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Wildlife Destruction Facilities Torched

OLYMPIA, WA -- On June 22, volunteers from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Earth Liberation Front (ELF) firebombed two area animal research laboratories operated by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the notorious Animal Damage Control (ADC) government program. Both agencies operate under the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. News reports stated that $400,000 in damages was caused to the buildings while $1.5 million in research was destroyed. None of the animals housed at the facilities nor humans were injured in the coordinated raid on the rurally located laboratories and offices which conduct research "beneficial" to the commercial timber and agriculture industries.



Authorities inspect the ruins of ADC building

The USFS's Wildlife Research Center which operates on an annual government funded budget of $15 million was totally gutted in the early morning fire. Less than two hours after that fire was reported, authorities responded to a second alarm at the nearby ADC field station which destroyed administrative offices for the agency responsible for destroying wildlife in the Northwest that the timber industry and farmers claim is a threat to their profits.

Researchers at the Wildlife Research Center develop the repellents and techniques used by ADC to keep deer, elk, mountain beavers, bears, voles and pocket gophers away from pine seedlings planted on public and private lands logged by the timber industry in a pitiful attempt to restore forests which they destroy. Approximately 12 researchers are effected by the ALF/ELF action at the WRC.

The ADC field station near Olympia serves not only as the USDA agency responsible for developing the poison chemical agents which repel or kill wildlife on forest and farm lands in furtherance of the economic agenda of private industry, but is also the headquarters for approximately 100 field operatives who shoot, poison, trap and otherwise kill "nuisance" and "problem" wildlife which inhibit the commercial exploitation of most public forestlands in the Pacific Northwest. In Washington state alone, ADC was responsible for killing over 340,000 animals at the request of the timber and agricultural industries in the 1996 fiscal year.

USDA spokespeople claim that of the $1.5 million in research destroyed at both facilities, most was aimed at providing non-lethal alternatives to prevent wildlife from destroying crops. What they

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Interview With Noel Molland of the Gandalf 3

The Gandalf 3, UK journalists who spent 4-1/2 months in prison for the 'crime' of reporting the facts about direct action protests, were celebrating on July 23rd when their convictions were quashed in the High Court. The editors of Green Anarchist (GA) magazine were originally found guilty of conspiracy and sentenced to three years each. The High Court judges strongly criticized the original judge for misdirecting the jury and giving excessive sentences.

Following this great news, Noel Molland, one of the defendants, kindly answered our questions about the case, the animal liberation/environmental movements and his plans for the future.

No Compromise: Please tell our readers about the GandALF case....

Noel Molland: The Gandalf Trial came around because of the British police's desire to stop people reporting the activity of the Animal Liberation Front and other militant animal rights activists.

They claim that by reporting the activities of the Animal Liberation Front people are actively encouraging others to carry out ALF actions. Another reason why the police, government and animal abusers don't like the reporting of ALF actions is because reports of ALF action have the habit of making people debate the issues around animal abuse and that inevitably threatens the activities of the abusers.

Specifically, they investigated the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group Newsletter which publishes a regular column written by the ALF Press Office about ALF activity in Britain. The police also investigated the Green Anarchist magazine which produced a regular Diary of Animal Liberation and an Ecodefence Diary, both of which listed direct action from around the world.

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DARING DAYLIGHT RAID FREES RABBITS FROM LAB BREEDER

PHILOMATH, OR — June 20th marked a first for animal liberationists in North America. We may now proudly celebrate our first ever daylight raid! Broad daylight raids have been a widely used tactic elsewhere in the world, with England and Australia leading the way. Often times, alarms are shut off during the day, electric fences disabled and doors unlocked. All that one needs is the will, a group of dedicated activists, and a target. Activists in Oregon had the will, and the dedication, but needed to do some investigation to find a target.

For years now Lance Patton and his father, Oregon State University vivisector Nephi Patton have bred rabbits for research on a small farm outside of Eugene. The Western Oregon Rabbit Supply's address was unknown, until now. WORS has been advertised in industry trade journals, but nothing more than a P.O. box has ever been given for a location. An anonymous tip and an all day stake out led activists to the farm...

About 25 activists from 3 states descended on 2475 Rosecrest Drive around noon on a quiet Saturday. Neighbors sat in their lawns sipping tea, others rode around on big green lawnmowers. After the last activists rounded a bend in the road that took them out of the neighbors' sight, they had quite a surprise in store. Masked activists were jumping the fences and running towards the breeding sheds. Soon the activists returned with rabbits in hand, directing the other activists to take them to safety. In total, 15-19 rabbits were rescued.

One anonymous activist had this to say: "It was phenomenal. I ran down the road and peered under the sheds. As far as I could see there were white rabbits. A stream of

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Introductory Ramblings

NC Readers,

We asked you to send us articles, photos, news items and commentaries, and WOW, did you respond! We received so much good stuff that it won't all fit in this issue, so some of it is being held till the next issue, where it will be given priority. Mind you, we aren't complaining! This is the best kind of problem to have as it shows that *No Compromise* really does belong to the grassroots.

We would love to receive more photos and artwork so please send us pictures of your actions or drawings, if you're artistic, for publication. Unfortunately, the photos in the last issue came out far too dark - as we said, it was the new staff's first effort so something was bound to not come out right.... Here's hoping we got it right this time!

In our last issue, we had a focus section on strategies and campaigns that are proving effective around the world. We liked the format of this focus section so much, that every issue from now on will have a topic that is covered in depth. This issue's focus section is devoted to hunt sabbing and creative ways to stop (or seriously impede) hunts, and it comes just in time for the start of hunting season. Let's give hunters a really warm reception on opening day!

The focus section for the next issue will be on starting/maintaining a group, so if you have any experiences in this area that you think would be valuable to share with other activists, please let us know. On the other side of the coin, tell us what kind of information would be most helpful to you and we'll try to include it.

Getting back to the current issue: be sure to read the interview with Noel Molland, one of the Gandalf 3, who were persecuted and jailed for reporting on ALF actions in the U.K. This kind of repression says loud and clear that the ALF is definitely having an impact!

Activists are also making inroads in other areas such as fur, research on primates, Animal Damage Control, etc., and we reported on some exciting actions, including a daylight raid on a rabbit breeder. Daylight raids have been done in other parts of the world, but this was a first for the U.S. Hopefully, it won't be the last!

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COINTELPRO & Earth First!

By Noelle Hanrahan

This report was written in association with the Redwood Summer Justice Project, which pursues Judi Bari's and Darryl Cherney's civil rights case against the FBI and Oakland Police.

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On April 22, 1970, as 22 million Americans rallied across the country on the first Earth Day celebration, FBI agents in over 40 cities were ordered to spy on and infiltrate these events. Senator Edwin Muskie, himself a victim, remarked from the floor of Congress that this surveillance was "a dangerous threat to fundamental constitutional rights." The power of the environmental movement and the challenge it posed to business-as-usual made it an instant target for FBI suppression.

"These guys are professional liars, who have raised selective memory loss to an art form."
— Judi Bari, Earth First!

FBI LEGACY

From the moment of its birth in 1908 as the Justice Department's "Bureau of Investigation," a key part of the FBI's mission has been to suppress political dissent. In the early years they used deportations and the career-destroying Palmer raids to target union leaders and communists. Burglary, black-listing, infiltration and disruption became standard operating procedure. Later, when the Supreme Court ruled that the Smith Act specifically could not be used to target communists, the FBI took it undercover, developing its "counterintelligence" program dubbed COINTELPRO. In the words of then-director J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO was designed to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" groups whose views the FBI deemed threatening to the status quo.



Judi's and Darryl's lives were almost taken in the blast that gutted this car.

Twenty years later on May 24, 1990, a shrapnel-wrapped car bomb went off under noted Earth First! activist Judi Bari's car seat, nearly killing her and injuring fellow organizer Darryl Cherney. Even more frightening to Bari, as she woke up in the hospital intensive care unit under armed guard, was the realization that a major FBI "counter-intelligence" operation against Earth First! was underway.

"It is absolutely foolish to suggest that the FBI was involved in anything that would obstruct justice."
— Richard W. Held, FBI

Within minutes of their arrival on the scene of the blast, the FBI was falsely characterizing nonviolent environmental organizers Bari and Cherney as "terrorists". Within hours, the Oakland Police Department had arrested and detained them for transporting explosives. It was not enough that the two leaders had been physically blown up; the FBI immediately began to orchestrate a disinformation campaign designed to discredit and imprison these activists and destroy Earth First!

What could make nonviolent environmental organizers the targets of repression? Back in May 1990, Earth First! in the redwood region was gearing up for "Mississippi Summer in the California Redwoods," a bold call that would draw thousands of activists to Mendocino and Humboldt counties. Earth First!'s fierce, grassroots, pro-labor campaign of mass nonviolent civil disobedience was determined to stop corporate timber's liquidation of the old-growth forests. Even in the face of the attempted assassination of the key organizers and a well- orchestrated FBI disinformation campaign, thousands came to Redwood Summer, bringing national attention to the destruction of the redwood forest ecosystem. It is a testimony to the power of the movement mobilized by Judi Bari that today, eight years later, protests to save the old growth forests are more dynamic than ever.

RICHARD W. HELD: CONSTITUTIONAL ASSASSIN

Richard W. Held was Special Agent-in-Charge of the San Francisco FBI Office 1985-1993 during its extensive COINTELPRO operations against Earth First! Of all the COINTELPRO operatives, Richard Wallace Held's past is particularly brutal and haunting. Held began his career in 1968 in the Los Angeles office of the FBI. He quickly became the lead agent in the "racial matters" squad which focused on what the FBI called "black extremists". Just one year later he was involved in targeting Los Angeles Black Panther Party leader Geronimo ji jaga (Pratt) for "neutralization." Framed for a murder he did not commit, Geronimo spent 25 years in state prison. He was released in 1997 after a judge overturned his conviction based on prosecutorial misconduct. The key witness in the case, Julius Butler, was an informant for the FBI, LAPD, and the L.A. District Attorney's office; that information was kept secret during Geronimo's trial.

An uncanny ability to lie under oath, commonly referred to as "testa-lying," is a trademark of rogue law enforcement

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Thousands of protesters gather at a Redwood Summer rally in 1990

Revolutionary Struggle

By Rod Coronado

This month marks my third year as a prisoner of war. Not a war that we participate in, but one we are fighting to end. A war that the animal nations and the earth mother have been subjected to now for centuries with vivisection, the fur trade, sport hunting and other forms of animal and earth abuse as its modern manifestations. Three years is not a long time and I in no way consider my imprisonment anyone's fault but my own. I knew 7 years ago as I first contemplated striking Oregon University's Experimental Fur Farm that the consequence would most likely be prison. I was known to the industry and it would be only a matter of time before the Feds put the pieces together that would sanction my criminal indictment.

But as my comrades Barry, Josh, Keith, Colby, Gillian, Jason, Frank and all the other animal liberation prisoners know, the alternatives to taking direct action became less of an alternative as we thought what our lives would be like if we turned our backs on those we have chosen to defend. Like many people in our movement, we choose not to be blind to the destruction and exploitation of the natural world. Continuing to live a life where we accept injustice simply because it is legal became a harder choice to live with than fighting against the war on nature and her animal children with every means at our disposal.

We've seen the alternative, the burn out activists suffer from when the tactics society allows seem to do nothing to slow, let alone stop the advance of the earth's and animal's enemies and I know of more than a few people who chose suicide rather than live in a world with such institutionalized cruelty and abuse. Yes, it can be argued that even the actions of the ALF, ELF and other liberationists do little to stem the tide, but still there is solace and satisfaction in discovering that we can ride above our disempowerment and strike the real criminals where it hurts them the most, in their bank accounts.

And it's not just the knowledge that we were able to break free of the rules allowed us by the animals, earth and our own oppressors to achieve a partial victory that gives us the strength to endure temporary imprisonment, it's also knowing that at least a handful of our animal relations will not end up as just another mind-numbing statistic that we rattle off in our arguments against animal abuse. When you have lifted an abused animal from a cage that you know would carry him or her to an agonizing death and felt his/her heart beating against your own, you begin to rationalize that even one life out of a million is worth a few years in prison. A prison that, unlike the animals', will not include physical torture and a death sentence at the conclusion of your sentence.

My comrades and I may be in prison now, but we can rest assured that because we chose to say "Enough!," there are literally thousands of former animal prisoners who will never see another cage for the rest of their natural lives. And personally speaking, there is nothing I've endured these few short years of imprisonment that has led me to regret taking the actions I did for the Mink, Coyote and other animal nations. And I'll venture to say that all my imprisoned comrades, both human and non-human would agree.

And even though it is a crime today to liberate animals victimized by the violent acts that if committed outside that lab, factory or fur farm would be criminal themselves, at least liberationists in First World countries do not live in countries like Peru or China where political prisoners are routinely tortured for their beliefs. Our suffering remains little when compared to that of others. As someone who will only be in prison a short time for literally years of direct action activism, I'm more at peace with the animal people and the natural world knowing I gave a few years of my own freedom for a lifetime of freedom for those whose only release comes from the actions of people like us.

My small sacrifice and that of dozens of animal liberation prisoners of the past is surely a reasonable exchange for those we have helped rescue. Either way, we still win. We win if

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Direct Action News From North America

News Briefs

PORTLAND, OR — Hundreds of people from all over the U.S. and Canada took part in the End Corporate Dominance Parade on Monday, June 1st. There were four arrests during the demonstration which was the final event in the Regional Conference to End Corporate Dominance held all weekend at Portland State University. Police were out in full force heavily armed with crowd dispersing weaponry.

PARSIPPANY, NJ — It was reported on June 1st that the Fur Mart is now officially out of business, adding yet another to the list of NJ furriers who have closed this year. The New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance has had about half a dozen protests there over the winter.

LITTLE ROCK, AR — Dillard's Inc. department store chain was flooded with letters, faxes, phone calls and e-mail when it was announced that they would be merging with Mercantile Stores, a chain which carries full fur departments. We learned on June 3rd that Dillard's has not only promised to maintain their own no fur policy, but will also remove the fur from its newly acquired Mercantile Stores once the merger is complete.

DALLAS, TX — Neiman Marcus and its agents viciously chased down, and beat peaceful anti-fur demonstrators last year. A lawsuit was filed against them in Dallas District Court Tuesday, June 9th. The suit involved a September 27, 1997 attack by Rodney Lewis against Lydia Nichols and J.P. Goodwin, who were knocked unconscious and rushed to a nearby hospital with concussions.

NEW YORK CITY, NY — Three activists were arrested at an anti-fur protest held at a "Fur Age Magazine" party at the Spy Bar on May 19th during "Fur Fashion Week" but had charges of disorderly conduct dismissed by a judge on June 19th. The judge stated that it is their constitutional right to hold a peaceful demonstration and that no laws were broken and dismissed the case.

NEW YORK CITY, NY — William Stevens, owner of the "Evolution" curio shop is off to the slammer! He was sentenced Thursday, June 25th, to 16 months in jail. Stevens operated a gruesome curio shop where he sold body parts and pieces, and whole bodies, of dead wild animals and Native Americans.

HIGHLAND PARK, NJ — Animal Defense League - NJ declared a victory on July 2nd when the owner of Marianne Furs signed a contract stating that the store will not sell any fur garments now or at any time in the future. This follows a 5 month campaign of protesting the store which will continue the business of remodeling, cleaning, storage and alteration of furs but will no longer be listed as a fur "retailer."

DALLAS, TX — On July 2nd, after four days of testimony, a six-person jury convicted Lydia Nichols and J.P. Goodwin of "interference" with a police officer during a Neiman Marcus protest, in November of 97, and sentenced them to jail with a maximum fine of $2,000 each. Each served less than a day in jail.

ANTI-FUR ACTIVISTS SHUT DOWN MACY'S



photo: Mark Eden

NEW YORK CITY, NY - Fourteen activists were arrested after blocking the entrance to Macy's flagship store in NYC on July 27th by locking themselves to cement-filled barrels, chaining themselves to the overhead awning and locking down to the escalators inside the store. Another activist who was videotaping was also arrested. The demonstration, which drew about 50 protestors, is part of the campaign to get Macy's East to follow the example of Macy's West and close their fur salons.

Woodchucks Liberated from NY Lab

DRYDEN, NY — In the early morning of July 4, the Animal Liberation Front conducted a raid on Marmotech, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company based here. Founded in 1979, the corporation specializes in hepatitis research using woodchucks (Marmota monax, the common groundhog) as test subjects. Marmotech is owned and operated by Bud Tennant, a professor and veterinarian at nearby Cornell University. Besides testing viruses and drugs on woodchucks in his facility, Tennant also breeds the animals for sale to Cornell,

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Josh Ellerman Sentenced - More Arrests in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — First the good news: Mark Klein was released from prison July 28th. WELCOME HOME MARK!! Thanks go out to everyone who supported Mark during his stay in jail; those letters really helped him pass the time. He counted over 500 of them!

And now the bad - Josh Ellerman turned himself in to authorities on Monday, June 29. Josh, 19, has confessed to three of 13 felony charges relating to the fire-bombing of the Fur Feed Co-Op in Sandy, Utah ($1 million damage) last year. His charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years. Shortly before his sentencing in May, Josh disappeared.

While he was underground, three Salt Lake City activists were arrested by at least 20 gun-toting agents on June 19. All were charged with 6 felony counts for allegedly liberating animals from two Utah fur farms. They were interrogated as to the location of Josh and told that if they disclosed his whereabouts, their charges would be dropped.

All three of those taken into custody have been released. Two on bail, and the third due to medical reasons.

Additionally, Jake Kennison, who was about one hour away from being released from prison, has been further detained on the same charges (two counts burglary, two counts criminal mischief, two counts releasing fur bearing animals). One of the men, a paraplegic, was released for medical reasons, the other two were released on bail.

Josh was sentenced on September 10 to seven years in prison. According to the reports we've received at press time, he was given a "light" sentence for cooperating with the authorities in their ongoing investigation. During the same week, five activists (including Josh's brother, Colby) were indicted and/or arrested in relation to the Co-Op action.

(addresses for current prisoners can be found on page 24)

National Protests Against Primate Experimentation

by Rick Bogle

NATIONAL — On August 22, anti-cruelty activists in thirteen cities around the country, from San Francisco to Atlanta to Boston demanded that primate vivisection stop immediately.

In Madison, twenty protestors and more than 200 stuffed monkeys camped at the door of the Harry Harlow Primate Psychology Laboratory. In San Francisco, Mike Kennedy scaled a 13-story building on the University of California campus and hung a banner proclaiming: "UCSF TORTURES ANIMALS." In Atlanta, two protestors were arrested for obstructing traffic in and out of Emory University. In Ann Arbor books used to teach vivisection were set ablaze as police and University of Michigan officials looked on. In San Diego, thirty animal defenders went to the basement of the Medical Building where the Animals are kept and began kicking down the door to enter the laboratory. *(The San Diego action was done in solidarity with jailed activists Josh Harper and Scott Gibson and their commitment to end vivisection -- ed.).*

Protests were held at Univ. of California/ San Francisco, State Univ. of NY (Brooklyn), Univ. of California/San Diego, Univ. of Kansas Medical Center (Kansas City), Univ. of Michigan (Ann Arbor), Harvard (Boston), Univ. of Washington (Seattle), Oregon Health Sciences (Portland), Emory Univ. (Atlanta), Medical College of Virginia (Richmond), National Institutes of Health (Washington D.C.), Univ. of Minnesota (Minneapolis), and Univ. of Wisconsin (Madison).

Media coverage in most locales was good and helped to educate the public. In Oregon, however, the papers and broadcast media have been effectively silenced by the Oregon Health Sciences University which regularly purchases advertising proclaiming the Universal Benefits to All Humans from animal sacrifice.

Craig Rosebraugh, of Portland's Liberation Collective and a founder of the Coalition to End Primate Experimentation (CEPE) said, "Today 13 cities took part in protesting the use of non-human primates in experimentation. The momentum has begun TODAY! This momentum needs to keep up until the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour which begins next summer. The momentum will keep rising if and only if we continue to increase the pressure on the primate research facilities. This means the work is not done for the year. We must go back to the facilities again and again until a national dialogue is created on the issue of primate vivisection. Letter writing, flyering, picketing, protesting, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE - all of this needs to happen time and again.

"If this momentum does continue, we shall witness amazing progress in the anti-vivisection movement."

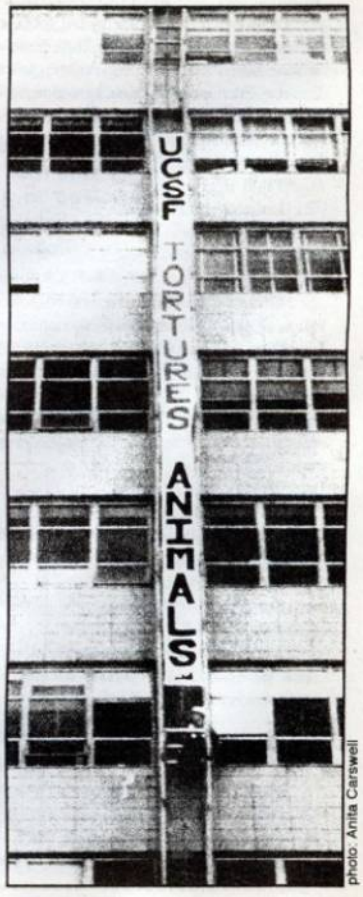


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where he collects additional grant money to conduct research. Tennant receives about $2 million per year from the National Institutes of Health, making him the top funded vivisector at Cornell.

According to the ALF communique (see page 23) released after the raid, the timing of the action to coincide with Independence Day was significant in two ways. Besides symbolizing the woodchucks' emancipation from cruel experiments, it was also the time of year in which the woodchuck family unit splits up and the young embark on independent life. The ALF apparently released the animals right outside the facility, which is located in a serene, rural area surrounded by trees, grass, farmland and a lake. According to papers published by Tennant, many of the woodchucks in the laboratory had been captured directly from this surrounding area, although after the raid he claimed to newspaper reporters that all of them had been born in captivity and could not survive in the wild.

