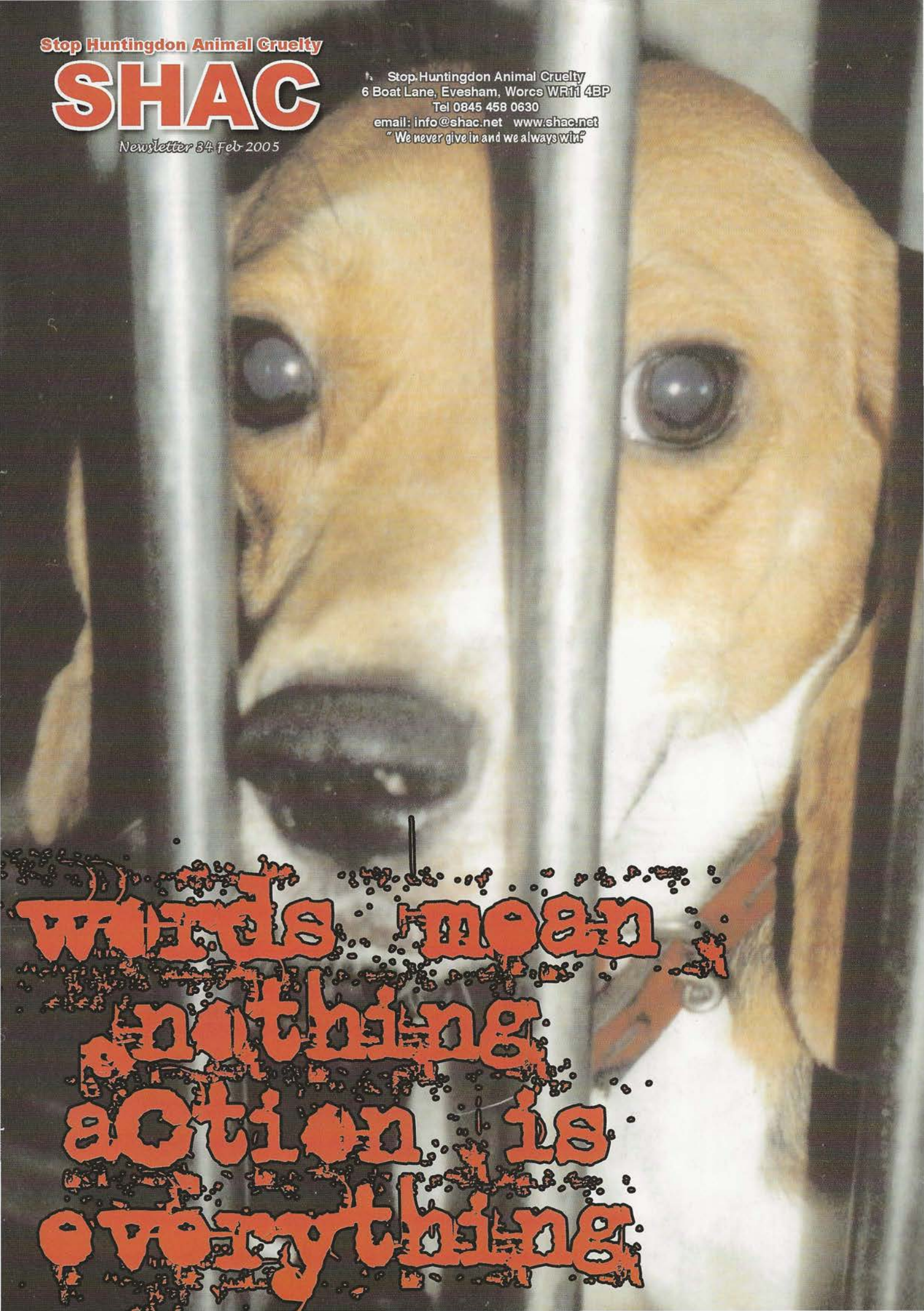
Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty

SHAC

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6 Boat Lane, Evesham, Worcs WR11 4BP
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email: info@shac.net www.shac.net

"We never give in and we always win"



words mean nothing action is everything

Jan 5th Industrial Supplies 3 1 0 081 8
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Jan 8th Plumbing trade supplies 2 1238 1 0657
Jan 12th Vitech Security 45 8 356
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A list of all the companies who checked out in 2004



3 Days of SHAC demos in Holland

SHAC activists from the UK travelled to Holland to demonstrate against HLS customers and suppliers. SHAC is truly a global campaign with activists in many countries showing HLS and their suppliers there is no hiding place.

We had a great time with the Dutch, German and Finnish activists that we met up with. They had boundless energy and enthusiasm. They are so clued up and determined. The animals have some great people on their side.

We covered so many sites in just a few days. These included Fisher Scientific, UPS (lots), Sankyo, Roche, various fur shops and Glaxo, many of them having 2 or 3 visits each.

Of course being in Holland it is easy to travel around by bike. The first day we cycled for 5 hours and also managed to stay ahead of the police. The first visit was to Fisher Scientific. There's always that extra anger at a company that is so heavily involved in the animal torture industry and they were blasted by 20 furious activists. Fisher need shifting and it is only constant pressure that will do it. The Dutch activists have been targeting Fisher on a regular basis and this will continue until they sever their ties with HLS.

UPS were targeted at just about every office they have in and around Amsterdam. They claimed not to know about HLS. Well they certainly do now!

Neighbours of the notorious Japanese customer Sankyo are now fully informed of what a disgusting company they are. Roche and Glaxo were also visited and they looked very shocked to see us. These two are major customers of HLS and are a top priority for the campaign.

Since our visit the Dutch activists have been busy targeting UPS especially. As with all the lessons we have learned with Marsh and BOC, it shows how we need to keep on at them and we will win as usual!

Animal cruelty is not divided by countries. It is all the same wherever you are in the world and we all have to join together in this fight.



SHAC Canada UPS demo

How shameful for UPS. Hundreds if not thousands of people in downtown Montreal learned about the dirty business UPS conducts with HLS. Activists began by entering the UPS main floor store and gave many leaflets and educated employees.

We then demonstrated outside keeping warm with very loud chants under the giant UPS logo.

Afterwards we walked a few kilometres to the luxurious UPS office suites. Clients that were in the lobby looked extremely uncomfortable inspecting leaflets and posters of mutilated animals. We talked with management and were assured that the big bosses would get our message. UPS we will be back. Drop HLS!!!

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March 9th Travis Perkins 32

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jan 31st Securicor
Feb 3rd Brook St Foods
Feb 3rd Computer Imprintable Labels
Feb 3rd Cleanaway
Feb 5th Shanks



WAR IN NYC AGAINST UPS

On Friday January 7, 2005 activists from Win Animal Rights/W.A.R. gathered at the UPS facility located at a prime New York City address at Union Square. Holding signs that declared UPS stood for Unfeeling Puppy Slayers, the crew held signs and banners and gave away hundreds of flyers about the relationship between UPS and the puppy killers at HLS.

The demo was considered a success when a UPS employee moved by the graphic photos and literature volunteered a lot of very detailed information regarding UPS in New York City. NY UPS take note, you can run but you can't hide.

On Saturday, January 8th, several additional outlets of UPS in NYC were visited and educated about the cruelty of the scumbags at HLS that UPS is supplying. We promised to come back. They in turn promised to notify their management about our visit.



These are some of 14 rabbits liberated recently in Italy.

UPS demo in Italy

On Wednesday the 5th a small but determined group of activists demoed 2 UPS offices in Milano, and the result was excellent. The first demo was at UPS italian headquarters. Banners were showed, leaflets given to all the companies nearby, and the megaphone went on explaining the horrors of vivisection and HLS.

We managed to talk both with the UPS workers' union spokesperson and the UPS Italy export manager. They both said it is a shame UPS is working with HLS, and will do their best to help stop the company they work for having links to the death of 500 animals a day! The union spokesperson said he'll be checking the Shac website and contacting us as soon as possible. He wants to create some inside opposition to UPS dealing with vivisection.

The export manager, horrified to know about HLS and their connection to UPS, said she would immediately contact the UK offices complaining and explaining that UPS Italy doesn't want to have any connection to this cruelty. They both leafletted their colleagues inside, and many of them came out later approving the demo!!

