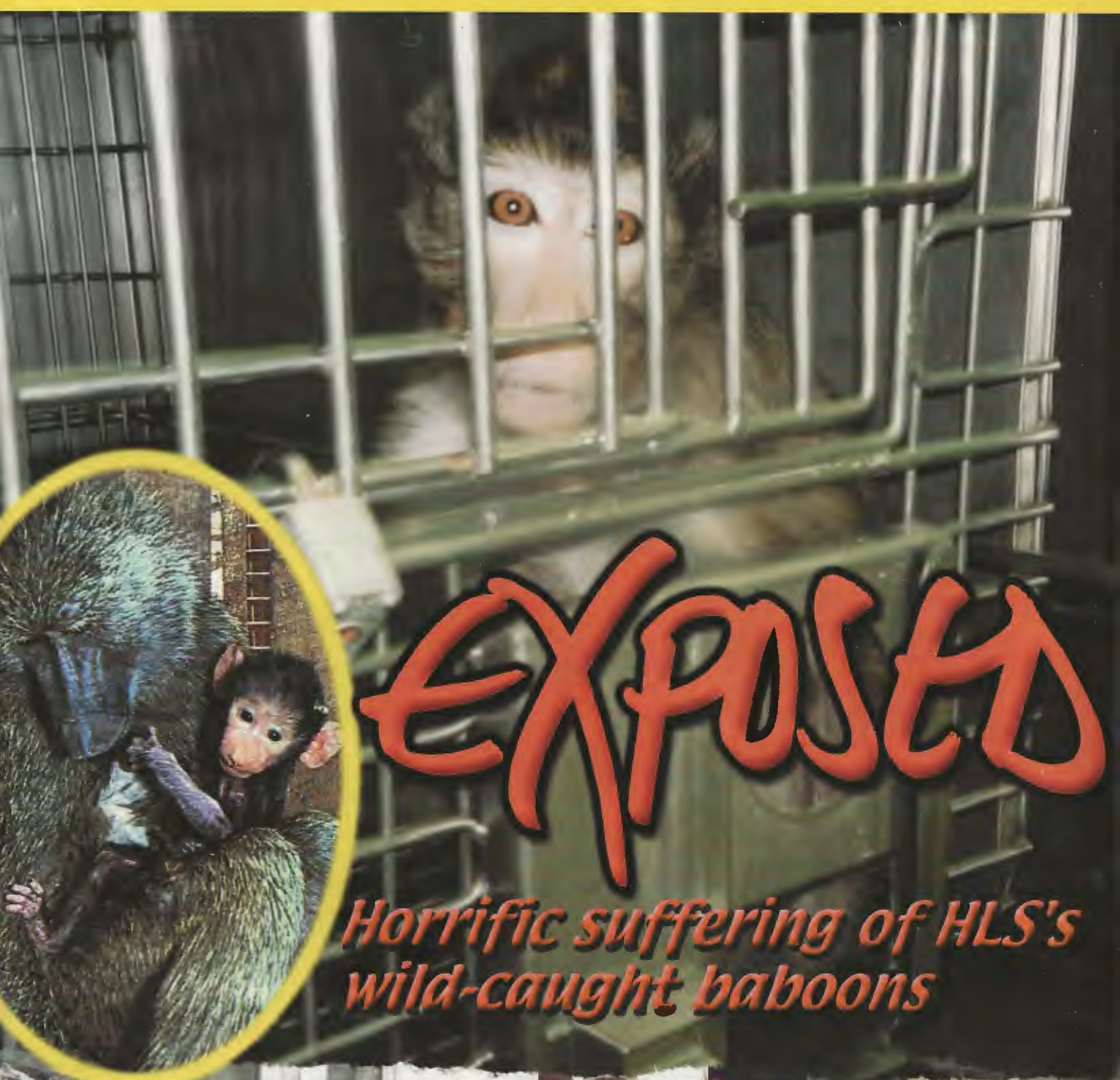


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exposed

Horrific suffering of HLS's wild-caught baboons







FEEL THE FORCE!

Well done to everybody who moved so quickly into Cambridge city centre. Some people demonstrated at the gates of HLS which was very important too.
About 1200 people gathered in Cambridge for one of the noisiest, most passionate and moving demos many people said they had been on for a long time. The afternoon just flew by and the noise of the crowd never ceased. There was an unmistakable air of determination and optimism.
The demonstration was scheduled to take place at the gates of HLS but people were asked at about 11.30am to re-route into Cambridge city centre and to meet on Sidney Street between Boots and Marks & Spencer. Before too long there were a few hundred of you and numbers soon swelled to over 1,000. The crowd spotted a NatWest Bank a short distance away and an impromptu demo was held there. The bank was forced to close. After a rally in the city centre we marched right around Cambridge covering all the main shopping areas and streets to reach as many people as possible. There was a marked difference in the response from the people in Cambridge to those in Oxford and Witney. The Cambridge people seemed a lot more responsive – many joined in the march, took leaflets, gave us the thumbs-up from the tops of buses and some cheered and clapped as we marched by. We've had a huge response and a lot of enquiries for information from locals since the February 12th demo as well.
It was an excellent demo with everyone going home feeling empowered and positive.
And so begins the build up to World Day for Laboratory Animals 2000 on 22nd April.
Let's make it at least three times as big as the last one.
See you on World Day!

DEMOS ALL OVER CAMBRIDGESHIRE

While people were in Cambridge and at HLS other activists were busy before, during and after the demo, paying visits to HLS workers and to Laundry Farm where animals are kept for experiments at Cambridge University.

The video footage below was filmed from a stationary position as the demonstrators marched past. This took over ten minutes. It is interesting to note that the police and their mouthpiece, the local papers, reported only 300 people on the demo. On the video we counted well over 1,000 people!



71 go free...update



To update you on the 71 beagle puppies rescued from Interfauna here are some photographs of them enjoying their freedom.
We will follow the puppies through their future adventurous lives. To look at these puppies and to think that they would have died in pain is the most upsetting thing of all and serves as a constant reminder of why we will never give in until all the animals inside HLS are free.





Editorial

Wow! Three and a half months into the campaign and we have already left HLS in no doubt that we mean business. The last national demo in Cambridge saw a dramatic increase in numbers and the campaign is really beginning to snowball. Huntingdon Life Sciences have been exposed again, this time over their sickening use of wild-caught primates (see pages 6-7). How many times does this have to happen before they are closed down? As usual the people at HLS try to distance themselves and put a gloss on it. The world just doesn't believe them anymore. Huntingdon have been caught out too many times. HLS are slipping into the mire and there's no way back.
They now know that we are onto them and there ain't no letting go of the animal killers. They are financially and psychologically wounded and they ain't seen nothing yet!

Huntingdon is fuelled by money from outside sources and it is these sources we need to cut off.

Firstly there are the shareholders. These people and institutions can either be an asset or a hindrance to Huntingdon. In the last two months we have started to turn Huntingdon's shareholders into a millstone around their neck with their share price tumbling and Huntingdon's name being badly tarnished in the City.This is something we have made good progress in so far but we must not be complacent. There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done by all of us. Please please treat the fluorescent insert as a priority. Look at what we've achieved so far but also look at the poor beagle on the back cover, look into her eyes and then reread the insert and ACT ON IT.

Secondly, as I'm sure everyone is aware, the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) have taken over the NatWest bank, so they are now in control of Huntingdon's loan. We phoned the Royal Bank of Scotland requesting a meeting. We did this on five separate occasions and on each occasion they assured us that the media relations director, David Appleton, would get back to us that day. Not only did he not get back to us that day, he did not get back to us full stop. Not to worry, we thought, they must be busy, so we put our request for a meeting in writing. We have still not received a reply.

After constant ringing we finally managed to get hold of David Appleton. We asked him about their ethical policy which amongst other things states "We would not knowingly permit our name or our funding to be used to support businesses or organisations which we believe to be acting in ways which are ethically unacceptable and each year we refuse large numbers of applications for banking services and close accounts on ethical grounds." Surely that excludes Huntingdon doesn't it? The RBS's ethical policy also states "We are not engaged in funding activities which are having an adverse impact on the world's environment…we routinely include environmental issues as an important issue to be evaluated in considering lending requests from businesses." You would think then that there is no way they can lend money to HLS who develop pesticides, chemicals and GM crops.
David Appleton wouldn't say if HLS was within their ethical policy or not, or whether they were going to foreclose on Huntingdon. In fact he wouldn't say anything, citing legal reasons and client confidentiality. Funny then that they could give an indication about Huntingdon to the Scotland on Sunday newspaper.

We also offered to arrange for the Royal Bank of Scotland to meet the people who conducted the undercover investigations inside HLS. We even offered to ask Michelle Rokke, who went under cover at the US HLS lab, to fly in from America. The Royal Bank's response? "We don't see any point in meeting them" they said. Pardon? They don't see any point in meeting the person who witnessed and I quote "One puppy watched as a power saw was being used to cut the skull of a dead puppy on the next table. In another case a puppy was cut from neck to groin, exposing its ribcage. It then howled, threw back its head and writhed from side to side, obviously still alive."

We have been totally calm and reasonable so far, but with 500 animals dying EVERY DAY we must act for the animals.
Officially the RBS take over the NatWest on the 6th of March and from then on they control Huntingdon's credit. They then in turn fund animal torture at HLS. We have given the Royal Bank of Scotland one month to terminate business with HLS, not forgetting that during that month 15,000 animals will have died at HLS. If they are determined to let the animals die at Huntingdon, then on the 6th of April we will do a special mailout and we will change all the NatWest merchandise to include BOTH the NatWest Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland. As pictured we have full colour flyers and postcards calling on the RBS not to betray the animals imprisoned inside Huntingdon.THESE ARE AVAILABLE IN LARGE QUANTITIES TO ORDER NOW. Please also write to the RBS asking them to sever any links with Huntingdon. It is worth pointing out that the NatWest Bank has shares in HLS.

You can write to the Royal Bank of Scotland at FREEPOST, PO Box 1727, Edinburgh EH12 9JN and also phone them on 0131 556 8555. Please keep your enquiries polite remembering that the Royal Bank of Scotland are not the enemy…..YET.

With all of us together working for the animals at HLS we are simply unstoppable! Please don't forget that it is YOUR actions that have seen 1,000 cats and dogs saved from hell and it will be YOUR actions all added together which make a massive and powerful campaign that will close Huntingdon. So forward we go knowing in our hearts and minds that WE ALWAYS WIN FOR THE ANIMALS!

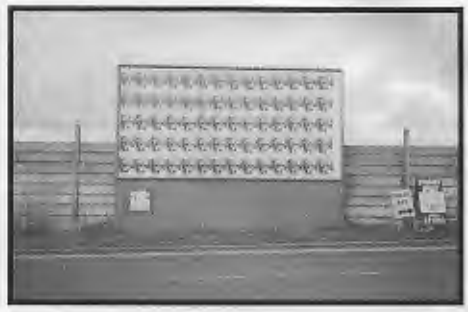


ACTIONS AGAINST HLS

FLYPOSTING

Here is an excellent example of the power of flyposting spotted near Manchester. Free advertising like this is simple and incredibly effective for the campaign. We get phone calls all the time from people who have just seen posters. If you think about it the only way people will find out about HLS is if we all tell them.

A good way of spreading the word is flyposting. Ring us on 0121 6326460 and order your posters for World Day. They will be sent out within 48 hours, first class.



"I have found a good place for stickers – on the small clipboards or advertising boards on shopping trolleys. They are facing you all the time you push the trolley around the shop, and are easy to stick on in the return trolley parks."

CASHPOINTS

This is what NatWest cashpoints were made for:





Apparently NatWest cash machines are being targetted around the country with 'superglue on supermarket type-loyalty cards being pushed into the cash machines.' Anonymous communiques sent to the campaign indicate amongst others that a further 50 cash machines have been damaged in London, 63 in Cardiff and 10 in Northampton. The Metropolitan Police have recently indicated to a solicitor in London that the cost of repairing each cash machine is a staggering £6,000 and they may have hidden cameras on them.

DAILY PICKETS

We must have demonstrations at HLS every day. We must grind these people down and demoralise them.

The daily pickets are a great way to get a few things off your chest and you can keep an eye on who's going in and out of HLS. All you need is a megaphone and a good pair of lungs. Well done to all of you who have been regularly picketing HLS. You've had such an effect on the workers that HLS have forked out on a seven foot wooden fence right around the car park, in front of the offices, around the gym and some of the laboratories. If the workers weren't bothered by us then why go to that enormous expense?

If you walk around the side of HLS you



can see the beagle unit and some of the beagle-beating perverts like to sit outside for their tea break. It's a good idea to go round there and tell them what you think of their violent, sadistic dead-end job. Why should they enjoy their break? They'll all be out there playing football in the summer so we can have a good laugh at them – if HLS is still open of course!! There is so much to see and do on the daily pickets. HLS is a hive of activity and don't forget potential customers have to get past you and drive through the gates – what sort of first impression is that for a company?