Regardless of their origin, all the woodchucks released from Marmotech stood a better chance of survival and fulfillment in the wild than they did in the lab, where they would have been pumped full of toxic chemotherapy agents and then killed. Unfortunately, the ALF said they had to leave several hundred woodchucks behind because they had already been infected with hepatitis and other viruses. According to the communique, the ALF released about 150 disease-free animals, although Tennant claimed this number was actually under 100. Tennant's major strategy following the raid was to play down any effect it had, stating in one newspaper article that all but 18 woodchucks had been recovered, damage was minimal and the research records and documents which the ALF confiscated all had duplicates. Tennant further claimed that the woodchucks who did escape would not be able to survive in the wild. In reality however, woodchucks have few natural predators and could easily dig burrows underground and feed on the abundant surrounding vegetation.

Although his research centers around studying hepatitis B, Tennant admits in his published abstract that "safe and effective" vaccines and treatments for the disease already exist and are in use. Tennant seems to be intent on studying minute, insignificant details about the exact mechanisms of woodchuck hepatitis virus, hoping he can extrapolate this to the human form and fulfill his own curiosity if nothing else. Besides inflicting acute agony on animals to do this, Tennant may also be posing

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OHSU Office Take Over

PORTLAND, OR — On the morning of Monday, August 3rd, six animal rights activists entered the administration offices of Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) on Marquam/ Hill and locked their necks together with Kryptonite bicycle locks.

They asked for a public forum on what benefits have come from over 30 years of experimentation on non-human primates at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center (ORPRC) in Beaverton. OHSU has recently merged with ORPRC and the center is undergoing a two-phase expansion in which it will become a "research park" titled ORPRC/ OHSU West Campus.

Liberation Collective has sent numerous letters to OHSU president Peter Kohler requesting a public forum on this issue, all of which have been ignored. Half an hour after they were asked by security to leave or be arrested, all six people were cut out with bolt cutters, arrested and charged with criminal trespassing. Pressure on OHSU/ORPRC for a public meeting will continue.

ALF Raids Mink Research Farm

MADISON, WI — Late on July 3, the Animal Liberation Front raided the United Vaccines mink research farm outside of Madison. Mink were released and equipment was damaged. This article is to explain what United Vaccines is and what role they play in the global fur industry.

As the ALF pointed out in their communique (see page 22), the intensive confinement conditions that are commonplace on fur farms lead to the break down of immunity, and the subsequent spread of disease. Because of this, fur farmers look to lose a lot of money. Their response is not to put the animals in better living conditions but rather to vaccinate them against every disease they can, so that the animals will live just long enough for their coats to prime.

There are only two known companies that produce mink and fox vaccines. The other one is Schering-Plough. Schering-Plough is more well known for their Coppertone Suntan lotion. The Schering-Plough vaccine plant is in Kenilworth, NJ and they make vaccines for a number of agricultural animals.

Both companies make fox vaccines and United Vaccines makes much more money by producing vaccines for the ferret pet trade.

If these two companies are pushed out of the fur industry, then the economic ramifications would be felt by fur farmers all over the world. More animals would die prematurely, but one must realize that this may be preferable to living another couple of months in a tiny cage, waiting for the gas chamber to be wheeled down the aisle. The long term effect is less profit for the fur farm industry, meaning more farms out of business, meaning many more animals saved.

Schering-Plough isn't sure if they want to continue manufacturing the mink and fox vaccines. If you want to comment on that you can call them at 1-800-932-0473. United Vaccines can be reached at 1-800-283-MINK.

With enough pressure these companies will leave the fur industry and that will be one segment of the industry finished off. I believe that this was a well thought out action by the ALF. They have gotten us on the path to closing these companies down, have freed several hundred animals, and made a powerful statement against the killing of animals for vanity.



ALF activist cuts perimeter fence at United Vaccines

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An article appeared on the Off-Road.com website attacking the alliance between World Wide Web "hub" Lycos and Envirolink (http://www.envirolink.org), our host. Soon thereafter Lycos backed out of its obligations to Envirolink citing unspecified contractual issues. By unexpectedly abandoning Envirolink without any warning in this manner, Lycos has left the non-profit eco-host in dire financial straits.

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* Donate to Envirolink

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WASHINGTON, DC — On July 7th, the largest U.S. human rights group accused the U.S. federal and local governments for turning a blind eye to chronic and widespread brutality by police officers. Human Rights Watch, releasing a detailed report on police behavior in 14 cities, said the brutality was one of the most serious, enduring and divisive human rights violations in the United States.

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ — Two banners targeting Guarino's Furs were padlocked to pedestrian overpasses on July 11. The banners read "Guarino is Scum" and "Furrier Leave Town", highlighting the protest held by ADL at the store that afternoon.

SAN DIEGO, CA — Five animal rights activists were arrested and one juvenile was hospitalized late July 12th, following a demonstration at Neiman Marcus in Fashion Valley Center. It was reported that police brutalized some demonstrators and police threatened to kick them, including the juveniles, in the police van.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — On July 14th, 28 Food Not Bombs and homeless activists were arrested in the United Nations Plaza during a non-violent, direct action demonstration that sought to reclaim public space and parks which are increasingly being made inaccessible to homeless people.

WHITEHALL, WI — It was reported on July 26th that Barb Gronimas (D) has re-introduced Assembly #733 for the fall session. This bill calls for a minimum mandatory two year sentence and maximum $100,000 fine for convicted Animal Liberation Front activists in Wisconsin.

EUGENE, OR — On July 27th, at least 10 forest service law enforcement agents accompanied by a bulldozer moved in to remove the Fall Creek tree sit and encampment protesting the Clark timber sale that began in April of this year. Seven tree sitters, some as high as 200 feet, were eventually removed from the closed area as authorities dismantled blockades.

GUELPH, ONTARIO (Canada) — Richard Brooks from Animal Liberation Collective turned himself in to the authorities on July 30th after a warrant was issued for his arrest for allegedly spitting on the window of Guelph Fashion Furs. The charge is Criminal Mischief which carries a maximum of a 2 year sentence or $2000 fine. He is free on bail while awaiting trial.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA (Canada) — Police are blaming militant environmentalists for two weekend bomb attacks on natural gas installations near Beaverlodge according to the August 4th edition of a local paper. A sweet gas well was destroyed Friday and a sour gas pipeline was damaged Sunday night in separate bomb attacks.

LOS ANGELES, CA — Animal rights activists lobbed 5-6 balls of silken tofu at hunter extraordinaire, Ted Nugent as he performed live on stage at the House of Blues on August 7th according to an anonymous communication to Last Chance for Animals. The soy-based projectiles reportedly splattered across the front of his body and his guitar.

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GROTON, CT — Ten people were arrested August 8th while attempting to conduct a nonviolent citizens' weapons inspection at the US Navy Sub Base, issuing a call for nuclear disarmament and an end to economic sanctions on Iraq. They were charged with criminal trespass and ordered to appear in federal court at a later date.

DALLAS, TX — During a demonstration against Ringling Brothers Circus on August 8th, activists burned an effigy of an admission ticket to "the cruelest show on earth." One protester was given a ticket for this action, which generated favorable media attention on the issue.

MORRISTOWN, NJ — As of August 13th, yet another furrier, Four Seasons of New Vernon (Georgio Pappas), has gone out of business. This is the 8th shop to go out of business here in as many months this year. There are now 47 fur shops remaining.

GLASTONBURY, CT — Activists protested an August 15th rodeo by standing up in the audience during the show and revealing t-shirts which spelled out the message "RODEOS ARE LICENSED CRUELTY." Others carried banners through the crowd. After a few minutes all were forcefully removed by police and angry rodeo patrons.

DALLAS, TX — Following multiple protests against the local Gun Club's pigeon shoot, a judge signed an injunction on August 23 prohibiting the shooting of any more pigeons for the duration of the event. A hearing to decide whether the restraining order will be temporary or permanent has been postponed until October. Animal Liberation of Texas will be implementing plans to eliminate future pigeon shoots.

CALGARY, ALBERTA (Canada) — A former Christian Reform preacher, his wife, son and a friend of the family were all arrested and charged with bombing a Suncor Energy wellsite near Hinton August 24th. The explosion destroyed a separator shed containing pipes, valves and vessels that remove gas from oil and is the third bombing this month of an energy facility. All parties are free on bail while awaiting trial.

BOISE, ID — On Tuesday, August 25th, a man and a woman were arrested at the site of the tree village at the Otter-Wing timber sale in North-Central Idaho. Law enforcement had begun a 24-hour watch and a three day siege with K-9 units, smoke jumpers and snipers to cut supplies to tree sitters 2 days earlier. The tree village also sustained a barrage of psychological and physical warfare including threats at gunpoint, threats of sexual assault and a violent attack upon the citizen's camp resulting in the burning and theft of gear and personal items.

ASTORIA, OR — The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners on August 26th voted 3-2 to revoke a land-use permit for a "dog kennel" operated by Richard Lee (also operates a dairy farm), who raises the dogs and sells them to laboratories for medical experimentation. After a four hour public hearing, the Commissioners' decision hinged on the type of soils at Lee's farm which are prohibited from being used to operate a dog kennel.

12 Hour Blockade of Neiman Marcus

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - On Saturday, August 27, nine activists from the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition used eleven cement-filled barrels to block both entrances to the Neiman Marcus in downtown San Francisco.

The protesters were locked into the barrels by seven in the morning, three hours before the store opened. S.F. police arrived at the scene and were unable to move the barrels, each of which weighed over 1,200 pounds. The police then used pain holds on one of the minors, but gave up when none of the activists unlocked.

Video taken of the incident by ARDAC was given to the media and played on the evening news.

Police barricades were placed around both entrances, and Neiman Marcus opened up their employee entrances at 10 a.m. for customers to enter the store. Most customers were unwilling to enter through the dimly lit employee entrances, which were surrounded by chanting protesters. An anonymous Neiman Marcus employee told reporters that sales were "terrible."

30 protesters leafletted throughout the day and the lock-down received excellent media coverage. The five adults and four minors voluntarily unlocked a little after 7 p.m. when the store closed for the day.

The minors were taken to a juvenile facility where two were held overnight. The



photo: Anita Carswell

adults were taken to S.F. County Jail, where all five went on hunger strike and two refused to drink. Inside the jail, the activists were denied blankets and the thirst strikers were denied pens with which they wanted to fill out medical request forms.

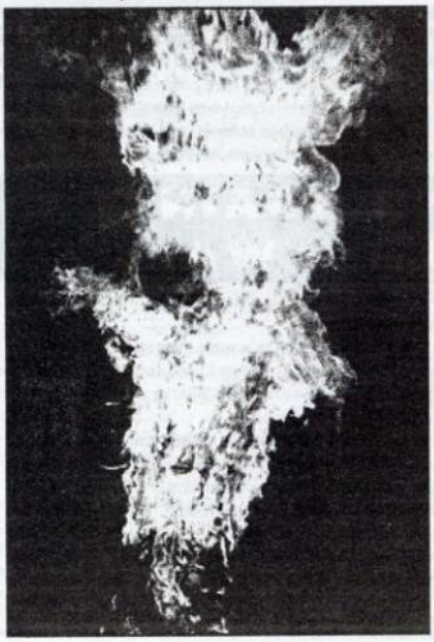
The jail was so overcrowded that two spent the first night in the jail gymnasium. . They witnessed overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, and an inmate in their cell had his arm broken by guards for looking into the cell across the hallway after he had been told not to.

All five activists were released at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning and face charges of obstruction of a business and felony conspiracy.

Halloween Siege at UC Vivisector's House

This is an oldie but goodie! We weren't able to print it following the action, but with Halloween coming up, we thought it might give readers some ideas.....

BERKELEY, CA -- Halloween night arrived with a roar of flames in the affluent suburban neighborhood of University of California - Berkeley vivisector Russell DeValois. For decades, DeValois has ruthlessly carried out horrific brain experiments on cats and monkeys, strapping animals into stereotaxic devices and implanting electrodes in their heads.



On October 31, this animal torture came back to haunt the UC professor on his very doorstep. DeValois and his wife (also a vivisector at UC) were probably expecting trick-or-treaters when they opened their front door. Instead, the two researchers were confronted by an angry group of masked animal liberationists. Russell DeValois sputtered with rage at the intrusion and had to be physically restrained by his wife. Eye witnesses report that he appeared on the verge of suffering a second heart attack.

After the couple hastily ret-reated behind their locked door, activists set fire to an effigy of the researcher out in the street. The flaming DeValois effigy brilliantly illuminated the whole neighborhood before burning to ashes. Meanwhile, several neighborhood residents took leaflets about the experiments and some expressed outrage about the cruelty occurring in their neighbors' laboratory. Masked activists also entered the DeValois garage and damaged the vivisectors' cars.

After approximately 45 minutes of chanting, knocking on the vivisectors' doors and windows, and educating neighbors about this sadistic "research," activists were finally forced to leave by the Berkeley police, knowing that this Halloween will stick in the mind of Russell DeValois for some time to come.

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urine and feces ran for hundreds of yards. I began to cry - all I could think about was rescuing these creatures. We began to run back up the road, not fully knowing how the less militant protesters would respond, but to our delight they helped us spirit the rabbits to freedom..... We did what needed to be done."

Another activist described the situation as "The worst nightmare you have ever had turning into the most beautiful dream. I saw rabbits laying on their sides, exhausted from the heat. Some were covered in feces. But then for once we didn't have to turn away or be dragged off by the cops! We opened the cages and took them from their tormentors. It is as simple as that. We had our own little revolution that day."

Reports place all of the rescued rabbits out of state. 4 of the rabbits required medical attention for stress and heat related anxiety. One had a slight infection in his eye apparently caused by a small fiber beneath the lower lid.

Activists will not forget the victory they had that sunny day. "I've been arrested tons of times," said one activist, "But I never felt like I was saving anyone. This time, I have tangible proof that my efforts made a difference. I've tasted success, and I want more!"

Prosecution may even be a welcome thing for some activists. A chance to speak on behalf of the animals and gain media exposure outweighs the threat of jail. But make no mistake, this is a No Compromise action! Activists have made a pact not to reveal the actions taken by others during the raid.

This action was organized by the Western Regional Animal Liberation Coalition, just one of four new organizations dedicated to holding militant regional demos. More actions have been planned, stay tuned for updates. For more information, contact Animal Defense League Eugene at adleugene@yahoo.com

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... And Justice For All?

California Activists Battle the Courts

One Jailed for 45 Days

by Matt Whyte

SACRAMENTO — On July 30, a Superior Court jury found 3 activists, Josh Trenter, Kevin Keller and Mike Kennedy, not guilty of "Vandalism" and "Trespassing" on charges stemming from a 3 1/2 hour occupation of Procter & Gamble's Sacramento plant last October. The activists hung a banner on a 44-foot high tank at the P&G plant telling how the company cruelly tests its products on animals.

The trial lasted 3 days. With less than 3 hours of deliberation, the activists were given not guilty verdicts on the multiple charges of "Trespass with intent to interfere or an injury of private property," and "Vandalism of private property." The jury found the 3 guilty of simple "Trespass," an infraction, and they were fined the maximum of $10! The trial was a huge sham costing taxpayers an estimated $30,000.

BEVERLY HILLS — Six activists (Jerry Vlasak, Allison Lance, Pamelyn Ferdin, Drake Thames, Brian Welton and Rich McLellan) who successfully locked down to Fendi's Furs on Fur Free Friday, last November, started their 7 day trial on Wednesday, August 5. The charges against them included "Interfering with and intimidating a place of business," "Contributing to the delinquency of a minor," "Failure to disperse," and "Obstructing a police officer."

The judge accused Pam (who went pro per) of being racist because she dismissed 2 fur-wearing black jurors in a row. Pam used the word "Testalying" successfully with Sgt. Douglas, who was responsible for the felony charges against the activists to keep them in jail for 5 days with $50,000 bail.

The biased judge promptly rolled his eyes when the animals were featured throughout the day on video. The defendants continued to talk about the animals to the jury explaining how gassing, trapping and anal electrocution are used to kill animals for fur.

Rich (who had a seizure when removed from the lock down) and Pam got compliments from the judge on their extremely eloquent, passionate closing statements which left the courtroom in tears. Drake (who only dropped off the lock-downers in front of the store - ed.) was acquitted on both charges against him, and the jury hung on all four charges against the other five. A hearing is set for Sept. 4 where the state will determine whether to retry the case.

FULLERTON — Tuesday, August 11 marked the start of a 3 day trial for brave anti-vivisection activists Scott Gibson, Josh Harper, Sara Hernandez and Lori Lawrence. The trial resulted from the arrests of 8 activists at the American Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences (AALAS) conference protest in Anaheim last November.



Josh Harper being arrested by thugs in Anaheim

During jury selection one of the potential jurors opposed to animal research stated "These people are innocent." Two jurors were in tears during Josh Harper's passionate opening statement. Josh was found not guilty of "Battery on a police officer," "Trespass," "Resisting Arrest," and "Delaying or obstructing a police officer." At the last minute, the prosecutor brought up the charge of simple "Assault," catching Josh off guard and he was found guilty (assaulting a cop's fist with his stomach)! He showed "No remorse" according to the judge and was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Scott Gibson was found not guilty of "Trespass." He was found guilty of "Malicious Mischief" for writing on the wall with sidewalk chalk! Scott was sentenced to 20 days. He was released during his 9th day in jail. Scott's decision to refuse probation led to everything being over in 9 days as opposed to probation which restricts what little freedom we have for long periods of time.

Sara Hernandez was found not guilty of "Battery" and Lori Lawrence's charges were dropped before the trial began because the prosecutor wanted her lawyer, who was taking a good lead, off the case. The prosecutor and his buddy Lt. Severson (in charge during the protest) compared the defendants to "Gangbangers" and described Scott and Sara as blatant liars.

SAN FRANCISCO — A civil suit filed against Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies, who viciously used pepper spray on 9 nonviolent environmental protesters, abruptly ended Tuesday, August 25 when a federal jury declared itself deadlocked. This lawsuit stemmed from 3 separate pepper spray episodes during the fall of 1997 protests against the logging of redwoods in and around Headwaters Forest along California's North Coast.

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies dispersed pepper spray, which is incapacitating and causes severe pain, either in close range or by forcefully injecting pepper spray drenched cotton swabs directly into nonviolent protesters' eyes. A videotape of the swabbing, showing the protesters writhing and screaming in agony, caused a national outcry when televised last year.

US District Judge Vaughn Walker has set a new trial for Nov. 16. Riggs, R-Windsor (his office was the site of an occupation/lockdown) added to public attention over the pepper spraying by denouncing the protesters as "Terrorists." Riggs said the protesters should drop "this frivolous lawsuit and spare the taxpayers of Humboldt County another costly trial."

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PHILADELPHIA, PA — Joe Bateman was arrested for the second week in a row on August 29th, during CAFT's weekly protests against Jacques Ferber Furs. He has been charged with violating a restraining order from a previous arrest, (an order unknown to him at the time) because he stood across the street handing out literature. Joe was released on bail 2 days later and faces at least 9 charges. To help defer his legal expenses, please send a check or money order to: **CAFT Philadelphia c/o Joe Bateman Defense Fund, PO Box 22310, Philadelphia, PA 19110**

OLYMPIA, WA — Hundreds of Washington National Guard troops were deployed the weekend of August 29th to back up state and local police at the Makah Days tribal festival at Neah Bay. The governor's "state of emergency" deployment follows fears that tension stemming from the Makah Tribe's planned whale hunt this fall could erupt into trouble from anti-whaling protesters who might attend the annual festival.

NEW YORK CITY, NY — According to the August 31st edition of the Sandy Parker Reports, suspicious automobiles have been spotted near fur farms and their owners, identified through their license plates, are being investigated (with regards to recent fur farm raids). Additionally, they report that an FBI source has claimed underground activists "are using airplane surveillance of farms prior to raids. It is suggested that farmers keep cameras handy to photograph low flying planes for their ID numbers."

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA — As of September 10th, Julia Butterfly will arrive at the 9 month mark in her heroic tree-sit on Luna. Yes, she is still up there and is going as strong as ever - phone lobbying the California Legislature, writing, networking, developing campaign strategy, and spreading her message of love and respect to the world while protecting Luna from the chainsaws of the Pacific Lumber Company. Both national and international media continue to show great interest. For updates:
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a serious risk to public health and safety. His facility is built in an area zoned for agricultural uses, and there are several human families living in the immediate vicinity of where he is infecting woodchucks with deadly viruses. Furthermore, the Animal Defense League (an independent organization not associated with the ALF) received an anonymous tip that Tennant has failed to set up an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee as required by federal law. Tennant admitted this to newspaper reporters but claimed it was a minor technical error which has been cleared up. In any event, Marmotech Inc. is clearly not meant to be recognized as a facility where animals are being deliberately infected with dangerous diseases. In fact, the laboratory is disguised as an ordinary barn, and sheep and geese are kept on the outside to complete the image.

In the past, being a comfortable distance from any center of activity has allowed Marmotech to blend in with the rural surroundings and avoid investing large amounts of money into security systems. Now that it has been identified as a place where animal abuse is occurring, however, Marmotech will either need to make that investment or shut down entirely. The latter option may be wiser, considering that the ALF has proven to be skilled at outwitting alarm systems and even human guards, and they are not likely to turn their backs once they have discovered an institution so heinous as Marmotech. A sustained campaign of protests and demonstrations could also help bring an end to Bud Tennant's evil empire by making the public aware of his cruelty to animals as well as his disregard for the health and well being of his human neighbors. A legislative campaign to make facilities like Marmotech accountable to the local county government could also help to bring this insanity under control.

Let's not let this opportunity slip through our fingers. The ALF exposed Marmotech for what it is and took the first step of releasing some of the prisoners being held there. Now it is our turn to bring this corporation to justice through public education, agitation and legislation. Local groups which may have more information on this topic are as follows:

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Austria's Orgy of Blood

LOWER AUSTRIA — Hermann Nitsch is an Austrian artist from a school of art that became known as Viennese Actionism. He has been killing animals for art and using their body parts in various ways connected to Christian symbolism and sexuality for over 35 years. In the early days, in the sixties, he spent some time in prison for his actions. For some time now, he has been part of the establishment and is internationally well-known.