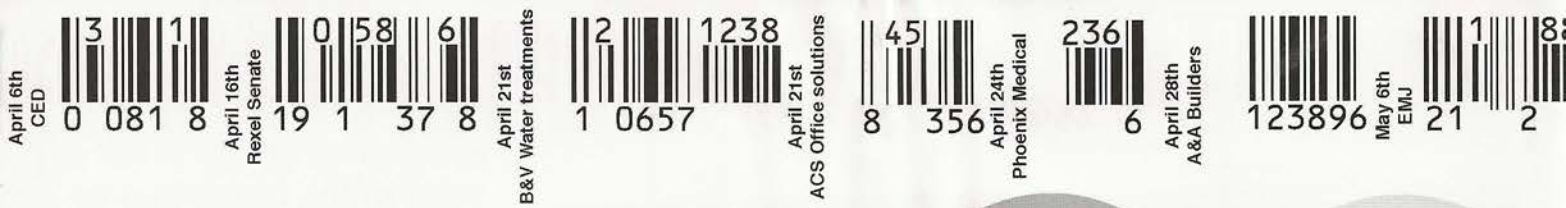
We went to another UPS office in Milano and also talked with some DHL workers, giving them leaflets, explaining also their company is involved with HLS. One of them said he'll check if any delivery has been made from Italy to HLS and then will contact us. HLS suppliers beware, your workers and employees do not support animal cruelty, and would rather help us!!

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March 10th Terry's private hire
March 10th Arrow couriers
March 10th Freightroute
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April 6th Xerox



Please contact all the suppliers on these pages and make them aware of exactly what sort of company HLS is. Remember HLS do not go around advertising their record of abuse and fraud so it is up to you to politely phone, email and fax these companies and put the record straight for the animals. Remember that we want these people on our side so make your communication courteous and informative. HLS have lost many, many suppliers who were genuinely unaware of who they were dealing with. We spoke to someone who works for Securicor over Xmas and she said that all the staff were 100% behind the campaign. Workers of these companies can have as much effect as we can. Have a look at the article in this newsletter if you are unsure of what to say. Go on, have a go!

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SUPPLIERS

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FISHER SCIENTIFIC
They supply HLS with laboratory equipment used to conduct vicious, barbaric experiments on animals trapped inside their labs.
Fisher Scientific UK Ltd
Bishop Meadow Road
Loughborough
Leics LE11 5RG
Tel 01509 23 11 66
Fax 01509 231 893
Email: info@fisher.co.uk
www.fisher.co.uk

Orme Technologies,
part of Fisher Scientific UK Ltd
Whitbrook Way, Stakehill Industrial Park, Middleton,
Manchester M24 2RH
Tel: 0161 653 4589
Fax 0161 655 3011

Maybridge
(This company is a part of Fisher)
Trevillett, Tintagel,
Cornwall PL34 OHW,
Telephone: 01840 770453
Fax: 01840 770111
Email: internetenquiries@maybridge.com

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5 Speed Couriers
Unit 3, Tewin road business Centre,
Garden Court, Welwyn Garden City,
Herts AL7 1BH
01707 327 662

5 Speed Couriers, Joseph House,
Harolds Road, The Pinnacles, Harlow,
Essex CM19 5BJ
Tel 01279 443 655

They deliver for Roche and Glaxo to Huntingdon, they are also two of HLS's biggest customers, to the labs.

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Perkinelmer Limited
Chalfont Road,
Seer Green, Beaconsfield
Buckinghamshire, HP9 2FX
Tel: 01494 874 515
Sales: 0800 896 046

This company sell analytical equipment used for experiments at HLS and have been recently exposed in documents leaked from HLS.

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BAS LTD
David Bowens, MD,
Stonegate Business Park,
Alconbury Hill, Alconbury Weston,
Cambs PE28 5TS
tel 01487 834 188

This company rent skips to HLS for animal bedding that comes out of the units. They know exactly what they are doing and don't give a damn about animals.

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PHENOMENEX
Phenomenex supply lab equipment to HLS. Over to the North on this one. Please contact Phenomenex and ask them to stop supplying HLS.

PHENOMENEX
Melville House, Queens Avenue,
Hurdsfield Industrial Estate,
Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 2BN
Tel: 01625 501 367 Fax: 01625 501 796

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INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT SUPPLIES
International Product Supplies supply HLS and are one of their key suppliers. They also supply Newchurch Guinea Pigs. This company were so desperate to escape from the campaign that they moved offices under cover of darkness - paranoid or what! Contact IPS and voice your disgust at their involvement with HLS:
International Product Supplies,
BCM IPS Ltd, London WC1N 3XX Tel 08706 001 616
Fax 08706 001 615
Email: customers@ipsltd.biz

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HLS's new fire services company is a tinpot firm in London: TD fire Services, Unit 8, Westgate Centre, Bocking Street, London E8 3RU
Tel: 0207 739 1665
Mobile: 0789 165 2085

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BIOCAIR
The Business Centre,
Church End,
Cambridge, CB1 3LB
Tel: 01223 245 223

This is a vivisection industry freight company that have been spotted going in and out of HLS by local supporters.

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ABBOTS RIPTON CARS
Tel: 01480 520 80
HLS have an account with this firm for taxis and courier services.

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EURO/DPC Limited
Glyn Rhonwy
Llanberis
Caernarfon
Gwynedd LL55 4EL
United Kingdom
Tel: 01286-871-871
Tel: 0800-521-501 (UK Orders)
Fax: 01286-871-802
E-mail: euro@dpconline.com
Web site: www.dpcweb.com/uk

This is a diagnostics production company who supply HLS. This is an important technical supplier to Huntingdon.

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Menlo Worldwide Forwarding
Worldwide House, 19 Airlinks,
Spitfire Way, Heston, Middlesex TW5 9NR
Tel: 0208 260 6465
Email: tradeservices.info@menloworldwide.com



May 12th PHS Washrooms
May 14th Aramark
May 17th Guilbert
May 24th L.C.Services
May 24th Bunzl
May 28th Messer
May 29th Ecolab



CUSTOMERS

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Steris Corp, a recently identifed customer of HLS, US based. Their UK/Euro HQ is:

Steris Limited
European Headquarters
Steris House
Jays Close, Viables
Basingstoke
Hampshire, RG22 4AX
Tel: 01256 840400
Tel: 01256 866 5411
Fax: 01256 866502

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Gharda Chemicals Limited

Gharda Chemicals were identifed as a customer of HLS a few months ago. Gharda said they had not used HLS since 2004 so we emailed them and asked for clarification regarding the future. We never heard back from them. Their UK Euro HQ is in Croydon:

Gharda Agrochemicals
Holbrook House,
72, Lower Addiscombe Road,
Croydon CR9 6AD.
Tel: 0208 655 4103
Fax: 0208 655 4102
ghardauk@gharda.com

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Bachem (UK) Ltd.

This USA company is doing business with HLS. Their UK outlet is:

Bachem (UK) Ltd.
Delph Court
Sherdley Business Park Industrial Estate
Sullivans Way, St. Helens
Merseyside WA9 5GL, England
Tel: 01744 61 2108
Fax: 01744 73 0064

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CROMPTON UNIROYAL CHEMICAL

Another recently identifed chemical company doing business with HLS.

CROMPTON UNIROYAL CHEMICALS
Kennet House,
4 Langley Quay
Slough, SL3 63H
Fax: 01753 603 077
Tel: 01753 603 053

Customer Service
D-S Brookes Limited
Davis-Standard Barrels and Screws
Unit 33, Hainge Road
Tividale, Oldbury
West Midlands B69 2NY
Tel: 0121-522-0030

Sales Office
Barrels and Screws
Davis-Standard Brookes Limited
Unit 33, Hainge Road
Tividale, Oldbury
West Midlands B69 2NY
Tel: 0121-522-0030

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ALMEDICA Europe

Clinical Trial Materials (CTM) specialist.

ALMEDICA Europe
Unit 107, Tenth Avenue
Deeside Industrial Park
Deeside, CH5 2UA
Tel: 01244 845700
Fax: 01244 845701

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Otsuka Pharmaceutical Europe Ltd.

This company uses HLS regularly.
Otsuka Pharmaceuticals (U.K.) Ltd
BSi Tower
389 Chiswick High Road
London W4 4AJ
Tel: 0208 742 4300
Fax: 0208 994 8548

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Chugai Pharma Europe Ltd.