At about 12-30pm a group of about ten joggers can be seen jogging out of the front gates and up the road towards Woolley. If there were more of us at the gate they wouldn't have the nerve!

Every week determined activists manage to run in through the gates! It is so easy! This should be happening every day.

If you or your group can commit to going to HLS just once a month then we could cover every day and there would be no break in the pressure that is placed on the workers. Please let us know what days you can go to HLS so that we can keep an up-to-date list of what days still need covering.

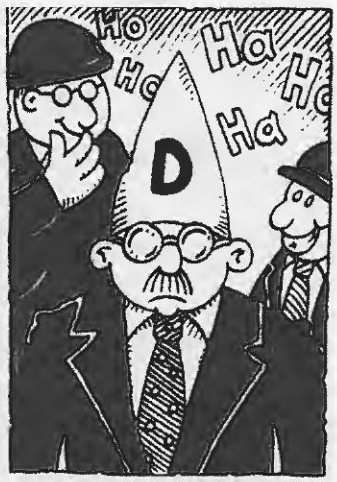
The list below contains all the NatWest Freephone telephone numbers.
Please ring them up and complain about NatWest funding animal cruelty at HLS.

0800 7835657 – Rented Accommodation Insurance – 9am-5pm Mon-Fri 0800 331100 – Household Insurance – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-4pm Sat 4pm Sat & Sun **0800 886688 – Home Movers Services – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 10am-4pm Sat & Sun** 0800 818818 – Extra Borrowing for Home Move – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-6pm Sat **0800 243406 – Personal Loans – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-6pm Sat** 0800 777888 – To arrange a discussion with s Quotes for Business Insurance – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 10am-1pm Sat **0800 010166 – Info on accepting Direct Debit payments – 8:30am-5:30pm Mon-**

ON THE PHONE

To be truly effective you need to ring or fax every day. The key to this is to plan ahead and always keep the ringing cards (enclosed in the newsletter) with you for when you are passing a phone box. The main telephone numbers for this issue are 141 01480 892500, 141 01480 892000, 141 01480 892100, 141 01480 892034. The fax number is 141 01480 890693. Please remember that you are ringing a concentration camp and that you are speaking to animal killers not decent people.

"I phoned a number of NatWest Directors at home to ask about their £24m loan to HLS.
None of the 5 or 6 that answered the phone wanted to discuss the matter...could it have been something to do with my timing...3-4am on Sunday morning!
Paul Myners told me that he was the WRONG Paul Myners !!!
Susan Birley informed me "It's the middle of the night."
A happy result."



Ronald won't be buying Huntingdon shares again!

The couple pictured are the Brookers. They are Mrs Amanda Jane Brooker and Dr Paul Charles Brooker they l **Personal details removed**
Personal details removed

They are a particularly nasty couple. He is Head of Industrial Toxicology and she works in Toxicology Science. They have both made a living out of killing animals for years and were recently on TV bragging how proud they are to work at HLS. These people poison animals for a living – time they got a proper job!



KEEP THEM HANGING



ON THE TELEPHONE

Whilst reading and acting on the fluorescent 'dealers in death' insert it is a good idea to understand what some of the people who invest in HLS are like. We contacted a certain Gordon Grender who has 2 million shares in HLS. We rang him and found him to be a particularly disgusting person. Amongst many quotes here are two which sum HLS shareholders up: "I like to see the poor get poorer...you know it's much more amusing eating your caviar when sombody's starving in front of you" and "I will invest in anything as long as I can make money from it." This conversation was tape-recorded. You can contact Gordon Grender on [redacted] or write him polite letters telling him what you think of his investment in animal torture at 6 **Personal details removed**

Do your bit! Keep it up! Every day make sure you call HLS, contact a major shareholder, call NatWest and put up a NatWest sticker. Keep the pressure up!

One clever campaigner rang us up and told us a way of keeping NatWest on the phone for longer. He found that when he rang any of the 0800 numbers, as soon as he mentioned Huntingdon Life Sciences, the person on the line would say something like "I believe you are trying to waste our time and money so I am terminating this phone call" and then would promptly hang up.

Our supporter then tried another tactic. He rang NatWest's mortgage line 0800 400999 and said he'd filled in a mortgage application and hadn't heard from the bank. Our supporter pretended to become more and more agitated saying "I filled in the form weeks ago and it contains confidential information." He managed to keep NatWest on the phone for a whole 13 minutes as staff tried to find his form and the supervisor was called in to investigate. Eventually at the end of the call he said "Don't worry about it, I'll get a loan from Huntingdon Life Sciences instead!"

Think up your own ideas to keep NatWest and HLS on the line. Don't forget NatWest has recently bought shares in HLS as well- it's up to all of us to make them pay for that decision. Use your imagination and keep 'em talking!

0800 200400 – General Enquires – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-6pm Sat 0800 400999 – Direct Mortgage Services – 8:30am-8pm Mon-Fri / 10am-s – 8:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri **0800 922229 – "Buy Investments without advice" – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-6pm Sat** 0800 592934 – General Info Line nall business advisers – 8am-8pm Mon-Fri / 9am-6pm Sat **0800 815000 – Order guide to insuring your business – 8am-5pm Mon-Fri** 0800 331119 – ri 0800 505050 – Customer Service Line – 8am-6pm Mon-Fri / 8am-4pm Sat

Standard disclaimer: Nothing in this newsletter is intended to encourage illegal acts.

Captured in the wild, these baboons wait to be removed and replaced by organs from Why is this medical experiment, yet to save

THE screams are what you hear first: piercing, prolonged and almost human, the screams of mothers and babies.

Somewhere inside the well-protected, hidden compound run by wildlife dealer Richard Mann on the outskirts of Nairobi, baboons abducted from their natural habitat on the wide open veld are railing against their capture, some battering their heads against the bars of tiny cages.

Yet if they knew the full terrors awaiting some of their number, they would scream even louder. They are to be flown to Britain, then transported in secrecy to a medical laboratory near Cambridge, where their organs will be surgically removed and replaced with those of pigs. Some will have pig organs attached to the outside of their bodies.

Then they will die – their sad lives sacrificed on the altar of medical progress, to further a technique which could be applied to humans only if the considerable technical problems and the natural revulsion of the public can be overcome.

A Mail on Sunday investigation today reveals the details of an extraordinary research programme which many people will find repellent – and which is supported by a supply chain built on cruelty and illegal operations, yet is shrouded in secrecy under British law.

Richard Mann, 56, is a Briton who took over his Nairobi-based wildlife trading business, called Mann and Miller, from his father more than 15 years ago. The baboons he trades are captured hundreds of miles away, and are sold for medical experimentation for around £300 each.

For the past two years at least, Mann has found a lucrative market in Britain, selling to a company engaged in research into 'xeno-transplantation' – the replacing of human organs with organs from other species.

Last year Imutran, a Cambridge research company, sent a specially chartered aircraft carrying a vet and several scientists to Nairobi to select 28 of Mann's baboons for their work. In 1998 they bought 40 baboons. Imutran pays Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), based near Cambridge, to look after the baboons until they are needed for experiments, which are carried out at HLS.

The experiments are aimed at making it safe for hearts, kidneys and livers from pigs to be transplanted into humans, without the massive rejection which would naturally take place. Some doctors hope that pig organs could then ease the acute shortage of human organs available for transplant, particularly hearts. Imutran, began by British heart surgeon Dr John Wallwork, but now owned by Swiss conglomerate Novartis, aims to capitalise on a potentially lucrative trade.

'A pig's heart is grafted onto a baboon's neck'

The pigs used are 'transgenic' – they have been transmuted by a human gene inserted before fertilisation – which should reduce the chances of rejection. Yet in Britain, transplanting pig organs into humans is effectively banned. The last time it was tried, in Poland, the recipient of a pig heart died after one day, so the baboons, genetically similar to humans, are used for trials instead.

Details of Imutran's experiments are scarce. But in 1998 their scientists reported that of ten baboons whose hearts had been replaced with transgenic pigs' hearts, five died within 18 hours, four survived for four-to-five days and one was killed after nine days, though its new heart was still functioning.

Another reported experiment involved transplanting pigs' hearts into monkeys' abdomens. Some died within three hours, while others had to be killed after developing severe 'gastro-intestinal toxicity'.

Last October, only five months after the last shipment of baboons to Imutran, the company revealed that scientists had kept a baboon alive for up to 40 days with a pig heart, the longest period yet.

Sarah Kite, of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, said: 'The experiments themselves are most severe. Sometimes pig organs are grafted on the outside – so you can have a heart on the side of the baboon's neck.'

In Britain the details of the baboons' sorry lives are protected by law; in Africa they are obscured by incompetence. Here the movements of the animals and what happens to them are protected under Section 24 of the 1986 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, which makes disclosure of such information an offence.

Norman Baker, the Lib-Dem spokesman on animal issues, has been leading the fight in Parliament against xeno-transplantation, presenting Tony Blair with a petition calling for a ban and repeatedly asking questions in the Commons.

The Lewes MP said: 'The problem is that the Government has been hiding behind Section 24, refusing to reveal the full story. The public must find out what is going on.'

Official records kept at Nairobi airport's animal holding centre, which is supposed to maintain a strict watch on live exports, fail even to mention the 28 baboons which, by Mann's own admission, were imported to Britain by Imutran last year. This figure was confirmed by the Home Office.

Against one entry for Mann for 300 baboons exported eight months ago is written: 'No destination'. Yet the address of the research institute they are destined for must by law be written on the side of each cage.

Mann is well known to local animal welfare groups, who have tried to close down the operation he runs from behind an 8ft fence down an isolated dirt track. A year ago two official inspections were carried out on his premises after American researchers complained that many of the baboons they were receiving from him were in such poor condition that they had to be put down immediately.

One of the inspectors, Paula Kahumbu of the Kenya Wildlife Service, was appalled by what she found: 'I saw a lot of baboons with wounds which would have been caused either because they were not captured humanely, or because they deliberately bashed their heads on the sides of the cages out of frustration,' she said. 'They were baking in the sun with no proper shade, there was virtually no water or food, they looked dehydrated and were all terrified.

'Baboons are very sociable animals but they had been held for three months, separated in these cages. I was disgusted and I compiled a report recommending that Mann should not be issued with another permit.'

Jean Gilchrist, Director of Animal Welfare at the Kenya Society for the

Mail on Sunday Investigation



Adam Luck



Chris Logan

All these poor pigs have died in vain

I still feel sorry for the 10,000 pigs who have lost their lives in the research programme to produce spare organs for transplantation into humans.

They have died in vain because, despite all the hype, there is not the slightest chance that genetically modified pig organs will ever be a viable option. No one would risk the hazard of being transplanted with an organ from another species when human kidney transplants are so successful.

We also owe the pig as a species particular respect because, by some peculiar quirk, in many ways it resembles us more closely than our cousin the ape. Its circulatory system, the shape of its heart and the configuration of valves and kidneys are all apparently remarkably humanoid.

I am also told that pigs are very intelligent, with complex emotional lives, so I would imagine they are unhappy about being experimented on.

Doctor's Diary

The newspaper article on the right speaks for itself. It is yet another exposé and brings HLS's inevitable fate just one step nearer.

Below is a recent conversation between SHAC and Mr Hooper who works for HLS's Marketing Department.

Q: "Is all your research necessary?"

A: "Oh absolutely."

Q: "Are all your suppliers reputable?"

A: "Yes, They come from designated breeder where you can guarantee animals are fit and healthy."

The Mail on Sunday article proves that both these statements, like everything else that HLS's Marketing Department say, are complete lies.

YET AGAIN HLS ARE EX

be flown to Britain, where their hearts will genetically modified pigs. Then they will die. a single human life, kept secret by law?



SHAMEFUL CONFINEMENT: A female baboon and her infant cower in one of the cramped cages maintained by Richard Mann, inset with his wife Sally

Protection and Care of Animals, and a Briton who has lived in Africa for nearly 30 years, also called at the time for Mann's operation to be closed down. She sent her report to then KWS Director Dr Richard Leakey. The world-renowned conservationist replied, saying Mann had promised to 'make necessary improvements shortly'.

'I will monitor the situation and keep you informed,' wrote Leakey, who later left the KWS and is now based in the Kenyan President's office as an advisor.

Yet despite those damning reports, Mann has continued to trade. Last week, at the request of The Mail on Sunday, Jean Gilchrist revisited Mann's premises and was deeply shocked at what she found.

She said: 'Under a scorching sun, more than 100 baboons were confined, each in a tiny 4ft-by-3ft tin-roofed cage with a wire floor. Each had a small container of water and the remains of a few corn cobs lying on the floor. One adult female had a gash above her right eye.'