Some of his art pieces garner high prices and are shown in galleries internationally. They mostly include bits (like crosses and blooded linen) that have been used by orgy mystery theatres or slaughter feasts, as he staged from August 3 - 9. It was this 6 day event, the climax of his artistic life, as he called it, that drew the focus of animal rights protests.

During an Orgy Mystery Theatre (OMT), animal bodies and their parts, among other things are ripped, trampled, crucified, stuffed into vaginas, wrapped around penises, sexually violated, stuffed in and around couples having intercourse, wrapped around couples having oral sex, put on and wrapped around nude crucified people, etc.

During this event, at least 3 bulls were slaughtered, 15 pigs, 5 sheep, and other animals were killed specifically for the OMT.

In the province of Lower Austria, where the 6 day OMT was happening, there is a law that explicitly forbids the killing of animals without good reason. To kill an animal in order to celebrate an orgy with his/her body is definitely NOT considered a good reason. But Nitsch claimed, the animals will be eaten, at least partly. Many newspapers sympathetic with Nitsch called the OMT a grill party, making fun of animal right activists protesting against it. However, after animal rights people proved that no parts of the animals were ever eaten, Nitsch suddenly claimed the constitutional right of freedom of artistic expression, which supercedes the above law protecting animals from unnecessary death, and won his case.



photo: VOICE Magazine

Just one of the bloody exhibits of Nitsch's OMT

However, autonomous animal rights groups attacked a fundraising dinner for the OMT by splashing red paint on the sponsors' cars. Also, a couple of nights before the event, a butcher that was supplying Nitsch with animal entrails was attacked and had his display windows and door smashed. The wine cellar of the castle was thoroughly covered with red paint as well as the wine press house, tables and benches in the castle's guest garden. A number of car locks were superglued and the windshield of one of the butcher lorries bringing in pre-slaughtered pigs and sheep to the orgy, was broken.

During the entire 6 day event, activists were outside the castle protesting, using sirens, air pressured horns, car horns, large vegan base drums, whistles, megaphones, etc. Police occasionally asked the protesters to turn noise making tools off, but made no major effort to stop them. Nitsch on the other hand, tried everything to stop the noise. First his people nailed all the windows shut with planks of wood to keep the noise out. The teams recording the event, from Austria and the USA, pleaded with the protesters, offered money and broadcasting time, and threatened suits for large sums of money, to stop the protesters, to no avail. Nitsch's people constantly complained, threatened and even attacked protesters to stop them. Nitsch's wife Rita had a couple of nervous breakdowns due to the noise levels. Throughout the event, there were between 20 and 200 protesters present.

Other forms of protesting included reading animal rights literature with a megaphone when Nitsch's people had a break, making noise from high trees over the castle wall down onto the Nitsch orgy, triggering explosions with fireworks and detonators, and hurling avalanches of rocks over the wall into the castle. There were also three unsuccesful attempts to blockade the transport of the live bulls into the castle. Additionally, roads to the castle were blockaded by protesters locking on across the road for many hours so that Nitsch guests had to walk a mile or so to the castle, being hassled directly by protesters. Also, a powerline was set on fire and 2 bomb threats disrupted the event for hours.

In summary: the animal rights movement has managed to thoroughly screw up this event. People will think twice before planning another OMT. While the activists are facing charges, Nitsch has almost 200 still pending.

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REDDITCH, ENGLAND — On June 18, about 20 animal rights activists were attacked by men with baseball bats. The victims were peacefully protesting at Weights Lane Farm, owned by the UK's largest live animal exporter, the focus of weekly demonstrations for some time. One activist, who later required hospital treatment for kidney damage, was arrested and held in the cells for many hours before he was allowed to seek treatment for his injuries. The attackers came from a nearby Poultry farm, Attwell Farms Ltd, and the Police have taken NO ACTION against them even though they apprehended members of the Attwell family at the scene.

EQUIHEN-PLAGE, FRANCE — Adrian Franks, who had made himself known to various organisations in Europe as one of the central members of a small direct action group, Eco-Action, was revealed on July 1 to be a corporate informant. To his clients, Adrian acted under the surnames Mayer and Lechene. His intelligence agency, Risk Crisis Analysis, gathered information on activists /direct actions and then sold the information to the highest bidder. To reach Mr. Franks/ Mayer/Lechene and tell him what you think about informants, write to: **95, rue de la Marine, 62 224 Equihen-Plage, France** or **e-mail: eco-action.ef.mala@wanadoo.fr.**

OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND — Five women, who openly declared their intention to pull up genetically engineered plants at a test field site were arrested for criminal damage on July 4th after pulling up almost 200 GE plants at Model Farm. Thames Valley Police later released the women, as the owners of the GE crops, Monsanto, decided not to press charges in line with their public relations policy of minimum unfavourable press coverage.

TOIJALA, FINLAND — 22 people occupied 3 vehicles to protest a motorway here on July 8th. The activists maintained their stand for several hours and generated a lot of media coverage. Police were present but made no arrests.

KENT, ENGLAND — Around 50 masked animal rights protesters damaged a fishmonger's shop on July 24th, claiming that the owner was cruel to lobsters by boiling them alive. The store lost stock worth 500 pounds in the attack and 500 pounds in takings and repairing the damage done by the 50 protesters when they hurled a glass container of red paint over his fish.

JONKOPING, SWEDEN — On July 30, an appeal was brought before the court on behalf of three mink liberators convicted earlier in the year (see *NC* #9 Interview) of raiding 2 separate fur farms. In the first trial two activists received a sentence of four months in jail, and the third (juvenile) was sentenced to "social treatment" and fines. These sentences were upheld, but the activists are out, appealing to the highest court.

After accusations of "planning for a violent riot," two arrests occurred during the hearings, after police found a crowbar and small pieces of wood in a car. The two were released after several hours. There will also be a trial held later this year for the $200,000 damages the two farmers have claimed.

Ruining Huntingdon Life Sciences

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND — Huntingdon Life Sciences was twice exposed in 1997 resulting in convictions for cruelty and not providing even a basic level of animal care at their Princeton, New Jersey laboratory. They were assessed massive fines by the US Department of Agriculture and are currently suffering a lack of confidence from investors. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, the parent company of the Co-operative Insurance Society who has shares in HLS have received over 2500 letters of complaint because of their financial involvement with vivisection.

HLS is the UK's largest contract animal testing laboratories. Following the Channel 4 documentary "It's a Dog's Life", where animal technicians were filmed punching and shaking dogs, their share price fell from 122p to 19p. Earlier this summer, HLS suspended trading on the stock exchange. On August 4th they closed their Wilmslow site in Cheshire. Then, on August 10th, HLS announced that they had lost £8.4m in the last 6 months and that the company would become insolvent if additional financial support was not found. A special shareholders meeting was then planned for September 2nd to attempt to raise these funds.

In the month leading up to the shareholders meeting, demonstrations occurred at HLS facilities, at the stock exchange and at banks which hold shares in HLS. All shareholders were also sent copies of "It's a Dog's Life" and assured that any further investment in HLS would be financial suicide. Then, on August 29th, 300+ demonstrators marched along the A1, causing police to close the north-bound carriageway for over three hours and diverting traffic away from this major road, generating good media coverage. After voicing their displeasure at the lab, the protesters moved on and visited various members of the staff at their homes to let their neighbours know just what these people get up to at work. Over the course of the day there were approximately 35 arrests.

On September 2nd 150 activists gathered outside the specially called shareholders meeting (EGM). A number of activists had purchased shares which allowed them to gain entry to the heavily guarded meeting. Unfortunately, despite shareholder attempts to declare the meeting null and void, the board was able to push through their plan to pump an additional twenty million pounds into the company. Activists will be apealing the legality of the meeting and continuing the fight against HLS until they are driven out of business for good.

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Protest Camp

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Newspaper and TV coverage was good from the start. Activists were able to highlight the plight of the animals at the breeder during interviews. The novelty value of the camp was used as a tool to gain public attention. The camp made sure that the university's attempt to hide this hellhole failed miserably!

Uniting the Movement!

The camp was a great way for activists to meet and exchange ideas. It was a great motivater and educated activists about a new form of campaigning.

Although the camp itself has closed, the campaign to close the breeder continues until the last beagle walks free!

Direct Action News From Around the World

News Briefs

QUITO, ECUADOR — According to the Confederation Of Indigenous Nationalities of the Amazon of Ecuador, "three transnational corporation workers were held as ransom in exchange for the guaranteed protection of the famed and legendary Curaray River Headwaters Region. Atlantic Richfield's (ARCO) broken promises have caused its Brazilian subcontractor, Conducto, to have three of its employees to be held as ransom." After concessions from ARCO, the hostages were released in late July.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND — On August 6, four puppies, all around five months old, were removed from the kennels of the Trinity Foot Beagles in Barton. The hunt is trying to play down this raid and is claiming it was the work of burglars.

LINKOPING, SWEDEN — An estimated 160 people demonstrated against Linkoping University's animal research lab on August 7th. The protesters marched through the city, held a rally and some attempted to smash windows at the campus' "animal house." One vivisector reportedly returned home that evening to find slogans sprayed on his house.

RANGOON, BURMA — It was reported on August 11th, that 6 American activists and 10-12 more from other countries were being held in captivity in Intelligence "Guest Houses." The members of the Multinational Peacemaking Team were detained by authorities for handing out pro-democracy/human rights leaflets. Officials say they were attempting to incite unrest and that they had violated at least two Burmese laws. The prisoners were sentenced to 5 years of hard labor but later the charges were reduced resulting in deportation.

COULPORT, UK — Trident Ploughshares disarmers carried out a mass action on August 18th against the Naval Base, where the UK's illegal weapons of mass destruction are stored and loaded onto submarines. Taking the police by surprise, 50 activists descended on the main gate of the base, with some of the protesters breaching the fence to carry out a citizens' war crimes inspection. Others, including a woman in a wheelchair, blocked the gate by locking on to each other with their arms in drainpipes. Earlier, an Australian brother and sister team were arrested for entering the Faslane nuclear submarine base.

HAMPSHIRE, UK — An angler reported on August 22nd that he was attacked by several mink, recently released from a nearby fur farm. The man believes that the mink were after the open can of bait he had between his feet. Other claims have also surfaced that escaped mink have killed pets, farm animals and a swan. Weren't we told they wouldn't know how to kill to survive on their own?

OXFORDSHIRE, UK — A UK prisoner is on hunger strike in protest at having to eat genetically modified food. Ben Thompson, 25, stopped eating on August 26th, saying he would not eat again until he was given a vegan diet free of genetically altered ingredients. For more information, contact the Genetic Engineering Network (see page 11). Ben's address can be found on page 24.

Undercover Investigation of Aussie Piggery

VICTORIA -- The Action Animal Rescue Team conducted its second undercover investigation at the Bears Lagoon Piggery (three hours northwest of Melbourne) during the early hours of August 2nd. The first inspection was two weeks prior. Once again the pigs were found in horrendously cruel and filthy conditions. Diana Simpson was able to get compelling and poignant video footage of the pigs' plight on both occasions. One pig, near death and lying against the body of a dead pig was found shivering in a pool of water and covered in her own feces.

The rescue team was able to move this pig on a makeshift stretcher to a dry area. She quickly drank all the water the team had, obviously badly dehydrated.

Several pigs were found with untreated hernias the size of basketballs hanging from their bodies. There were pigs with bleeding prolapses, or open wounds, again left untreated. Some were limping badly, while others couldn't even stand up.

The rescue team assessed four or five of the 24 sheds on the property. Patty Mark lodged an urgent appeal to the Bendigo Police to take immediate action directly upon return to Melbourne. The Police referred the matter to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Fiona Rees and Debra Tranter, two other members of the team urgently contacted the RSPCA to take action.

Unbelievably, yet all too commonly, after RSPCA inspections were done, conditions were reported to be "in compliance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 and its associated Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Pigs."



photo: Fiona Rees

Diana's dramatic footage was taken to TODAY TONIGHT at Channel 7 who are now preparing a major story to be aired in Australia in late August. The chief of staff, reporter and various crew at Channel 7 were horrified and very concerned at what they saw and said they really wanted to help these pigs. The most distressing aspect of this piggery is the extreme cold, wet and barren conditions with many sick and injured pigs left unattended, slowly suffering and virtually freezing.

Action Animal Rescue Team will keep up [the] pressure on this appalling situation and appeal to the world for letters of complaint to be sent to the Victorian Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (who is most unsympathetic and unhelpful, yet in power):

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Finland Anti-Fur Campaign

NATIONAL -- There are 2,174 fur farms remaining in Finland (this does not include Angora rabbit and Chinchilla farms). Intensive, sustained campaigns against local fur farms is the new approach activists are taking. Activists in the Helsinki area have selected the oldest fur farm based in Vihti as the first target of demonstrations and have vowed to continue the campaign until it is closed down.

Campaign tactics include: gathering information about the farm, the farmer, etc.; writing letters to the farmer; negotiations with the farmer; demonstrations; all night vigils and camps.

This form of campaigning will keep the pressure on the entire industry. In addition to demos outside of fur stores, exposing the source of the industry should provide a new image and perspective of fur farming to the media and the public.

Underground sabotage groups continue to help end fur farming. On August 1, the Vihti farm was raided, with 500 mink liberated. The same farm was targeted by arsonists when a storage building was burned to the ground in June. Also, fur store windows keep on being hit all over the country. Additionally, 4,000 mink were liberated in Joroinen.

The good news about fur farms is that the average age of farmers is 60 and they have complained that fewer of their sons want to take over, making it hard to find replacements. If this trend continues, we will see a dramatic decline in the number of fur farms in the future.

The attraction of becoming a fur farmer has diminished as a result of pressure from the animal rights movement and is reflected in the statistics that no new fur farmers are entering the industry.

Hockley Victory

LONDON, ENGLAND — Three activists were arrested outside the Phillip Hockley fur shop June 13th. Seven more were then arrested a week later. As usual, the arrests were made "for behavior likely to cause a breach of the peace." The activists were released without charge once the shop had closed for the day. Police continued to insist that in order to avoid arrest one must stand behind barriers over 100 feet away from the store being protested.

Around this same time, some activists apparently decided to take somewhat more direct action, as the window of the shop was broken in by a brick. An anonymous message which was later received by Fur-Free London warned that similar attacks will occur there if the protesters continue to be denied their legal rights.

Clare Persey, who has been arrested several times at Hockley's, was jailed for one week starting June 24 for breaching bail conditions from a previous arrest for handing out leaflets in front of the shop. She was acquitted of the same charge, obstruction of the highway, earlier this year following an identical protest.

On July 31st, after countless arrests and two and a half years of battling local police for their rights, activists are finally being allowed to engage in peaceful protest outside of the Phillip Hockley fur shop! The police announced there had been a change in departmental policy and that, as long as protesters don't obstruct the sidwalk or harass the staff, no more arrests will be made.

More Austria Live Transport Blockades

SALZBURG — In Austria, live animal transport is restricted to travel to the nearest slaughterhouse not to exceed 260 km on motorways or 130 km on normal roads, with a total maximum journey time of 6 hours. EVERY single live animal transport from Germany, Holland, Belgium and Denmark that passes through Austria on its route south breaks this law. But the much more lenient EC law, rather than Austrian law, is applied to those transports by the authorities, after they had been brought to an EC court on the issue by foreign transport firms.

On August 29th, another live animal transport blockade occurred in Austria. Some 30 km inside Austria, 40 activists executed a well planned ambush. An activist vehicle with blue flashing lights with a "police stop" light sign slowed down a transporter and guided it into a lay-by. Suddenly, 40 activists jumped up and locked on to the lorry, while the fake police car speedily left the scene.

The lorry was from Northern Germany with about 40 bulls on it headed for religious slaughter in the Middle East. It had already traveled 24 hours and would do another 5 hours to the sea coast in Slovenia to board the bulls on a ship for the 3 day trip to the Middle East.

The lock-on started at 4 am. It took 45 minutes for police to arrive on the remote road side in the middle of the mountains. There were 7 activists locked on with kryptonite bicycle locks on the side of the vehicle, and another 3 were locked on with hand-cuffs, while the remaining people were feeding and watering the animals. Activists demanded and got a vet inspection. However, the vet declared the animals fit for travel. So the activists demanded the animals be given a rest, which the police ignored.

After 4 hours, they turned up with cutting equipment and slowly and carefully cut everyone out. Altogether 20 people were arrested. The lorry had one tyre slashed and was spray-painted with "meat is murder" and the like. It is hoped that the slashed tyre together with a traffic jam further down the motorway through-out the day, in addition to the almost 5 hours of blockade, delayed the transport of the animals sufficiently to make the lorry miss the boat.

Sadly, even such a delay will not have saved the bulls, who are, as this is being written, still on their journey to a horrific death.

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Due to space restrictions, we are only able to list a fraction of the wonderful groups abroad. For a more inclusive list, please see the Trenches section of our web page at:
www.nocompromise.org

Interview with Noel
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NC: What were your charges and were they the same for all the others?

NM: On January the 16th, 1996, the police organised a series of dawn raids across England which resulted in six men being arrested.

1. Robin Webb, the ALF Press Officer.
2. Simon Russell, the then ALF Supporters Group Newsletter Editor.
3. Myself, the then editor of Rat/Eco-Vegan & the person who then wrote the Diary of Animal Liberation, the Ecodefence Diary and the Prisoner Updates published in Green Anarchist magazine.
4. Paul Rogers, the Editor of Green Anarchist magazine.
5. Saxon Wood, the person who then ran Green Anarchist Mail Order & who distributed copies of "Into the 1990s with the ALF", etc.
6. Stephen Booth, the guy who runs the subscriptions & the accounts for Green Anarchist magazine.

Oh yes, I would just like to point out that prior to our arrests, most of us had never met each other. I had certainly never met any of my alleged co-conspirators. I did, however, at least know of the others existence. Some of them hadn't even ever heard of each other prior to being arrested!

So, anyway, what was the charge, you ask? Well we were all charged with Conspiracy to Incite Persons Unknown to Commit Criminal Damage.

NC: Tell us about the trial.....

NM: The Trial was a farce. At our Committal Hearing, the case against Robin Webb was dropped on the grounds that the police were abusing the law in bringing around such a prosecution (sadly this ruling did not apply to the rest of us). The police instantly announced they would appeal this decision.

The trial itself started on the 26th of August 1997. It lasted 12 weeks and involved examples of utter lunacy. One of the major obstacles the Prosecution had to prove for this case was they had to show there was a conspiracy. They acknowledged that none of us knew each other prior to our arrests.

Instead they said there was an "implied conspiracy." The way this works is quite simple. To take Robin and myself as example. Both Robin and I report the activities of the Animal Liberation Front. This the police say is illegal and intended to incite more ALF actions. Therefore because we are doing something of a similar nature, with an alleged similar "criminal" aim, we are therefore in an "implied conspiracy."

Anyway, shooting past all the lunacy, the end result of the trial was Simon Russell was found Not Guilty. Saxon Wood, Stephen Booth and I were found Guilty [Paul Rogers' case was separated so he could find a new attorney].

The reason Simon was found Not Guilty was because he was able to prove that he had every single article he ever published in the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group Newsletter checked out by a Barrister to make sure it did not contain anything that might constitute incitement.

You see, the way the trial was conducted and the arguments the police used, rather than the prosecution having to prove us guilty of an offence, we had to prove our innocence. Only Simon was able to prove his innocence. The rest of us were sentenced to three years each (initially the Judge said he wanted to give us four years each but upon hearing what nice people we all were, decided to "only" give us three years each).

NC: So, what exactly does constitute incitement?

NM: Basically anything at all to do with animal rights!

One of the things the police claimed incited direct action was a t-shirt sold through the ALF Press Office. The t-shirt in question showed a cartoon drawing of a Justice Department cylinder letter bomb exploding and had the words on it "Animal Liberation. Its quicker by tube" (which is a spoof on London Underground's advertisement campaign that claims, "when travelling around London, its quicker by tube"). Basically, if the police don't like something that is either written or said about Animal Liberation Front activity, they'll claim its inciting!

NC: But your conviction was later quashed by the Court of Appeal. Tell us about that.....

NM: On the 23rd of July 1998 the Conviction of the "Gandalf Three" was quashed by the Court of Appeal in London. However, sadly, this was on a legal technicality and not on the general principle that it is okay to publish Animal Liberation Front news articles.

Having established that the original charge was badly worded and the trial judge had misdirected the jury in his summing up, the Court of Appeal very quickly accepted that the conviction could not stand as it was.

Initially, the Appeal Court judges seemed to favour the idea of a retrial. However, when they were told about the amount of time that had passed in this case, they decided that this case had already gone on long enough and quashed the convictions without ordering a retrial.

The trial lasted 2-1/2 months. I spent 4-1/2 months inside before being released on bail pending appeal. Three months later the appeal was held. In total, from the time of my first arrest to the time of my conviction being quashed, three years, and nineteen days passed.

NC: Okay. So with the conviction against the Gandalf Three now quashed how does this effect the outstanding trial of Robin Webb & Paul Rogers?

NM: Hopefully, the second Gandalf trial will be dropped. However, I'm not too sure on the law in this matter.

NC: What was it like to spend 4 1/2 months of your life in prison for such a blatantly hideous charge?

NM: Boring. Obviously I would have much preferred to spend my time doing other stuff rather than sitting in a prison cell. But I'm not going to say that prison is the worst experience in the world. It's boring, but certainly not hard. And when you compare human imprisonment to the suffering of the animals, it's nothing.

As a prisoner I was not cut open, electrocuted, crushed, radiated, poisoned, chased to exhaustion and then ripped apart by dogs. I was not beaten, hooked, kept cramped up in the dark unable to move. I was not tortured. Unlike the millions of animals that are suffering such horrors as we speak. I would argue to anyone thinking of direct action, do not be put off your course of action by the thought of prison. Prison is nothing compared to the horrors inflicted upon the animals. The truly hideous crimes are the ones inflicted upon the animals. Their cages are a million times worse than human prisons.