This company is a major customer of HLS and last year was taken over by another customer Roche.

Chugai Pharma Europe Ltd
Mulliner House,
Turnham Green,
London, W4 1NN
Tel: 020 8987 5600
Tel: 020 8987 5656
Fax: 020 8987 5660

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Kissei Pharma Europe Ltd

This is the Euro offices of a company which supplies animal sleep analysis software to HLS.

Kissei Pharma Europe Ltd
International Press Centre,
76 Shoe Lane, London EC4A 3JB,
Tel: 020-7375-9910
Fax : 020-7375-9911
E-mail : public_relations@kissei.co.jp

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Ajinomoto Pharmaceuticals Europe Ltd

Clinical trial of new drugs in respective European countries and related operations, support of operations for licensing activities of developed products, gathering of information related to pharmaceutical affairs

Ajinomoto Pharmaceuticals Europe Ltd.
Bridge Gate House,
55 High Street, Redhill,
Surrey RH1 1RX
Tel: 01737 378 400
Fax: 01737 378 430

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Forum Bioscience Holdings Ltd
Forum Bioscience Holdings Ltd.
(owned by Ajinomoto Pharmaceuticals)
41-51 Brighton Road,
Redhill,
Surrey RH1 6YS
Tel: 01737 773711
Fax: 01 737-773116

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August 9th Alpha Electronics
August 16th Southern Syringe Supplies
August 17th ARCO
August 23rd kinesis
August 26th Wyco

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SHAC Wales

Today Shac Wales crossed the border to visit the hauliers to hell in Bristol. We began the day with a visit to UPS in Avonmouth.

Upon our arrival these friendly souls ran to the windows to draw blinds and retreat behind their security doors. A lively and very vocal demo with lots of airhorns ensued. UPS you cannot hide forever from the truth, it is a bad idea to work with scum like HLS.

Next we went to Menlo Worldwide Forwarding in Almondsbury who were not overjoyed to see us, and retreated into the very back of their office. A loud and effective demo followed.

Next onto DHL in Almondsbury where there were loads of signs around saying about how people will be searched on entry to the site and a big security booth. Searching us? We think we'll decline thanks.

We all walked straight in past security, unfurled banners and began the demo. Activists then gained further entry to the secure loading bay and ran around leafleting inside until forcibly removed. The manager then came out and hinted at how there had been conflict in the company over delivering to scum HLS. 'Some of us really support you' he said and took loads of leaflets to give out to his staff. Mission acomplished we moved on.

After a quick stop at Snow and Rock for an antifur demo we moved on to TNT in Yate. This was a massive site, with loads of security. The manager came out to see us, but then changed his mind and went in again!

We tried to get in as a lorry went in and there was a struggle with some security thugs as they manhandled us off site. With airhorns and banners it was a noisy and vocal demo and there was a massive blockup of traffic within moments. We stayed there for a long time until police materialised and then we left.



It has just started. For all the animals in HLS the pain never ends and people who work with the animal killers will hear about the animals' suffering until all the animals are free.

UPS demos in L.A.

Our numbers were small, but our voices were big. Six of us dressed in black came armed with bullhorns, whistles and our blistering outrage at UPS for shipping samples and documents to HLS.

We visited seven UPS stores in the San Fernando Valley area. We descended upon each store with sirens blaring, announcing via ear-splitting amplified sound that we were there to name, shame and blame UPS for its inexcusable complicity in condemning 500 animals a day to the HLS torture chambers!

Employees at two different locations informed us that their companies were not UPS stores! Well, what a co-inky-dink that their doors and marquees were clearly emblazoned with the name UPS!!! Okay, then we aren't animal rights activists, either, despite the signs we're carrying and the chants we're reciting!!!

One employee came to the door to deliver her BIG THREAT of the day: "I'm calling the cops! Well, as you can imagine, we were just TERRIFIED! She forgot that we reside in a country where demonstrating is still (though who knows for how much longer) legal. Once she realized that her bluster had no effect, she slunk, cowering, back inside the premises. But activists pressed their advantage by shouting: "UPS, drop HLS NOW!!!"

Employees and customers from neighboring shops emerged to check out the ruckus, providing us with an opportunity to explain our presence and distribute our pamphlets. Many were duly horrified to learn about the monstrous HLS. Another onlooker detained an activist to find out more and express support. Passing motorists honked in solidarity.

A brief episode of levity was interjected as we sought a parking space at one of the sites. A driver barged ahead of us and grabbed the only available space. We responded by jokingly paraphrasing a familiar chant: "What do we want? Your parking space! When do we want it? Now!" Our windows were partly open and she must have heard us. She glanced over her shoulder, took one gander at our black-clad forms and shot back out of that space like a fugitive from hell! Well that's ONE way to secure a parking spot!

But the interlude of comic relief subsided quickly as we returned to the serious business at hand. After all, what goes on at HLS is no laughing matter. As we departed from the final venue, we warned: "This is just the beginning UPS, if you don't sever your ties with HLS we'll keep coming back until you do!"
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UPS demo in Yorkshire

Today Yorkshire activists visited UPS at Churwell Vale, Shaw Cross Business Park, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire Tel 01924 876 100.
We got out the usual terrorists' tools: banners, leaflets and megaphones and got to work on the task at hand. While traffic ground to a halt, inside and out, we got to work letting the UPS employees know just what sort of sick business HLS get up to. Business UPS are happy to profit from, or so they think. Do you not realise that HLS are in debt and do not pay up? You are in it to make money, open your eyes and realise you are not going to make money from HLS and the animal abuse industry. They are on their way out!

As we walked around the huge depot letting off with our megaphones the traffic started to build up, both inside and outside the depot. The security guard was under the impression that the lone female activist at the front gates was easy to deal with and opened the gates to ease the traffic of trucks building up inside and outside the depot. Wrong move. Soon as he opened the gates she made a run for it.

The car park was ours to leaflet. This was enough for a manager to come out. He was very nervous and told us he was expecting "The Yorkshire lot" to visit them again and asked us to make sure we let "Them that need to know" that the depot at Dewsbury did not like their employers, UPS, dealing with animal abuse companies such as HLS and Covance. We told him he needed to let "Them that need to know" at UPS head office know that they do not want to be associated with the animal abuse industry.

Next was Wakefield UPS depot Industrial estate 41, Telford Way, West Yorkshire, WF2 OXW. One activist ran at the gates as the security guard closed them and made her way around to the main office. Hot on her tail was a UPS worker on a forklift truck. He tried to knock her down with the forks but she avoided them and ran into the main office building. The reception was extremely violent! All the abuse was recorded on video. Is this how you want the public to see you UPS? Do the actions of you employees not reflect on you?



Do you want a copy of the video or should we pass it on to the media? It is up to you, we are not playing games, you will drop HLS in the end. They are not worth the bother, believe us, drop HLS! Wakefield UPS depot: wrong move, til next time.

Let me tell you, we will not go away. HLS are not worth it, drop them now!

Sussex demos

We headed first for UPS (Brunel Centre, Newton Rd,Crawley). This time most of the industrial estate knew what we were there for as we unfurled the banner and started naming and shaming this company for choosing profit over the lives of animals. We kept the demo noisy using the megaphone and airphones to the point where the neighbouring company complained that they couldn't conduct their business with all the row."Tell UPS!" we shouted back. "Once they take an ethical stance and drop any connection with HLS, we will let everyone get on with their work.' Nice to see UPS are losing friends fast.

We sped across the South coast to Portsmouth for our first visit to Menlo Worldwide Forwarding (Unit 32, Portsmouth Enterprise Centre, Quatremaine Rd). We thought we would take in a SHAC video and leaflets and try and speak to this company to see if they realised what is happening at HLS. However they had other plans and slammed the door in our faces. So it was Plan B then!

Menlo Worldwide Forwarding is a very small unit surrounded by many other company units so we had a captive audience as we shouted out the facts over the megaphone and before long people were coming out to listen and take leaflets. Most were disgusted at Menlo and we drove away with the intention of coming back again and again until all dealings with HLS are severed.

About half a mile up the road we were stopped by the police and told we were linked with criminal damage and that our car had been involved with antisocial behaviour! (Apparently trying the handle of the door to Menlo is a serious incident). We were all searched by the busy roadside and the car searched inch by inch until we were told we had done nothing wrong and could go!! This type of hysteria won't help you Menlo - we are here for the animals and won't ever give up.