Most distressing of all, she saw a mother with her baby, just a few weeks old, cowering in the corner of a wood-and-metal cage, seemingly terrified at the approach of human footsteps. It is illegal in Kenya to capture pregnant females or mothers and babies.

Some fully grown adults, with barely room to stand, tried pathetically to stretch their limbs by clawing at the wire walls of their cramped prisons. Others simply pushed themselves to the back of the cage as if trying to hide from the gaze of Mann's helpers.

Jean Gilchrist was appalled. 'Virtually nothing has changed,' she said. 'The screams of these baboons are a sign of the stress they are suffering. To have mothers with very young babies especially, is not only illegal, but thoroughly sickening.'

The only other organisation allowed to export live baboons directly from Kenya is the state-run Institute for Primate Research.

Its director, Jason Mwenda, was scathing about Mann. 'We have never taken baboons from him. I have seen his facilities; they fall far short of international standards for keeping animals. For Mann, the main factor is money, not science.'

After threatening The Mail on Sunday with legal action, a spokesman for HLS finally agreed that they had received baboons from Mann. 'We agree the conditions were awful,' he said, 'and we went to enormous lengths to provide improved conditions. We designed bigger and better cages for groups of baboons rather than keeping them in single cages.

'We would like to point out that the source, transport and use of these animals was approved by the applicable regulatory authorities, including the Home Office. Our qualified staff went out there and only those animals who had come from our purpose-built cages were brought back. We disapprove entirely of single-house cages.

'We have no control of the facilities in Kenya after our animals are transported, nor have we had anything to do with this company since they were transported.'

Imutran were less forthcoming. They refused to comment on their relationship with Mr Mann or the supply of baboons from Africa.

A spokeswoman said: 'The pictures you have are not of Imutran animals. Imutran animals are kept in completely different conditions.' The company cited 'the safety of the people who work at these centres' as the reason for their silence.

Mann is believed to have made a vast amount of money from his vile trade during the past 15 to 20 years by exporting thousands of baboons.

'He made £200,000 in one year alone'

Some go to shadowy 'research institutes' in Belgrade and Moscow – where no proper controls for their welfare are applied.

The Kenya Primate Conservation Group said they were told that Mann had made more than £200,000 in one year alone.

Mann himself refused to reveal how much money he makes, saying it was 'classified'. But he admitted that catching female baboons and their babies was illegal. He claimed he had bought them from his trappers to save them from certain death, and planned to return them to the wild.

'I have a totally clear conscience about what I do,' he said. 'The animal activists in Britain are the lowest of the low. Thanks to them most of the commercial airlines won't carry my baboons so my clients have to charter planes.

'People may say my cages are too small, but if you put baboons in bigger cages they will just hurt themselves more. Baboons are vermin in Kenya and there are far too many of them. I only export to genuine research institutes.'

Mann denied his business had brought him wealth. 'I live in a rented house and I drive a 25-year-old Mercedes,' he said. 'I have managed to put my two children through school but talk of making a fortune is ridiculous.'

And he justified his activities in the name of medical science.

'I contracted polio when I was three. The vaccines developed from tests on monkeys mean that could never have happened to me these days. I am happy that what I do makes it possible for scientists to carry out some wonderful medical research.'

Asked why he had failed to make substantial improvements to the conditions in which the baboons were held on his premises, he replied: 'Rome wasn't built in a day.'

Bad news for the baboons, who can only wait – and scream.

Additional reporting by THOMAS PENNY Pictures ANDREW BROWN

POSED FOR CRUELTY!

Are you watching, Royal Bank of Scotland?



The campaign against the NatWest Bank is now really gathering pace and we know for a fact that it is beginning to bite. The campaign telephone is red hot every day with NatWest customers wanting information or simply informing us that they have closed their accounts in disgust. Many of the enquiries are from people who have held NatWest accounts for years and some holding large amounts of money in their accounts. One businessman in particular who rang the campaign had just closed his four NatWest business accounts holding a total £1.5 million!

On the last NatWest National Day of Action held on the 26th February hundreds, yes hundreds, of NatWest demos were held across the country from Scotland to Cornwall and from Wales to Kent. Many groups now hold NatWest demos every week. Please don't forget that just one person standing outside a NatWest Bank with a placard handing out leaflets is an effective NatWest demo. The key is to make sure that the demos are happening all over the place all of the time.

The campaign has printed 850,000 NatWest leaflets so far and within the next four weeks that will rise to over one million leaflets printed and distributed in just four months. The results are there for everyone to see with thousands of NatWest accounts closed. It is interesting to note that out of all of the NatWest Freephone numbers the two that have been cut off are 0800 004400 which was on the last batch of NatWest leaflets. The other number is 0800 400 005 which is one of the numbers on the NatWest TV advert. This number was removed because, as one NatWest operator said, "We've had loads of hoax calls."

NatWest demos are an excellent way of removing the financial pillars that hold up Huntingdon Life Sciences.

So please organise yourselves for the next NatWest Day of Action (but please do other dates as well) on Saturday 25th March. Phone or write to us for leaflets and posters and get NatWestin'!



Protesters close bank

A CITY centre bank closed early after being invaded by animal rights protesters.

The main branch of the Nat West bank in Park Row, Leeds, was targeted by protesters demanding the closure of a company in Huntingdon which is involved in animal experimentation.

The protesters say Nat West allowed Huntingdon Life Sciences a £24m overdraft.

Around 20 protesters from SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) invaded the bank with loud speakers. The bank, which is usually open from 9.30am-1.30pm on Saturdays, closed at 10am when police were called.

"The bank asked us to go down because they were inside the premises," said a spokesman for West Yorkshire police.

"We went and we asked them to leave, they left the premises and continued their protest outside. There were no arrests but the bank decided to close," said the spokesman.



● CLOSURE DEMAND: Animal rights protesters outside the Nat West Bank in Park Row, Leeds.

SHAC spokesman Simon Blakemore said: "We are giving the public information about ethical policies.

A spokesman for Nat West said: "Huntingdon Life Sciences is a legitimate business customer of Nat West."

One member of staff at the NatWest Bank in Sutton said the company's intranet had a page for staff comments and there were literally hundreds of complaints about the bank's involvement with HLS!

Telephone NatWest for free on the telephone numbers on pages 4 & 5. Tell them what you think of their investment in animal torture.

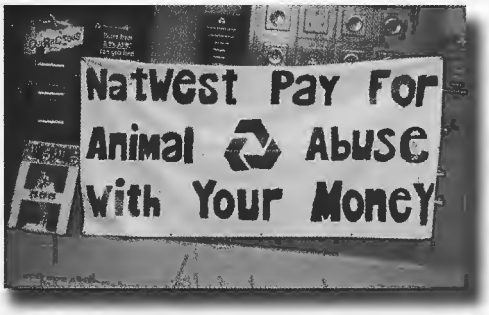
NatWest Bank Closed 3 Times... ...In 8 Days

News from the North West

Activists from Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds have succeeded in closing down branches of the NatWest on no less than three occasions in one week. What a record!



On Saturday 19th February a demonstration was held outside the Manchester city centre branch of NatWest. Local activists have been experiencing problems recently with the local police and council 'rangers' who object to the use of the megaphone which is always highly effective in getting the message across. It was therefore decided that somebody climb on to the roof of the shop opposite and direct the megaphone at the bank opposite from there. This they did, and using a Dictaphone (£9.99 from Dixons) played the audio tape of workers inside HLS beating up beagles in the laboratory. This was directed straight in to the bank and was deafening. Bank staff and customers alike were left in no doubt as to the reality of what goes on inside HLS. The manager was on the phone straight away and some kind of animated discussion appeared to take place for the next half an hour or so. The police arrived but were powerless to intervene. Within half an hour of activists arriving the bank was closed – and remained so for the rest of the day!



On Wednesday 23rd February, animal rights activists were in Southport to demonstrate against the Waterloo Cup. It was decided to hold an impromptu occupation of the NatWest bank. At about 3pm around fifty activists entered the bank and distributed leaflets to staff and customers, while someone explained to them on the megaphone why the occupation was taking place. Somehow during the course of the demo hundreds of NatWest customer service leaflets managed to get themselves scattered all over the bank and were replaced on the shelves by anti -NatWest leaflets! At the same time NatWest stickers began appearing all over the bank, on the windows, the cash machines, everywhere!



The police soon arrived and protestors were eventually removed from the bank. A large crowd remained outside the bank, however, and the bank duly closed its doors for the remainder of the day.

On Saturday 26th February, around twenty-five activists from Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and York converged on NatWest's Park Row branch in Leeds city centre. Although there was no handily-placed roof to climb up onto this time, it was another highly successful day. Activists entered the bank at around 10am and did their usual thing. Unusual phenomena were again encountered, with literally hundreds of NatWest stickers again appearing on the cash machines, the windows, even on computer monitors! Some of the customers must have been angry when they found out about the Natwest's investment with HLS, because in no time at all, the NatWest's leaflets had been strewn all over the bank! The police took about half an hour to arrive, and the demonstration continued outside the bank. The bank closed its doors and remained closed for the rest of the day, losing three hours of business (starting to sound familiar?). Two large banners were held up outside the bank, and again NatWest stickers soon appeared all over the bank. Some stickers were so high up that someone must have used a ladder to put them there! The cash machines were completely covered with stickers, which seemed to keep re-appearing even after customers had managed to peel them off. There was plenty of media interest this time with reporters from the Yorkshire Post and Evening Post in attendance, and even a film crew from Leeds University! We are now holding demos at different NatWest banks every Saturday. We believe the main way to put pressure on the NatWest is for groups from different areas to team together in a different place every week. Please try to come along to as many demos as you can. The more NatWests we manage to close, the closer they will come to pulling out of HLS and the closer we are to closing HLS down. Maybe the NatWest haven't made a decision about HLS yet - let's make it for them!

Do you know of any NatWest banks where you can climb on to a roof opposite, and from where the HLS tape can be played? Please let the campaign know, as this is the best way of informing people of the horrors of vivisection. SHAC have copies of the tape available.

The report above describes action against NatWest in the North West and this is typical of actions all around the country.

Have you demo'd a Director?

North West activists have been taking it upon themselves to pay regular visits to the palatial home of NatWest bank director Richard Evans (Sir Dick to his friends). On one occasion (Sunday 20th February) around twenty activists just happened to be passing by his house and thought they'd drop in to say hello. Curiously, although no-one would answer the door, security guards from Group 4 were present on the scene within ten



minutes. No attempt was made to remove activists however, who duly made themselves at home. Some surrounded the house, peering in through the windows, while others enjoyed a game of football on the lawn. Police arrived in force, but again made no attempt to remove people. Banners were held on display outside the house, including one which read 'Sir Dick – Head of NatWest Funds Animal Cruelty' – we think the neighbours got the picture! These Sunday demos have been so successful that we've now made them a permanent fortnightly event. So if you're free on a Sunday and fancy a game of football, then give the campaign a ring. There's a fair spread of directors around the country. So get out there and demo a director!





-List of Directors-

The list below contains the names and addresses of all the Directors of NatWest. To let them know what you think of them investing in animal torture why not ring them, write to them or better still hold a demo like the one described above?

Martin (Gibbeson) Taylor CBE MA, Personal details removed

Sir Charles (David) Powell KCMG, Personal details removed

Pendarell 'Pen' (Hugh) Kent CBE, Personal details removed

Anthony (John) Habgood, Personal details removed

Richard Delbridge MBA FCA, Personal details removed

Sir Michael (Richardson) Angus, Personal details removed

Ronald (Arnon) Sandler, 5 Personal details removed

Sir (John) David Rowland, Personal details removed

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Paul Myners, Personal details removed

Bernard (Philip) Hor Personal details removed

(Hamish) Martin (Vincent) Gray Personal details removed

James Blyth (Lord Blyth of Rowington), Personal details removed

ALL-NIGHT VIGILS



On Friday 28th January we held the second national all-night vigil at HLS. About 50-60 people turned up wrapped up warm and prepared themselves to see the workers in at between 7am-8am in the morning. Seeing the workers in is the most important part of the all-night vigils. Remember the workers you see on a Saturday / Sunday morning are the hands-on animal abusers. They're very often local youths and thugs who can't get a job anywhere else. They're not the most intelligent people in Cambridgeshire. HLS have to employ extra security guards on an all-night vigil and it all costs money they can't afford. There's always hot soup, bread and tea and coffee on the vigils all provided for a donation by Pat and Sue. Those refreshments make all the difference.
A heartening sight on that Friday night was the sight of a security guard losing his temper with the police and yelling at them through the fence. He had to be dragged away by other security guards (amazingly this was repeated on the next all-night vigil).