NC: To what do you attribute the success of the animal liberation movement in the U.K.?

NM: I would very much put it down to the fact that people don't let little setbacks like political trials & long sentences deter them. Instead people allow themselves to become angry by these injustices and then turn this anger into an energy that can be focused into a positive determination.

People remember places like Consort literally being ripped apart brick by brick and then visualize the same happening at say Hillgrove. And they don't allow the opposition (the police, the animal abusers, etc.) to deter them. The suffering of the animals is too great for people to be deterred by the cases of human injustice. No matter what happens to the human activists, the animals get it worse.

NC: What do you think the road to true animal liberation looks like?

NM: This is a tricky one. No one person knows the answer. I don't feel there is just one answer. But looking at how certain campaigns have gone in the past, the most successful ones always appear to be where the goal is specific and where direct action activists have been doing their thing with the non-direct action groups backing up those activists by explaining to the public why it is those actions have occurred.

For example, a few years ago a Boots (vivisectors) store in Plymouth kept on having its windows smashed, its locks glued, slogans painted, etc. It was bomb-hoaxed twice and there was even an attempted arson on it. This was all within a spate of about three months.

This generated a lot of local interest in why this Boots store was taking such a battering. And one of the local animal rights groups was able to give the answer. Going onto the local TV, they stated that although none of their members had anything to do with what has been going on and certainly they would never resort to criminal activities, they totally understand why it is the ALF was targeting the store. They explained that Boots own its own vivisection laboratories, they talked about the torture of animals, the creation of fraudulent medicine, etc.

What happened was a great partnership between the Animal Liberation Front and the non-direct action groups. The ALF did their bit and the local group backed them up by explaining why it was the ALF had done what they did. In fact I'd say the whole of the anti-Boots campaign across Britain was really positive, as the whole movement united to stop the torture.

By the time the Animal Rights Militia did their high profile incendiary device campaign against Boots, in 1994, the public was already very aware about what Boots was up to. Boots was losing millions of pounds, every single month, because of the animal rights movement and the Militia's arson wave was literally the final nail.

NC: Before we end this interview, is there anything else you'd like to tell N.C. readers? Any advice?

NM: Be careful about what you keep in the house! Don't assume any address is safe. Before I was raided in April '95, I was placed under police surveillance.

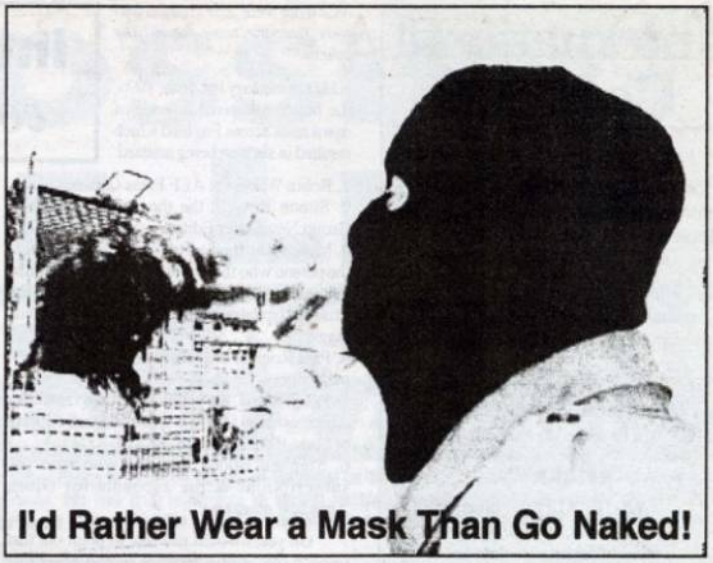
When they finally raided me, they raided three different addresses which were up to 200 miles apart. From these raids they got a large amount of [evidence that could look quite bad to a jury]. So, be careful about what you keep.

Other than that, I can't think of too much else to say. So I shall end now upon this thought..... When you lie down to sleep tonight, think about the horrors of animal abuse. Visualise the animals with their abusers. Hear their screams. Feel their fear. Then, if you can sleep.... I need say no more. **But** if those screams keep you awake, then do something about it.

Until **all** the animals are free we must continue to fight, fight, fight, & fight! By **all** nonviolent means necessary. Because if we are not prepared to stand up on behalf of the animals, who the hell will? It is because of their suffering we carry on. Don't expect others to carry out direct action if you yourself are not prepared to become the ALF. Remember, no compromise! No surrender! Until all the animals are free....

This is the Season to SMASH THE BLOODY FUR TRADE!!!

As you know, millions of animals are tortured and killed every year for their skins..... Make this the year that you do MORE to end their suffering. Whatever it is that you do for animals, its time to redouble your efforts so that we can collectively pound the final nail into the coffin of the fur industry once and for all!



I'd Rather Wear a Mask Than Go Naked!

write a letter
open a cage
close a fur store
light a match
educate a friend
educate yourself
smash a trap
make a phone call
glue a lock
burn an effigy
hold a sign
break a window
shout a chant
place an ad
paint a slogan
raid a farm

Fur Free Friday '98

Don't forget Fur Free Friday, November 27! To find the event nearest you, contact CAFT or IDA or check out the state by state listings on the Animal Rights Resource Site at: http://arrs.envirolink.org/calendar/fff98.html Also contact the above it you're planning a protest and be sure to send us photos and stories for coverage in the following issue of *No Compromise.*

The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade encourages groups to focus their campaigns on department stores rather than independent shops, specifically Federated and Neiman Marcus (see NC #9, page 20).

When Federated, the nation's prem..ere department store chain, stops selling fur, it will mark a turning point in the overall animal rights campaign. Federated owns the following stores with fur salons: Bloomingdale's, Macy's East, Goldsmith's, Lazarus, Rich's. Federated stores with fur trim but no fur departments: Macy's West, Sterns, Bon Marche, Burdines.

Neiman Marcus is one of the most upscale department store chains in the country and is notoriously pro fur. In fact, they are being sued for an incident where their security guards attacked two anti fur organizers in Dallas. Neimans operates stores in 31 cities and most have fur departments.

Fur Chants

40 dead animals,
One fur coat

How did you kill
your fur today?
Gassing, trapping or
Anal electrocution

For the minks, for the fox
Smash their windows
Glue their locks!

Stop the insanity,
No blood for vanity

Fur is torture, fur is death
Free the animals, ALF!



"Human octopus" blockades Seattle Fur Exchange '96

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Armchair Activism

Please contact the following companies and explain politely but firmly why you will not patronize them until they get out of the cruel and unnecessary fur business:

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Macy's East
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Harold Kahn, Chairman
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Also note: Fur Commission USA has moved from St. Paul, Minnesota to Coronado, California. Marsha Kelly resigned and was replaced by Teresa Platt. The organization was moved to Platt's home town to accommodate her:

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FUR TRADE REPORTS

by JP Goodwin

The grassroots animal liberation movement is making a concerted push to abolish the fur industry. An informed movement is an effective movement so J.P. Goodwin of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade has agreed to submit this section of fur industry news briefs for every issue.

CHRISTIAN DIOR RETURNS TO FUR

Fashion designer Christian Dior is using furs again after having left the trade 10 years ago. Apparently Dior, like so many others, has naively fallen for the fur industry "comeback" claim.

OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

Furs By Robert of Birmingham, MI is to be going out of business. Robert Roberts, the owner, is said to be going to work for Ceresnie & Offen, a competing furrier.

Furs by Weiss of OH recently bought out the 5 store chain called Fur Vault. Now they are closing two of the Fur Vault stores in an apparent cost cutting move. All of the Fur Vaults are in the New York City area.

CANADIAN WOLF WARS

The Saskatchewan Trappers Association is upset with a proposal to open a wolf hunting season in their province. Currently the wolf is recognized as a fur animal and the trappers feel that if the species is open to hunting then there will be less wolves available for them to kill.

To counter the arguments used by the hunters, the fur trapping organization has pointed out that wolves rarely prey on livestock and that abundance of food resources has more to do with population management than hunting.

We agree with those arguments but wonder why the trappers think they have the right to kill the wolves in the first place.

LA TIMES PROMOTES NUTRIA SLAUGHTER

The Los Angeles Times recently ran a piece about how the state of Louisiana is promoting nutria as a viable food source. The nutria is a small rodent which is blamed for damaging marshes by "overeating" them. The nutria is only in Louisiana to begin with because they were introduced for the purpose of fur trapping.

Alligators control nutria, but the state's liberal alligator hunting season impedes this form of natural selection.

Fur trappers have used nutria as an excuse to keep trapping legal, but in reality the killing doesn't work. Slaughtering the nutria creates a surplus of available food and habitat. This means that the remaining nutria will deal with less stress, which means males will have a higher sperm count and females will have larger litters. The population rebounds with a higher birth rate any time an artificial means of population control is used.

Now the state of Louisiana has recruited meat packing plants and top chefs to create a demand for nutria meat. If a large demand is created, then there will be an incentive to maintain viable populations in the wild, which is contrary to their stated goal of eradicating the nutria.

The sad thing is, the nutria isn't at fault. These animals didn't ask to be here, they were brought here. Thank you, fur trade.

HOLLAND BANS CHINCHILLA FARMING

Holland has banned chinchilla farming, but the ban won't come into effect until the year 2008. This is similar to a law Holland passed in 1994 which banned fox farming with a 10 year phase out period. Holland is a large mink producing country so hopefully they will follow suit with a mink farm ban as well.

UK PUSHES FORWARD ON PROMISED FUR FARM BAN

In late July Elliot Morley, Agriculture Minister for the British government, announced that the government was preparing to move forward with a fur farm ban. Unfortunately, the parliament is out until November so it is doubtful that any legislation will be passed before the beginning of next year when the female mink have already been impregnated again.

There are currently 15 mink farms in the United Kingdom, as well as 2 or 3 chinchilla farms. At press time we have not confirmed whether or not this legislation covers chinchilla farms.

LYNX LISTING CAUSING CONTROVERSY

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has finally agreed to give the lynx some protection under the Endangered Species Act, but only after several lawsuits were filed against them by environmental organizations and predator defense groups.

There are limited lynx populations in Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Maine and Minnesota, with scattered sightings in a few other states. Montana still has a lynx trapping season even though biologists estimate that only 150-400 lynx remain in the state.

The USFWS, bowing to the pressure of trapping and logging interests, is now wanting to list the lynx as threatened rather than endangered. This would allow states such as Montana to determine whether or not they will allow trapping and logging in lynx habitat. Obviously this can't be allowed.

Please write to USFWS before September 30 and demand that the lynx be given full endangered status in the lower 48 states. Demand that lynx recovery be left up to the federal government, and not states such as Montana that are more interested in trapping and logging than in true conservation.

Also, demand that all captive breeding of lynx for fur be stopped. So long as lynx farms are allowed to operate people will have an incentive to take lynx out of the wild so as to add fresh genetics to what is a very small population of captive lynx.

USFWS (Lynx)
100 North Park, Suite 320
Helena, MT 59601

This is a chance to stop lynx trapping and farming in the lower 48 states. The alternative is extinction.

Industry Statistics

Total US fur industry sales including services and accessories for 1997:
$1.27 billion

Fur Apparel Imports were valued at $151.3 million in 1997 (wholesale), down 8.9% from 1996 to 1997.

Less than 200 fur manufacturers remain in the US.

About 1350 retail furriers remain in business, down from 2,400 in the mid eighties.

Top fur markets are New York City and Chicago.

Mink pelt prices were down 6% in 1997.

401 mink ranches operate in the US collectively killing about 2.84 million mink a year and accounting for approximately 10% of world mink production.

Top mink ranching states are:
Wisconsin - 69 farms, 701,400 mink killed per year
Utah - 125 farms, 670,000 mink killed per year
Minnesota - 39 farms, 310,200 mink killed per year

Most common mink killing methods are gassing, poison injection and neck breaking. For fox, anal electrocution is most common, followed by poison injection then gassing. Chinchilla are usually killed by genital electrocution, foot to ear electrocution or neck breaking.

Mink account for 90% of all ranch raised animals followed by fox with 8%. Chinchilla are also raised in the US, as are bobcats and lynx, though cat ranching is limited.

The US is the leading fur trapping nation in the world. 10 million animals (world count) may die in traps that tear skin, rip tendons and often times break bones. This does not include non-target animals that get caught in traps. The number of non-target animals caught in traps is impossible to measure.

Top trapping states are WI, MN, PA, OH and MI in that order. There are 150,000 trappers in the US.

Hundreds of thousands of baby seals are clubbed in Canada each year, but their pelts are low in value because of bans on seal skins in the US and Europe. The skins are used in Canada and a lot of the meat is fed to mink and fox on fur farms.

More fur statistics are available through CAFT.



Free the Animals YOURSELF!

Dear reader, activist, supporter, potential eco-animal warrior:

Autumn is nearing us and with it comes the slaughter of millions of animal prisoners in fur farms. This season will see vain, uncaring, and disgusting humans rushing to the nearest fur salon to purchase coats sewn of skins. The coats will give them status in their circles and make them feel elegant. When we look at these coats we should see images of mink having their necks snapped; fox having electric shocks piercing through their genitals; squirrels, raccoons, beavers and other wild animals having their limbs shattered by hidden leg-hold traps. We should be outraged.

For those of us who remember and are still around, we can reminisce about the 80s: the marches, the rallies, the media exposure, the growing awareness of animal abuse and a near end to the acceptability and continuance of the fur trade. This is not the 80s. Wake up and stop walking around with excuses spilling from your mouths. The time for action is needed now and until all animals are freed and forests allowed to reclaim the wasteland created by humanity's short-sightedness.

Last year saw a decreasing number of fur farm raids as well as direct action in general. What is happening here? You tell me.

With as many people as there are wearing "ALF supporter" patches and t-shirts, you have to wonder where the ALF is? There's nothing to support when nothing gets done.

Animal liberation activists have long realized the importance of attacking the fur trade. After viewing "In The Trenches" of *No Compromise* magazine we see most groups campaigning against fur in one way or another. In the diary of direct action we know groups like the ALF, Wild Minks and ELF are focusing on the destruction of the fur industry. Change is a lengthy process, but how long it takes is a question we must ask ourselves.

Sustained hits at fur retail outlets have been effective in closing many of these skin shops and by making fur less available to consumers. Fur farm raids have caused fur ranchers to spend thousands of dollars on security systems which will later prove ineffective to a well-planned action when the night liberators come knocking.

There are plenty of us who are aware of the sacrifice it takes to get the animals out of the torture chambers and concentration camps but few who are willing to make it happen.

All activism has its place. Clandestine direct action is a vital part of this movement. Now is the time for each of us to follow our hearts. Accept the challenge and see to it the animals have you to save and protect them.

Strategic hits at fur retailers, manufacturers, processors, trapping suppliers and organizations, and fur carrying department stores and their executives will bring the fur industry to its knees. Live liberations at fur farms will ensure survival for some of the captives and discourage other fur farmers from continuing their bloody business.

For an updated list of fur farms in your area check out the Final Nail #2 (http://www.animal-liberation.net/info/pub/fn2/ or available through CAFT). To find a map, try www.mapquest.com

Learn about the enemy by visiting their web sites and reading their publications found in bookstores. You can find a list of many kinds of fur businesses by searching at www.switchboard.com or similar on-line directories or phone books.

We will drive the final nail into the coffin of the fur industry. The battle ahead takes courageous and committed individuals to do it. Stop making excuses and start taking direct action! Forget Free the Animals: **free the animals YOURSELF!**

Signed, ASAP (Anonymous Speaking for Anonymous Persons)

Conquering the Press Release

The grassroots activist: there is no better person to write the press release of a local event that you organized or helped organize. A press release is simply the who, what, where, why and when of your media event or statement. Good releases are clear, direct and free of superfluous details. Your goal is to get the journalist's attention and interest. Do not overfeed them. If you can raise a reporter's curiosity, you will be called for more information. Press releases are not brochures or articles. If written as such, very busy reporters, editors or assignment editors might overlook them.

The first thing to do is decide if your media event is worthy of a release. Just as it is important to keep media releases succinct and clearly written, it is vital to give some thought to the appropriateness of issuing a release. An organization or individual should not issue press releases until you first address some basic issues.

Ask yourself what you hope to accomplish by getting out the press release. Is this something that the outside world would be interested in knowing about? Is it truly newsworthy? Will the resulting press coverage help? Can you accomplish your goal or purpose in another way? For most animal liberation events, the press release is necessary to alert the media to protests and events. For the most part, these events are newsworthy. However, be careful not to cry "news" too many times when you have no real news to report. A leafleting event may be important, but it may not qualify as a newsworthy event. Issuing press releases for everything will tarnish your organization's media worth.

If you do not have a local media contact list, develop one. Many groups use a media resource guide. The guide is organized by state, county, cities or towns. They list print, broadcast and Internet media resources, often with the contact name, voice and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. You can find guides in your local library, bookstore or on the Internet. Calling a local newspaper for additional help may prove useful.

It is also important to realize that not all releases are picked up, nor all events covered. This can be frustrating, but don't let this stop you. Just because your media event was not covered, does not mean they will not be covered in the future. With each properly executed media release you send, you are developing media credibility. Reporters often file releases for future reference. As time goes on, you might be called to comment on another animal rights story, even if you did not issue a release.

While developing your media contact list, call the radio stations, newspapers, and others to ask how much lead time they need for events, protests, etc. For example, general meeting releases might need to be sent out two weeks ahead. But protest releases could easily be sent out only a few days ahead. The wire news services may need a week's notice to put it in their scheduling book, often referred to as a day book. Obviously if a newsworthy event just occurred, a release can be issued on the spot via fax or hand delivery.

The mechanics of writing a release is simple. At the top of the release, say what type of release it is (Photo Opportunity, Press Release, Meeting Notice, Public Service Announcement, etc.) If it is for their immediate attention, state: For Immediate Release. Then date it.

If you are sending the release to the attention of someone specific, state it. (Attention: City Editor, Assignment Desks, Food Editor, Calendar of Events, Feature Editor, etc.*) Give your press release an exciting, headline-like title. **ANYPLACE RESERVATION DEER HUNT ENTERS FIFTH BLOODY YEAR** — add a subtitle if you like — *More than 500 deer slaughtered since hunt began.*

Put your hook (what makes your story newsworthy) in the first paragraph. Keep the release concise, limited to one page if possible, preferably double spaced for easy reading and editing. Make sure it includes the "who, what, when, where and why." Be conscientious about maintaining credibility. Keep to the facts, do not make anything up, lie or present any information that cannot be verified. Do not use media releases to poke fun or harass anyone. Think of a quote or two and place them in the body of the release, but be sure they sound like something a real person would say: "*Each year, hunting in the Reservation will cause a drain on the taxpayers, do nothing to solve the problems and result in more killing,*" said Mr. Activist. "*I hope the Freeholder board will act to bring sanity to the county and stop this ongoing slaughter at the expense of the taxpayers,*" he added. Include the name and phone number of a contact person. Make sure this person is available and knowledgeable enough to handle press calls. Try to follow up with a phone call to make sure your press release was received. Above all, do not forget to put your group's address and telephone number at the top of the release.

(Radio stations use Executive Producer, Producer, News Director, Assignment Editor, Station Manager, Program Director, Public Affairs Director, etc.)*

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we get away to liberate another day (or night!) and we win if we get caught because for those of us who only do a few years, no sacrifice we are forced to endure is worse than what is presently being done to this beautiful planet and all its animal life.

An interesting thing happened the other week when a 'zine I lent to another prisoner on animal, earth and human liberation was confiscated by a guard who claimed the material needed to be reviewed by internal security. I found this ironic in light of a recent federal ruling that allowed prisoners to once again receive pornographic magazines. There are a lot more rapists, sexual offenders and wife beaters in the federal prison system than there are animal, earth and indigenous rights defenders and certainly such misogynist and sexist material only reinforces the mindset that led these people to commit their crimes, yet its the animal, earth and indigenous rights information that is of concern. The 'zine was never returned.

I've come to the conclusion that the reason animal liberationists, "radical" environmentalists and "militant" indigenous activists are given so much attention by law enforcement agencies than the more common crimes of rape, domestic violence and child abuse is because these crimes do not threaten the power structure of the anti-nature, anti-animal, anti-women and anti-Indian establishment like the actions of our warriors and allies. Citizens who victimize each other are not of as much concern to the government as people willing to sacrifice their own freedom for the rights of animals, Indians, women and earth.

That is why you will see grand juries convened to investigate the activities of the ALF and ELF who have prevented violent acts of animal and earth abuse rather than resources being dedicated toward investigating acts of cruelty and destruction that much evidence now reveals leads to more violent crimes than any ALF or ELF activists have ever committed or will ever commit. You don't have to look far in today's society to see that those people who have recently made headlines by murdering innocent people first practiced their cruelty on animals. Though many psychologists have stated that animal abuse leads to human abuse or discourage it with education and awareness, it proves how we treat nature and animals ultimately reflects how we treat each other.

It comes down to whose worldview you subscribe to. Do you believe that violence can only be committed by those without the proper uniform, profession or government sanction or do you believe that any act that results in the intentional maiming, torture and destruction of innocent life is terrorism? The former worldview is frought with contradiction and doublespeak while the latter adheres only to truth and addresses the feeling we have deep in our hearts when we know what we are forced to accept as not a crime truly is. Odds may be against us because we have drifted so far from living in harmony with the earth and her creation, but that doesn't lessen our moral responsibility to differentiate between right and wrong. Nor can we trust our governments to make that separation known through what is legal and what is not.

When we begin to follow our moral convictions more so than the unjust laws of a society that sanctions unspeakable crimes, it is inevitable that some of us will end up in prison. The question becomes not why we are in prison, but why are there not more of us, who know crimes against nature and all life when we see them, also in prison. We have only to look at other social justice and freedom struggles to realize that when more than a handful of people are willing to risk going to prison rather than passively participate in a society that allows the destruction of all life, then and only then do we begin to demonstrate to those in control that we will remain apathetic and blind to injustice no longer.