Huntingdon refused yet another bank loan

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United Pervert Services
United Parcel Services

United Parcel Services are a key part of Huntingdon's logistics chain. UPS are an almost daily visitor to Huntingdon and have been dealing with them for years.

When the Channel 4 programme Countryside Undercover broke showing the world Huntingdon workers punching beagle puppies in the face, did UPS suspend deliveries to Huntingdon? No. They quite happily continued to trundle through the gates of Huntingdon as if nothing had happened.

Contact UPS today and ask them to do the right thing. Also organise demos outside your local UPS depot. We have UPS leaflets on the merchandise list (pictured below) so what are you waiting for?

UPS
Forest Road,
Feltham,
Middlesex,
TW13 7DY
Customer Service: 08457-877-877

(SCS - Supply Chain Solutions)

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Carr Hill Plant
Balby
Doncaster, DN4 8DW
01302-340783
01302-340784

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Cross Point
Coventry, CV2 2SY
02476-701000
02476-701300

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Unit C 74A Industrial Estate
Victoria Road
Avonmouth
Bristol
BS11 7DB
0117-982-8221
0117-982-9001

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Unit 2 Brassey Close
Lincoln Road Industrial Estate
Peterborough
PE1 2AZ
01733-564756
01733-312484

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Unit 1 Air Cargo Centre
Arran Drive Glasgow Airport
Paisley, Renfrewshire
PA3 2AY
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0141-847-6311

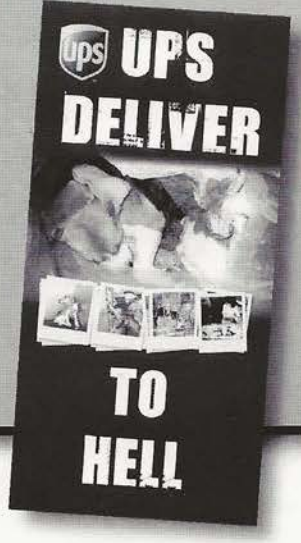
UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Cargo Centre
Units 4 & 5 Building 311
Manchester Int'l Airport
Manchester
M90 5TE
0161-437-0715
0161-437-3791

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Airport Freightway
Freight Village
Newcastle Int'l Airport
NE13 8BH
0191-286-3121
0191-271-4477

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Unit 9 Brunel Centre
Road
Crawley
West Sussex
RH10 9TU
01293-848700
01293-848701

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Blackthorne Road
Poyle
SL3 0DA
01753-760100
01753-760111
www.ups-scs.com

UPS SCS (UK) Ltd
Cargo Facility
Dunlin Road
Dyce
Aberdeen
AB21 0PB
01224-775790
01224-775765



This is vivisection

The pictures below are part of an experiment in the U.S. where a series of guinea pigs were deliberately infected with a skin irritant.

The vivisectors watched as the guinea pigs slowly got worse and worse, being driven mad by itching open sores all over their bodies.

In their conclusion notes they noted that the guinea pigs "had literally scratched themselves to death..."

These are the kind of sick monsters who work in labs and it is these same monsters that the government are protecting. Angry? Then some!

Contact Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs PO Box 74, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 Tel 01902 564 734
email: info@liberation-now.org
www.liberation-now.org









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TTING

Offended? You should be. This was said by a Huntingdon worker and the next thing he did was punch a 4 month old beagle puppy in the face.

IAD WITH YOU"

"The fact that more and more suppliers are being forced to drop their business with companies involved in animals research is especially ominous."

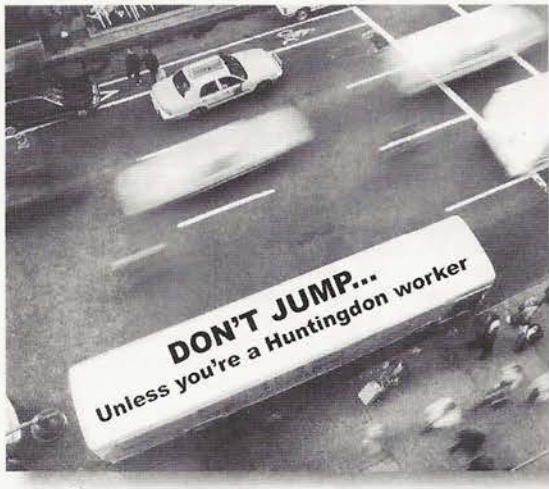
Increasing numbers of suppliers to British drug companies are being scared away by extremist animal rights protesters, threatening the future of research in the country, industry leaders said on Wednesday. In the last quarter of 2004 there were 42 such "capitulations" by firms supplying essential goods and services to companies engaged in animal research, according to figures from the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI).

That compares with 22, 23 and 26 cases in the previous three quarters. There was also a big increase in the number of abusive and threatening phone calls to companies and a steady rise in cases of damage to property.
"The fact that more and more suppliers are being forced to drop their business with companies involved in animals research is especially ominous," said Philip Wright, ABPI director of science and technology.
"If this trend continues, it is by no means fanciful to suggest that pharmaceutical companies will seriously consider whether it is still appropriate to carry out this essential research work in the UK."

GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca, Britain's two biggest drugmakers, have both warned in the past that animal rights extremists are deterring investment in the sector. Britain is home to some of the world's most vociferous animal rights activists and has seen a wave of often violent protests against pharmaceutical companies and contract research laboratories over the use of animals to test out new medicines. In the past two years they have extended their harassment from companies directly involved in research to their suppliers and sub-contractors.

In one of the highest profile cases, work on an animal research laboratory at Oxford University was halted last year after animal rights activists targeted contractor Montpellier Group, threatening both its staff and shareholders. Britain's oldest drug-testing laboratory, Huntingdon Life Sciences, was forced in 2001 to turn to the Bank of England for banking facilities after other banks refused to handle its accounts. The figures released by the ABPI showed there were a total of 108 threatening and abusive phone calls or text messages in 2004 and 177 instances of damage to company, personal and private property.

Why don't they face facts? Suppliers leave because they are horrified about what HLS do and don't want to be associated with animal cruelty.



New campaign launch: Gateway to Hell

January saw the launch of a new campaign called Gateway to Hell. The idea behind it and the mission statement of the campaign is to stop all lab animals coming into or out of the U.K.

Many people who travel through UK ports and airports do so completely unaware that in the cargo hold are terrified animals coming into the UK or leaving to a certain death in a vivisection lab.

These animals can range from Newchurch guinea pigs flying out to god knows where from Manchester Airport to wild caught primates coming through Dover for Huntingdon Life Sciences as they did over the 5 years Huntingdon were carrying out xenotransplantation experiments for Novartis. Many of these animals died in transit with shipping taking over 3 days. The primates to Huntingdon still in the main come through Dover to this day.

According to Gateway to Hell the three main Gateways are Dover, Heathrow Airport and Manchester Airport.

If you would like more information, contact them to see how you can help.
Gateway to Hell, BCM Box 8231, London WC1N 3XX Tel 0845 458 3528 www.gatewaytohell.net
email: info@gatewaytohell.net



Oi! more news

How do I... PART I

Letter writing

Letter writing is a quick and effective way to put pressure on companies. It doesn't take much time and it's not so much about what you say as the fact that you have written and that they get large amounts of mail which shows the level of opposition to their involvement with HLS.

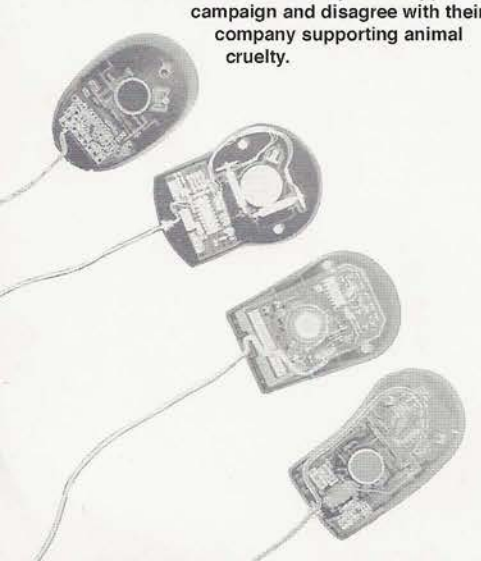
Something along the lines of:
Dear Sir/Madam,
It has come to our attention that your company is working with the notorious animal testing facility Huntingdon Life Sciences - see www.shac.net for details. I wish to register my disgust that a reputable company such as yourselves are degrading yourselves to this extent by associating with HLS.