When the workers started to arrive in the morning it was our opportunity to get all that anger and frustration out of our systems and tell them what we thought of them.
We spread out down the lane each one of us accompanied by a police officer so that doubled our numbers!
Many workers had to stop their cars in the confusion and it can't have been a pleasant drive into work. (Inside information tells us that staff morale is very low). Several workers had a visit that night as well.
Another excellent all-night vigil was held on Saturday 19th February. We got a roaring fire going and Pat and Sue turned up with the refreshments again. We had the sound system set up and we played tapes all night. Again when the workers turned up they were left in no doubt that feelings are running high against them. We have to keep the pressure up and all-night vigils are a very important part of that.

Saturday 4th March was the next all-night vigil and it was a busy night with people going round the inside fence climbing over razor wire and fording streams to keep the security guards and police on their toes!
When the workers went into HLS in the morning a really loud, angry demo ensured that the animal poisoners know just how determined we are to close down HLS once and for all. It is a fact that if there were 100 people at HLS every morning from 7am, the staff could not get in to work and HLS would be forced to close down - SIMPLE AS THAT!

Dear SHAC,
Please find attached £20.00. Whilst in Cambridge on last Saturday's National (great day!) a lady of about 50 came up to me and gave me the money and asked me to put it to the funds. She was in tears, having been in to NatWest after seeing and reading about their involvement in HLS and told the bank that she and her family would be removing their accounts from NatWest after 25 years.
Who says the public don't care?

The letter on the left was received by the campaign along with many other letters of support and generous donations. It is clear that the locals are disgusted by the animal killers on their doorstep and want HLS closed down as much as we do.

Getting to you, is it?



HLS have now put up a 7 foot wooden fence around the whole site, as well as rolls and rolls of razor wire (as pictured).This we presume is to stop us talking to and looking at the animal abusers in the car parks and offices. They obviously don't like being confronted with the truth. Anybody would think we were getting to them!

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Animal rights protest deters City backers

AN ANTI-VIVISECTION campaign of intimidation against the backers of a controversial animal testing company has caused panic in the City, writes Paul Griffin.

Fund manager Phillips and Drew sold its 11 per cent stake in Huntingdon Life Services last week after death threats. Staff at NatWest, which has lent Huntingdon money, have been harassed, though it says it will still back the laboratory, whose value has shrunk from £335 million in 1990 to £23 million last week.

"The stock trades at a massive discount. Nobody wants to be seen buying it," a City source told today's Times.

In late January we were approached by a friendly contact in the city of London who mailed us a list of major shareholders in HLS. This list contained the major fund managers and also included was a list of their beneficiaries. These are the people whose money the fund managers invest.

One fund manager of note was Phil Drew Nominees (Philips and Drew) who are a massive fund manager. On their list was a whole host of interesting parties the most noticeable being the Labour Party Pension Fund. This was a staggering discovery. The people responsible for inspecting Huntingdon Life Sciences owned shares in them. So much for impartiality! As if that wasn't enough they bought a further 55,000 shares in HLS **after** 'Countryside Undercover' was shown! No wonder HLS's licence wasn't revoked.

We quickly press-released and hey presto! within a week it was in all the national press. This resulted in the Labour Party and the union USDAW selling their shares in HLS amid much embarrassment.

Next the campaign organised a series of demos around the country for Friday 4th February outside Rover Cars in Birmingham (8,492,000 shares), Coats Viyella (4,597,000 Shares), London Borough of Camden Council (1,545,000), West Sussex County Council (1,095,000), London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (748,000) and finally Wolverhampton Borough Council (290,000).

The press interest was huge and with the spotlight firmly on them, these shareholders began to crumble. Immediately West Sussex Council press-released saying they would dispose of their shares in HLS within 7 days, so we hastily moved the Sussex demo to Caffyn's Car Dealership, who also own shares in HLS. Within one hour of Caffyn's being informed that there would be demo outside their large car showroom in Brighton, they phoned the campaign to say they had just told Philips and Drew to sell all their HLS shares immediately!

The protesters from Shoreham, not to be deterred, held a NatWest demo instead.

The other demos went ahead with excellent newspaper, TV



Rover and out, out, out: Demonstrators outside Rover in Longbridge are angry at Rover's shares in a vivisection company.
Picture/KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH

Protests end Rover vivisection links

Rover's pension fund is to dispose of millions of shares in a vivisection laboratory after protests from animal rights activists.

Campaigners staged a demonstration outside the company's Longbridge plant in Birmingham yesterday and gave it a two-week deadline to get rid of its remaining shares in Huntingdon Life Sciences.

Rover has already sold ten per cent of its holding, believed to total around eight million shares, in Europe's biggest animal tests laboratory and pledged to sell the rest as soon as it can.

But the 'Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty Group' said the shares should be sold immediately and accused Rover of profiting from animal cruelty.

And it promised more protests outside Rover showrooms across the country unless the company met the two-week deadline.

Natasha Taylor, one of the protesters, said: "As far as we are concerned Rover are saying they are not prepared to distance themselves from animal abuse until the price is right.

"Surely the only ethical option is to get rid of these shares immediately and say they are not prepared to profit from animal abuse.

"Huntingdon is a doomed company and we don't think the share price will go up because of the negative publicity."

A spokesman for Rover said: "The pension fund has already divested itself of ten per cent of the holding and are seeking to divest the rest. But it is not something that can be done overnight.

"If the trustees did they would be liable because it would affect the price of the shares.

"If the pension fund is damaged they could be accused of mismanagement.

"The policy decision to sell the shares has been taken and I do not think we can do any more."

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Row over Labour's link to animal lab

A CONTROVERSIAL animal-testing laboratory was today at the centre of a political row after Labour party officials admitted the party had investments in the research centre.

Party officials have admitted that the Labour Party's staff pension fund has investments in Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), which carries out vivisection experiments.

The centre, near Huntingdon, is a frequent target of animal rights protesters.

A Labour Party spokeswoman confirmed the fund had 75,000 shares in HLS, but stressed the party was not in control of the fund's day-to-day management. She said its trustees had been asked to look into the possibility of restricting investments to "socially responsible" companies.

Animal rights campaigners today said the Labour party should be "ashamed" to be associated with the centre. Heather James, spokesperson for the campaign group Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, said today: "Labour has been found out. We just think it is disgusting."

North West Cambridgeshire MP Sir Brian Mawhinney said it was up to Labour where it invested money, but said Labour should not be seen to be supporting HLS if it was against testing on animals.

City MP Helen Brinton, who has constituents among the 1,000 HLS workers, said the party was addressing the issue, but refused to comment further. However, former Sports Minister Tony Banks today said the party must get rid of the shares.

"What is interesting about the Huntingdon investment is that it is not only socially unacceptable, but it is financially not very clever," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

He added that Labour "could do itself a favour and get out of Huntingdon Life Sciences quickly".

No one from HLS was available for comment.

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SHAREHOLDERS

and radio coverage. On the Friday, Rover gave a commitment to sell their shares and on the following Monday Hammersmith Council faxed the campaign saying that they too would sell their shares. Behind the scenes our 'naming and shaming' policy had obviously hit home and how!

Just after 9am the following day (8th Feb) Phillips and Drew put their 31 million HLS shares on the Stock Exchange for just 1p each. This was only 2 days into the campaign phone blockade of Phillips and Drew. The impact was sudden and dramatic with large numbers of shareholders panicking. The day finished off with the value of HLS down to £15 million which is staggering when you consider that in 1990 they were valued at £330 million. The impact of this is something HLS have still not recovered from and as we go to press their share price fluctuates between 5.5 and 8.5p.

The share price is an indication of the confidence the financial markets have in a company and the share price is the most commonly-used benchmark in valuing a company. So it goes without saying that the wider financial community sees HLS as a very sick company with very little future. Simply put, the shareholders are the life-blood of a company and their importance cannot be overstated. Don't forget that money talks.

The campaign has now obtained the bang up to-date list of shareholders which we can supply to you on a county by county basis with accompanying full colour posters. Targetting the shareholders in your area is one of the singly most important things you can do to help the animals inside HLS. Also please read and take in the fluorescent 'Dealers in Death' newsletter insert. It is very important that the people on this list are targetted in a big way. We are the animals' voice and we will be heard.



Animal rights protesters demonstrate at town hall

Council to cut link with research lab

Huntingdon is hit by fund's sell-off at 1p

By CLIFF FELTHAM

SHARES in Huntingdon Life Sciences, the research laboratory which was under siege from animal rights activists, halved after a major institution dumped its entire holding at 1p.

The fund – thought to be Phillips & Drew – sold 31m shares or 10.6pc at well below the prevailing 10p market price. That sent the shares crashing from 10¼p to 5½p.

The stake was picked up by market maker Winterflood Securities for £310,000 and swiftly sold to other institutions for around 4p. P&D said it did not comment on market rumours. HLS shares touched 113p in 1997, valuing it at £330m, but collapsed after a TV documentary showing staff hitting dogs used in experiments.

It later came close to calling in receivers but was saved by a £20m cash injection.

P&D manages the Labour Party Superannuation Fund, recently shown to own 75,000 HLS shares.

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Animal rights protesters make their point outside Hammersmith Town Hall last Friday

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and Drew with a new pension fund manager, Goldman Sachs.

Shac spokeswoman Natasha Taylor said: "We're very pleased that investors are pulling out of HLS. They're in a serious financial mess. We'll carry on campaigning until HLS closes down.

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allegations, but there are huge elements of misinformation.

"A dog was slapped and that should never have occurred. There was an investigation and all of the issues have been addressed." The spokesman also said campaign mater

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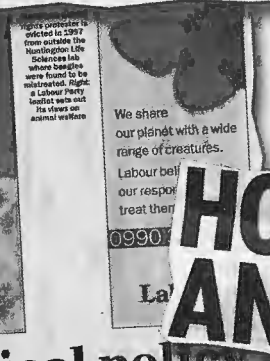
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said: "We are delighted at the news and hope that more investors follow suit.

"The public is growing increasingly concerned about ethical issues and fund managers should be more open about where they invest our money."

An HLS spokesman said: "It is wrong for people to withdraw support from a company like HLS when over 60 per cent of our work is in developing new medicines."





Rights protester is evicted in 1997 from outside the Huntingdon Life Sciences lab where beagles were found to be mistreated. Right: a Labour Party leaflet sets out its views on animal welfare

Revealed: how Labour funds vivisection

Blair accused of hypocrisy over party ndemned animal test firm



Testing: a beagle on a toxicity experiment at HLS in which the Labour pension fund invests

HOUNDED BY ANIMAL LIB

Research firm shares dive to just a penny

SHARES of HUNTINGDON LIFE SCIENCES, the research group which has been targeted by anti-vivisection campaigners, lost almost half their value yesterday.

Investors headed for the exit and shares crashed 5p to 3.75 – after plunging to a penny at one stage.

That was the price a major investor was rumoured to have taken for an entire holding.

Big investors in Huntingdon include American fund managers FMR, Stephens Group and Quilcap.

The biggest UK shareholder is fund manager Phillips & Drew.

Target

P&D recently sold 75,000 Huntingdon shares on behalf of the Labour Party's superannuation fund – but still holds another 34.16million shares in the company.

It emerged last night that U.S. fund manager Trimark has just bought another 5.3million shares in Huntingdon.

The company carries out contract research for the drugs, agrochemicals and biotechnology industries. It has offices in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and New Jersey in America. Recently it has emerged as the main target for animal rights groups opposed to vivisection.

Several parts of the City were evacuated in a security alert last Friday after the authorities received a warning that fund managers owning the shares may be targeted by extremists.

Huntingdon said last night that less than half of its work involved testing on animals.

The company issued a statement after the market closed, insisting it knew of no reason for the falling share prices.

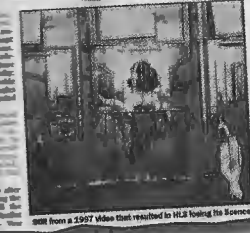
Spokesman Richard Michaelson said: "There was a substantial block of shares sold this morning.

"But the share price is not a function of the company's wellbeing."

Labour's ethical policy

runs counter to election welfare pledges'

gest contract animal experiment laboratory. Jo Knowsley visits the lle at the centre of the row over Labour's pension fund investments



Still from a 1997 video that resulted in HLS losing its licence

Life for Animals, which included promises to establish "the highest possible welfare in the laboratory". The leaflet went on to say that the party would support a Royal Commission to review the effectiveness and justification for animal experiments and to examine alternatives. It also boasted that Labour had led the call to end the use of wild-caught primates in UK laboratories. Huntingdon is the only UK centre still to use them.

In July last year 100 MPs, including Ken Livingstone, a Labour candidate for London mayor, and Helen Brinton, the Labour MP for Peterborough, signed an early day motion to call for a Royal Commission into vivisection.

At the time, Mrs Brinton said: "One of the reasons we won so many seats was because of our pledges on animal welfare. If we keep those promises not only will we consolidate those seats but we'll gain more." Last night she refused to comment.

