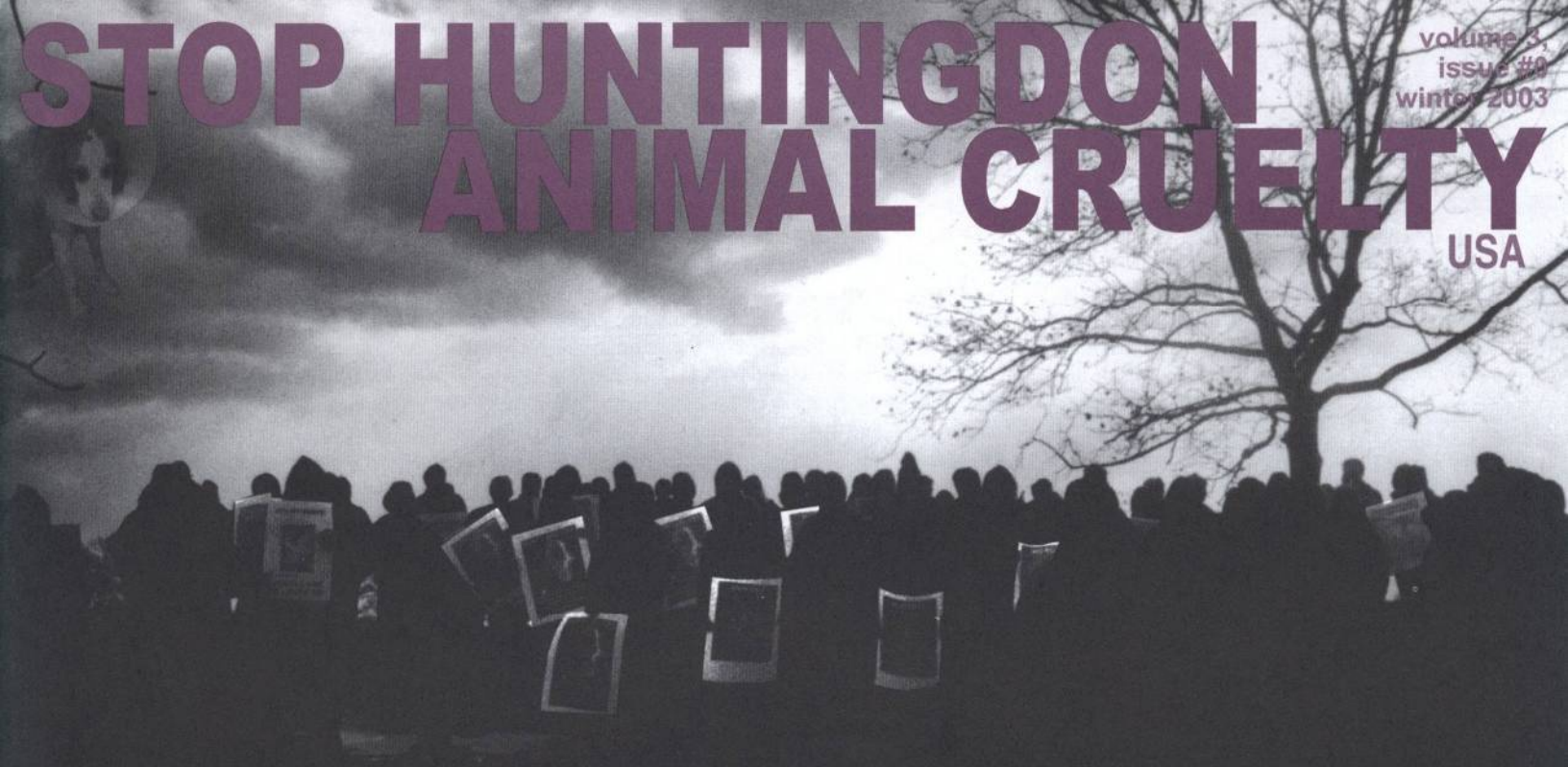
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it's always darkest before the dawn

MARSH GIVES UP * BEGINNING OF THE END * DECEMBER 1ST WRAP UP

Editorial

by the SHAC editorial board

Get ready. The pace, the approach, and the impact of this international campaign is picking up. What has been achieved in the last year and half in the United States has been nothing short of amazing. This SHAC endeavor has set forth the evidence, like no other animal rights effort to date, that grassroots campaigning and direct action work. We have left our opponents in the vivisection industry bewildered, the bank executives with no working phone lines, the lab suppliers with protestors on their front lawns, and the tough insurance executives with bouts of chronic diarrhea from frayed nerves. And most importantly, we have left Huntingdon with nowhere to turn.