You may wish to go on to say you will no longer use the company until they end all connections with Huntingdon and explain about the animal abuse and torture going on in HLS. A lot of the companies that supply HLS are nationwide firms with a 'public face' . They are particularly susceptible to public boycott and very concerned about the possibility of demonstrations showing the public their association with animal cruelty. A lot of nationwide suppliers to HLS have pulled out very quickly, and some of them have made statements saying that not only will they not deal with HLS in future, but also not with any company involved in vivisection, which is fantastic and shows the effect of this campaign on the entire industry.

Remember that it is really the volume of letters that counts, one letter is not enough. We need to show them how many people are opposed to animal abuse so they are aware of who they are up against and that there are lots of us. One thing you can do is print out a standard letter on strips of paper and get people to sign it on a stall like they would sign a petition, then send them all off yourself. You can also write a standard letter and then photocopy it and get lots of friends and family to sign their own copy and then send them all off for them.

This is all about keeping pressure on them. It is up to us to make it economically unviable for them to continue to work with HLS because they will loose customers who are ethically conscious when their involvement with HLS is made clear. Write to your local branch of suppliers as well as the head office.

Do not underestimate how many staff support our campaign and disagree with their company supporting animal cruelty.



We spoke to a lady who works at Securicor over Xmas and she said that all the staff at their head office thought the campaign was brilliant and that they all totally disagreed with Securicor working for HLS and put pressure on senior management to dump them. This is why SHAC always stresses that it is important to be polite and informative. We want these people on our side, not against us.

Letter writing is something everyone can do, even if you can't get to demos. People seem to think it is ineffective and fluffy. It is as effective as you make it. If you do it often enough it is effective and if you are writing to the company, its subsidiaries,



Don't worry your owner will get the blame heh! heh!

the charity its director sits on the board of, the companies doing building work at their office and all companies it is associated with, it starts being very effective indeed.

SHAC has thousands of supporters worldwide. Every single one of you needs to write the letters. When 500 animals are dying every day how can you justify not taking a few moments to write a letter?

Phone calls

Phone calls are one of the most effective tools we have in the fight to close HLS. Phone calls are so important and easy and not enough people do them. Especially with the free phone numbers you have no excuse not to be making calls. It doesn't have to be a big deal, you walk past a phone box, nip in and make a quick call.

You can say: 'I am just calling to register my disgust that your company is working with Huntingdon Life Sciences who torture animals for profit and have been exposed punching beagle puppies in the face and throwing them against walls. I would like my complaint to be logged and registered please and my comments passed on to your management.'

There is never any need to be rude, the person who answers the phone does not kill animals. They might even support you or be willing to give you information, don't alienate them. Again it is the volume of calls that counts so it needs every single one of us to make the calls. Think of the impact of that.

These companies need to receive calls every day. These animals are being tortured every day. We should fight for them every day, not just once a year on a march or on World Day and go home feeling we have done something. Well the animals are still in the labs aren't they? So until they are free we have not done enough.

People worry about the law to do with phone calls. Look at www.freebeagles.org for any legal issues. Basically don't be abusive or threatening, don't call the same company repetitively. Don't call say Yamanouchi constantly for 3 hrs, call Yamanouchi, UPS, TNT and so on. You can always use a phone box and dial 141 to withhold your number before you dial to protect your privacy.

Whatever you do just ring, carry the phone cards with you and just ring them while you are waiting for your train or anything. It doesn't matter what you say, don't be scared, just get on with it, what other option do you have? When the animals are dying what are you doing to save them? They have no one but you. Today 500 beautiful creatures died in pain and agony, what have you done to save each of them?

Emails

These are by far the easiest action. Sign up to the email action alerts at www.shac.net. If you don't have a computer at home all libraries have free Internet access and there are loads of cheap Internet cafes around. It is free to send emails and you can send one email to all the email addresses listed on the action alert. What could possibly be quicker and easier way to reach that amount of people with such little effort?

We need to reach these companies on every level. Picture being in an office and receiving all these different communications. These companies rely on their communications system. That is their weakness, without them they can't function. They can hide in their offices away from demos all they like, but they can't stop us getting in down the phone lines or into their emails. They cannot close down all their communications systems to block out our voices of compassion, much as they would like to.

Faxes

This is quite a neglected way of targeting companies yet they are effective. It doesn't matter if you haven't got a fax machine at home, there are fax machines in libraries and internet cafes, you can send some faxes while you are there doing your emails, having just posted some letters to the company and make some phone calls while waiting for the bus home. Easy peasy. And again it is numbers, these companies log their complaints by the volume of faxes, calls letters etc they get.

So just get on with it, it is all done for you. All the targets, their addresses, email, phone numbers etc can be found at www.shac.net so have a go. You may love the animals and want to save them but empty sentiments don't save lives, so it is time for action. Every day you sit idle, every day you are 'just too busy' is another 500 bodies, another day over 70 thousand linger in pain. So for the animals make the effort and take a moment from your day.

Be effective, let's hit them hard, use your diversity, it is your strength, keep active, keep up the fight, and close HLS.

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Here are some of 16 rabbits liberated recently in Germany.

SHAC Editorial

By strength, innovation and intelligence

These are powerful times, with more at stake than we ever dreamed possible when the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences started. At that time the cycle of closing down breeder after breeder attracted little government interest and the movement stormed ahead, closing down Consort Kennels, Hillgrove Farm, Regal Rabbits and Shamrock Farm in quick succession, businesses that had been breeding and selling animals to be killed by deviants and sadists in labs worldwide for decades. They were fairytale campaigns, with thousands of animals coming out and being rehomed nationwide, covered by an ecstatic press who hailed us all as heroes where weeks previously we were terrorists and fanatics as we fought to save these animals' lives. These campaigns were UK-based and UK-driven, localised wars that did not affect the industry enough for the government to do anything about trying to stop us.

All that changed with Huntingdon Life Sciences. Suddenly we were attacking the very industry that brings in an estimated 16 billion pounds a year to the british economy. Suddenly rather than being outside some cat farmer's house stuck out in Witney, here was the movement on the doorsteps and in the faces of some of the most powerful people in British industry, threatening their tranquil existence and ability to profit from and support animal cruelty and get away with it. Piece by piece we have stripped away from HLS the very foundations it is built on: banks, shareholders, financial institutions, its listing on the London and New York stock exchange, workers, suppliers, customers. At the same time SPEAK halted the building of a primate lab at Cambridge University to the incredulity of the vivisection industry worldwide and SNGP has put Newchurch farm under powerful pressure to close.

The government and the industry have rallied to the support of HLS, shamefully, despite their record of unbelievable incompetence, abuse and fraud. Let us not forget that HLS are the only lab in british history to have their licence revoked by the UK government on account of what was uncovered there. The government make great play of ALF attacks on those associated with HLS and others, and use them to bring in piece after piece of legislation designed to thwart compassion and strip away peoples' rights to protest against animal abuse. Make no mistake - what they seek to do is silence the voice of dissention and render it impossible to oppose evil in whatever form it manifests itself in.

Well we have news for them, THEY WILL FAIL. A High Court judge speaking about SHAC made the analogy of SHAC as a snowball that was thrown at the start of the campaign and that has turned into an avalanche. With activists all over the UK and all over the world waging war against HLS, they have not got a hope in hell. They can emprison us, they can legislate against us, they can try to cut off our funding, they can arrest, harass and try to intimidate us, we have a message for all of them: we do not care what you do to us and you do not affect us one little bit. We thrive on the challenge of you trying to stop us and you make us ever more resourceful and focused in our strategy. All we care about is the animals, they are our reason for fighting and we will never ever give up fighting for them until the day we drop down dead.

Stay strong, stay focused and never underestimate the force of our actions in the campaigns against HLS, Oxford and Newchurch. These campaigns are different fronts in one war against one evil, disgusting industry. We will fight them and WE WILL WIN. As part of an incredible movement you each and every one of you hold the key to victory in your hands and in your hearts. The animals have no-one but us. We will not fail them.