But Ronnie Campbell, MP for Blyth Valley, in Northumberland, who has also campaigned against vivisection, was more outspoken. He said: "I know that the fund managers, not the party, are in control of investments and that they are obliged to seek a good return. I am prepared to accept that the Government did not know about these investments. But now that the Government is aware of this I would expect them to pull the money out of Huntingdon."

Last year the Government announced new rules for occupational pension schemes which required those who held them to state their policies on social, environmental and ethical investment. Labour supporters took it as an indication that the Government intended to discourage investment in firms that damage the environment or conflict with community interests.

But the party spokesman said the pension fund's investment in HLS did not contravene any fund policy as its ethics. Formally, this forbids investment only in "newly privatised utility companies" though it is under review.

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METABOLISM AND TOXICOLOGY– *The Truth!*

HLS claims animals are well cared for and suffering is minor. Claims like these become hard to believe when we look into the main part of their work – toxicology.

Toxicology is the assessment of how poisonous a substance is. In other words HLS are seeing how much damage it does to a living animal and what the chance is of it killing them. Their intention from the outset of the experiment is to do damage. To do this the drug, chemical or product is often forced into the stomach of the animal. Rats and mice may have syringes pushing the substance down their throats straight into their stomach, and SHAC has footage of a beagle pup in panic as the typical dosing method is used on him and a rubber tube is forced down his throat.

Aside from these brutal methods, experiments like these are painful. The test products are poison. The intention is to assess how much damage they do. Products can include weedkillers and cleaning products – in large doses which cause vomiting, ulceration, fits and countless other effects. Many effects pass



Trapped and tortured - the reality of vivisection

unknown because they're not detected. The animals can't explain that they've got blurred vision, aching limbs, headaches, hallucinations, stomach cramps and so on. Often animals will die from the effects, which will generally be a painful death as the poison slowly kills them.

The cruelty of force-feeding animals with weedkillers is obvious, but HLS also tests pharmaceutical products on animals. With these less obvious poisonous substances, the effect is similar. Because lab tests are done over a few months at most, while in reality humans will be exposed over several years, experimenters try to make up for this by giving much higher doses. These massive doses are irrelevant to human experience and almost guaranteed to cause suffering in the animals due to their unnaturally high doses.



Monkey in sealed metabolism cage - Science or Sadism?

To examine what the test substance has done to an animal, HLS will often look at the faeces and urine of animals. To do this they will put the animals in a metabolism cage which will isolate the animals from the others, and anything which could contaminate the excreta, like bedding. Food and water are supposed to be measured exactly, so it can be compared with faeces and urine.

Metabolism cages are a cause of great stress to an animal. They leave them alone, without bedding, and often hardly able to move at all. Monkeys may be strapped in a sitting position where they can hardly move positions. Because the experiments must go on for hours (rarely less than 24 hours) in order to see the effects of the test substance, the animals might be kept like this for long periods, maybe days. Sometimes the conditions are even more extreme. Pipes can be passed up directly into the body to collect fluids. Dogs can be suspended off the floor in slings with a tube passing into the penis to collect urine. To make the experiment "worthwhile" this will go on for hours, maybe days.

Even if the results were of any relevance to the manufacturers it would simply be unacceptable to achieve these results through such cruelty. But results like these are worthless.

The main effect of metabolism cages and restraints is stress. Animals will be terrified, isolated, insecure and in pain. In many species the first effect of these emotions is on the digestive systems. Most people accept that when a cornered animal defecates it is through fear, yet the vivisectors are trying to study something governed by the digestive system using methods guaranteed to change it radically.

An essential problem the animal experimenters ignore is that most chemicals are excreted from the body by bile. Rats and dogs excrete chemicals using their bile more effectively than most other animals, but all animals vary.

Add to this the problem that results vary between animals of the same species but of different sexes. For example, the anaesthetic chloroform damages the kidneys of male mice but not female mice. The rate of excreting chemicals through the bile varies in many species between male and female. In rat experiments with tartrazine, males were found to have half as much in their bile and twice as much in their urine as females.

The biggest problem of all is the differences between species. The ex-Scientific Executive of HLS, Ralph Heywood, said adverse reactions in animals correctly predicted those in humans in about 5%-25% of cases – and were therefore wrong at least three quarters of the time. Some differences are clear to the experimenters. For example the rat, used by the thousand at HLS, is unable to vomit, which is exactly what humans do when we eat a poison. Human saliva is more acid. Rats also produce a bile acid (murichloric acid) never seen in humans. Humans store bile in the gall bladder – but rats don't even have one!

The more the subject is examined, the more marked the differences are between different animals used in laboratories, and the sheer hopelessness of using it for humans becomes obvious.

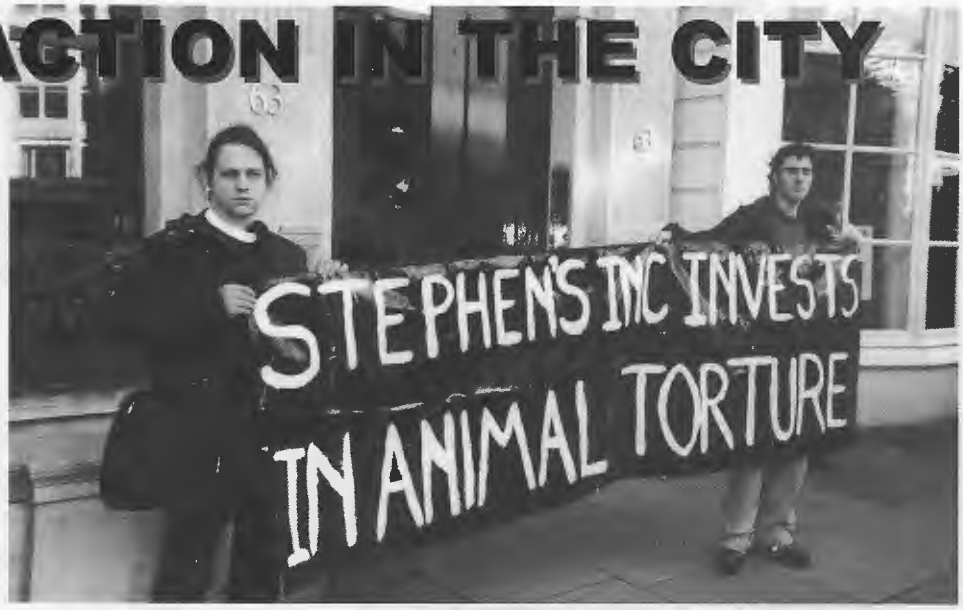
Toxicologist Roy Goulding wrote in the New Scientist that toxicology "...relies rather more on faith than reason." In other words, subjected to any questioning, it disintegrates. But for the animals in HLS, the reality is a life of confinement, frustration, fear, excruciating pain and death. In tiny cages, unable to exercise, explore or live without fear, all they have to look forward to is torture and death. The only way to end this gruesome abuse is to do all you can to finish HLS once and for all. Suggestions in this magazine of things that can be done will remain just words without you, but with your help they can be the tools with which the animals at HLS may reach the miracle of freedom.

by
Cris Iles



Dog suspended in cruel, invasive metabolism experiment

DAY OF ACTION IN THE CITY



It was a glorious sunny day when 60 people turned up to demonstrate against shareholders in HLS. The targets for the day were Bank of New York nominees – 30 Cannon Street, London EC4M who hold 41 million shares and Stephens Inc – 63 St James's Street SW1A who hold 36 million shares.

We marched from our meeting point at Liverpool Street Station with a large police escort to our first port of call BNY nominees. Security was lax to say the least and about 6 smartly-dressed activists gained access to BNY offices. Three of the staff were particularly abusive to the peaceful protesters. BNY employee Linda Read said "I couldn't care less about the animals at HLS or what happens to them so why don't you f**k off and die." Why not write and tell Linda what you think of her callous, selfish attitude or better still pay a visit to her office. Remember to be polite at all times.

Again there was a lot of support from passers-by, especially when they heard the tape of the HLS beagle crying and screaming which was played at full volume. After a while we all hopped on the tube to our next target – Stephens Inc. A few people went on ahead and gained entry to the building even though the police were already there (they must have been half-asleep). Two activists were caught and escorted out of the building but a third legged it up onto the roof. He could be seen waving from a ledge at the top of the building while police officers watched from a safer part of the roof. Police told us that Stephens Group offices were empty that day because they knew we were coming! That news was music to our ears. Let's see how they react the next time we demonstrate. Not only did we force them out of work for the day but we got our message across to other companies in the building who presumably won't be too happy with Stephens' involvement in vivisection.

Thank you to all of you who came to the city demo. Remember shareholders may not kill the animals at HLS themselves but they pay for it and they are just as guilty.

Don't let them get away with it and hide away in office blocks in the City.

If you are in London why not pop in and visit them?

The campaign needs more contacts in the City with insider information. Give us a ring if you can help.



(Above): An intrepid activist is seen on the roof of 'Stephens Inc'
(Right): Everyone sees the funny side when the activist returns to the ground.



THEY SAID IT...

"We are involved with companies in testing such products." Brian Cass, Managing Director of HLS, commenting on HLS's GM food experiments. (Hunts Post)

"There's no doubt that there is potential for harm, both in terms of human safety and the diversity of our environment, from GM foods and crops." Tony Blair (The Independent on Sunday (7/02/00)

Stop this transplant madness right now

COMMENT

DURING the next year or two we are going to hear a lot more about xenotransplantation – putting animal organs into human beings.

This cruel, expensive and dangerous business is popular partly because it promises instant cures for serious diseases and partly because of the massive profits to be made.

Back in 1994, in my book Betrayal Of Trust, I warned about the hazards associated with transplanting organs taken from animals into human beings.

It is now clear my much-derided warning was justified.

Xenotransplantation places both the patient and the public at risk.

Taking organs from animals – whether or not they are specially grown for the purpose – and putting them into people means that animal viruses could be transferred into the human population.

Many diseases which now affect humans are believed to have come from animals.

Putting a pig's heart into a human doesn't just put that patient at risk: it puts every human being at risk.

Xenotransplantation is a gigantic human experiment. No-one knows what will happen if it continues.

And for what? The vast majority of patients who receive xenotransplants die quite quickly – without ever being able to live normal lives.

Am I being cynical in suggesting that the only people who will really benefit are the people selling the organs and the surgeons who perform the operations?

It will take only one xenotransplant to start an epidemic. The consequences could be horrific. Many viruses are impossible to kill.

One xenotransplant which puts a deadly virus into a human patient could kill countless millions. It could wipe us all out.

The final sick joke is that xenotransplants are unnecessary anyway.

Most of the illnesses allegedly requiring them could be prevented or cured without surgery.

Dr Vernon Coleman, The Sunday People, 6th Feb 2000

THEY SAID IT...

"The Government's position seems to be that we need a lot more testing, and that means animal testing. So where is that going to be done." Brian Cass, Managing Director, HLS

"There is no European Community of United Kingdom law which states that drug companies have to test their products on animals." Chris Wardle MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office

"Many of those who advocate animal experimentation claim that animals must be used before drugs of cosmetics can be put onto the market, and many independent commentators and anti-vivisection supporters have been taken in by these claims. The truth is that there are no laws in Britain or the European Community which require drug or cosmetic companies to perform animal experiments." Dr Vernon Coleman

BRIAN CASS-

Serial Animal Abuser

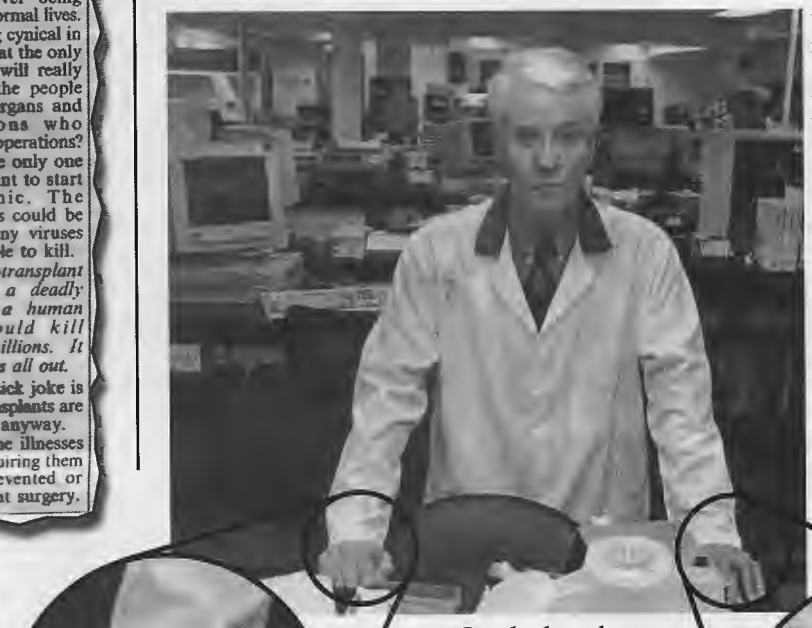


Brian Cass is HLS's current managing director. What many people don't realise is that this evil man has a long history of justifying animal torture. In 1992 Brian Cass was managing director of a laboratory then called Hazleton (now Covance) when an undercover investigator called Terry Hill got a job at Hazleton in the primate unit for 4 months. Terry described how monkeys were tied into restraining devices and forced to inhale toxic chemicals. When monkeys struggled, technicians slapped their faces and poked and teased them. One female monkey was sickeningly called 'Rape' because she screamed so much. Another monkey was killed before the end of the experiment because a technician had forced a tube down into her lungs with such violence that her throat ruptured. Brian Cass's response to this was to deny everything and say "Our staff are highly trained and motivated, and the animals are treated with care and dignity." What a disgusting lie.Terry Hill's diaries are a sickening catalogue of routine, callous animal abuse.

