.

SARP SEEKS TO UNIFY THE MOVEMENT BY BEING UNCRITICAL OF THE ACTIVITIES OF PEOPLE IN THE MOVEMENT. WE ASK THAT ALL GENUINE ANIMAL RIGHTS PEOPLE ACCEPT THAT IN THE ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT STRANDS OF OPINION AND FOR OUR STRUGGLE TO SUCCEED WE MUST ACCEPT ALL DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. HOWEVER CRITICISM FOR THE SAKE OF IT CANNOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL NEVER APPEAR IN THE PAGES OF THIS NEWSLETTER. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME YOUR OPINION AND ARTICLES ON THINGS. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY THEN SEND IT IN AND IT WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE KEEP IT SHORT AND TO THE POINT AND REMEMBER CRITICISM FOR ITS OWN SAKE IS BOTH DISRUPTIVE AND SELF DEFEATING SO PLEASE THINK UNITY AT ALL TIMES.

ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS.

SIMON RUSSELL, ND I666, LAKES WING, HMP THE MOUNT, BOVINGDON, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS. HP3 ONZ.

SIMON WAS SENTENCED TO 2½ YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF INCENDIARY DEVICES PLUS I½ YEARS FOR VIOLENT DISORDER ON LAST YEARS POLL TAX RIOT MAKING 4 YEARS IN ALL.

RONNIE LEE, VO 2682, LB2 CLYDE, HMP CHANNINGS WOOD, DENBURY, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON. TQI2 6DW.

RONNIE IS CURRENTLY SERVING A IO YEAR SENTENCE FOR CONSPIRACY TO CAUSE ARSON, CONSPIRACY TO CAUSE CRIMINAL DAMAGE, AND CONSPIRACY TO INCITE OTHERS TO CAUSE CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

THE BRAMPTON THREE. ARRESTED IN OCTOBER I990 AND CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES(INCENDIARY DEVICES). THEY WERE HELD FOR THREE MONTHS ON REMAND IN BEDFORD PRISON BEFORE FINALLY BEING RELEASED ON BAIL AT THE END OF JANUARY I99I. GARI ALLEN, BARRY HORNE AND MICHEAL SHANNAHAN HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO TRIAL DATE AS YET.

NEIL THEOBALD. NEIL WAS ARRESTED IN THE LATTER HALF OF I990 AND CHARGED WITH ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE. SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN PRISON ON REMAND BEFORE BEING RELEASED ON BAIL.

CHESHIRE BEAGLE HUNT. AT LEAST 38 PEOPLE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH RIOT FOLLOWING INCIDENTS OUTSIDE THE HOME OF HUNT THUG ALAN SUMMERSGILL ON FEBRUARY IIth. SUMMERSGILL WAS THE HUNTSMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF HUNT SAB MIKE HILL TWO DAYS PREVIOUS.

PLEASE ALL OF THE ABOVE IN ALL WAYS POSSIBLE. REMEMBER THEY HAVE ALL HAD THE COURAGE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT BACK ON BEHALF OF THE ANIMALS AND THEY DESERVE ALL OF THE SUPPORT YOU CAN GIVE THEM. DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO SARP AND IN THE CASE OF THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE RELEVANT DEFENCE FUNDS. OTHER DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO HELP THE PRISONERS.

SARP CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVE ON BEHALF OF THE PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS WITH YOUR HELP. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER ARRESTS, FORTHCOMING TRIALS, ETC THEN SEND IN THE DETAILS AND SARP WILL PUBLICISE THEM AND HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

DAVY BARR

BY GARI ALLEN

THIS IS AN ARTICLE ABOUT ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS - WHO SADLY ISN'T WITH US ANYMORE, ALTHO HE'LL ALWAYS BE WITH US IN SPIRIT. DAVY BARR HAD GIVEN THE POLICE, THE ANIMAL ABUSERS AND THE SYSTEM A GOOD RUN FOR THIER MONEY. IN 1987/88 DAVY WAS SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR AN ATTACK ON JENNERS DEPARTMENT STORE IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, JENNERS STOCKED THIER STORES WITH FUR COATS. AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION THE FUR DEPARTMENT HAD CEASED ITS SALES AND HAD CLOSED DOWN. WHILE IN PRISON DAVY WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE TO GET A BASIC VEGAN DIET, VEGAN FOOTWEAR, BEDDING AND CLOTHING. AFTER QUITE A FEW BATTLES WITH THE HOME OFFICE IN THE FORM OF PETITIONS AND WITH THE GOVERNOR OF HIS PRISON, THE PRISON REGIME BACKED DOWN AND NOW BECAUSE OF DAVYS PROTESTS VEGANS ARE CATERED FOR IN SCOTTISH PRISONS AND ARE NOT TREATED AS IF WE REALLY DO COME FROM THE PLANET VEGA!

NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THE FOLLOWING BECAUSE DAVY WASN'T THE SORT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HIS TREATMENT, BUT WHEN HE SAT DOWN AND TALKED WITH ME ABOUT IT, I FELT THAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW! TO START WITH DAVY WAS HELD DOWN BY OTHER PRISONERS (NAZI SCUM) AND FORCE FED ANIMAL PRODUCTS WHILE THE PRISON OFFICERS ON DUTY TURNED A BLIND EYE. THE REASON FOR THIS? BECAUSE NO ONE COULD HANDLE THE SITUATION THAT HERE WAS A MAN WHO HADN'T COMMITTED A CRIME FOR SELF GAIN. IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO FUCK HIS HEAD UP, HE GOT INVOLVED WITH A FIGHT WITH ANOTHER PRISONER, BECAUSE DAVY OBJECTED TO PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES ON THE WALL OF THIER CELL. THEN TO PUT THE ICING ON THE CAKE - AS THEY SAY - THE SCREWA PUT A PSYCHO IN WITH DAVY TO SHARE THE SAME CELL, WHO MADE IT CLEAR TO DAVY THAT HE WAS GOING TO SEXUALLY ASSAULT HIM. HE LOST REMISSION BECAUSE HE FELT THREATENED AND WAS ALLOCATED A CELL IN THE SUICIDE OBSERVATION UNIT. SO JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT I'VE JUST SAID, JUST FOR A MOMENT PUT YOURSELF IN DAVYS POSITION. FOR WEEKS AND WEEKS I'D BE GETTING LETTERS FROM HIM TELLING ME THAT HE'D BEEN LIVING ON PEANUT BUTTER OR JUST BREAD. NOT SURPRISINGLY HE HAD A BIT OF A BREAKDOWN. THEY PUMPED HIM FULL OF DRUGS BUT HE NEVER FORGOT WHO OR FOR WHAT HE WAS FIGHTING FOR. SO AFTER GETTING A BIT OF JAM ROLL (PAROLE) HE CAME OUT ADDICTED TO TRANQUILISERS AND USED TO GET PANIC ATTACKS, ETC. DID THIS STOP HIM CAMPAIGNING AGAINST ANIMAL AND HUMAN ABUSE? DID IT FUCK! HE WAS STRAIGHT BACK INTO THE STRUGGLE - DAVY ALONG WITH OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS HELPED SET UP ANIMAL RIGHTS EDUCATION NETWORK. DAVY USED TO GIVE TALKS AT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ABOUT ANIMAL ABUSE. ONE THING THAT WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY MEMORY IS THE TIME HE DECIDED TO DO A FAST AT PORTON DOWN RESEARCH CENTRE IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS TESTS ON ANIMALS (AND ULTIMATELY ON THE HUMAN RACE). THIS EVENT TOOK PLACE ON XMAS DAY THROUGH UNTIL NEW YEARS DAY 1989. IT WAS A SPONSORED FAST IN WHICH DAVY AND GUS MCINNES SENT OUT SPONSOR FORMS TO GROUPS ALL OVER THE (DIS) UNITED KINGDOM GETTING PEOPLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIER OWN GROUPS. THE FAST LASTED FOR SIX DAYS WITH THE TWO OF THEM ONLY DRINKING WATER (HE NEVER DID SAY IF IT WAS WATER HE DRANK OR ALCHOHOL AS THE FIZZY STUFF IN ENGLAND IS KNOWN AS WATER IN SCOTLAND!!). THEY GOT QUITE A LOT OF MEDIA COVERAGE WHICH WAS GOOD ALTHOUGH THEY WERE DISSAPOINTED IN THE COVERAGE IT HAD IN THE MAINSTREAM ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. IN ONE OF DAVYS LAST LETTERS TO ME HE SAID " DONT FORGET GARI TO LET ME KNOW WHEN THE TRIAL IS AND WE WILL COME DOWN AND SUPPORT YOU. WE WILL HAVE TO SORT OUT A PLACE TO KIP AS AFTER NORTHAMPTON, RE PORTON DOWN, I'D RATHER SLEEP IN A PUBLIC TOILET".