Use whatever analogy you need to understand where we are with HLS. We are in the final round of a boxing match going for the TKO, we're at that last level of Mario Bros. and you are about to fight the dragon, or this is our D-day after many successful battles in a bigger war. Whatever sends home the message that this is it, all cheerleading and rhetoric aside – we are now onto targeting Huntingdon, having first cut off all their external lines of support. By strategically isolating, applying pressure, and taking out HLS's senior management and scientists, the company will be lost. No governmental intervention will save them this time. George Bush and Tony Blair are not going to become the CEO and Managing Director to this two-bit company that cannot keep its nose clean.

So take this mini-newsletter as a warning of what is to come and get yourself ready. Be rested, be organized, and be funded, because shortly you will receive the next SHAC USA newsletter and it is going to be twice the size of a regular one, chock full of information, and will mark the launch of the most forceful and dynamic part of the campaign yet. And there is a major catch with this next newsletter – in order to receive it, you've got to make a promise to yourself, and to those animals inside HLS depending on you, ***to use it!***

If you are not going to play an active part in this campaign by going on demos, writing letters and emails, or making phone calls – then stop wasting our time and money and let us know not to send you anything. Thanks for you interest, but we are only as strong as our weakest link, and the animals don't need inaction and they don't need your excuses. Closing HLS is not a spectator sport. For everyone else – dig your heels in and get ready to come out swinging. This is our time!



* MARSH ABANDONS HLS

On December 17, Marsh Inc. relinquished its role as HLS's insurance broker. For ten months activists in the U.S., England, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, and elsewhere delivered home demos, protest camps, special event disruptions, late night wake up calls, and whatever else they could think of to Marsh, unifying an ever-strengthening global movement for animal liberation. Make no mistake, the defeat of the world's largest insurance company by grassroots activists is a testament to the strength of this campaign.

In the U.S. Marsh truly worked with activists in achieving this victory, filing lawsuits in five different cities! Marsh also hired security guards to sit outside the homes of Marsh executives 24 hours a day! The plan: scare activists into settling the lawsuits (and hence, agreeing to restricted protest activity) and halt underground activity by eliminating the cover of darkness. Well Marsh, you picked the wrong crowd!

No such luck. Go ahead Marsh (and anyone else stepping up to the plate) sue us! We will never settle, you'll pay 5 law firms upwards of $250 an hour - and you'll economically sabotage yourselves! Likewise for the futility of 24-hour security when houses get painted while the guards sleep on the job, activists start protesting the churches, gyms, and gas stations of Marsh execs, or better yet - when the security guards start getting home demos themselves!

The UK government will now provide insurance to HLS. (How pathetic that, if something gets destroyed at HLS in New Jersey - which we of course hope never happens - UK citizens have to pay for the insurance coverage!) We have cut off all outside support, and now we're going in. If we can push down Marsh, HLS management and senior scientists don't stand a chance!



marsh collapses under DIRECT ACTION AND PROTESTS







* GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

With Marsh out of the way, activists have brought the momentum and muscle of this campaign to the doorsteps of those responsible for every death at HLS. Management and senior scientists - it's time for a taste of what your cohorts have been getting!

Mark Bibi (of HLS CEO Andrew Baker's company Focused Healthcare Partners) has been a favorite, with frequent home demos, the first of which saw Mr. Bibi coming home mid-demo and having to drive through dozens or protestors to get down his driveway! An ALF attack left his house covered in painted slogans and a boulder through the windshield of the car.

On the opposite coast, the ALF took out Rodney Armistad's (of Baker's company Medical Diagnostic Management) front windows with marbles. The West has also heated up with actions against Kirby Lee Cramer, a Board Member and major HLS investor. Executives of Landec and Array (on whose Boards Kirby also sits) are quickly learning that one rotten apple spoils the barrel, with constant home and office demonstrations. Gary Steele, and Stephen and Diana Halprin, of Landec, were none to happy to learn that a horde of Trick-or-Treaters were actually protesters!