Cass also said that 'any form of mistreatment would be impossible to hide' from Home Office inspectors. Oh right, the same Home Office inspectors who visited HLS during Zoe Broughton's investigation and chatted to technicians about the pictures on the walls in the lab before leaving, saying "there's nothing for us here then"?

Brian Cass has been the mouthpiece for 2 UK labs where the most sickening and horrific animal abuse has been carried out by staff. His recent comment about HLS says it all: "We are not ashamed of anything we do here." So he's not ashamed of poisoning animals to death? He's not ashamed of running a lab which kills 500 animals a day and where workers have been caught out routinely abusing animals?

Just what sort of monster is he?



Just look at the demented look on Cass's face and how white his knuckles are.

NEVER MIND CASS, IT CAN ONLY GET WORSE!

If animal research is abolished, what will scientists use instead... ...humans?

This is the question most often asked whenever the abolition of vivisection is mentioned. As we are now in a new Millennium, vivisection should be consigned to the past, where it belongs. There are already much better ways of testing new drugs, cosmetics and household products and these new methods are more relevant to humans, more reliable and, therefore safer than the often misleading and contradictory animal tests. Many drugs have had to be taken off the market after causing severe side-effects when administered to humans; as in so many cases, the extensive animal tests failed to predict any significant dangers.



This is the reality of animal tested products - human deformity and death

The discovery of life-saving medicines and surgical techniques were NOT a direct result of animal experiments. It is true that somewhere along the way they were probably tested on laboratory animals but there is overwhelming evidence that the benefits for humans did not come about because of animal experiments. On the contrary, many useful drugs were delayed or discounted because of misleading results from animal tests.

BURN RESEARCH is currently being carried out in the USA without the use of animals. Human tissue from cells grown in the laboratory responds to burn injuries like actual human skin.



Horrific burn research - what does this have to do with science?

EYTEX is an 'in vitro' (non-animal) alternative to the notorious Draize Eye Test which involves dripping chemicals into the eyes of unanaesthetised rabbits. An Eytex vial contains proteins that turn cloudy in response to irritating chemicals, just as the cornea of the eye does; the Eytex test is faster and cheaper than the Draize Test and is highly accurate with a 98% predictive value.



Cruel, unscientific torture - when will their suffering end?

TOXICITY There are 68 different test-tube methods to predict toxicity of various chemicals e.g. aspirin, diazepam (valium), nicotine, malathion, lindane..... The effects are already known from Poison Control Centres so how do the non-animal tests compare with the animal tests?
On the rat Lethal Dose 50 (LD50) test, there was 59% accuracy whilst on the mouse LD50 it was 70%. The cellular (human) tests produced an average of 77% accuracy and this increased when results from three different human cell tests were combined.

HUMAN CELL TESTS are now being used to assess more complex processes e.g. how drugs pass from the digestive tract into the bloodstream, from blood to brain and to measure the toxicity of drug breakdown products. It is worth noting that animal tests for these assessments have often produced unreliable results.

PHARMAGENE is a British company and is the first to conduct new drug development and testing without animal research. Instead, human tissues and sophisticated computer technology are used with tools from molecular biology, biochemistry and analytical pharmacology, Pharmagene scientists believe that the discovery process is far more efficient using human tissues than animal tissues.

HEART RESEARCH

Using computers, scientists have built an accurate working model of a human heart that will allow researchers to test new treatments electronically before they are tried on humans. Computerised 'virtual organs' predict how drugs will be asborbed and metabolized, so drug companies can now test the effects of substances electronically before ever trying them on a person.

As Dr Werner Hartinger said, "Vivisection is barbaric, useless and a hindrance to scientific progress." The sooner it is abolished, the better.



Cat abused and killed in cardiovascular experiment.

The 'open door' suddenly shuts

HLS claim to have an 'open door' policy with guided tours for the Women's Institute and school children - hardly challenging inspectors for Europe's largest animal testing laboratory which has been exposed for vicious animal abuse no less than four times. The 'Huntingdon Death Sciences Campaign' challenged HLS to let members of the campaign inside back in 1998 and they refused, the excuse being: "We will not allow members of HDSC inside because they are of an opposing view to ours."



This is inhalation toxicology. This is one of the reasons why HLS have refused us access.

Above right is a copy of the letter we sent to HLS on 22.2.00. This letter was faxed to the media as well with a press release. HLS refused to let or anyone else inside with a video camera to see every single animal because they know that would finish the company off for good. They are not honest enough to admit that. We know it, they know it, anyone with half a brain knows it. The problem is not really *who* goes inside but the fact that this person would have a video camera and complete access. That is what they object to because their very survival depends on people not knowing the truth. For goodness sake, 'Countryside Undercover' – 'It's a dog's life' nearly finished them off and they're still feeling the shock waves from that programme and that was a tiny fraction of the horrors that happen every day at HLS.

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty

PO Box 381, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 1YN

To Andrew Gay,

This is a formal request for access to inspect the animals held at Huntingdon Life Sciences. We need to see every single animal.
There follows a list of conditions needed in order to complete a thorough inspection of animals awaiting and undergoing experimentation at your establishment. These conditions are essential.

1. We require unlimited access to the animals on the whole Huntingdon site.
2. There will be three of us. One of us with a video camera, one with a stills camera and one taking notes.
3. At least one of us will be a qualified animal technician and one will be a veterinary surgeon.
4. We will need full access to the Beagle Unit and Dog Toxicology Department.
5. We need full access to Industrial Toxicology.
6. We need full access to Inhalation Toxicology.
7. We need full access to every primate held at HLS including the wild caught baboons
8. We specifically want to film primates undergoing cardiac sensitisation experiments and beagles being dosed by oral gavage. We also want to film primates in metabolism cages.
9. Customer confidentiality is not an excuse you can use because we only want to see the animals themselves.
10. If you refuse this request we demands full written explanation as to exactly why not. We expect a speedy response to our requests.

A Copy of this letter has been sent to local and national newspapers, TV and radio.

Yours sincerely,
Heather James

HLS'S REPLY

We've not got the space to print Andrew Gay's reply. It was three pages of waffle. It's more interesting to note what he doesn't say than what he does. For instance he doesn't mention the Beagle Unit, Dog Toxicology, Industrial Toxicology, Inhalation Toxicology, primates, wild-caught baboons, cardiac sensitisation, oral gavage or metabolism cages.
Some of the press picked up on the story and anyone reading those articles will be asking themselves why we cannot see the animals if HLS have nothing to hide and all the animals are fine.
We have proved that HLS's so called 'open door' policy is nothing more than a cynical attempt to fool the public.

Let us see what goes on in labs says SHAC

AN animal rights ... has ... Report by DEBBIE DAVIES

ROW: Animal rights activists and medical research firm on collision course

Protesters barred from animal lab

by TOM MACK
NEWS REPORTER

ANIMAL rights activists today criticised a research centre's refusal to allow protesters in to check on its animal testing.

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), which is based at Alconbury, near Huntingdon, says it will not let campaigners from Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) see any of the thousands of animals used in tests at the centre.

In a letter to the group's spokeswoman, Heather James, the company said it had allowed recent visits from the RSPCA, Women's Institute, schools and the media, and that the Government also kept a strict check on its treatment of animals.

But Ms James, who led a protest march to the research laboratory earlier this month, said: "They say the Government inspects the centre, but we suspect they just go in, have a cup of tea and then go home again.

"We are the ones who should be going in to look around, because we are HLS's strongest critics.

"But they won't let us in because they know it would be the end of them if the public really saw what happened in there. We would finish them off."

Huntingdon Life Sciences' marketing director Andrew Gay said the activists had "the clear aim of bringing about the forced closure" of the centre "by direct and indirect action against HLS, its employees and shareholders".

"Accordingly, we believe it to be highly inappropriate to allow SHAC such access to HLS," added Mr Gay.

"HLS does generally have an open door policy to responsible individuals and organisations, with a genuine interest in the work we undertake.

"We are committed to minimising the number of animals used in individual studies. Unfortunately, a complete end to animal studies is not a realistic prospect at present."

HLS is currently working on therapies for diseases such as meningitis, heart disease, leukaemia and HIV, as well as therapies for animals, and in the past has worked on the development of numerous cancer therapies, treatments for Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's and arthritis.

Work at HLS is regulated by the Home Office under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 and its various codes of practice, and bosses insist it is among the most rigorous of its type in the world.

Activists are planning a further protest in Huntingdon on April 22.

Shares in company slump

SHARES in Huntingdon Life Sciences, which also has research laboratories in New Jersey, USA, slumped by more than 50 per cent this month.

Fund management company Phillips and Drew sold its 11 per cent stake in the company after information was sent to Phillips and Drew clients and shareholders by campaigners.

Animal rights activist Heather James said: "We want investors to think it is more trouble than it's worth to have shares in Huntingdon Life Sciences."



CAMPAIGNER: Heather James wants to visit HLS

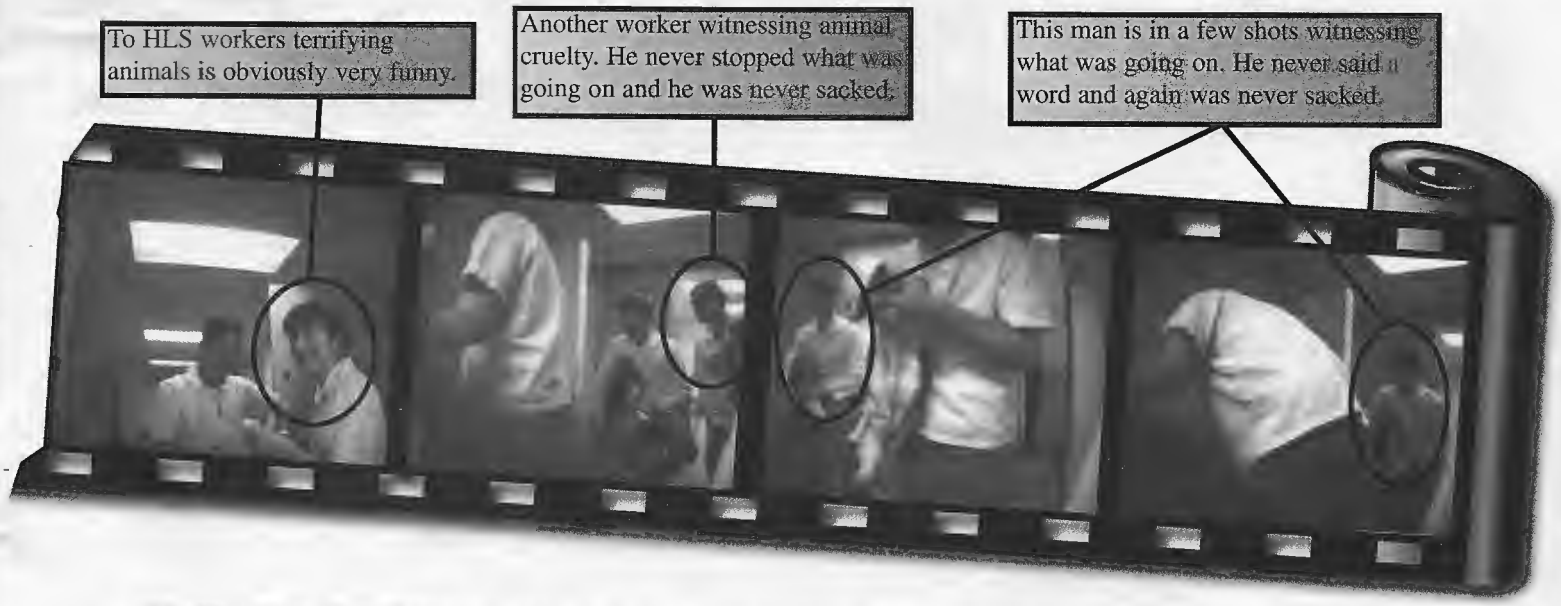
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"...have an open ...cy to responsible ...ls and organisa... ...a genuine interest in the work we undertake. We have accommodated visits from many local, national and international groups, such as schools, colleges, Women's Institutes, the RSPCA and the media."