I'VE WRITTEN A POEM ABOUT DAVY AND HOPE THAT WHOEVER READS IT WILL SEE DAVY FOR HOW AND FOR WHAT HE WAS - A LOVING, COMPASSIONATE, FRIENDLY PERSON - AND NOT AS SOME DRUG CRAZED LUNATIC AS SOME WOULD HAVE SEEN HIM. AND PLEASE REMEMBER THIS, DAVY BARR GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION, THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE ON A DEMO AND YOU HEAR THE CHANT OF - WHAT DO WE WANT? AND ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT FOR IT? ARE YOU GOING TO DIE FOR IT? THINK BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND SHOUT YES - BY DOING SO YOU'RE CHEAPENING THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO TRULY HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE!

THE SYSTEM AND STATE HAVE TAKEN YOU AWAY FROM ME,
YET YOU SEEMED SO HAPPY WHEN YOU CAME TO COVENTRY,
WE SHARED SOME BEERS WE SHARED SOME DOPE,
YOU WERE SO FULL OF HOPE.
YOU TOLD ME WITH A LOVING SMILE
THAT YOU WERE COMING DOWN FOR MY TRIAL,
THEN ON MARCH 16th, AT HALF PAST ELEVEN
I WAS TOLD YOU'D GONE TO HEAVEN.
IT TOOK HALF AN HOUR FOR IT TO SINK IN
THINKING "NO ITS A MISTAKE - A VERY BAD DREAM".
I CRIED ALL NIGHT, AND ALL THE NEXT WEEK,
HARDLY EATING JUST DRINKING ALCHOHOL UNTIL I WAS SICK.
AS I TOLD YOU DAVY - IF EVER YOU FEEL ALONE
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS GET ON THE PHONE.
ITS ALL TOO LATE NOW, YOU HAVE LEFT ME FOR GOOD
TO BE PLACED INTO A COFFIN MADE OF WOOD
TO BE CREMATED AND TURNED INTO ASH
HERE TODAY GONE TOMMORROW IN A FLASH.
FAREWELL DAVY I LOVED YOU AND ALWAYS WILL
REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND BABYLON WILL PAY FOR THE BILL.

THE BATTLE OF FLAMINGOLAND

ON MAY 26th THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION AND ALL NIGHT VIGIL OUTSIDE FLAMINGOLAND IN PTOTEST AGAINST THE DOLPHINARIUM, THE PLANS TO EXTEND THE DOLPHINARIUM AND THE ZOO. FIFTEEN PEOPLE TURNED UP ON SUNDAY, A POOR TURNOUT CONSIDERING THAT ALAN COOPER WAS TO ARRIVE AFTER CYCLING NEARLY 300 MILES FROM LONDON THAT DAY TO RAISE MONEY AND GET PUBLICITY FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE FLAMINGOLANDS DOLPHINARIUM.

IT WAS QUIET ALL DAY WHILE WE JUST HANDED OUT LEAFLETS TO THE PUBLIC AS THEY DROVE INTO THE PLEASURE PARK. WE HAD A POOR RESPONSE AND ONLY A COUPLE OF CARS TURNED AWAY FROM FLAMINGOLAND. A HANDFULL OF FLAMINGOLAND WORKERS KEPT CHECK ON US ALL DAY AND WERE CONSTANTLY KEEPING US OFF THE DRIVE AS IT WAS "PRIVATE PROPERTY". AROUND 5 O'CLOCK THEY BEGAN TO PHYSICALLY PUSH PROTESTERS AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO PASS LEAFLETS TO THE PUBLIC. WE PUSHED BACK. THEY PANICKED AND RADIOED FOR ASSISTANCE. NEARLY 70 FLAMINGOLAND WORKERS CAME OVER, RUNNING, TO PUT AN END TO OUR LEAFLETTING. IT LOOKED LIKE BLOOMS PRIVATE ARMY HAD ORDERS TO CHARGE. THEY BEGAN PUSHING US AROUND AND WE WERE ALL AT ONE STAGE PUNCHED, PULLED, PUSHED OR DRAGGED AWAY FROM CARS NOW LEAVING FLAMINGOLAND. IN THE SCUFFLES THAT BROKE OUT ONE WOMAN WAS PHYSICALLY KNOCKED FROM HER FEET AND FELL TO THE FLOOR WITH ONE FLAMINGOLAND WORKER ON TOP OF HER. AS SHE FELL HER HEAD HIT THE