Perhaps most satisfyingly, activists are beginning to hold HLS's senior scientists responsible for their dirty work. Dean Rodwell (TX) got a home visit from the paint wielding ALF, and Fiona Fraser-Smith and Carol Auletta (NJ) have woken up to megaphones at 2 a.m. and their towns plastered in 'WANTED For Animal Cruelty' posters. Two senior scientists, Henning Jonesson and Darioush Dadgar, have already resigned! Apparently the rest are deaf to the animals' screams; but we know they can't ignore ours!

december 1st
* NATIONAL ROUNDUP



november 30
AN EVENING OF ACTIVISM

From as far as 3000 miles away, activists traveled to New Jersey to smash HLS for the lab's 50th birthday. The weekend kicked off with a speaking event featuring Black Panther Party co-founder Bobby Seale, UK ALF Press Officer Robin Webb, Kinship Circle Director Brenda Shoss, and former ALF activist and political prisoner Rod Coronado. The theme of the evening was clear: ACTION! The speeches were 'fiery' to say the least. Rod Coronado said it best during his talk, "If you don't have the stomach for direct action, you better go join the Humane Society or something. Because SHAC is about getting your hands dirty!"



december 1
NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

Over 350 people from across the United States (and a couple international activists) made their way to East Millstone, New Jersey to give Huntingdon Life Sciences a birthday it would not soon forget. Carrying hundreds of signs and huge banners, an angry mob of protestors gathered at HLS to stage a memorable, loud, and impassioned rally. Most laid their eyes on the lab for the first time - seeing the hellhole they have been working so hard to close.

HLS and the SHAC campaign saturate the country in media stories. CNN did extensive live coverage from the protest and gave hourly updates on the event. NBC, UPN, FOX, and ABC also broadcast the anti-HLS message. Every major New Jersey newspaper and several national papers covered the events and gave front page space to the story. Almost all of the stories gave a favorable view of the campaign, mentioned Huntingdon's animal cruelty exposes, and shamed the police for their overstated and military-like presence.

Name and Shame Time

After the lab demonstration, 100 activists braved the cold and used their fury to keep them warm as they set out on HLS employee home demonstrations. Laughing in the face of silly court ordered restrictions in NJ, 60 protestors headed across state lines to pay an unannounced and unwelcome visit to HLS's vet. The neighborhood received the protestors warmly and a couple even brought their dogs out and joined the demo!

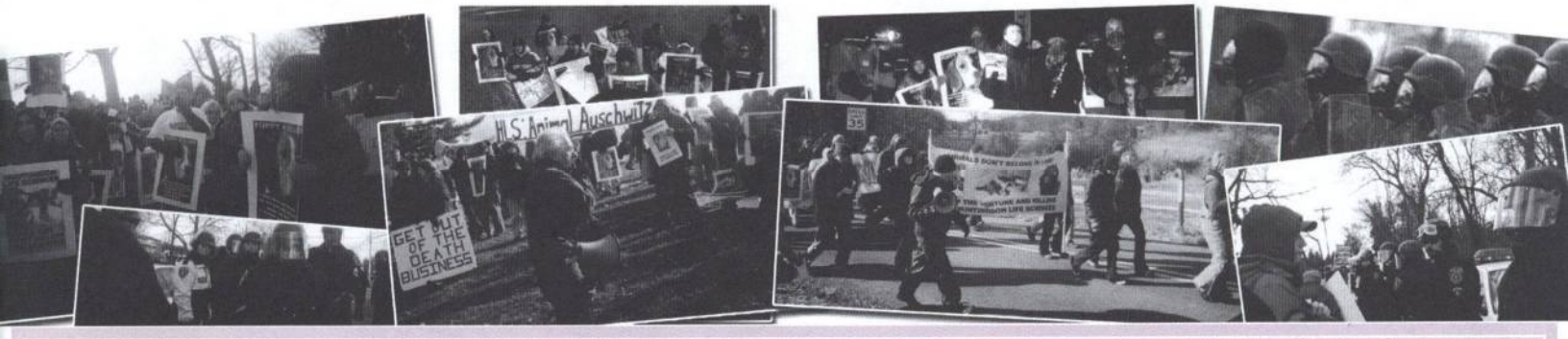
Those remaining in NJ took on three senior HLS officials and scientists. CNN covered one demonstration in Edison, the Associated Press and the Trenton Times ran stories about the protest in Princeton.



december 2
MAYHEM IN MANHATTAN

Finally, it was time for the Big Action in the Big Apple! Activists took to New York City on Day 3 and gave Andrew Baker, the Evil Oz behind it all, his very first home demonstration. 279 Central Park West is now known nationwide as ground zero, and Baker can be sure they'll come from miles around to visit!

Afterwards, with the police in pursuit, activists parked themselves in front of Marsh Inc.'s HQ on 6th Avenue. Monday was the perfect end to a weekend dedicated to smashing HLS on its 50th birthday. Leaving NYC on Monday activists had their batteries recharged, new home addresses to focus on, and the memories of HLS's compound still lingering in their heads - feeding their fury.



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all that is left is his itself. its time to tear it down