When we demand the liberation of all of Earth's creation from needless suffering and economic exploitation through actions that do just that and when we show the world that we feel for the non-human oppressed as much as we feel for our own flesh and blood and if necessary are willing to exchange our freedom for theirs, then we can expect to join the ranks of other revolutionary struggles that have brought about and are bringing about major societal attitude changes. That is what a revolution is. The refusal to accept for one moment longer oppression as it currently exists in our society and a willingness to voice that rejection with individual personal action.

And what could be more revolutionary than a true re-evolution that returns us to a way of life that all human ancestors once lived, when we lived in harmony with nature rather than at war with her. Surely that can be no more "radical" of a concept than the societal ideology that allows the manufacture of weapons that could destroy this planet many times over, economic systems that create poverty for the majority of the world's human population while liquidating biological diversity and the last indigenous human cultures, a military industrial collapse that swallows over $80 billion every year, a "justice" system that imprisons more of its citizens than ever despite an actual decrease in violent crime and a society that conditions its youth to believe that violence is acceptable as a form of recreation and as a means to obtain a food source that itself is deadly.

This is what it means when we say animal, human and earth liberation are one struggle. It means we fight against a war that victimizes us all for the benefit of a powerful few. And in any revolutionary struggle including a purely non-violent one like ours there will be prisoners, but they in no way will impede our struggle.

Today there are horrendous war crimes being committed in places other than the former Soviet Union and weapons of mass destruction being manufactured in places other than Iraq. The torture and abuse in labs, factory and fur farms and in circuses and rodeos is very real except to those emotionally blinded enough to ignore it or benefiting too well economically to care. The pain and suffering is very real and though not in our government's eyes, we ourselves can rest assured that there is total justification in rescuing the victims and destroying the weapons of mass destruction used to commit those crimes.

Humans hold no monopoly on the ability to experience pain and sorrow. Mothers of the animal races suffer when their children are stolen from them repeatedly to be tortured or slaughtered. Animals in laboratories and other places of abuse feel genuine terror whenever their tormentors enter the room. They care not that their suffering might lead humans to false hopes for a cure to preventable diseases. Our ability to empathize with other species and show them mercy is a strength not a weakness.

Our movement's love and rage expressed through animal liberation activists are demonstrations of our ability to spread love across the imaginary species barrier that this society would like us to believe exist and makes us somewhat different from other beings we share earth with. The actions of the ALF and other liberation groups are actions of solidarity with all life and our plea that the war against the animal nations waged by our one species be ended. We believe that our degree of humanity and humane evolution in society is best demonstrated not through technological advancement and refinement in our ability to alter and control nature, but by extending our hand in peace to all of creation rather than viewing them as a resource to be exploited for purely human purposes, usually to the detriment of our own and the planet's health.

Until our governments who rubber-stamp animal abuse evolve our of their ingrained habit of putting money before mercy there will continue to be truly compassionate and non-violent citizens resisting our species' war against all others. We will continue to take up bed space in prisons while the most violent prone numbers of our society walk free. Remember your prisoners. They're in there for you and you're out there for them. Do what you think they and the animal nations would want you to do. Freedom is never something we will be given, it will always be something we must fight for.

HUNT SABOTAGE

WARNING: Some of the methods described in this focus section for sabotaging hunts are highly illegal and could land you in serious trouble. While hunter harassment charges are little more than simple misdemeanors, things such as sabotaging vehicles, tree stands, roads, etc... could lead to serious charges. Act accordingly. *No Compromise* has provided this for informational purposes only and does not seek to condone or promote illegal or unethical activities.

In this issue, we are focusing on hunt sabs, both traditional and non-traditional methods. This is an area somewhat neglected by grassroots activists, possibly because they don't have enough information about sabbing. Sabs may be used after a campaign to stop a hunt has failed. Methods will vary with the type of animal being hunted, the terrain on which the hunt is taking place, and the local public sentiment about the hunt. All of these factors should be considered when determining the best course of action to take. The articles in this section are drawn from the experiences of activists in the U.S. and the U.K. who have participated in many anti-hunting actions and we hope they will inform and inspire you. Naturally, we are not suggesting that anyone do anything illegal! Sabbing is a very pro-active way to save animal lives, but it does require us to do some homework. First and foremost, educate yourself about the hunter harassment statutes in your state, state game codes and local firearm discharge laws. Familiarize yourself with the terrain - you may be navigating in total darkness. Learn as much as you can about the habits of the animals you are trying to help. Feel free to call upon any of the groups listed below for more information on hunting and how to stop it. Dress warmly and go to it!

Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - San Francisco (415) 835-2149 • Chicago Animal Rights Coaltion (773) 324-4188 • Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting (914) 255-4227 • The Fund for Animals (301) 585-2591 • New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (732) 446-6808 • Wildlife Watch (914) 256-0200 • Hunt Saboteurs Association - UK (+44) (01273) 622827

HUNT SABOTAGE 101

Hunt Sabotage, simply put, can be characterized as the disruption of hunts through some form of intervention. As there are a wide variety of hunts: fox hunts, deer hunts, bear hunts, duck hunts and fishing to name just a few, each varied and different, so are there a wide variety of tactics that can be used to combat and put a stop to hunting, or simply rescue individual animals in their encounters with hunters. As with all forms of activism, and direct action in particular, it is important that activists stay focused on their goals and be creative and imaginative in developing the tactics and strategies to meet them. You may find that hunt sabotage is a useful tool as part of a specified campaign against a guide outfitter or an annual hunt, or you may find that simply heading out into the woods to ensure that any hunter you encounter has an uneventful day can be an empowering experience for you, and a beneficial experience for the hunters' would be victims.



The first step of any would be saboteur should be to gain information on local hunts and seasons. Find out what animals are currently being hunted and then devise a strategy for saving them. Books on hunting seasons can usually be found in many gun, hunting and sporting goods stores, or directly from Fish and Game. The most effective means of saving animal lives is obviously to attempt to put a stop to a hunt before it starts. Aside from legal means of attempting to do this, direct action can often be quite effective in either stopping the hunt all together or at least slowing it down. Blockades and civil disobedience may be useful if you are targeting specific hunters, and road and vehicle sabotage may be useful for attempts to slow down and disrupt hunting in a general area. The destruction of hunting blinds, platforms or even piers used for fishing can also throw a wrench into hunters' plans, and put a stop to the killing for at least a day. It is usually wise to visit the area you will be sabbing ahead of time to familiarize yourself with the terrain and to find out exactly where the hunting will be taking place. You can often go to local hunting stores and, pretending to be new to the sport, gain valuable information on where the popular hunting spots are. Try to find out as much as possible about the kind of hunting you are targeting and the behavior of the hunters. What time do they leave in the morning? Are they mainly on foot or in vehicles? Will they be just off the roads or deep in the woods? Finding out the answers to these types of questions can greatly improve your chances of finding hunters and having a successful sab.

Being present during the opening days of hunting seasons is a very good way to save animals' lives and to effect a great many hunters. Very large numbers of hunters turn up for opening days and very large numbers of animals are killed at this time. By being present, we have the opportunity to show our opposition to the "sport" of hunting and to save a large number of innocent animals. In the past, hunters have been so preoccupied by our presence that instead of spending their days hunting, they spend their days looking for us. Always remember that sabotaging hunts can be dangerous. Hunters are armed, violent, and nearly always outnumber us when we encounter them. Wear orange clothing in the woods to avoid being shot by a hunter who can't see you. Stay in groups for protection and carry video cameras to document any violent encounters or threats you may receive.

Although many effective means exist or can be created to try and stop a hunt or hunters, confrontational or in your face tactics are simple and seem to work well in most cases. Most of this is obvious. For instance, to sab fisherman you can sit next to them throwing rocks in the water all day until they leave. To sab duck hunts, use a small boat or raft of some kind to sit in the water and keep the ducks away. With deer hunts, you can follow hunters all day making so much noise that no animal will come near. Always carry whistles or air horns with you so that if the hunter does find animals, you can scare them away before the hunter gets a shot off. Be wary of frightening animals when no danger exists, as you could be scaring them towards hunters. With bear hunts, the hunters tend to drive along, scanning clearcuts for bears who are feeding. Follow hunters' vehicles all day. If they get out of their cars, so do you. In most of these cases, the presence of sabs totally eliminates the possibility of

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TOOLS TO STOP A HUNT

When trying to stop a hunt, or to educate the public about the hunting scam perpetrated by wildlife agencies, don't be afraid to be creative! Here are some methods used by grassroots activists:

BLOCKADE THE ENTRANCES

Either by lockdowns, disabled vehicles, debris (manure, gravel, etc. - use your imagination). Remember, every hour that hunters are prevented from entering, less animals will be killed. CDs also increase the cost of the hunt to local taxpayers, when municipalities are forced to pay for extra police coverage, extrication exercises, and higher liability premiums.

ALL DAY (AND NIGHT) VIGILS

A constant presence at the hunt site reminds the public that a slaughter is taking place inside. Large banners make up for smaller numbers of activists, as activists will be coming and going during the entire vigil. Set up a schedule beforehand, making sure the greatest number is in attendance during peak traffic times and when media is present. Don't forget lanterns and flares, for safety and visibility. Use bullhorns to try to dissuade hunters from entering the hunting grounds. When speaking to the hunters, try peaceful persuasion to motivate them. Name calling and threats can be misunderstood by the press and quoted in the paper. These are feel good activities that have no useful purpose and could potentially cause more animals to lose their lives.

HUNGER STRIKES

They can be an effective way of publicizing a hunt, particularly if several activists vow to hunger strike for all or part of the hunt. However, keep the focus on the issue, on the reason for the hunger strike, as the media will try to divert it by asking questions like, "What's the first thing you're going to eat when this is over?" or similar inane queries.

WORK ON A LOCAL LEVEL

Attend and speak out at public hearings and town and county meetings to get your opposition to the hunt on record and suggest alternatives to killing. Educate the decision makers. Sometimes, education is the best alternative, when a problem doesn't really exist, but is perceived to, usually because the people who want the hunt have used scare tactics to convince everyone that a hunt is necessary. Question the numbers - wildlife agencies think nothing of manipulating them to suit their own purposes. They've even been known (gasp!) to lie. If people remain convinced that something must be done, reflectors, fencing, immuno-contraception, the enactment and enforcement of feeding bans and environmental changes are just a few methods that are non-lethal, and they work, while hunting doesn't! You can hold your own meetings and invite the public, and try to get a local citizens' group active in fighting the hunt. Just don't count on these people as your activist base, as they will usually not agree with you on other issues and are fearful of being labeled as animal rights activists. Nonetheless, they can be useful in terms of putting pressure on local government or campaigning to unseat unsympathetic politicians. Supportive locals can also provide you with safe houses.

DOCUMENTATION

Pictures taken at weigh stations, if you can get close enough, as horrible as they are, can be effectively used to show people what a hunt is really about. Also, going in the day after a hunt to videotape the blood trails can lead to proof that hunting took place outside of the safety zones, and can possibly stop future hunts. Try to have a

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Thinking Like A Fox

A few years back when overt forms of hunt sabotage began to result in more police intervention against us than interference with hunters, we decided to try a more covert approach. Though not as dramatic as blocking roads or placing ourselves between the hunter and the hunted, our revised tactics resulted in more lives saved and fewer activists arrested.

They say to catch a fox you must think like a fox. When opposing our nation's bloody Fall ritual of slaughtering wildlife for sport, sometimes it's best to see if this rule of thumb applies. Though more and more states are passing hunter harrassment laws, what separates the hunter from the hunt harasser is usually a hunting license that anyone can buy. A hunting license doesn't only give you the right to occupy the very same space any other hunter occupies, it also gives you the right to enter lottery draws for limited numbers of kill permits of some rare wildlife in your home state.

Most states set ceiling limits on the numbers of tags they sell for a specific species and purchasing a special tag may result in it being denied to another hunter. In some states, there are very limited numbers of tags sold for rare bighorn sheep, elk or predators like mountain lions and, by obtaining one of these tags, you not only may be saving an animal's life, but you also gain the right to be in a special hunt area where you can then covertly sabotage other hunters efforts. Check your state's Game Regulations for information on special lottery hunts and on how to obtain a hunting license.

The other right obtained by posessing a hunting license is the right to carry firearms. Now I'm not encouraging anyone to risk the endangerment of human life - we only have to read the Fall news items to see that hunters themselves are doing this already. But sometimes a rifle or shotgun can be the best weapon to alert wildlife to the presence of genuine hunters who threaten their lives, not to mention the help it gives you in convincing others you also are a hunter.

In many areas open to Fall hunting, animals such as deer and elk are conditioned to become wary once the first rifle blasts echo in the woods. By discharging your firearm in the proximity of other hunters, you are warning wildlife that hunters are in their home. Though such drastic action might be temporarily distressing to wildlife, nothing can be as distressing as high-powered rifle slugs entering their bodies.

Other hunt saboteurs have successfully used firearms to save animal lives by obtaining predator permits and calling in their prey with predator calls as other hunters do and then firing over the animal's head to alert them to this tactic being used against them. Predators like coyotes are fast learners and will instantly become more wary after a near-death experience.

Before any activist enters the field with a firearm, s/he should be well versed in firearms safety. Ironically, the best place to learn this is at the hunter safety courses most states require new hunters to attend. Once you obtain your hunting license, you should then familiarize yourself with the type of arms you will need to both meet hunting guidelines for your intended "prey" and be believable as a hunter. By reviewing hunting magazines such as Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, or Guns & Ammo you should be able to identify the type of weapon you will need. Local gun shows are a great place to buy guns at reduced prices and also with a minimum of paperwork.

Your next visit should be to a firing range where you can become familiar with your gun and how to safely load and reload. Once you are confident in your new camoflauge, you are ready to become familiar with your intended hunt sabotage area. Don't wait for opening day to enter the field, but scout out the area ahead of time as other hunters will and take this time to discharge your weapon a few times to alert wildlife to your presence. Another tactic to consider is the spreading of freshly cut human hair in the hunt area if the hunted animal is sensitive to human smell as deer are. (see note) You can collect as much hair as you like from local barber shops by saying you want it to provide nitrogen in the soil of your garden or compost pile.

"...what separates the hunter from the hunt harasser is usually a hunting license that anyone can buy."

From my experience as an overt and covert hunt saboteur, I've found that where overt actions usually draw many Fish & Game officers and other police to the scene thereby infringing on your ability to effectively sabotage hunts, at covert hunt sabs I have rarely seen a game warden or other forest cop. Such an atmosphere allows one to interact more with hunters to learn of their success rates and to know their locations.

Once you have established your cover as just another hunter you can now begin to implement your strategy. Be creative. Do not limit your sabotage activities to just making noise. Recognize the dependency sport hunters have on their vehicles which only operate with fully inflated tires which are easily punctured in the rocky forest terrain. Identify roads normally used by hunters in the Fall season and consider recruiting friends to help you dig out culverts to promote the wash outs or build natural obstacles with fallen trees or rocks. If the area you intend to sabotage in is near known private lands, consider posting public lands with "NO TRESPASSING-HUNTING" signs which might effectively deter the more law-abiding hunter.

Remember, most sport hunters only enter the woods in the killing season and have limited knowledge of the area. Consider scouting and becoming more familiar with your hunt sab area than your opponent. This will not only help you evade detection and devise new tactics once you identify hunter weakness, but it will also bring you closer to knowing the animals whose lives you are defending. By learning their habits as well as those of their hunters you will not only become a more successful hunt saboteur, but also begin to realize that when observed in a peaceful setting, wildlife can provide a joy and satisfaction to the activist who rarely sees wildlife up close and personal.

Now run to your local sporting goods store and obtain your state's latest fish & game regulations and begin your Fall planning for a successful hunt sabotage season with your friends. To be a successful saboteur you don't need an army, just a few informed, prepared and willing activists. Happy Hunting!

Editor's note: In areas that have never before been hunted, the animals have not yet learned to fear humans, so take that into consideration when sabbing a newly opened hunting area.

Posting Property

By Adam Weissman

One of the most flagrant examples of how the law caters to hunters is posting laws. Under the law in most, if not all, states if property is not posted against hunting and trespassing with signs that specifically conform to narrow regulations, then hunters have a right to encroach upon private property and endanger residents with gunfire in their quest to murder animals. One poster is not enough; property must be abundantly posted to the point of near absurdity or hunters can argue that the property wasn't sufficiently posted and that they did not see any signs.

Over the years animal activists have responded to posting laws in a number of ways. The late Luke Dommer, founder and former president of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, advocated legislation to require reverse posting, whereby the legal assumption would be that hunters are not welcome on private lands, unless posted as such.

Wisconsin's Alliance for Animals has developed a unique strategy in which volunteers canvass a neighborhood offering to post the landowners' property against hunting. This helps to close more land to hunters (those that abide by laws, anyway) and forges an alliance between landowners and animal activists. Additionally, animal activists publicize themselves in a very positive light in a community and serve as a reminder of the nuisance hunters pose.

Activists involved in volunteer postering are likely to hear horror stories of dangerous, disrespectful slob hunters who have encroached on the land owners' property in the past. They will be more than happy to let the activists keep the violent buffoons who call themselves hunters away. Making friends with neighborhood property holders may also be politically beneficial in the long run, as many of these people may go on to become allies if, for example, a town meeting is scheduled to open a town park to deer hunting.

For more information on reverse posting, contact the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting. To learn more about community posting, contact Alliance for Animals at: 122 State Street #605 Madison, WI 53703 • alliance@allanimals.org (608) 257-6333 • fax: (608) 257-6400

Hunt Patrols

By Adam Weissman

The first thing people attempting to sabotage hunts in the US must realize is that direct action, in and of itself, will never abolish hunting in the United States of America. There are too many hunters, too few direct action animal liberationists and too much huntable land to ever be able to be everywhere that hunters hunt. That said, hunt sabotage must be viewed as a strategic public relations tactic; if we try to use hunt sabotage as a means to save individual animals above all else, then we are doing nothing to END the legalized murder of animals.

One of the most effective ways to utilize hunt sabotage as a public relations tactic is through hunt patrols. Hunt patrols are essentially hunt sabotage in reverse. In hunt patrols, the hunters are the law breakers and the activists are engaged in lawful conduct. Hunt patrols were first utilized around 1975 as part of an effort organized by the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting (C.A.S.H.). The patrols started in New Jersey and soon branched out to other locations. C.A.S.H. members began to buy land with the explicit purpose of protecting it from hunting. Over time, the patrollers refined their tactics. Today, video cameras are used in the place of still cameras and audio recorders. While one activist engages a hunter, another hangs behind with a video camera recording the interaction. The fact that the events are being recorded by a person at too great a distance to be manhandled has somewhat of a chilling effect on poachers. Patrollers also carry megaphones which they blast siren sounds from at full volume and shout things like, "YOU ARE TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY! LEAVE IMMEDIATELY OR YOU WILL BE ARRESTED!!"

In the future, patrollers may wish to focus greater energy on getting media coverage of patrols. The early patrols received some attention, including an article in Omni magazine and numerous TV interviews, but the more recent ones have not. As alluded to earlier in this article, the potential for positive media coverage in situations where animal activists defend private property from disrespectful, lawbreaking hunters, is excellent.

As with posting, volunteering to patrol private lands is a good way to build ties with community members who may already have some degree of anti-hunting sentiment, if for no other reason that their safety is compromised by it. However, unlike posting, patrols are time consuming and can only be done on a limited basis.

Anyone who would like to help with a patrol or start one can contact Wildlife Watch's Peter Muller at (914) 256-0200 or e-mail him at peter.muller@worldnet.att.net or they can also contact Anne Muller at (914) 255-4227 or e-mail her at wildwatch@worldnet.att.net.

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a kill for the targeted hunters. Often, they will get frustrated, give up and head home. It is a good idea to follow hunters all the way out of hunting areas to make sure they don't simply go elsewhere.

While the confrontational tactics are universal and can be used anywhere, different places allow different methods of hunting which can allow opportunities for different types of sabbing. For instance you may live in a state that allows hunting with dogs. In this case you may want to visit the dogs, often found in a metal crate in the back of the hunters' pickup trucks, and rub some sort of non-toxic scent on their noses to prevent them from picking up the trails of other animals. Or if you live in an area where hunters pay fees to guide outfitters to take them hunting, you can target the guide outfitters directly. Often their clients pay high prices and if you can make several of their hunting trips unpleasant and uneventful, then word will get out and their business may suffer. Just remember to stay creative. There is no limit to what people can do to save animals. Sab groups have used everything from the high tech (video equipment, small aircraft, etc...) to the low tech (people flying kites shaped like hawks to scare away doves) to sab hunts and save animals. Hunt sabotage is not difficult, it simply takes planning and the will to do it. So get out there and sab the bastards!

Sabbing Hunts With Hounds

Historically, hunting with hounds was the typical pastime for aristocrats all across Europe. Since the determination of whether or not property could be hunted upon was made by the landlord, who was almost exclusively a member of the aristocracy, hunting with hounds became the common way wildlife was persecuted and killed on the old continent. Only at the end of the World War I, when the monarchy and the aristocracy were abolished in large parts of Europe, did we see the end of hunting with hounds. Since then, the classic chasing of animals with a pack of hounds has been banned in numerous Central European countries. However, fox digging, badger digging, and the chasing with single dogs of such animals as cats, martens and deer, are still allowed and practiced even where pack hunting is outlawed.



The countries that "won" World War I did not experience such societal breakdowns and, hence, still practice old-fashioned hunting with packs of hounds. It is the aristocracy which still plays a major part in it. Additionally, hunting with hounds has been exported out of Europe into different countries to a varying extent.

THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF HUNT SABS

Hunt sabbing proper started in Britain in early 1964 and from then it mushroomed. Today there are about 150 active hunt sab groups all across Britain, the homeland of hunt sabotage. In the 1990s, things came to a peak when Mike Hill in February 1991 and Tom Worby in April 1993 were killed by huntsmen while out sabbing. Presently, on average, one sabber per week is hospitalized by irate hunters in Britain alone.