CONCRETE AND SHE WAS OUT FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES. WHILE SHE LAY THERE ANOTHER KICKED HER. AN AMBULANCE WAS CALLED BUT THEY CONTINUED TO HASSLE US AS THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY NOW READY FOR A FIGHT. EVENTUALLY THE POLICE ARRIVED, THE ENEMY RETREATED TO THIER HOMES. THE WOMAN RETURNED FROM THE HOSPITAL SHOOK UP WITH A BRUISED BACK BUT READY TO STICK TO THE VIGIL. ALAN COOPER THEN ARRIVED LATE AT NIGHT - TIRED AND HUNGRY BUT WE WERE ALL PROUD AND PLEASED TO SEE HIM.

(NOTE THE WOMAN AND OTHER PROTESTERS WENT TO THE POLICE STATION THAT NIGHT TO PUT IN OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST CERTAIN FLAMINGOLAND WORKERS WHO HAD ASSAULTED THEM)

REINFORCEMENTS CAME THE NEXT DAY AS NEWS ABOUT THE "PEACEFULL" DEMONSTRATION SPREAD. SOME SAT IN FRONT OF CARS TO PHYSICALLY STOP PEOPLE FROM ENTERING FLAMINGOLAND WHILE OTHERS BLOCKED THE MAIN ENTRANCE. FLAMINGOLAND SECURITY CAME TO GREET US AND FIGHTS BROKE OUT BUT WE HELD STRONG AND STILL NO CARS GOT THROUGH. ONE FLAMINGOLAND WORKER WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BUT I'M NOT SURE OF HIS INJURIES AND I DONT BELIEVE THE PRESS. SINCE THEY DID NOT HAVE TANKS THEY GOT THE NEXT BEST THING AND DROVE A BULLDOZER TOWARDS THE PICKET. WE DIDNT BUDGE AND THE WINDOW WAS SMASHED THOUGH THE DRIVER WAS NOT HURT. THE POLICE WERE NOT AROUND AT THIS POINT SINCE THE TRAFFIC JAM WAS HOLDING THEM UP. WHEN THEY DID TURN UP THEY TRIED TO REMOVE PEOPLE FROM THE ROAD, THEY TRIED TO ARREST ONE WOMAN BUT SHE WAS QUICKLY DEARRESTED BY THE OTHER PROTESTERS. WHEN ONE GROUP OF PROTESTERS WAS EVENTUALLY REMOVED FROM THE ROAD ANOTHER SITDOWN STARTED ON DOWN THE ROAD TO STOP THE CARS FROM GETTING THROUGH. THE POLICE WERE AT A LOSS AND JUST WAITED FOR REINFORCEMENTS. EVENTUALLY MORE POLICE TURNED UP. TWO GIRLS WERE ARRESTED FOR SITTING ON THE BONNET OF A CAR FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE BUT I DONT KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE CHARGED. ANOTHER MAN WAS ARRESTED, I THINK, FOR ASSAULT WHEN ONE FLAMINGOLAND WORKER IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE MAN WHO HAD HIT HIM. WHEN SOME PROTESTERS IDENTIFIED THE FLAMINGOLAND WORKERS FOR HITTING THEM NOTHING WAS DONE AND WE WERE FOBBED OFF WITH COMMENTS LIKE "WE'LL DEAL WITH LATER". EVEN WHEN THE DRIVER OF THE BULLDOZER WAS IDENTIFIED NOTHING WAS DONE. SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

FLAMINGOLANDS DOLPHINARIUM NEEDS TO BE CLOSED. THEY HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY'LL FIGHT TO KEEP IT OPEN SO THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS MORE SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER. PICKETS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR EVERY SUNDAY AND IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

FLAMINGOLAND DOLPHIN CAMPAIGN

c/o MDC

P.O. BOX 63

LANCASTER. LAI 4GD.