Customer & Supplier demos

Today Shacwales joined again with Bristol and went on a tour of some of the customers and suppliers of HLS in Bristol. Our first stop was a newly discovered UPS in Emersons Green, Bristol.

One activist dressed smartly went up to the door with a 'parcel' to drop off, they buzzed the door open and we all ran in and had a demo. We were found there by a lone worker, who said he'd be back in a minute and then ran away.

We couldn't get in any further due to security doors etc so we left and went round the other entrance where they opened the door to us again. UPS staff are obviously not that quick on the uptake. We had a noisy demo outside and the police turned up, along with a man who wanted to pick up a parcel but couldn't as they had locked all the doors and gates so he had a massive go at them down the intercom saying how pathetic they were and how he wouldn't use them again. Quite a few people were turned away when we were there.

We moved on to TNT in Yate, again went up to them with a 'parcel', they lifted the massive security gates and we ran in, then into the building itself, past reception into an open plan office. Walking straight in we informed them of TNT's compliance with the unacceptable animal abuse at Huntingdon. Escorted out by some massive security thugs - these people do over react so, paranoia, is it getting to you TNT? We said goodbye and were on our way just as two police cars zipped round the corner, too late again.

Next up DuPont. We walked in behind a delivery man and declining to sign in we walked up the stairs and had a wander. We came across a room full of people having a conference. Well we can't have that, we walked in shouting on the megaphone, giving out leaflets, letting them know about our disgust at DuPont killing marmoset monkeys in toxicology experiments at HLS and all about HLS's animal abuse. They sat aghast while activists took over the room and had a rant about DuPont's animal testing.

Our splendid oration was cut short however by the arrival of red faced security who again escorted us from the building. The security at these places really is disgusting. If we can get in anyone can, they need to tighten up, as at the moment they are asking for it. These companies need to wake up.

How anyone can look into the face of a beautiful, loving trusting little puppy or a sweet guinea pig and torture it is beyond comprehension. These people deserve no understanding or pity and the people who chose to work with them and make profit off their abuse regardless of the pain they cause deserve no sympathy either.

They are not without blame, they know exactly what happens in HLS and they chose to support it and while they do so they will remain primary targets. They have no chance really, we are going to do what it takes to save the animals, the companies will pull out. So feel free - step up and have a go and get taken out, it's you that loses.
Finally UPS don't embarrass yourselves anymore, learn to lock your doors.











Link Up - Activists needed

New group in the North of England

Is the North of England a nice quiet spot for Huntingdon life Sciences, its customers and suppliers? Not any more! A group of activists from Yorkshire have decided enough is enough, and we want to do our bit to help shut down this vile company HLS.

We have started regular demos at UPS depots in the Yorkshire area. UPS are just one of many customer/supplier demos we have planned in the North of England.

We can make a difference but pressure has to be kept up! If you live in the North of England and want to get involved in regular demos against HLS customers and suppliers and want to make a real difference then get in touch with us.

Remember what HLS deal in, they poison, torture and mutilate animals day after day. I look into the eyes of Georgia, a Beagle who lives with us. I wonder what sort of monster could punch her while roughly sticking a syringe into her, over and over again. She was in the room when we watched the video of HLS staff abusing animals. I noticed she was distressed from the screams of the Beagle being beaten and had to turn the video off. My partner was crying and so were my children. To see my family holding Georgia, upset the way they were, changed our family's lives forever. We all hugged Georgia for a long time. We must help stop vivisection. HLS is a good place to start. Close down HLS!!!

If you want to come to demos, see contact details below. Get active!
info@wakefieldanimalrights.com
Tel: Mark [redacted]

SHAC Wales

We are looking for activists to join us on demos and actions in South Wales and borders and in and around the Bristol area. Specifically people from places like Hereford, Gloucester, Bristol,Bath, Swindon as well as all of South Wales. We do suppliers and customer demos, and have spontaneous, effective actions. For more info or to get involved please contact:
SHACWales, PO Box 70, Newport, S.Wales NP20 5XX
Email: [redacted]
Tel: (evenings only): [redacted]

Cambridgeshire

Anne and Anthony (78 years old!) from Cambridge are looking for other campaigners to join them on some demos in the Cambridge area against HLS customers and suppliers. Please join them. They are especially keen on welcoming new people on some demos so if you are free please call Anne on [redacted]

PS Anne does not have email so you will need to ring her.

Cambridge is a key area for HLS suppliers and customers so please help Anne and Anthony give 'em some stick!

CALLING SOUTHERN COUNTIES

We know many of you may not be able to come along on demos, but if you are free in the week and want to help bring victory one step closer, then please get in touch with us and come along on the demonstrations. All you will need to do is hand out leaflets, hold banners and maybe let off an airhorn and have a good shout! Remember demonstrating is perfectly legal and you are highly unlikely to get arrested.

The Sussex group is an active one and does demonstrations every week against HLS suppliers and customers in your area. They would love to see some new faces and team up with some enthusiastic, energetic people to make this year even better and more effective than 2004. We know it is a bit daunting to turn up on a demo when you don't know anyone, but you will be made to feel really welcome, promise!

Call Sarah on [redacted]

BEDFORD ANIMAL RIGHTS NEED NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends,

Bedford Animal Rights are a local group that do demos, stalls and all kinds of other activities against all kinds of animal cruelty. They support SHAC, SPEAK and SNGP as well as other campaigns. Everyone is welcome and Bedford Animal Rights are looking for more campaigners to join them on demos, stalls etc. Demos will consist of holding banners and posters, handing out leaflets and informing staff and the public of the cruelty and fraud of the animal testing industry. Bedford Animal Rights are a friendly lot and you will definitely be made to feel welcome!

Please contact Sheila on [redacted] Fran on [redacted] if you would like to get involved or have any questions.

Sat Jan 30th saw 500 activists take to the streets of Oxford as a show of strength and determination against the proposed Oxford University primate lab. Work on this lab has at time of going to press been halted for 7 months yes an incredible 7 months.

Mel from SPEAK gave several impassioned speeches stating what we all know - that we must all work hard to ensure this hell hole is never built.

Andre Menache and Gail Record both spoke about the scientific nonsense that is vivisection. Mr Menache as a vet knows more than most the scientific invalidity of vivisection and pointed out that what is carried out inside labs you or I would be prosecuted for if we did outside the labs yet the vivisectors receive grants and for them these crimes are legal.

Gail who is from Seriously Ill against Vivisection and has a serious illness herself spoke from the heart about drug disasters and how animal research harms and kills us all eventually.

All in all it was a good demo and got the desired result and Oxford and the University certainly heard us and our message loud and clear.

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email: info@speakcampaigns.org.uk



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News in Brief



Huntingdon's very own Captain Weirdo aka the local M.P. Jonathon Djanogly has been banned from driving for 6 months for speeding.

It was reported in the local press under the headline Road ban shame of Hunts M.P. This particular HLS sycophant is often seen in the local paper spouting off about vivisection and terrorism, both of which he knows nothing about. It would seem that Captain Weirdo should learn that those in glass-houses shouldn't throw stones.

Several companies have decided to ditch Huntingdon Life Sciences throughout January, carrying on the honourable tradition of 2004. Major pharmaceutical logistics company Healthcare Logistics were one of the first to go. Hot on their heels was another industry stalwart Graseby medical (Smiths Medical).

Not to be outdone Star Transport sent the campaign a statement that finished by saying:
'Please forward this e-mail to any parties concerned. Wishing you good luck with your campaign for the future,

Regards
N P Marriott'
Managing Director
Star Transport & Warehousing Limited'

In mid january the Times newspaper reported that insurance companies are severely cutting the insurance cover given to drugs comapnies in the event of litigation. This news comes in the face of fears of a massive upsurge in lawsuits by patients damaged by animal tested drugs.

The paper was quoted as saying that "If insurers continue to rein back their cover at this rate, most big drug companies will effectively be left uninsurable by the end of the decade". They were also quoted as saying that "The cost of insurance has risen fivefold in the past three years as the number of class-action lawsuits in the US has soared. One reinsurance company estimated that its losses in the sector were 200 times higher than the level of premiums that it had received over the past decade. The crisis is expected to deepen this year in the US, where Merck is fighting several class actions. Analysts estimate that the company faces a potential litigation bill of $17 billion or more. Last month Merck said that its insurance cover ran to $630 million."
Oh dear.















Can you keep Up?