To generally disrupt hunting, the best target is the hunt with hounds. It is much easier to find out the time and meeting place, as huge packs of dogs and large groups of riders aren't that easy to hide. Such hunts are mostly visible social occasions, where the lower classes can admire the toffs up on horseback in their silly costumes. You can also sab from a distance without actually having to confront the hunter in person or be in the line of bullets. Since hunting with hounds is meant to entertain and results in the prolonged chase of one animal lasting anywhere from 30 minutes to 8 hours, sabbers have time to intervene.

THE SUCCESSFUL SAB

For a successful hunt with a pack of dogs, the chain of links between the hunter and the dogs, and between the dogs and the victim should not be broken. Thus, sabbing concentrates on breaking those links.

At the start, the lead dogs will find and follow the victim by scent. To break this link, sabbers use either false trails of scent (e.g., fox urine, bedding and/or feces freshly taken from your nearest wildlife hospital or sanctuary) to distract from the scent of the real victim, or strong smells to mask his or her scent. For the latter, diluted citronella or eucalyptus smells or anti-mate sprays are commonly used.

False trails are generally laid just before the hunt arrives if you know where they will go or in the immediate vicinity of the hunt while they "draw" or seek out a new victim. The trail is laid in a line, along hedgerows and the edge of woods, ideally in a large circle.

The technique of masking scents is best used when sabbers can both see the victim flee and manage to be on his or her trail before the hounds arrive. In this case, it is important NOT to mask the trail in a line, but to cover a whole area, as the human hunter following the dogs will immediately recognize which line you are masking and will take the hounds past you and onto the proper line again.

Another very effective way to break the link between dogs and quarry is to crack dog whips in the air to get the hounds to stop chasing. Hunters do this if the dogs follow the wrong quarry, and they are well-trained to respond to such commands. Hence, cracking whips doesn't just save this particular victim, but it also serves to confuse the hounds so they will not know which animal to follow. Also, if done aggressively enough at the right time and the right place, whip cracking will easily stop the dogs. Of course, it will also easily lead to a direct call about the whereabouts of the quarry, and these such calls are also often understood by the hounds. So, it is always a good idea to listen to the hunters and thwart their efforts in informing the dogs and other hunters, or to fake them with false calls. But, don't expect miracles. If the hunters know that there are sabbers about, they will not trust any odd call.

Decades of experience of sabbing hunts with hounds in Britain have led to the development of a very sophisticated "theory and practice" of hunt sabotage. The Hunt Saboteurs Association [P.O. Box 2786, Brighton, BNQ 2AX • (+44) (01273) 622827 • hsa@gn.apc.org] is now publishing a book on tactics. It is certainly worth contacting them for this book if you intend to go sabbing and haven't got an experienced group to join. Regardless, don't be discouraged by any failures. An experienced group of five to ten sabbers can totally stop a hunt dead with a little bit of luck. And, it is well worth it.

Fox Hunting In The U.S.??

Does fox hunting exist in the United States? Absolutely. There are approximately 150 packs in the U.S. While still called fox hunting, the majority of the packs actually tend to hunt coyotes, however the hunts are primarily the same as those found in the UK, with the animals being chased for hours and eventually ripped apart by the hounds. Both the prey and the hounds are victims in these hunts. Hounds are starved, often seriously injured on fences that they are made to jump, and eventually killed when they become sick, old or cease to perform.

While these hunts tend to take place on private lands, they can still be challenged. In our effort to stamp out hunting we must work to eliminate these fox hunting packs by sabotaging their hunts, challenging them at their social gatherings and informing the public as to the suffering they cause. If you are interested in helping to put a stop to this barbaric "sport", please contact the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - San Francisco (PO Box 420382, San Francisco, CA 94142, (415) 835-2149, e-mail: vegan@hooked.net) for a list of fox hunting packs in your state. We can provide detailed information for many of the packs as well as tips and tactics that may be useful for sabotaging these hunts.

NUMBER OF FOX HUNTING PACKS BY STATE

Alabama - 1 • Arizona - 1 • Arkansas - 1 • California - 4 • Colorado - 3 • Connecticut - 3 • Florida - 5 • Georgia - 5 • Illinois - 7 • Indiana - 4 • Iowa - 3 • Kansas - 2 • Kentucky - 4 Maryland - 9 • Massachusetts - 5 • Michigan - 3 • Minnesota - 1 • Mississippi - 2 • Missouri - 2 • Nevada - 1 • New Hampshire - 2 • New Jersey - 5 • New Mexico - 1 • New York - 9 • North Carolina - 9 • Ohio - 3 • Pennsylvania - 15 • South Carolina - 5 • Tennessee - 6 • Texas - 4 • Virginia - 20 • Washington - 1

THE FUTURE OF HUNTING

By Adam Weissman

Hunting is dying in America. Even if animal liberationists completely ignored this issue from today forth, hunting would still be on its way out...

A combination of a diminished quantity of wild land, a populace that is more sedentary with every generation, sedated by TV, computers and video game systems, an increasing number of families without fathers (fathers traditionally bring the child into hunting in hunting families), and an increasing public distaste for the wanton slaughter of animals for "sport" are all reasons for the decline.

This is not conjecture. Surveys have found that while there is only a slight overall decrease in the actual number of hunters in the last few decades, what has changed significantly is the age of the hunters. While the current batch of hunters is sticking to their guns (at least until age 50, when most hang them up for good), they are failing to replace themselves by recruiting a new generation of hunters. Wildlife management agencies, the invariably pro-hunting governmental bodies in each state which define and implement state wildlife policy, have been scrambling to remedy this by finding every way possible to bring more people into hunting or train those who already hunt. They've tried youth hunts, "Becoming an Outdoorswoman" programs that recruit female hunters, opening hunting to the crippled, retarded and the blind, lowering minimum hunting ages and suburban hunts.

This last strategy deserves particular attention. Whenever hunters are surveyed as to what factors influence their decision to hunt or not to hunt, proximity is always at the top of the list. If a hunt site is close and easy to reach, a hunter will use it. If not... With this in mind wildlife management agencies, have since the seventies been trying to contrive every and any possible excuse to open the 'burbs to thugs with guns. While the tiny percentage of suburbanites who hunt benefit from this, others in the community react with outrage. The thought of bullets whizzing through quiet suburban neighborhoods is less than appealing to most of their residents.

As a result, wildlife managers were forced to concoct an excuse that made suburbanites believe that hunting was in their interest. Thus the current wildlife management frenzy for nuisance wildlife control was born. By convincing the public that animals such as deer and geese were diminishing their quality of life and endangering their health, wildlife managers hoped to gain public sympathy for hunting programs.

Those who speak for the animals must not allow this to happen. Fight back and take back our parks!

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member of the media accompany you. Learn what the regulations are in your state, and raise hell if they aren't adhered to.

LEGAL MEANS

Before trying to go into court to ask for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) you'll need to find some "irreparable harm" that would be done if the hunt takes place. This could be a public safety issue, the potential destruction of property or resources, damage to a historic site, failure of the hunt organizers to follow regulatory or legislative mandates properly, or failure to file an environmental impact study when required. TRO's are rarely granted, but even when we lose, we can gain media attention, educate the public and be a thorn in the side of the wildlife agencies, who have to spend money out of their budget to defend their position.

INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM

Find out if your state has I & R. If not, it's still likely that your counties do. This is a mechanism for questions to be placed on the ballot for the public, rather than the politicians, to decide on. Signatures of a certain percentage of the registered voters have to be gathered and verified in order for this to happen, but it has been used successfully around the country, like stopping a mountain lion hunt in California. If you are over 18, you should be registered to vote so that your voice can be heard on animal issues, and so you can vote against politicians whose presence in office is a threat to animal liberation.

A New Spectre?

By Noel Molland

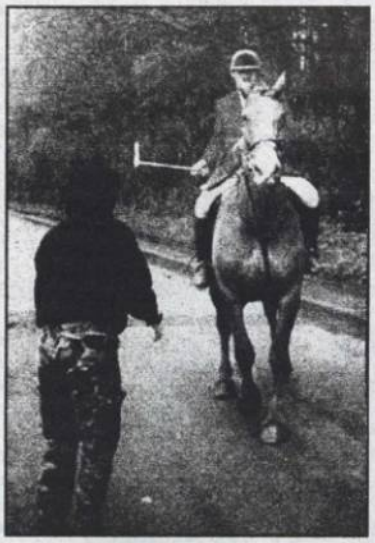
The British 1997-98 fox hunting season has seen a marked increase in the use of direct action against the hunt. In fact, so many actions have taken place, hunt journalist Elizabeth Peplow, writing in the Horse & Hound (16th of April 1998), suggested there is "a new spectra, the Hunt terrorist."

Within Peplow's list of what she classifies as "the new spectra" is a sab of the Crawley & Horsham Fox Hunt on the 27th of September 1997 which saw about 60 hunt sabs hurling abuse at the hunters attending a Meet. One hunter, who admitted locking himself inside their car to escape the sabs, told Peplow the event was "terrifying."

Other 'new spectra' actions include a Hunt Retribution Squad action against the Portman Fox Hunt. Peplow does not go into great details about the events on the 30th of November 1997, but other sources have said approximately six vans pulled up at the Portman Meet. Masked activists, armed with clubs and chains, jumped out of the vehicles and proceeded to smash up some hunt vehicles before piling back inside their vans and fleeing.

A similar Hunt Retribution Squad action occurred on the 13th of December 1997, when HRS activists damaged about sixteen vehicles belonging to members of the Hursley Hambledon Fox Hunt. Three hunters were also injured in this attack. Sadly, 42 innocent hunt sabbers were arrested, 3 of whom were later charged with 'Conspiracy to Commit Violent Disorder'.

On the 21st of March 1998, the Hunt Retribution Squad struck yet again. This time at a Meet near Aylesbury. Once again vehicles were attacked and hunters assaulted. One man, a forestry worker named Roderick Wilson, was beaten unconscious sustaining a broken nose and jaw in the attack. A few hours after the incident, Wilson's mother (another hunter) died from a stroke. The police made 22 indiscriminate arrests of innocent hunt saboteurs after the incident.



A week after the Aylesbury incident the HRS was at it again. This time in the Cotswolds when Joint Master of the Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt was dragged off his horse and clubbed unconscious. However, the targeting of the hunt is not just confined to the HRS. A new group calling itself The Provisional ALF, in February 1998, sent out a series of hoax bombs some of which went to bloodsports targets. The Provisional ALF have warned that a real bombing campaign will start shortly.

Taking a non-violent root to the hunt problem, the Animal Liberation Front have also been very active, both targeting the hunts directly by damaging their property, rescuing hounds, etc. and also by targeting companies and organisations that support hunting. On the day Tony Blair made it clear New Labour would renege on its pre-election promises to ban hunting, the Labour Party HO was bomb hoaxed. W.H. Smiths stores have received a number of bomb hoaxes, including on the 27th of October, its headquarters, because of W.H. Smiths' involvement with the selling of bloodsports magazines. Meanwhile Earth Liberation Front activists have been sneaking into W.H. Smiths stores and damaging the inside pages of the hunt magazines, before placing them back on the shelves.

The Animal Liberation Front have also been incredibly active with the anti-John Lewis Partnership campaign (John Lewis run a shooting estate in Hampshire for their staff). The John Lewis Partnership HO has been bomb hoaxed, businesses belonging to John Lewis have started to lose their windows. On the 7th of February 1998, an estimated £20,000 damage was caused to lorries parked at the John Lewis depot in Stevenage.

The result of all this action has been to create a lot of fear within the hunting community. Peplow's concerns of "a new spectra, the hunt terrorist" have been confirmed by Alison Hawes of the Countryside Alliance (formally known as the British Field Sports Society). In early May, 1998, Hawes told the *Dorset Evening Echo* "These groups of vehemently aggressive hunt saboteurs don't necessarily intend to disrupt a hunt. They are only interested in damaging property and people. They dress in black balaclavas and are almost like an army. They use staves, iron bars and baseball bats with nails. We are worried that with the hunting bill having failed, this group will take the law into their own hands even more." The *Dorset Evening Echo* informed its readers that Hunt Retribution Squad groups are targeting hunts through the South of England including Dorset.

As if to confirm how widespread and how common Hunt Retribution Squad actions have become, Mrs. J. Davidge, in a letter to Horse And Hound magazine (30th April 1998), informs us "this brand of thuggery is a weekly ritual." Davidge stated that for the Hunt Retribution Squad, "destroying hunting has become their 'blood sport."

**** The author of this article, although a vocal supporter of the Animal Liberation Front and other forms of nonviolent direct action, does not support the use of violent direct action. He does not condone the actions of the Hunt Retribution Squad. However, he has written this article as he feels that North Americans may be interested in what is happening in Britain and believes strongly in the freedom of information.***

SABOTAGING GOOSE HUNTS

By Adam Weissman

In order to add Canada Geese to the list of animals hunters are allowed to kill, various states created the designation of "resident Canada Geese", who were legally classified as geese migrating from points originating from south of the Ungava Bay Peninsula in Central Quebec.

The term resident is a calculated misnomer intended to convey an image of sedentary geese cemented to golf courses, playing fields and lawns, with the intent to exemplify the most vicious stereotypes and misconceptions about Canada geese. Geese under the resident designation are excluded from the protections afforded them under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the rulings of the semi-annual flyway councils in each region of the country. By virtue of this exemption states such as New Jersey were able to open special season Canada goose hunts.

The following are suggestions based on years of experience in sabotaging goose hunts at Ringwood State Park in NJ by the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance and the Coalition to Prevent the Destruction of Canada Geese, sister organization of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting. Hunt sabotage is ever evolving, and thus the suggestions below should be taken as ideas, NOT AS RULES. Every hunt situation is different as a result of an innumerable number of variable factors. These tactics were developed at a site where activists would stand on a roadside in front of a park closed to the public while the hunt was under way. Across the street was a large Catholic Retreat Center and Convent, filled with the manicured lawns geese love to munch on, and with a large, somewhat steep hill facing the park.

Know The Species

An effective saboteur knows the habits of the species s/he is defending. What hours of the day are they most active? When do they sleep and eat? What are their favorite foods? One of the most effective sources for this information is, ironically, hunting books and magazines.

Site Research

Advance site scouting is critical in order to understand things like what aspects of the hunt site are attractive to the target species? What in the surrounding area is attractive to the target species. Knowing things such as this can help you predict, to a limited degree, what direction geese will enter the site from and where they will go within the site. At Ringwood, the toughest geese to dissuade from entering the park were those who, around 9:30-10 am would glide from the hill in the convent into the park. They would glide low, without actually flying, and wouldn't turn around for anything.

Decoying And Baiting

Decoying is the use of models shaped to look like the hunted animal. Activists use them to attract geese outside of hunt zones to lure them away from the hunted area. Often this is accompanied by large amounts of food for the geese to consume, which can keep these exhausted migrators in one place for hours. Cracked corn is an effective food for this plan. Even if geese leave this zone and head in the direction of the hunted area, this defines the direction from which they will fly into the hunt zone, making the saboteur's job easier. At Ringwood, cracked corn and bread were placed upon the convent property, along with a decoy and an activist attracting geese with a goose caller (available at hunting stores). We did this very early in the day (4am) as geese begin flying very early in the day, and the hunt began at 6 am. By doing this, we diverted hundreds of geese from the park every day, to the great frustration of the hunters. It is very important that sabbers place themselves between the hunt site and the decoy site. Otherwise, sabs are just luring in geese to the kill.

Repelling Flocks With Sound

The most dramatic and effective tactic at Ringwood consistently proved to be shocking flocks of geese in mid-flight with a cacophony of clarinet mouthpiece squeals, high pitched human voice wails through megaphones, and sirens. In the process, dozens of flocks composed of hundreds of geese were turned around in mid-flight. I personally found high-pitched, megaphone-amplified wailing to be the most effective method of turning around the flocks, as it worked even when I was the only saboteur using sound to repel geese.

Publicly Encroaching Upon The Hunt Site

This was done once at Ringwood, when the park, without notice, extended the hunt hours to allow the killers more time to "bag" their quarry. Already angry over the killing of several geese that day, this was the final straw for anti-hunters, who charged the gates of the park and broke through. The hunters were quickly escorted out of the park by park rangers and one activst was maced, but the hunt was ended for the day.

Over time, Sally's Pond saw fewer and fewer hunters. During the last Canada goose hunt in NJ, the Sally's Pond section of Ringwood State Park was not opened to hunting at all. Sabs had evened the odds for the geese just a bit.

HUNT SABBING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Derek St. Pierre

We still live in a society that enjoys hiking in the woods, communing with nature, and then killing it. Since hunting, in some form, is legal in all 50 states, the woods continue to be a battleground for the lives of the creatures that live there.

The main tools used by law enforcement to keep activists out of the woods and off the killing fields are trespassing, obstruction of business and hunter harassment statutes. The following are a few suggestions to keep you one step ahead:

Know What Type Of Land You Are On

Hunts occur on both publicly and privately owned land. If the land is privately owned, be aware of "No Trespassing" signs. If the land is not posted with these signs, then law enforcement should warn you and give you an opportunity to leave prior to being arrested.

Public land is a different story. Generally, state and federal land that is open to hunting is open to everyone. On the occasions that public land is opened only for hunting, there must be some notification before your presence there can be considered illegal.

Be Familiar With The Lay Of The Land

Once you know what type of land the

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hunt will occur on, take a tour of the area and become familiar with the lay of the land. Knowledge of where you will be sabbing will give you strategic advantage in dealing with both hunters and law enforcement. For example, you are much more likely to encounter law enforcement on easily traveled roads. If you know police are in the area, sticking to smaller, more rugged roads can help you avoid unwanted encounters with them.

Be Familiar With Hunters' Practices

This third suggestion ties directly in with the previous suggestion. For example, deer hunters sit on the down-wind side of a clearing waiting for deer to feed on the tender grasses that grow there. Posting several individuals on opposite side of the clearing can be quite effective in deterring deer from even showing up. Knowing the practices of those who you are challenging will allow more planning for your encounters and increase your level of success in the woods.

In recent years many states have enacted hunter harassment laws. California's hunter harassment is fairly typical of those statutes and forbids "willfully interfering" with hunting. The trick here is that your mere presence is not enough to be considered a crime, you must be actively engaged in something else in order to be in violation.

Editor's Note: Activists should check their state laws as not all hunter harrasment laws are the same. In general it is legal to bear witness to a public hunt (i.e. watching, video taping, etc..) as long as you are not interfering (i.e. blowing air horns, harrassing hunters, etc..). Even if you are arrested for hunter harrassment, it is usually little more then a simple misdemeanor.

How Do I Join the A.L.F.?

This is a question that we get asked frequently, so we thought we should clarify the A.L.F.'s structure for new activists.

The Animal Liberation Front is not organized along traditional group lines, with membership, leaders, etc. It is composed of individual, autonomous cells, none of whom know of the existence of any other cells.

This structure is what makes it impossible for the A.L.F. to be destroyed. If it is infiltrated, or if a cell member turns informer, only one cell will be affected.

The A.L.F. is any individual or group of individuals who form a cell with the intention of carrying out covert nonviolent direct actions against animal abusers according to A.L.F. guidelines (see page 25).

These people do not speak of their actions or their involvement with anyone outside of their cell, including friends and family members. To speculate about who is in the A.L.F. is foolish and dangerous and could make YOU a target of an investigation.



The Eighth Circle of Hell
Undercover at a Slaughterhouse

By Tony Wong

On Sunday we headed out at 6am. It should be known that both of these operations are small Asian businesses, not the huge factory farms or slaughterhouse operations you usually see in pamphlets or in videos. Each slaughterhouse consisted of one or two small buildings, and both are a block apart from each other. The slaughterhouses are open to customers (and those acting as such) because many of these people enjoy seeing their "meat" killed in front of them.

First, we waited in the parking lot outside the building where the cows were being pushed into. We wanted to make sure that there were enough customers inside for them to begin killing - making it easier for us to film. As we waited we saw a worker hauling a wheel barrow containing a carcass in a cloudy plastic bag. After opening up his trunk, he threw the plastic bag in. We heard a loud squeal coming from the plastic bag. He closed the trunk. The animal was still alive.

We went inside when a dozen customers and five workers filled the room. Our eyes focused on a pen where a cow was taken from the outside. Next to him was the carcass of a cow who had been beheaded with the limbs completely chopped off. The skin from his belly was ripped back to his sides. The worker had begun cutting the organs out. We had missed the first killing.

While I watched this, the cow in the pen was shot right in front of me. He immediately fell to the floor and his eyelids dropped. Time seemed to move slowly - as if somehow I was watching some scene in a movie where the good guy/girl gets shot. For this forgotten cow, his goodness had been bled out of his body with no happy recovery.

On the floor, he struggled hopelessly and let out a distressed mooing. After a few minutes of watching him kick and struggle back and forth, the worker came back and shot carelessly at the head again. He was still not dead. At that point it was as though I was the only one noticing this. I really cannot put into words how guilty I felt, watching someone so peaceful and innocent die before you. His life had been wiped away with the shot of gun and the smiles of cold, uncaring faces.

Several more minutes passed and he continued to move spontaneously, which went unnoticed. Regardless, he was strung up by the hind leg and his neck was cut all the way to the bone so that the top of his head bent all the way back.

We left to go to the pig slaughter building nearby. Upon exiting, we passed large metal barrels filled with decaying intestines and rotting heads. Unimportant and grotesque pieces of the devaluation process.

I went where it started, in a connecting room where the pigs were fed and customers came in to pick the pig they wanted killed. From there, the pig was shoved through an entrance leading to a pen in the slaughter room. While in the pen, a worker would string a chain around the pig's hind leg. Sometimes the worker would use a stunner, which looked like a giant-sized pair of pliers. It was clamped behind the ears of the pig, sending an electrical shock. Most of the pigs would just drop to the ground, shaking uncontrollably. Not once, did a pig stay still after having his neck slit.



I question the use of the device, since it was ineffective. In theory, pigs are supposed to be slaughtered immediately after the stun renders them unconscious. This is neither practiced nor true from what I witnessed.