HLS has written to Cambridgeshire police to say it is willing to enter into formal dialogue with SHAC to agree the parameters of any peaceful protest.



CULTURE OF VIOLENCE

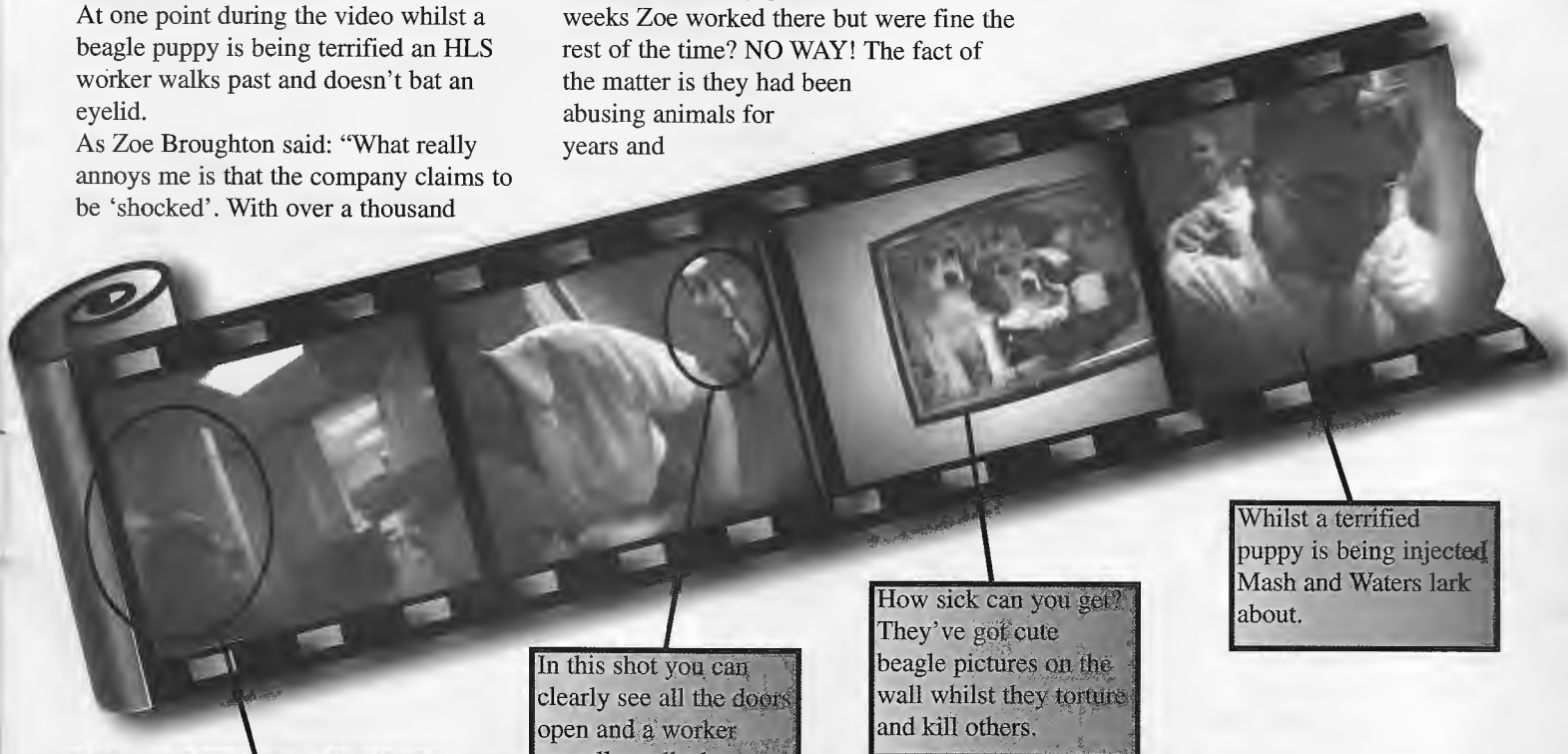
One of the most striking points on the campaign video is that as Mash and Waters are punching the beagle puppies there is a whole host of people watching or taking part, many of them laughing. These people were not prosecuted or fired and some as far as we are aware are **still working at HLS.**

At one point during the video whilst a beagle puppy is being terrified an HLS worker walks past and doesn't bat an eyelid.

As Zoe Broughton said: "What really annoys me is that the company claims to be 'shocked'. With over a thousand staff, what are the chances of me getting a job with the only badly trained and unmotivated staff? Rather slim I'd say."

The two beagle beaters, Mash and Waters, were working at HLS when Sarah Kite exposed the company a full eight years before Zoe Broughton filmed them. Had they just suddenly gone mad in the 10 weeks Zoe worked there but were fine the rest of the time? NO WAY! The fact of the matter is they had been abusing animals for years and no one, government inspectors included, stopped them.

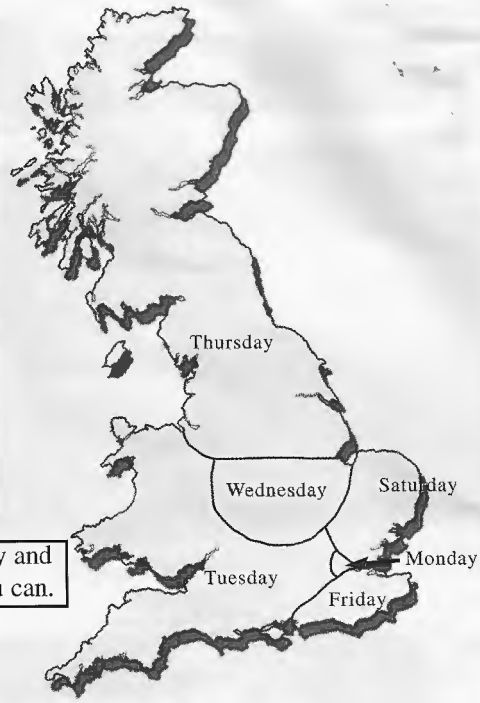
There is a culture of violence at HLS, there always has been and there always will be. **The only way it will end is when we close them down!**



It is incredible to think as you watch the campaign video that under the 1986 Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act, often touted as "the strictest regulations in the world", the beagle beaters Mash and Waters committed NO offences!!

WEEK OF PICKETS

We need to step up the pressure on the gates at Huntingdon Life Sciences. Remember constant pressure is what closed Consort and Hillgrove – and constant, relentless pressure is the only way to bring HLS to its knees. Every day 500 animals are tortured and killed at HLS, and it is a FACT that if there was a hundred of you up there every day HLS would close, so what are you waiting for! There will be a week of daily pickets at HLS from Monday April 10th to Sunday April 16th. Please for the animals' sake make sure you turn up. Get organised to help the animals and bring some friends! Don't let the animal killers get away with their filthy work – let's show them we mean business! Remember YOU are the only hope those beautiful animals trapped inside HLS have got – DON'T LET THEM DOWN. See you there - and no excuses!



The map on the right shows you what days your area should try and go to HLS but please try and go on any of the other days if you can.

COMPULSIVE LIARS

If you ever ring Huntingdon up with a query you are put through to the marketing department whose job it is to gloss over their work of terrifying and killing animals. Just like Mr Brown of Hillgrove Farm (go on – you remember him!), they love people who don't really know about vivisection or their 'work' at HLS. They see it as an opportunity to pull the wool over their eyes. We rang HLS ourselves to see how they were justifying themselves and spoke to Mr Hooper in the marketing department. We were staggered by the amount of lies he told!

Question: What experiments are the animals used for?
Answer: **They are the last stage before they go into human testing so we're not going to be using them for anything that causes them distress or pain.**
Fact: "In a dog study, a beagle screamed and struggled in pain day after day when an oral gavage tube was shoved down his throat." Michelle, Rokke, US undercover investigator

Q: How are the animals housed?
A: **They are all housed together and have free association.**
Fact: Something that HLS have admitted before and was witnessed by Zoe Broughton (UK undercover investigator) is that the dogs are normally singly or doubly housed and are let out in the corridor inside the unit for a maximum of 20 minutes.

Q: You said you do chemical testing – are those done on dogs?
A: **No.**
Fact: Zoe Broughton in The Guardian 26/3/97 "I help prepare the doses for another experiment – it is an agrochemical toxicity test for a Japanese company. A lot of the tests in my department (dog toxicology) were for testing for the toxicity of herbicides and fungicides."

Q: What other animals do you have?
A: **All rodents, rats and mice.**
Fact: Er, haven't you forgotten the cats, monkeys, rabbits, farm animals, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds and fish?

Q: An experiment that was due to take place was 37 beagles would have their leg bones sawn?
A: **"That is a complete fabrication."**
Fact: This is a whopping lie. Michelle Rokke uncovered that this experiment was due to take place at HLS. Kim Basinger intervened and the puppies were saved. All this was reported in the national press. Did HLS sue the papers? Er… No. Why? Because it was true.

Q: They say you have about 1,000 beagles.
A: **No, we have about 200 here.**
Fact: In 1997 the Home Office stated that Huntingdon had "1,000 beagles".

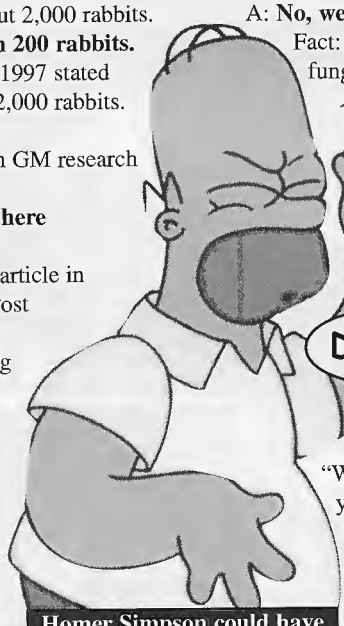
Q: They say you have about 2,000 rabbits.
A: **We have no more than 200 rabbits.**
Fact: The Home Office in 1997 stated that HLS had, wait for it, 2,000 rabbits.

Q: They've got a leaflet on GM research at your laboratory?
A: **We do no GM testing here whatsoever.**
Fact: Strange then that an article in he local paper the Hunts Post (17.02.00) had a comment from Brian Cass, managing director of HLS:…so consumers can make a more informed selection and be aware of which products have been genetically modified "we are involved with companies in testing such products."

Q: Are the animals looked after properly?
A: **They have 24 hour care.**
Q: 24 hours?
A: **Absolutely**.
Q: So people do look after them all the time?
A: **Yes, yes they do.**
Q: What, right around the clock?
A: **Yes they do.**
Fact: Yet another whopping lie. The fact of the matter is that when the workers leave at 5pm the animals are left alone until 8am the next morning. This is borne out by the two undercover investigations and also looking at the empty car park at night and the fact that nobody comes in or leaves after the workers have gone which we have sat and watched. The animals are left alone for 15 hours. Who looks after them when they have fits, vomit or collapse after 5pm?

Q: What they say is you do a lot of poisoning experiments.
A: **No, we don't do poisoning experiments.**
Fact: So pesticides, weed-killers, fungicides and herbicides are not poisons? HLS have got numerous toxicology departments like industrial chemicals, primate and dog toxicology amongst others. What is toxicology? According to the Oxford Concise Dictionary it is "..the scientific study of poisons…"

One of Hooper's best lines was "When we are talking to people like you, we are constrained by telling the truth."
Yes, yes, of course you are Mr. Hooper. Why is it then that virtually every thing you said was a bare-faced lie?



Homer Simpson could have made a better job of lying than Mr Hooper of HLS.

WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

We would like to take this opportunity to address the issue of Cambridgeshire police's (just like Thames Valley police's) use and abuse of the law.

Firstly we would like to stress that we are not anti-police. We would like to see the police officers of Cambridgeshire on the streets of Cambridgeshire.

What we do not like and will not accept is being dictated to. Over the past month we have seen serious evidence that HLS and Cambridgeshire police are in cahoots. Recently Cambridgeshire police tried to put bail conditions on an activist not to contact shareholders (more evidence of how effective this tactic has been) when she was arrested outside the gates of HLS (That bail condition was challenged and overturned in court the next day). What has contacting shareholders in London and America and informing them of the cruelty inside HLS got to do with an altercation?

Another activist was arrested for playing an audio-tape recording of the beagles screaming inside HLS, taken off 'Countryside Undercover'. She was playing this outside HLS. How can it be an offence to play a tape of something that has been broadcast on national TV, outside the place it was recorded at in the first place? It can't be – unless you as a police force are taking direct instructions from HLS.

Also one of the reasons given for issuing the draconian Section 14 notice is serious disruption to the community. Mmmm, this seems a bit difficult when you realise that HLS is completely out in the middle of nowhere. Another reason they cite is a build up of traffic on the A1. Funny how traffic congestion on the A1 – Woolley Road junction from the animal abusers going to or from work at HLS is not a problem but if you are a demonstrator it suddenly is. Section 14 is used to stifle legitimate protest. It allows the police to dictate where a protest takes place, how many can take part in the protest and how long the protest can last.