The animal rights movement has some truly inspiring people in it. One of them is Fiona who runs Tower Hill Animal Sanctuary, works as a fire-fighter, does marathons and runs 15-20 miles a day!

I believe that veganism is where animal rights and welfare starts, not where it ends. Being vegan is just about what I eat and being conscientious about the products I buy. That is why I chose to set up the Sanctuary, 8 years ago. Now I single handedly care for over 260 animals, including 23 horses, 5 cows, 25 pigs, 4 sheep, 20 goats, 50+ cats, 12 dogs and a massive conglomeration of smaller animals such as turkeys, chickens, geese, injured pigeons, peacocks, rabbits, chinchillas etc. I believe strongly in the concept of giving the animals as natural a life as is possible allowing for normal integration and herd or flock like behavioural patterns to emerge. Obviously, as space is restricted this has to be zealously monitored, but I have found it the most successful way of achieving a quality environment for the animals and contentment amongst them. My work can be seen at www.towerhillstables.com I also run a small sanctuary in Russia and am a founder member of the first active animal rights organisation in Russia - VITA.





As well as my work with animals I am trying to break down the stereotypes which I feel exist in society towards vegans and animal activists. I work as a retained Fire-fighter, a job which the vast majority of people to not expect to see a female doing - let alone a vegan female. I also try to raise the profile of veganism by running marathons and other shorter distance races - anything from 3km cross country races to the 42+ km of the marathon. I find that people are genuinely shocked to see a vegan athlete beating the rest of the field and find the forum of a race a good platform to hand out literature and generally talk and try to educate people.
Everybody wants to speak to the winner and if they find you have some 'secret' to your winning, they are much more willing to listen. I suppose 'seeing is believing'!
In November last year I came 5th in the Florence International Marathon in a time of 2hrs 49 minutes proudly wearing my Vegan Runners running vest to show how much publicity it achieves for veganism by running in such events.

This year I have achieved an Elite place in the London Marathon where I hope to come in the top 20 - 15 female runners which would be a magnificent achievement considering there are 42,000 competitors! It will also be a great opportunity to promote veganism as for the first half an hour of the race the Elite ladies are the only runners on the road and tend to get all the attention. By running in the Elite race it means that I will have clear road in front of me for the entire race and so all the people spectating at the side of the road and those watching on TV will have the 'vegan message' pushed at them to its maximum!

This year the BBC have asked if they can feature me on their pre-London Marathon programme which will be shown the day before the race and I will be using this opportunity to get veganism/animal rights over to the masses in whatever way I can. I have also agreed with Dr Elliot Katz of In Defense of Animals to become a member of their sporting Team IDA and a spokesperson and ambassador for IDA who are fighting to promote veganism, ethical treatment of animals and animal rights and welfare all over the world.

Last year I won the Vegan Society's Vegan Achievement Award for my services to animals both in this country and abroad and for my work as a fire-fighter and my Marathon running ability. Being given awards is not my ambition, my only hope is that something I do, whether it be by education, my running or my job, may convince people to think about the importance of each animal's life and stop abusing them.







Prisoner update

Sarah is on remand in HMP charged with several counts of criminal damage connected to Huntingdon Life Sciences and their associates.

Sarah can also receive books but not magazines. She can receive stationery including stamps, writing paper and envelopes but not pens. Never forget that she is in prison with nothing to gain for herself. She is there for the animals. Lastly remember that all prison mail is read so don't put anything incriminating in your letters.

Over the next week or two Sarah is due to be moved so before you write please check www.vpsg.org for her new address or ring us.

Sarah Gisborne LT5393
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road,
London N7 0NU

Paul Le Boutillier was recently offered tagging but refused stating that it was an unecessary infringement on his civil liberties. Good on you Paul. Please write to Paul.

Paul Le Boutillier
(KA9326)
HMP Wealstun
Walton Road
Thorp Arch
Wetherby
LS23 7AZ

Billions wiped off drug company shares

More than $31bn (£16bn) was yesterday knocked off the value of Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical company and maker of Viagra, after doubts surfaced over the safety of one of its key drugs.

The revelation comes only weeks after rival Merck decided to withdraw its painkiller Vioxx, from the same family of drugs, because of similar fears about side- effects.

News that one of Pfizer's main drugs, Celebrex, used to combat arthritis and available on prescription in the UK, could cause heart problems emerged on a dark day for the world's drug giants. British pharmaceuticals group AstraZeneca yesterday suffered its third setback in two months as a clinical trial showed its lung cancer drug Iressa failed to help patients live longer. The news saw the value of the company, one of the UK's largestcorporations, drop £2.8bn in value yesterday.

There had been hopes that the drug offered a breakthrough in cancer treatment, but a study of just under 1,700 patients showed that it appeared to have no significant life-prolonging effects. The blow follows recent news that AstraZeneca's drug, Exanta, used to treat strokes, had been blocked by the US regulatory authority. Its anti-cholesterol drug, Crestor, has also faced stiff criticism from US officials. These setbacks have called into question the future of AstraZeneca's chief executive, Sir Tom McKillop.

In New York Pfizer's shares plummeted after it said trials of Celebrex as a treatment for cancer rather than arthritis showed it more than doubled the risk of heart problems. Celebrex, which is available in the UK under prescription, comes from the family of drugs known as Cox-2 inhibitors which includes Vioxx. Cox-2 is a protein which is believed to cause inflammation of joints.

Celebrex and Vioxx are anti-inflammatories and were launched in the US market five years ago. Celebrex is one of Pfizer's biggest selling drugs, accounting for sales of $1.9bn last year. The US group also has a second newer drug in a similar vein called Bextra which was worth $687m in sales in 2003.

New York-based Pfizer said yesterday that a trial carried out by the National Cancer Institute into the use of Celebrex to treat cancerous tumours, was halted after results showed "an approximately 2.5-fold increase" in the risk of non-fatal heart attacks in patients. The company stressed, however, that a second trial investigating whether the drug could prevent intestinal growths did not reveal any link between Celebrex and heart attacks. Adverse findings in a similar trial caused Merck to withdraw Vioxx.

Campaigners yesterday said the European Medicines Agency was reviewing data on the potential cardiovascular effects of Cox-2 inhibitors. The US Food and Drug Administration said it had "great concerns" about Celebrex and other Cox-2 inhibitors, acting FDA commissioner Lester Crawford said last night. A statement from the FDA is likely in the next few days. The latest news may worry patients."The withdrawal of Vioxx on the grounds that it increased the risk of heart attack and stroke, makes this news from Pfizer that there might be similar problems with Celebrex worrying," said a spokeswoman for the Arthritis Research Campaign.

But she stressed: "There has never been any suggestion from previous data that Celebrex may increase the risk of heart problems and current prescribing advice is that Cox-2s should not be given to those arthritis patients at risk of heart attack or stroke." A spokesman for Pfizer said the company had no plans to take the drug off the market.

Hank McKinnell, chairman and chief executive of Pfizer, said: "The cardiovascular findings in one of the studies are unexpected and not consistent with the reported findings in the second study."

Merchandise order form

Merchandise is free unless stated however donations to cover costs are appreciated. Return the order form below to SHAC, 6 Boat Lane, Evesham, Worcs WR11 4BP.

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
HLS general leaflet A5		PGP security CD and instructions	
Combined Japanese customer leaflet		Megaphones £65 inc P+P	
UPS strip leaflet		'Green Harvest' vegan recipe book £5.00	
Rabbits in stocks A2 poster		Legal advice booklet	
Dead puppy A2 poster			
Japanese A2 poster			
Airhorns £5 inc P+P		AR 2004 t shirt size..... colour ..... The front says AR 2004 around a globe and the back has a quote from Barry Horne all sizes £3 inc p+p Sizes: child, skinny fit, small, large and XL only ONLY 3 POUNDS NOW - WHAT A BARGAIN! NEW SHAC GLOBAL T-shirts and hoodies Size ..... Colour ..... Hoodies: black only. T-shirts: black and khaki. T-shirts cost £10. Hoodies cost £15.	
Videos 1 Time for Action 1 and 2 - this is footage of SHAC demos set to music 2 The truth short - cruelty footage shot inside HLS 3 The truth long - as above but with demo footage added on the end 4 Countryside Undercover - half hour Channel 4 programme filmed inside HLS 5 Strike Back - USA demo footage			
Map reading guide		Michelle Rokke's diary of her 9 months working undercover inside HLS, £2 inc P+P	
Book : 'Caught in the Act' £3 inc p+p		Collecting tins	
Science book 'Sacred Cows and Golden Geese' by Dr. Ray Greek £8 inc P+P		Yamanouchi hooded tops: Large and XL only £10 each	
Cruelty free guides - lists what's tested and what isn't, 50p inc P+P		DONATION	£
Petitions		TOTAL	£

NAME..... ADDRESS.....