Next, the worker raised the chain so the pig was hanging upside down. A few pigs were unfortunate enough to have the chain bound to their front legs as well, so it looked like they were being crucified upside down. After the pig was lifted completely off the ground, the worker would check the weight which registered at the top of the chain and mark the weight on the customer's receipt. The worker used a knife to stab them in the throat and cut a hole into their necks. The blood spilled like a hose into the blood-filled bucket beneath their heads. The pigs jolted and screamed as the blood spilled into their noses and mouths. I tried imagining what it would be like to taste my own blood spilling into my mouth. I doubt if I'll ever know such terror.

After the throat-cutting, the pigs were left bleeding for a few more minutes before they were slid over to the boiling vats. Unfortunately, some pigs were still moving before being submerged in the hot water. The pigs are dipped, one-by-one, into these hot water vats to loosen the hair from their skin. The bodies are then placed into a rotating device which rapidly spun them around, tearing the hair off their skin.

The next worker took the de-haired bodies and placed them on a gurney. The skin was slit open on the underside and the organs were torn out and placed in a bucket. The customers had the "pleasure" of taking the intestines, stomach, kidneys, livers and other organs to wash in sinks in the back of the room. These were used for "specialty dishes" (a similar sickness is how some Danes will take intestines, fill them with blood, and fry them as "blood sausages"). Some customers bought buckets of blood to use as a base for soup.

After the organs were cut out, the pigs were placed back onto a chain with the hind legs bound and heads pointing downward. A blow torch was use to remove any remaining skin and hair from the body. A chainsaw was used to split the pigs symmetrically from the legs down to the nose. Cut like a piece of wood. They would stop at the tip of the nose so that the remaining skin would hold the body together. The bodies were then thrown into bags and customers took them home.

We also saw several fully conscious and living pigs with all four legs bound together taken outside and loaded into people's cars. I imagine they were going to have the "pleasure" of killing them at home. No ransom for these hostages. I witnessed the killing process about 10 times.

We headed next door to another operation. We entered the pig slaughter room. Note that this business had no intentions nor disguise for their killings. They did not stun at all, nor care to.

They had a similar set up. The pigs were brought out onto the floor and strung upside down screaming. It was so loud and piercing that it blocked out the sound from the sawing of flesh and bones in a machine nearby. (I dread to think of what the pig was screaming. Yet, by listening, the dread is not hard to find.) Suddenly, the screaming became muffled as blood filled the pig's throat. He swayed and jolted on the chain until he moved no longer. He was put into the boiling vat and then into the rotating, hair-ripping machine. Pieces of hair were flying left and right. His lifeless body was on its way to being rendered into pale pieces of flesh and bone. Behind the concrete walls and on the red-stained floors the existence of recently living beings were reduced to "price per pound", their lives fragmented into plastic-wrapped packages. No notice to friends and family. The only reminder is the warm blood on the killing floor below them.

We left this room and went on to the bird slaughter room. This is where the women worked. Their gender roles assigned them this position - the men killed everyone but the birds.

One by one, the chickens were taken out of a plastic carrying case. Their necks were cut with a dull knife and the blood dripped into a little Styrofoam cup. The same happened with the ducks except they were placed in metal cones pointed downward. At the bottom of the cone, the duck's head stuck down and the neck was slit there. We had seen enough.

I remembered the whole thing quite well. It was almost like I had been in a nightmare for that hour. That feeling of powerlessness. I think it's good if any of you ever have the chance to see this live. Just be prepared for it. No PETA video will give you quite [as much] a shock as seeing it happen right in front of you.

It's amazing to think that what happened in this hour was so minuscule compared to a mechanical assembly line operation where thousands are killed in that same hour. I do not have the capacity to grasp such large numbers.

This account comes from an undercover video operation coordinated against Asian live animal markets in several states. The footage resulted in a well-publicized press conference and exposure of these businesses' violations of various "humane" laws. It's easy to forget what hell these animals endure, but it's even easier to allow ourselves to be weighed down by the enormity of it all. Our efforts are not going unnoticed by the animals — even if they are unseen by us. Our struggle is going to be long and full of hardship and sacrifice. But someday, we will be able to look back on the past, see the present and find some satisfaction that we have not stood by as mere witnesses. Keep fighting, my friends.

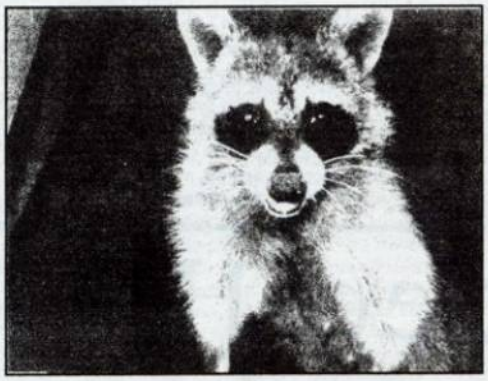
Editor's note: This operation was part of a campaign coordinated by Chicago Animal Rights Coalition (CHARC)

ADC'S TRAIL OF BLOOD

by Lydia Nichols

The Animal Damage Control (ADC) "Wildlife Services" has been targeted over the years by animal rights, wildlife, environmental and tax conservation organizations. The ADC program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under its Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). One of the main controversies with this agency is the killing of coyotes and other predators, primarily to protect western livestock.

The ADC program traces back to 1885 when it was initiated by the USDA for farmers complaining about crops damaged by birds. Predator control was questioned as early as the 1930's when organizations were in opposition to the ADC; however, the predator control programs continued without much controversy until the 1960's, when toxic chemicals and pesticides became a major issue.



In 1963, Secretary of the Interior Steward Udall devised a committee called Predator and Rodent Control Committee. The committee's report accused the ADC program of being indiscriminate, nonselective and excessive. This report lead to the reduction of predator control practices such as leghold traps and poisons. The committee issued a report in 1972 recommending restrictive use of poisons which led President Nixon to a ban on the use of poisons such as Compound 1080. During Ronald Reagan's term as president, he revoked Nixon's executive order.

In 1995, the ADC program killed 900,473 animals costing taxpayers an estimated 37 million dollars. The government slaughter of wildlife has taken many species (grizzlies, wolves, black footed ferrets and bald eagles) to the brink of extinction. Meanwhile, the government is spending millions of dollars to help recover and protect those same species, clearly demonstrating a waste of lives and money.

Methods of slaughter have been indiscriminate. ADC trappers use poisons, leghold traps and snares that kill any random animal, whether the targeted animal or not. The ADC program is unfairly distributed to selected Americans, can not be economically justified, is not effective, has never been scientifically justified or proven to be cost-effective. Reports conclude little legal or economic justification for continuing a federal ADC program.

Many have focused efforts on banning the toxic Compound 1080, a deadly chemical that is currently used by many ranchers. Compound 1080 is the trade name for sodium monofluoroacetate, a chemical that was developed by the Nazis during World War II. In 1946, the ADC found out about this chemical after a Public Health report published the lethality results obtained on human prisoners. ADC officials became impressed by the power of this chemical and began using it against animals for their predator control program. During the use of Com-pound 1080 it was misused and resulted in deaths of three small children and a firefighter, all in separate incidents.

Today this chemical is frequently used in wildlife management in what is called Livestock Protection Collars or "Toxic Collars." The collars are used mostly on goat and sheep ranches. This collar does not protect the animals at all. The ranchers

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ADC: Tool of Animal Abusers

Doubt the political power of the livestock, timber and agricultural industries who are served by ADC? Here are two examples of how public concerns and natural resources are given the back-seat to our government's catering to these earth and animal abusing industries through the USDA's ADC (Animal Damage Control) program, all at the expense of the tax-payer and America's wildlife and forestlands.

In 1993, the USFS issued a nationwide memorandum of understanding allowing ADC the authority to develop predator control work on national forest lands despite the objections of the public or forest managers. Currently this power is being exerted in Colorado's San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests where in 1991, a policy was adopted barring ADC from gunning down coyotes from the air or poisoning them in the two forests due to the indiscriminate nature in which predators who have never killed or harassed livestock are targeted.

Now ADC wants to use aerial shooting, predator calling and shooting, trial or decoy dogs and destruction of coyote pups in their dens whenever they believe there is a risk of livestock depredation regardless of whether it has actually occurred. This despite the Forest Supervisor's belief that such predator control efforts compromise the integrity of the forest's ecosystem.

Two days after the ALF/ELF ADC/USFS action, on June 24, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 229-193 to cut $10 million from the ADC's budget which would have been spent in fiscal year 1999 on shooting and poisoning coyotes and other predators. This victory came after a long and hard fought battle

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The Money Trail...

Its no secret that the USDA has long catered to commercial interests over environmental concerns. A Congressional Budget Office study in 1995 revealed that the U.S. Government spends over $28 billion every year to promote U.S. corporate interests here and abroad. The Budget Office also counted tax breaks to U.S. corporations that cost the U.S. Treasury over $15 billion. Timber corporations have long been one of the industries which benefit from such corporate welfare. Such financial subsidies and political influence in determining U.S. forest policy in our national forests is but one of the major returns on the over $10 million contributed to congressional campaigns by the timber industry since 1987.

Corporate welfare benefits to the timber industry has meant that U.S. timber corporations profit handsomely from the U.S. government's willingness to create a business-like environment in our 192 million acres of public forests. In 1995 alone, the U.S. Forest Service spent over $100 million to build roads into remote wildlands so that our forests could be liquidated into timber corporation profits. The USFS is responsible for creating and maintaining more miles of road than the Dept. of Transportation, a total of 360,000 miles of logging roads that cut through our forests.

U.S. timber companies actually build the roads with the USFS paying for them by giving these corporations the right to log the forests. A June 1998 report to Congress reveals that the USFS lost $88 million in timber sales in 1997 by subsidizing road-building by timber corporations. Nowhere else is this fraud more evident than in the Tongass National Forest of Alaska, the largest remaining temperate rainforest in the world. In the Tongass, the USFS's appraisal of the value of the trees cut by the timber giant, Louisiana Pacific was far below their cost to build the roads into the Tongass so the USFS actually paid LP for cutting public forests down! LP also has a 50-year contract to cut in the Tongass and a deal with the USFS that guarantees profits from that logging deal until 2019.

Recently USFS employees have begun to speak out about the control timber companies maintain in many of our national forests. USFS employees monitor timber sales at the logging site to prevent the cutting of trees outside of sale boundaries but find themselves stymied when attempting to enforce regulations. Many USFS employees have recently testified that they were bypassed for promotions when they failed to be "team players" by allowing logging contractors to cut outside of timber sale boundaries. Such corruption within the very agencies empowered to protect our public forests ensures that forest health remains far down the list of USFS/timber industry objectives when compared with economic special interests.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Write to USFS Chief Mike Dombeck and demand that he rescind the memorandum of understanding with ADC and make the preservation of our forest ecosystems a priority over commercial timber harvests.

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Read Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching chapters on tree spiking and sabotage of heavy logging equipment and get busy!

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fail to admit publicly is that many of these "crops" are publicly-owned national forestlands and the "damage" caused by black bears and other wildlife is no more than these native animals struggling to find edible forage in homelands ravaged by modern logging practices which destroy the forests and also ruin habitat for endangered salmon and trout in the Northwest's streams and waterways.

George Zieglrum of the Washington Forest Products Association admits the ADC's role in the Northwest is not to protect native wildlife, "The job is to protect small and large landowners from animal damage." Zieglrum is one of the timber industry's special interest researchers subsidized by the USDA and who works at the ADC field station near Olympia on preventing black bears from "damaging" marketable timber. Black bears depend on tree bark for needed protein when other foods are not available.

An experiment soon to be conducted at the USFS's Wildlife Research Center involves poisoning pocket gophers with strychnine tablets to determine whether other wildlife might be inadvertently effected. Such lethal animal control techniques have already been proven to kill non-target animals such as raptors and other predators who feed on the poisoned animals. Currently ADC employs under and aboveground strychnine poisoning as one method to kill gophers who feed on seedlings planted in logged out forestlands.

Other research and animal damage control techniques used by the Olympia ADC field station seek to prevent supposedly federally protected waterfowl such as Canada geese from nesting in former habitat which has been developed into golf courses and airstrips. Throughout the U.S., ADC is responsible for killing thousands of geese every year when non-lethal measures fail to remove them from where the USDA does not want them.

Like other ADC field stations and research laboratories that conduct experiments involving native wildlife, at the USFS's Wildlife Research Center most of the animals used in experiments have been live-trapped from the wild. Thirty black-tailed deer, 7 mountain beavers, 3 porcupines, 22 pocket gophers and numerous voles and mice are housed at the WRC. When the experiments are concluded, they are killed, despite the potential for rehabilitation and release of some animals. When recently asked by a reporter why the wild animals are not released following non-lethal experiments, Dale Nolte, Project Leader at the WRC, said it was because they are considered "pests."

The justification and premise that ADC operates under forest management is that wildlife such as deer, elk, bear and beaver feed on the succulent saplings planted by the USFS and timber industry in logged forests. Focusing on this level of natural-occurring behavior, ADC and the USFS are ignoring the larger problems that contribute most to forest mismanagement. Namely, the environmentally destructive process of cutting the majority of mature trees in a given timber sale and then expecting to restore forest health by planting coniferous seedlings which lack the upper canopy of mature trees to protect them in the early stages of growth normally found in unaltered forests. Also at issue is the fact that many of the seedlings planted by the USFS and timber industry are planted with future timber harvests in mind, instead of the forest ecosystem regeneration.

There is also the issue of genetic manipulation and engineering of coniferous tree species to promote advanced growing cycles, trees resilient to natural disease, trees that grow with fewer knots and subsequently, trees that are more favorable to the timber industry. This

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research is conducted at universities in the Northwest and at the USFS's Wildlife Research Center. Pine plantations do not a forest make. A healthy forest ecosystem is a biological community with trees supporting and supported by the plant and animal life that naturally occur around them. In turn, these plants and animals support other species in the forest ecosystem who depend on healthy forests for their survival and sustenance. Removing or manipulating one species creates an imbalance that endangers the entire ecosystem.

Another indicator of forest ill-health ignored by the USFS and ADC, ironically caused in part by these agencies is livestock grazing on forestlands traditionally grazed by native ungulates such as deer and elk. Grazing of cattle and sheep on USFS lands have forced native grazers to depend more heavily on food from artificially replanted forests. USFS sanctioned livestock grazing has also led to the eradication of native predators such as wolves, lions and bears that traditionally helped keep prey populations at healthy levels, prey species that the USFS and ADC are currently trying to prevent from feeding on saplings.

Obviously the researchers at the facilities targeted by the ALF/ELF are lying when they argue that forest health is their primary objective. The ADC's forest policy is one that places the greatest value on what is most commercially in demand in our forests and it is those resources that the USDA is most concerned with "protecting." Trees which are habitat become timber. Natural forage to elk and deer becomes summer grazing range for cows and sheep.

By targeting native wildlife for its aversion studies, researchers at the ADC and USFS research facilities continue to ignore the greatest threat to our national forests - the timber and livestock industries. Mountain beavers, black-tail deer, elk, black bear and porcupine who the ADC and the USFS attempt to prevent from subsisting in our public forestlands are simply struggling to survive in their fragmented homelands, invaded and desecrated by USDA subsidized timber barons and welfare ranchers, who have been given greater preference than native wildlife.

Less than 2% of this country's native forests remain untouched by the chainsaw. The animal and earth liberation movements believe that if any action is to be taken by the federal government to ensure forest health, it should not be in the form of greater manipulation or destruction of native species. The only acceptable course of action is the cessation of subsidies and million dollar tax breaks to the timber and livestock industries, an end to all federally funded research done in their behalf, a ban on commercial logging on all of the USFS's 192 million acres of public lands and an end to the USDA's ADC program in America's forests which for now has been dealt a much deserved blow by our brave warriors in the ALF/ELF.

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by mainstream animal rights groups who led a lobbying and public education campaign against ADC's lethal predator control activities.

This sparked the friends of the livestock industry and enemies of native predators in the form of New Mexico Republican, Representative Skeen to demand a re-vote. In the 24 hours leading up to the re-vote, heavy lobbying came from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the American Sheep Industry Association. The head of USDA, Dan Glickman also wrote letters to House subcommittee members urging them to restore the predator eradication money for the coming year. The final vote: Coyotes 192, Ranchers and ADC Gunners, Trappers and Poisoners 232.

They wonder why we prefer lobbing firebombs to lobbying "our" political representatives...

Clarifying the No Compromise Strategy

Direct action is one of the most powerful weapons we can use against animal abusers. The "No Compromise" strategy (no bail, no fines, no probation, etc.) was intended solely to EMPOWER activists and take the fear out of risking arrest and facing the legal system. It was never meant to exclude people from participating in civil disobedience and was certainly not intended to alienate activists by having others sit in judgement on their decisions.

There has been some disturbing evidence that the No Compromise strategy has sometimes been misinterpreted and is being used as a bible, rather than a guide. An activist who has been jailed many times and has gone into great personal debt for the animals was attacked for not hunger-striking in jail. Other dedicated activists have been reproached for ending hunger-strikes and anyone who has pled guilty, paid bail or fines has been subjected to a barrage of criticism by fellow activists.

Even worse, activists, particularly new activists, are so afraid of the censure of their peers that they shy away from putting their bodies on the line. Our goal is to give them the courage to face the consequences, not to give them something else to fear.

Let's re-visit each No Compromise tactic, remembering that they are guidelines, and that some situations are more appropriate than others in which to utilize them:

• BAIL - The no bail tactic means that activists don't have to let the threat of bail deter them from action. Media coverage is usually much better when activists elect to stay in jail and it costs the system money to keep them there. However, whether or not to stay in jail, or for how long, is a decision that has to be made based upon one's personal situation.

• ATTORNEYS - Representing oneself can be a very empowering experience. Public defenders are so overworked that they don't always do an adequate job of representation and hiring a lawyer can be very expensive. Again, this is a personal decision and many activists feel more comfortable having some legal representation, especially if they haven't had much experience with the system or are facing serious charges.

• PLEAS/DEALS - In general, we fare much better in front of a jury, rather than a judge, but in some states, misdemeanors are not tried by juries. Even so, there is always the possibility that charges will be dropped or reduced if a not-guilty plea is entered. Pleading guilty from the start gives the activist no leverage at all. An acceptable deal can be offered right up to the time of trial. A trial also gives us an opportunity to get publicity for the issue and shows the courts that we are committed to getting our message out, so we should push the system as far as we can, even if a deal is accepted at the last moment.

• FINES - Not paying fines was also meant to empower activists who couldn't pay fines, by giving them an alternative, as well as costing the system money instead of the activists. Before the judge imposes a sentence, the activist should make it known to the court if community service is preferable or if s/he is willing to do jail time rather than pay a fine.

The judge has the discretion to refuse and can impose the fine anyway. In some states, failure to pay the fine can result in the suspension of drivers' licenses, garnishment of wages and/or liens against property, as well as a jail sentence for contempt, at the end of which the fine is still owed, so find out what the consequences of your actions will be and be prepared to deal with them.

• PROBATION - Here too, the judge has discretion. Make it clear that you will not accept the terms of probation, but remember that the judge may impose it anyway. If being on probation stifles your activism, the system will have won.

• HUNGER-STRIKING - This tactic has had great impact when used by the I.R.A. but they had a tremendous support network in place (including the families of the strikers) that we are still in the process of developing. If you decide to take this step, be aware of what it involves (see the article in *NC #6*) and know WHY you are doing it. If you are hunger-striking to get our of jail sooner, remember that it may not work. If you are doing it to bring attention to the issue, fine, but if you say things like, "I'm hunger-striking until all animals are free" then you will either die or have to end your hunger-strike before achieving your goal. Setting a time limit may be more realistic if you aren't prepared to do either of these, or say you are hunger-striking until some attainable goal can be reached, so that you can declare victory, end the strike and continue to fight for the animals. Hunger-striking while awaiting arraignment or while serving a short prison term is something we can do to show our resolve, but if you are part of an affinity group, this should be agreed upon beforehand by all, so as not to hurt the solidarity of the group.

Affinity groups should always discuss with each other how they will handle each possible situation BEFORE the action, and make sure that you are all in agreement, or are at least comfortable with each others plans. If you commit to a certain plan of action, you owe it to the others not to let them down, as doing so could increase the severity of their penalties, if, for example, you take a deal and they don't. It should go without saying that you NEVER inform on or give testimony against a fellow activist.

The No Compromise strategy is just one strategy, and is not necessarily the "one true path" to animal liberation. There are those who believe that our job is to defeat the system by staying OUT of jail and fighting for the animals on the outside. What we all need to do is respect and support each others' choices as long as those decisions don't hurt other activists. Doing so will encourage more people to participate in civil disobedience actions and many of those people, once they've "gotten their feet wet", will be so empowered by the experience that they may very well be ready to push the system harder the next time!

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utilizing this collar place it on an old or "less valuable" animal and leave him/her in the pasture to be attacked. Because of the lethality of these chemicals the poison is dyed yellow. If the collar becomes punctured by accident and leaks onto the animal, the animal is immediately destroyed. When a coyote or other predator bites into the collar during an attack, the poison is released and the animal retreats and dies. Most of the time the animals wearing the collars are killed or severely injured. Many times predators will attack an animal without biting into the neck so the collar does not affect them. Ranchers claim the downside of this method is having to sacrifice one of their animals to kill the targeted animal.

Using the collar in this scenario is not "protecting the animal" because a live animal is used for bait to kill another predator. Compound 1080 is toxic to birds and mammals through direct ingestion or through feeding on prey who have previously ingested the poison.

One company, Ranchers Supply, Inc., makes these collars in Alpine, Texas. The owner of this company, Roy McBride, has been in the business for many years. In 1991, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service began an investigation regarding unexplained eagle deaths.

This undercover sting operation exposed illegal sale of poisons and misuse of chemicals. Ranchers Supply, Inc. was fined a total of $30,000 for their involvement. Mr. McBride currently exports the Compound 1080 collars to other U.S. states and countries like South Africa and South America for predator control.