(THE ABOVE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE ON THE DEMONSTRATION AND ALL NIGHT VIGIL)

LAST YEAR THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DOLPHINARIUM AT MORECAMBE FINALLY SUCCEEDED WHEN THE MANAGEMENT THERE CAVED IN AND AGREED TO CLOSE. EARLIER THIS YEAR MORECAMBES DOLPHIN, ROCKY, WAS FLOWN OUT TO A SANCTUARY IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. SOON AFTER THE DOLPHINARIUM AT BRIGHTON ALSO GAVE IN AND THE TWO DOLPHINS THERE, MISSIE AND SILVER, JOINED ROCKY IN FREEDOM. THERE ARE NOW ONLY TWO DOLPHINARIUMS LEFT IN BRITAIN, AT FLAMINGOLAND IN NORTH YORKSHIRE AND AT WINDSOR SAFARI PARK. PLEASE SUPPORT THE REGULAR PICKETS AT BOTH OF THESE HELL HOLES AND FINALLY END THE SUFFERING OF CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN THIS COUNTRY.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.

PROTEST MARCH. SATURDAY 8th JUNE 1991.

(THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF THE PROTESTERS)

IN ORDER TO EXPOSE ONE OF EUROPES LARGEST MEDICAL TORTURE INSTITUTIONS, SEVERAL HUNDRED ANIMAL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED THROUGH MANCHESTER GIVING OUT LEAFLETS TO INFORM THE LOCALS OF THIER CITYS VIVISECTORS. THERE WAS A PEACEFULL SITDOWN OUTSIDE THE MEDICAL SCHOOL WHILST MESSAGES OF DISGUST WERE PRESENTED AT THE DOORS.

WITH PEOPLE JOINING ALL THE TIME, THE MARCH ARRIVED IN THE CITY CENTRE WHERE WE WERE UNFORTUNATE TO PASS A BRANCH OF BOOTS THE VIVISECTORS. TO HIGHLIGHT SUCH SCUM FOR ALL TO SEE THE MARCHERS VENTED THIER ANGER, RUNNING IN SHOUTING AND DISPLAYING ANTI - BOOTS BANNERS; THE POLICE HAVING INTERFERED EARLIER IN THE MARCH, WERE FORCED TO PROTECT THE STORE BUT COULD DO NOTHING WHEN HUNDREDS OF US SAT DOWN AND BLOCKADED THE DOORS. BOOTS LOST OUT BADLY THAT DAY AS THEY WERE FORCED TO CLOSE DURING THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE WEEK AND OPPOSITION TO THIER CRUEL TRADE GREW.

IN SPITE OF THE PEACEFULL NATURE OF THE SITDOWN PROTEST THE POLICE WERE HEAVY HANDED, NO DOUBT IN FRUSTRATION AT BEING OUT OF CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. VAN LOADS OF THEM TURNED UP AND WAITED FOR ACTION; THEN WHEN A POLICE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS STOPPED FROM TAKING PICTURES OF THE CROWD THEY USED THIS AS AN EXCUSE AND STEAMED TO GRAB WHOEVER THEY COULD. DURING THE PREVIOUS HOUR I HAD SAT, EATING MY LUNCH AND HOLDING A BANNER BY THE DOORS; WHEN THE UNIFORMED THUGS RUSHED, THE BANNER WAS TORN FROM ME AND WHILE TRYING TO RETRIEVE IT SEVERAL OF THEM GRABBED ME. I STRUGGLED AS BEST I COULD BUT WITH MY ARMS TWISTED UP MY BACK I WAS HAULED OFF AND CHUCKED IN A VAN; LUCKILY THEY HAD NO CUFFS FOR ME AS ONE MAN HIS WRISTS CUT INTO BY A PAIR AND WAS IN REAL PAIN. TEN OF US WERE CRAMMED IN, ONE WOMAN, ONE WITH CUTS TO THE HEAD AND FIVE WITH CUFFS ON, HOWEVER OUR ATTEMPTS TO ROCK THE VAN OVER FAILED. WE WERE EXTREMELY PISSED OFF AT BEING GRABBED FOR NOTHING BUT PLEASED AT THE PUBLICITY BOTH BOOTS AND THE POLICE WOULD RECIEVE FOR CAUSING A NEAR RIOT.