No, this is not taken from a pro-democracy leaflet in China but from British law used by Cambridgeshire police. They want us to fail, they want to keep HLS in business and they are NOT impartial.

We will be effective. We **will** make the voice of the voiceless heard and we will close down HLS come rain or shine, Section 14 or no Section 14.

No refunds on protest policing

A BID by Thames Valley police to recover the costs of policing animal rights rallies at Hillgrove Farm has been rejected by the Home Office.

The cost of policing demos at the Minster Lovell farm is estimated at £4.8 million.

For four years the farm, which bred cats for medical research, was targeted by animal rights activists from across the country, and during that time the force developed new methods of crowd control.

These pioneering techniques are now taught to other police forces.

Chief Constable Charles Pollard, who heads the Thames Valley force, said he was 'disappointed' that the compensation was not forthcoming.

He added that the Police Authority would now be seeking a meeting with home secretary Jack Straw to further outline the case for compensation.

December 4, 1999



FLASHPOINT: Police officers jostle with demonstrators outside Hillgrove Farm in September 1998

Revealed: £4.8m cat farm fight bill

THE total bill for the policing of animal rights protests at Hillgrove Farm is a staggering £4.8m.

The full cost has emerged in a Thames Valley Police request for compensation to Home Secretary Jack Straw.

Ironically, Mr Straw has a home a mile from Hillgrove Farm, at Minster Lovell, near Witney, which was the number one focus for animal rights campaigners from all over the country and abroad.

By David Horne

Farmer Chris Brown was breeding cats for medical research but shut down the business in August following a concerted three-year campaign of demonstrations, some resulting in violent clashes between police and protesters.

The costs are included in an £11m bid which also covers the bill for policing the construction of the Newbury Bypass where there was a long-running protest by environmental campaigners.

The £4.8m bill is made up of £2.9m for drafting in officers to police the farm and the demonstrations, £1.7m for "knock-on" effects elsewhere in the force, and £200,000 in overtime.

It was a long-running national campaign and took hundreds of officers away from their normal duties or rest days on a regular basis.

Chief Constable Charles Pollard said: "There is no doubt this huge drain on resources had a long-term effect on the force which is now starting to show itself in some of our levels of performance."

Animal rights campaigner Cynthia O'Neill, of Milton-under-Wychwood, said: "It is a drop in the ocean. What about all the court costs? And what about all the compensation claims for wrongful arrest?"

As you can see from the Oxford Mail press cutting, siding with animal killers and being at their beck and call is very expensive!

Never doubt that a small group of caring people can change the world. Because indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

VETS AGAINST HLS

The letter below was sent to the campaign from a vet who was horrified at the undercover footage taken inside HLS. We need more vets to support the campaign to close down HLS. If you have a sympathetic vet, please let us know and we will send you a pack for them including a copy of the video footage taken inside HLS's labs in the UK and the US.

Dear Sir,

I am a Veterinary Surgeon M.R.C.V.S. Glasgow 1942 and have just watched a video of Huntingdon research unit. To say I am shocked is putting it mildly.

Inefficient, casual, lay persons, impatient and cruel, giving intravenous injections, many times perforce into the jugular veins are difficult because of repeated jabbing. The experiment is ended and the animal destroyed by intravenous barbiturate. This terminates a miserable existence with no compassion, no proper sleeping area, and the minimum amount of sawdust in the cage for cleaning.

I know it is ridiculous to compare this with Auschwitz but I can see the same attitude in the staff at Huntingdon. I do not think any research can be justified by such an ambience which is corroborated by the Doctor in the video who decried its value.

What has been discovered that could justify Huntingdon that could not have been proved by other means?

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Lithgow M.R.C.V.S.

WITNESSES WANTED

On the National Demonstration in Cambridge at about 1pm a 20 year old man was arrested and would like any witnesses to his arrest to come forward. He was at the front of the march holding the banner. He was wearing a black hooded top, black bomber jacket and black trousers. He was arrested near to the bus station. If you witnessed the arrest then please contact the campaign.

On the order form below there are three different videos which we can supply free of charge. Here is a brief explanation of what is on each video:

1. Short - Approx. 5 minutes. Explanation of HLS and undercover footage of animal abuse at HLS.
2. Long - Approx. 7 minutes. Same as the short video above but with demo footage from Consort and Hillgrove - good for motivating people to come on demos.
3. Countryside Undercover - Approx. 25 minutes. A copy of the full programme shown on Channel Four. This video details the undercover investigation that brought HLS to its knees.

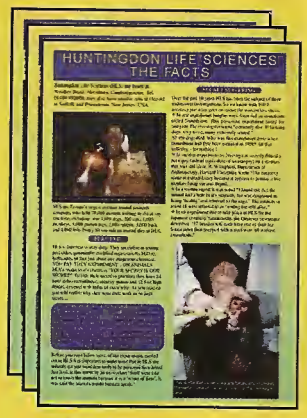
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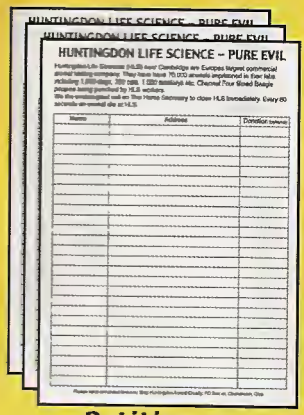
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NatWest Poster (as leaflet but A4)		
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NatWest Stickers		
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New 'rescued beagle' T-Shirt (£5)		
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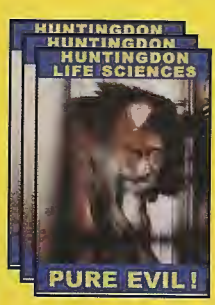
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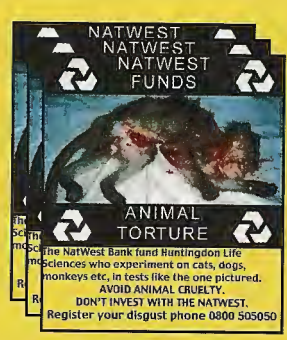
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HLS Leaflet



NatWest Leaflet



NatWest Sticker

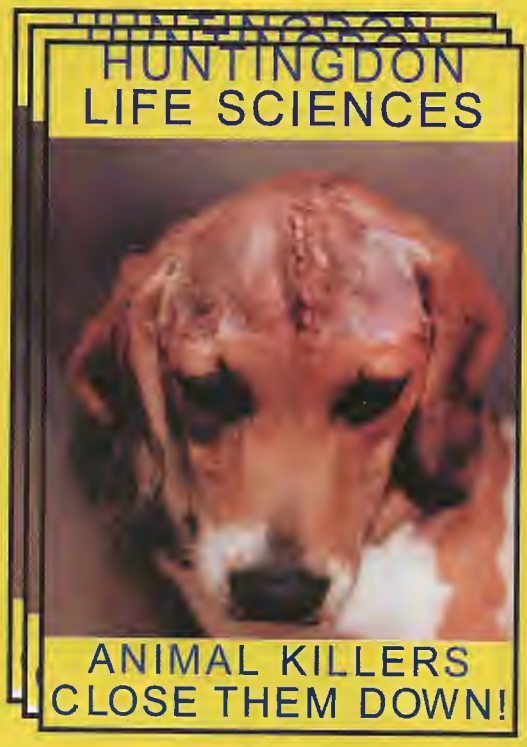


Front

T-shirt + Hooded Top



Back



HLS A2 Poster



New t-shirt showing rescued beagle



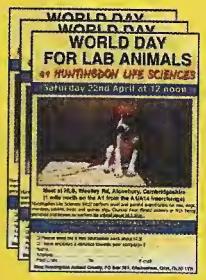
Genetics Leaflet

This leaflet explains HLS's involvement in the testing of GMOs, toxic chemicals and xenotransplantation.



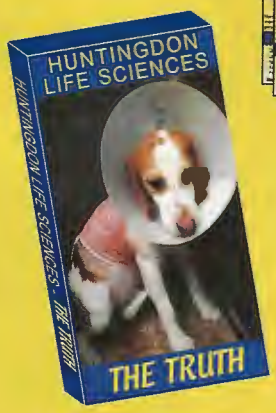
Worker Address Flyer

World Day Flyer





Demo Poster



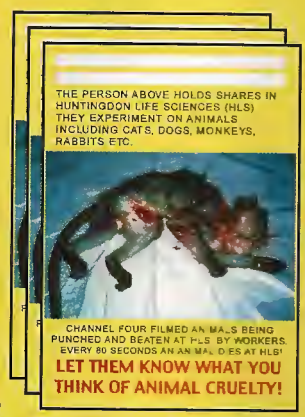
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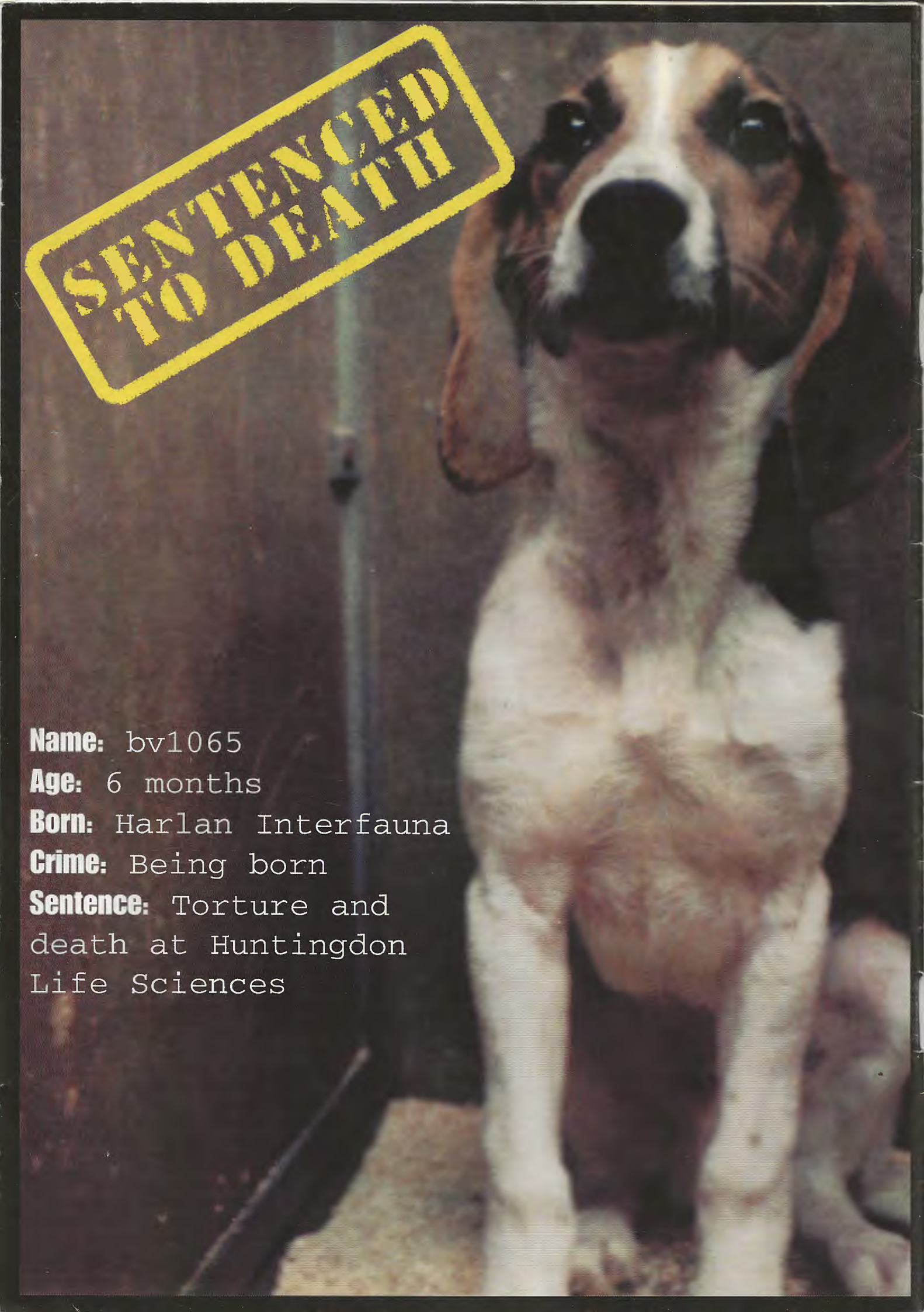
Royal Bank of Scotland Flyer



Royal Bank of Scotland Postcard



Shareholder Poster


SENTENCED TO DEATH
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Age: 6 months
Born: Harlan Interfauna
Crime: Being born
Sentence: Torture and death at Huntingdon Life Sciences