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POSTCODE.....EMAIL ADDRESS.....TEL No.....

Open SHAC SHOP

Warning! Anyone caught shoplifting will get a home visit...know what we mean?

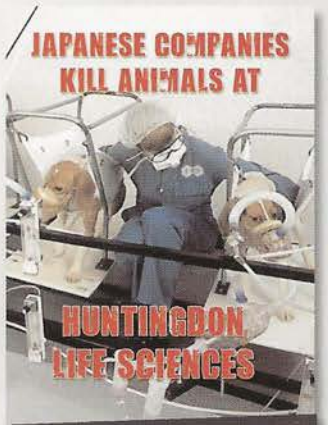




Japanese A2 poster



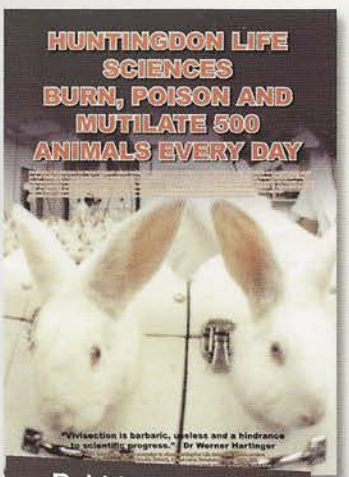
NEW UPS leaflet



Combined Japanese customer leaflet



PGP CD



Rabbit A2 poster



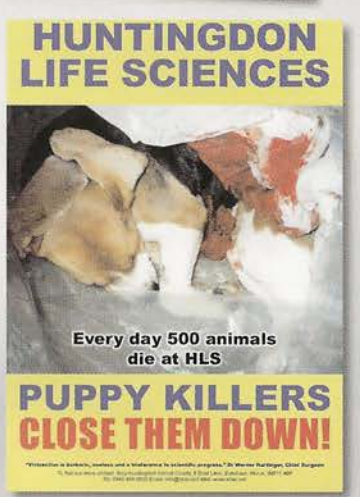
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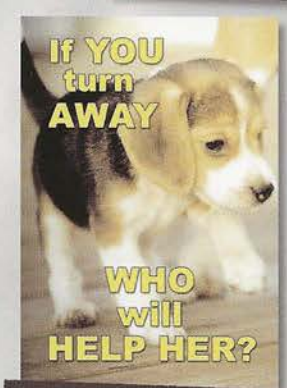
Megaphone

NEW SHAC Global t shirt and hooded tops. On the back is a list of all the companies who have dumped Huntingdon

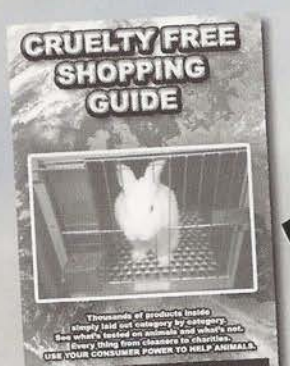
Colours Khaki and Black. All sizes.



Dead puppy A2 poster



General HLS leaflet



Cruelty-free shopping guide



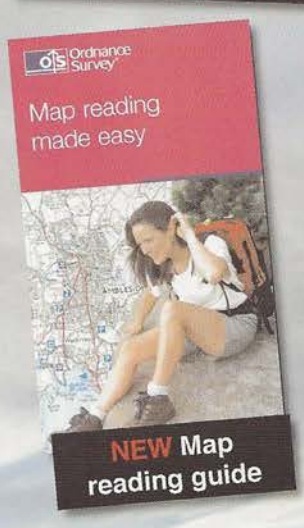
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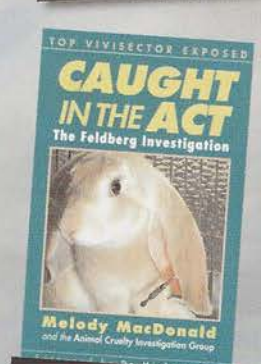
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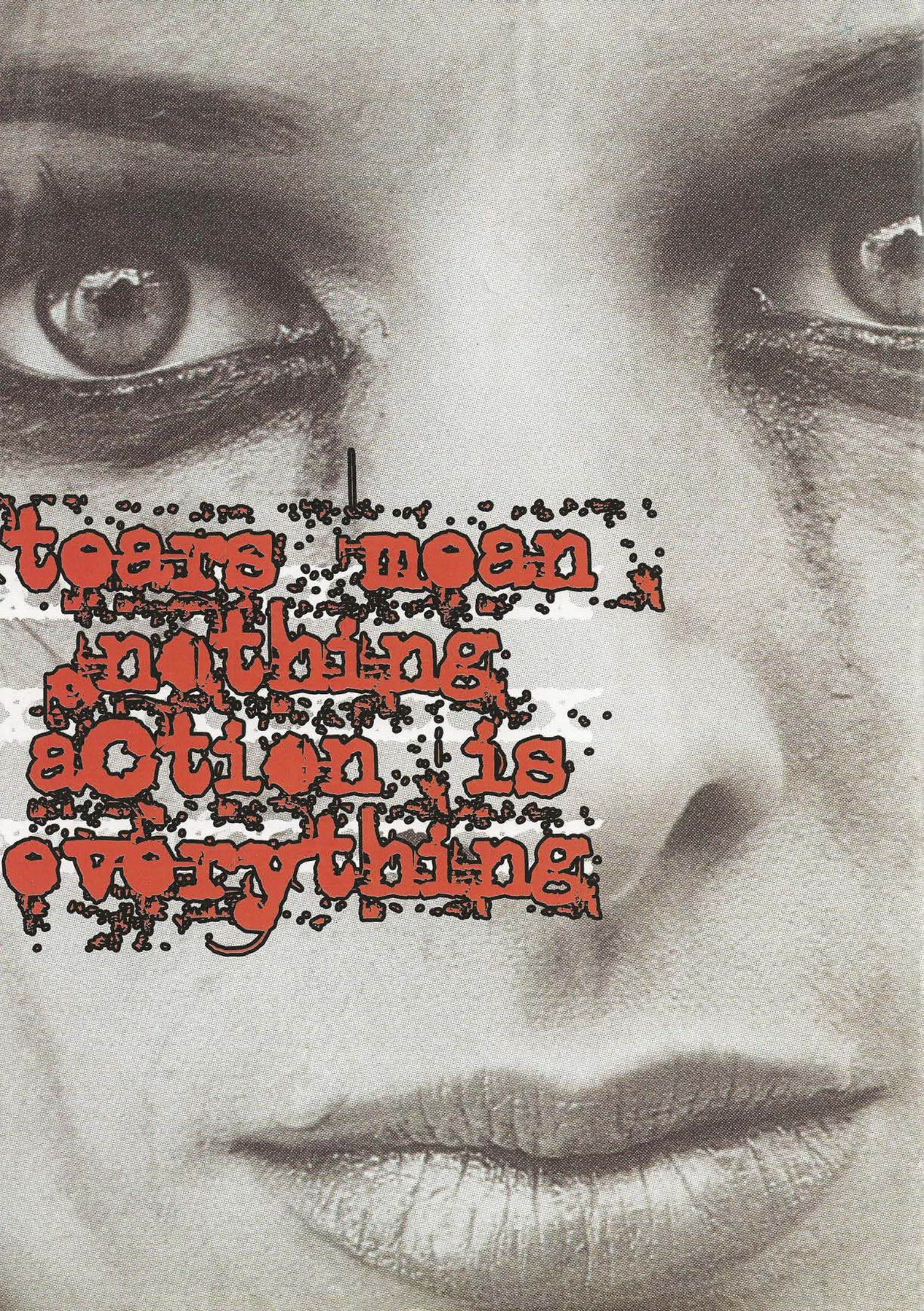
SHAC videos



NEW Map reading guide



NEW Undercover book: Caught in the Act


tears mean
nothing
action is
everything