THE NEXT FOUR HOURS WERE A FRUSTRATING WAIT FOR ME WHILE THE POLICE TRIED TO GET THIER ACT TOGETHER WITH 31 ARRESTS TO SORT OUT. WHEN NO COPPER CAME FORWARD TO "CLAIM" MY ARREST THEY HAD TO RELEASE ME WITHOUT CHARGE; A FEW DAYS LATER I RECIEVED A LETTER SAYING THEY WEREN'T GOING TO PERSUE THE INCIDENT WITH ME. APPARENTLY I WAS "DETAINED" - FELT LIKE AMATEUR WRESTLING TO ME; ALSO THEY MADE "ENQUIRIE" "WHO KNOWS WHAT WAS GOING ON? NO ONE? OH DEAR, WE'LL HAVE TO LET HIM OFF"

I HAVE TO CONFESS I BROKE THE LAW; THE LAW IS: DONT GET CAUGHT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BOOTS CAMPAIGN CONTACT:

ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT

P.O. BOX 87

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SALES GOODS

T-SHIRTS — ORIGINAL DESIGN OF TWO CLENCHED FISTS PROTRUDING FROM CELL BARS SURROUNDED BY THE SLOGAN:
"SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS
THEY GIVE THEIR FREEDOM"
AVAILABLE IN WHITE/BLACK DESIGN
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SIZES - MEDIUM / LARGE / EX-LARGE.
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"THEY GIVE THEIR FREEDOM"
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THEY GIVE THEIR FREEDOM"
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JULY 8 START OF THE INTERFAUNA TRIAL

STARTING ON JULY 8th THE TRIAL OF IO PEOPLE CHARGED AFTER AN ALF RAID ON THE INTERFAUNA BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT IN APRIL I990. THREE PEOPLE ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO BURGLE AND THE OTHER SEVEN ARE CHARGED WITH HANDLING THE "STOLEN" BEAGLES. THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR 4 WEEKS AT LEICESTER CROWN COURT SO PLEASE TRY AND GET ALONG THERE AT SOME TIME TO SUPPORT THE TEN PEOPLE ON TRIAL THERE.

JULY 25TO 27 NATIONAL GAME FAIR, CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

EVERY YEAR A NATIONAL GAME FAIR IS HELD AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS YEAR THAT LOCATION IS CASTLE ASHBY HOUSE IN NORTHANTS. FOR THREE DAYS BLOOD JUNKIES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION FROM FOX HUNTERS TO SHOOTERS TO FISHERMEN WILL PROUDLY DISPLAY THIER SICK "SPORTS" FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. NORTHAMPTON ANIMAL CONCERN WILL ALSO BE THERE ON ALL THREE DAYS PICKETING THE MAIN GATE AND LEAFLETTING VISITORS TO THE FAIR, EXPLAINING TO THEM WHY THEY SHOULDNT SUPPORT THE SICK SCUM WHO THINK ITS GREAT FUN TO TERRORIZE AND MURDER INNOCENT ANIMALS. SUPPORT IS URGENTLY NEEDED FROM OTHER GROUPS AROUND THE COUNTRY IN THE FORM OF BODIES TO HELP SWELL THE PICKETS AND MAKE A REALLY EFFECTIVE PROTEST. PLEASE SUPPORT THE PICKETS AT CASTLE ASHBY BY TURNING UP AND JOINING IN THE SHOW OF DISGUST AT THESE SICK "SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN".

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NORTHAMPTON ANIMAL CONCERN ON (0604) 29II2.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FORTHCOMING EVENTS, DEMO'S, ETC THEN DROP US A LINE AND WE'LL INCLUDE IT IN FORTHCOMING EDITIONS OF THIS NEWSLETTER. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE AS MANY DETAILS AS POSSIBLE.