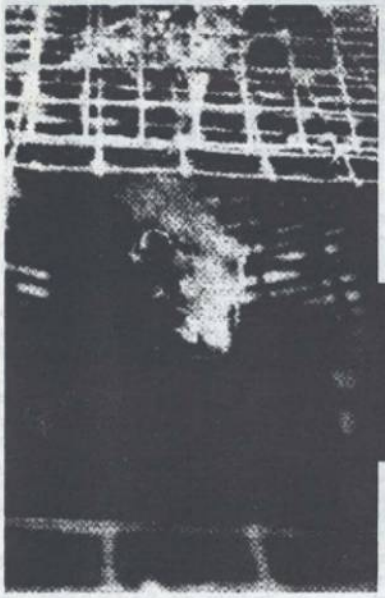
Just about anyone can get access to these collars. According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, one must meet the basic restrictions, complete training and obtain a license without testing their knowledge. None of these procedures requires the individual to take an examination to insure that one is educated and prepared to handle such a toxic chemical.

Over the years, government officials have demonstrated a public disagreement with the ADC and the tactics that are used to control wildlife like aerial gunning, denning, M-44/ Compound 1080 poisons and traps. None of these methods can target one specific "nuisance" animal, however, Congress refuses to halt government funding being wasted on killing wildlife for a select few. Many of the methods used such as toxic poisoning and coyote denning have been banned at one time or another but later lifted by other government officials.

Campaigns against the ADC need to become stronger and more structured. Commitment and dedication to the issue from organizations across the country can make a difference. Like many other organizations, Animal Liberation of Texas (ALT), has a full-time campaign against the ADC and has outlined a strategic campaign plan to eliminate government funding and to ban lethal poisons such as the Compound 1080. ALT began the ADC campaign by utilizing many different tactics to bring attention to the wasted tax dollars and the wildlife slaughter. Monthly protests were organized at a local ADC office to generate public awareness. ALT also printed up 6,000 door hangers that have been distributed to local residents asking them to write our legislators about the ADC program. Comprehensive packets were sent to local media promoting a potential story which generated some interest. ALT invited other Texas organizations and activists to get involved in the ADC campaign to build strength within the state.

Organizations can not take on ADC alone. This type of campaign desperately needs political force and we must reach out and work on legislative issues to obtain our goal. Just recently the Bass-DeFazio amendment to HR 4101 was voted on by the House of Representatives. This amendment proposed a $10 million cut to the ADC's predator control program. The amendment passed the House of Representatives with 229 ayes and 193 nays. After vigorous opposition from cattle ranchers the House took a re-vote and the amendment lost the majority vote. This budget cut would have been devastating to the ADC program. Although, we did not win the vote, we would not have had that opportunity without strong political figures voting on pro-animal issues. It is recommended that activists get more involved and ask elected officials for support on these issues.

The ADC program can be eliminated with some progressive political legislation, strong campaigning efforts, effective ALF actions and organizations dedicated to working together to give our wildlife an opportunity to be free.



CROSSING THE LINE

DIRECT ACTION

FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

No Compromise **publishes this direct action listing to keep the movement educated on the nonviolent tactics and aims of the A.L.F. and other underground animal liberation type groups. We feel it is important to inform people of their activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers disseminate about them. This list is NOT intended to encourage illegal activities. Actions are listed chronologically since the last issue.**

No Compromise **would like to thank the Frontline Information Service (http://www.animal-liberation.net) for compiling and laying out this direct action listing for us and we would especially like to thank the heroic and compassionate activists who make this list possible.**

The A.L.F.'s "Operation Bite Back" Hits the Fur Industry Hard

• Approximately 7pm, in the early evening of July 3, 1998, the Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front carried out a daylight raid on the United Vaccines experimental research fur farm in Middleton, Wisconsin near Madison.

Two large holes were cut in the perimeter fence of the compound and one large section of fence was completely torn down. Inside were 3 sheds, one empty, one containing caged mink, and one containing animals resembling possibly the black-footed ferret or a variety of the polecat. Near the sheds were two double rows of cages covered by liftable roof segments. All cages containing animals were opened, some requiring cage doors to be bent to allow for escape. All prisoners were seen climbing out of cages. 310 animals liberated. Each cage in the fenced in area was numbered and each mink had small black tags on both ears. Light bulbs smashed out in all sheds and a weighing scale smashed. "INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR FUR FARM PRISONERS" spray-painted on storage barn. 3 windows smashed causing alarm to go off and force liberators to evacuate before causing more damage.

This facility also contained [a] fenced-in area with empty fox cages. On top of the research building were air ducts and ventilation. This room, we suspect, is where laboratory tests are conducted on the animals.

The experiments conducted at the United Vaccines' laboratories and research farms are solely to decrease "profit-losses" incurred by premature deaths on fur farms. The cause of these deaths can be attributed to the widespread diseases on farms due to close confinement, malnurishment, poor sanitation and the psychological stress of captivity. The blatant disregard for the mink and fox nations' well-being is apparent in this industry which cares only about fur quality and maximum "production" and death.

The fur farming industry plays a crucial role in the devastation of delicate ecosystems. Fur farm waste run-offs contaminate local bodies of water, poisoning fish species and suffocating aquatic plants. Disruption of this balance adversely affects all plant and animal nations and their interdependent relationships within the ecosystem.

This action commemorates the worldwide struggle for independence from occupation and freedom from domination and is dedicated to Josh Ellerman for his dedication to defend Mother Earth and her animal nations.

Returning the prisoners back home, the Fur War continues. - A.L.F. and E.L.F.

(see story on page 5 -- ed.)

• On the morning of Aug. 21, 1998, the Animal Liberation Front struck the Isebrands Mink Ranch at 3221 Queens Ave. in Jewell, Iowa. 1500-3000 mink were set free.

Let this raid be a call to action. It is time for all those who oppose needless suffering to start the attack. This is the third fur farm raid in the Midwest this week, let's make this only the beginning. By brick, boltcutters, or fire, this is the dawn of liberation.

On Midwestern fur farms, security is almost always non-existent. A fur farm raid is a simple, low risk operation. The only things separating life from death for the mink in these dens of suffering are a latch on a cage and your own fear.

Now is the time for activists who are unwilling to risk their freedom for the animals to question their own dedication and conviction. Many will wear an A.L.F. t-shirt, but will not jeopardize their middle class lifestyle to end the suffering of others.

Compassion and reverence for life needs to be extended beyond the human, beyond the puppy, to include the confined poultry chicken, the victimized dairy cow and the fur-bearing slaves.

ANIMAL ABUSERS PREPARE FOR JUSTICE
A.L.F. - We strike again

• In the early morning hours of August 28, 1998 the Midwestern Wildlife Unit of the Animal Liberation Front raided the Zumbro River Mink Concentration Camp. Breeding information for over ten thousand mink was torn from above cages and trashed on the ground. An estimated 3,000 mink nation prisoners were released from cages.

A portion of fence was rolled over away from the road to decrease the risk of released animals crossing the road. Surrounding the compound on both sides, were houses. The sheds were clearly visible from the road. This prevented liberators from freeing more prisoners. The total number of captives in the camp is an estimated 15,000 in seven sheds.

The placement of this concentration camp is highly beneficial to the release of wildlife such as the mink. Nearby the camp is large forest area and across the street is the Zumbro River which runs far north of town. These mink will now have a chance to establish themselves in the local ecosystem and regain the natural instincts which the confinement of fur farm imprisonment had all but destroyed.

Operation Bite Back will be continued through the efforts of the Animal Liberation Front, Earth Liberation Front and the Wild Minks. Nothing will deter us Guardians of Mother Earth. The animal nations will be set free to live again as one with the forest.

Animal Liberation Front, Midwestern Wildlife Unit

REPORTING ACTIONS

This list only represents a fraction of the actions that the A.L.F. and other groups have committed in the name of animal liberation as most actions go unreported. However, if you are a member of an A.L.F. cell or other animal liberation group and would like to report your actions, here is a way you can do it without compromising your security.

Send your reports to the NA - A.L.F. Press Office (Box 103, Osseo, MN 55369, USA) or the NA - A.L.F. Supporters Group (P.O. Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3) and, if possible, other supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include what the target was, what happened and also the time, date, city and state. Do not hand write this report as handwriting is just as individualized as fingerprints.

Instead, use a public typewriter or computer to print the letter so that it cannot be traced. (Be sure you don't leave copies of your work in the computer's memory or in the typewriter). You will also want to be sure that the letter, stamp and envelope you use is hair and saliva-free. Moisten the stamp with a sponge and wear gloves (not thin, rubber latex gloves which fingerprints can go through) while handling the materials. You should assume that all animal rights groups' mail is opened, read, fingerprinted, etc. by the authorities. Be careful to NOT have anything on or in it that will incriminate you or others.

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (6/01/98). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue. Starting with the last issue, we are also reporting on actions from countries around the world.

AUSTRIA

5/22/98; Vienna - Hotel that serves goose liver and other dead animals had a paving stone thrown through their window and butryic acid sprayed inside.

5/24/98; Vienna - The locks of two animal exploiting businesses were glued.

6/04/98; Vienna - Six fur shops had pieces of glass glued with a very strong adhesive to their display windows, between the pieces were notes stating "Fur Be Agony". The entire display windows had to be replaced.

6/09/98; Vienna - 16 fur shops had their windows smashed.

6/mid/98; In one week, six shooting platforms destroyed and dozens of fur shops smashed.

BELGIUM

7/mid/98; Konitch, Ballbath - Quick burger restaurant had an arson attack which destroyed outside furniture a little bit and did a large amount of smoke damage. **-A.L.F.**

8/06/98; Merksem - Arson attack at McDonald's causing outside damage at the building. **-A.L.F.**

8/09/98; Antwerp - Outside furniture damaged at McDonald's. **-A.L.F.**

8/11/98; Antwerp - McDonald's had windows smashed out, and slogans like "Smash the Mac" and "Meat Means Murder" spray painted on the walls. **-A.L.F.**

8/13/98; Tenierplaats - McDonald's had an

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arson attack, walls and inside furniture destroyed,water and smoke damage. **-A.L.F.**
8/13/98; Grotesteenweg Berchem(Antwerp) - Arson. attack on. Quick, outside damage on the building and smoke damage. Slogans "Meat Industry = Death" and "ALF" spray painted. **-A.L.F.**
8/29/98; Antwerp - Arson attack at McDonald's, totally destroyed, damage costs estimated at between 35 and 50 million Belgian francs. From the communique "ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS!!" **-A.L.F.**

CANADA

3/late/98; Montreal, PQ - A McDonalds was evacuated because of a bomb scare.
3/late/98; St. Hyacinthe, PQ - A McDonalds was evacuated because of a bomb scare.
3/late/98; Beloeil, PQ - A fake bomb and a note saying "Daeth to American multinationals" was found in a McDonalds.
6/07/98; Guelph, ON - Four tires slashed on the car of a known vivisector operating out of the University of Guelph. The car was parked outside of the vivisector's residence. Several slogans including "Animal Rights Now" and "ALF" were spraypainted on surrounding roads. **-A.L.F.**
6/21/98; Tobermory, ON - One (female, breeder) rabbit was liberated from a roadside covenience store / gas station. The owners of the station operated a breeding farm for rabbits on their property. The rabbit in question was locked into a 1' by 1' cage with a wire bottom. Feces had piled up to the extent where the rabbit was lying in them. The rabbit is now living in a good home. **-A.L.F.**
6/29/98; Edmonton, AB - Two activists were arrested by city police at ACME Meats which had recently been covered in anti-meat and "ALF" slogans.
7/09/98; Guelph, ON - Activists sabotaged the car of vivisector, Keith Linder, from the University of Guelph. Tires were slashed, the windshield was broken, and "A.L.F." was spray painted on the hood. **-A.L.F.**
7/31-8/02/98; Beaverlodge, AB - A sweet gas well was destroyed Friday and a sour gas pipeline was damaged in separate bomb attacks. Both are owned by Alberta Energy Co. No one was hurt in the bombings. Police are blaming a group of militant environmentalists. There have been more than 160 acts of sabotage in the Beaverlodge area - including damage to wells, nails spread on roads and pipes punctured by drills - over the past two years. An employee found an explosive device attached to a Rife Resources pipeline in July, and in June a bomb exploded at another Alberta Energy pipeline. Alberta Energy said extra security, damage and lost production has cost his company more than $1 million over the past two years. Local farmers claim the wells have been poisoning the land and killing people and animals for years.
8/24/98; Near Beaverlodge, AB - An explosion damaged a gas well.

A.L.F. Raid MarmoTech Lab

Communique: July 4, 1998 - Dryden, NY - For the past 20 years, Cornell researcher Bud Tennant has been subjecting woodchucks to procedures we would not allow to be performed on our worst enemies during times of war. Tennant owns a facility called Marmotech, Inc. (181 Midline Rd.), where he breeds woodchucks and infects them with various diseases. He then tests the effects of various chemicals on the infected animals, which usually results in a gruesome outcome.

Tennant's experiments range from the horrendously cruel to the outright bizarre. A recent project involved developing an "electroejaculation device" to force woodchucks to release semen for breeding purposes.

During the early hours of Independence Day, 1998, activists from the Animal Liberation Front entered the Marmotech facility and opened approximately 50 cages, containing an average of three woodchucks each, and left the door ajar to permit the animals' escape. When the A.L.F. departed, most of the woodchucks were moving toward the door. Three who happened to be in carriers were brought outside directly and released. According to data cards on the cages, these animals were all disease free. Unfortunately, the A.L.F. had to leave behind several hundred more who had been infected with woodchuck hepatitis virus and other diseases. The A.L.F. took and destroyed the data cards on these cages, as an act of sabotage against this callous treatment of fellow creatures. All log books and other information were also confiscated and disposed of and vials of infectious serum were removed from a refrigerator to spoil.

The liberation was timed to coincide with the time of year in which young woodchucks leave their family unit and begin fending for themselves. Since some of the woodchucks at this facility were wild caught, it is assumed that they will readily return to life in the wild. Those who have always lived in cages may have a harder time of it, but surely it will be better than being killed by "intravenous injection of excess pentobarbital," as would be their fate otherwise. Since the facility was in an area surrounded by fields and woodlands, the now free woodchucks should be able to find plenty of vegetation to feed on.

How someone can make a living off the intense suffering of others is something we will never understand. The sickest part of the situation is that our government actually pays Tennant and his mad scientist friends to conduct these atrocities. However, Tennant is merely confirming information which has already been gathered from human population studies and clinical evidence. Furthermore, safe and effective vaccines are already available for hepatitis. Tennant is merely satisfying his own curiosity about every minute detail of a specific type of hepatitis found only in woodchucks. Until this tyrannical and obscene use of our tax dollars stops, the Animal Liberation Front will be there to correct such injustices.

We will never forget looking into the eyes of creatures doomed to a horrible death and not being able to save them. More actions will be forthcoming.

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ENGLAND

3/early/98; Greenham - The Vine & Craven foxhunt held their annual hunt ball. Whilst the blood junkies were inside enjoying themselves, activists did several thousand pounds worth of damage to their vehicles. Paint stripper was liberally applied to the bodywork and tires were slashed, as well as windscreen wipers being snapped off. **-A.L.F.**
3/16/98; London - Activists smashed several windows of the Waitrose supermarket on Holloway Rd. Waitrose are owned by the department store chain John Lewis plc, currently the target of a campaign by the National Anti-Hunt Campaign. John Lewis own a pheasant shooting estate in Hampshire where their staff go on weekend killing sprees. **-A.L.F.**


Rat liberated from Finland lab

4/18/98; Leckford Abbas - John Lewis Estate attacked, thousands of birds released and an estimated 3,500 pounds of damage done to breeding pens and the lodge. **-A.L.F.**
4/25/98; Cambridge - Two senior Scotland Yard Animal Rights National Index detectives are identified and attacked.
4/25/98; Stewkley Meadows - Interfauna breeding centre has several windows smashed. Hundreds of animal cages were also destroyed. **-A.L.F.**
4/30/98; Surrey - Nescot laboratory raided and all animals are rescued. **-A.L.F.**
5/14/98; Northamptonshire - A.L.F. start campaign to liberate battery hens and in the next few weeks they liberate over 150 hens. **-A.L.F.**
5/19/98; Activists visit the homes of the last three employees of Hillgrove farm and in a coordinated action starting at 10 pm all three houses had their windows smashed and cars damaged. **-A.L.F.**
5/20/98; Hackney - A meat delivery tuck is set on fire. **-A.L.F.**
5/30/98; London - Activists smashed the windows of the Philip Hockley fur shop. **-A.L.F.**
6/10/98; Oxfordshire - Park Farm is raided and 12 mink and liberated and reintroduced to the wild. **-A.L.F.**
6/11/98; Oxfordshire - Four letterbombs sent to Colin Blackmore, Brown and two employees, all of Hillgrove.
6/16/98; Letterbomb sent to Chipperfields circus.
6/17/98; Hackney - Meat truck is started on fire. **-A.L.F.**
6/18/98; Barton, Cambridgeshire - Four beagle puppies, were liberated from the kennels of the Trinity Foot Beagles (Fox Hunt).
7/-/98; Walthamstow, east London - A butchers had its window smashed. **-A.L.F.**
7/-/98; Stamford Hill, north London - Butchers window smashed. **-A.L.F.**
7/-/98; Hackney, east London - Butchers window smashed. **-A.L.F.**
7/-/98; Walthamstow, east London - Exotic Chinese restaurant window smashed. **-A.L.F.**
8/04/98; Walthamstow, East London - A butchers had its locks glued and slogans painted.
8/07/98; Hampshire - 6,000 mink released from Crow Hill fur farm. **-A.L.F.**
8/15/98; Hampshire - 1,000 mink released from Crow Hill fur farm. **-Unclaimed**

DENMARK

6/09/98; Copenhagen - A slaughterhouse has trucks damaged and walls spray painted with slogans including "My Stomach Is Not A Cemetry".

FINLAND

2/24-25/98; near Alland, North of the A1 - 17 hunting platforms were cut down.
4/-/98-Timo Nevalainen, a headman of Karttula beagle breeding centre, received a letter which included two bullets. The message said: "A month time to give the beagles back (three liberated beagles that were taken from their new homes and returned to the breeder by the police), two months time to close the place or..." **-Eläinten Tuomioistuin (Animals Court of Justice)**
5/-/98; Helsinki - Three windows from a Junotex was smashed, two windows from Ajatar fur store and two from a leather/fur store.
6/-/98; Kuopio - 50 000 FIM damages was caused to the Kuopio university vivisection center.
6/15-21/98; Vihti - fur farms storage warehouse burned to ground. The security/guard dog was rewarded with a toy because the dog was doing such a good job!
6/27/98; Konnevesi research center, voles (about 50) and birds (14) were released to nature.
7/-/98; Helsinki - Junotex had yet another window smashed.
7/02/98; Outokumpu, 12 hens were rescued from the battery unit. The hens were placed in good homes where they will be taken care of the rest of their lives. This was the first chicken liberation in Finland. **-E.V.R.**
7/29/98; Kuopio - 31 rats were rescued from Kuopio national health bureau vivisection lab. The lab claimed that the rats were used in a research aimed to reduce the use of animals in vivisection. The animal rights group Oikeutta elaimille did some investigation on the subject and it is getting more and more clear that the lab was lying.
8/01/98; Vihti - 600 minks liberated from a fur farm. Several escape routes were cut to the surrounding fence.

ITALY

5/10/98; Florence - Six incendiary devices ignite causing extensive damage at a Nestle warehouse.

NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND)

3/21-23/98; Oirlo - Two battery farms in North Limburg were sabotaged. In one battery unit of

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Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service



http://www.animal-liberation.net

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is an internet web site, whose goal is to provide up-to-date and current information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It is an uncensored clearinghouse for information on animal liberation actions, prisoners of war, publications and more.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

Clinton Colby Ellerman and Douglas Joshua Ellerman (Sallt Lake City, Utah) will no longer be listed. We are attempting to confirm reports that Josh and Clinton have both cooperated with the authorities and have provided information on other activists leading to further charges.

North America

Frank Allen #1809138
550 N. Flower
Santa Ana, CA 92703, USA (L20-14)
Jailed for the attempted arson of a high school slaughterhouse in Southern California. Frank was sentenced on July 9th to one year and moved back to Orange County Jail.

Rod Coronado #3895000
FCI Uni. SW, 8901 South Wilmot Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85706, USA
Sentenced to a total of 57 months for aiding and abetting arson and handling stolen property in connection with acting as spokesperson for the North American A.L.F. and for damaging government property as part of a protest against the treatment of native Americans.

Jacob Kenison #06329-081
Yuma Unit, 37900 N. 45th Ave., Dept. 1700
Phoenix, AZ 85027-7004, USA
Serving a year in jail and ordered to pay more than $30,000 in restitution. Convicted of an arson attack on a Tandy Leather store in Utah in June, 1995. Jacob was about 1 hour from being released when he was additionally charged with liberating mink from 2 fur farms.

United Kingdom

Darren Cole CX4137
HMP Elmley, Church Rd., East Church
Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AY, England
On remand, charged with making hoax bomb calls to Dover docks to prevent the live transportation of sheep and accused of causing damage to a meat packaging firm in West Bromich.

Phil De Sousa AW6717
HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd., Lewes
East Sussex, BN7 1EA, England
Serving 9 months for assaulting the staff of Southdown and Eridge Fox Hunt.

Adam Gould BP4130
HMYOI Onley, Willoughby, Rugby
Warwickshire, CV23 8AP, England
Sentenced to 12 months for offences relating to a demonstration at Hillgrove Farm.

Barry Horne YC2141
HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane
York, YO41PS, England
Sentenced to 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight, with a concurrent 14 year sentence for attempted arson in Bristol. Barry has admitted the Bristol incidents, but is appealing conviction for the IoW attacks.

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Parkhurst, Newport
Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX, England
Sentenced to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping custody.

Greg Marthews
HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Bicester
Oxfordshire, OX6 0PR, England
Sentenced to 12 months for offences relating to a demonstration at Hillgrove Farm.

Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Winchester, Women's Annex,
Romsey Rd., Winchester, SO22 5HY, England
Sentenced to 6 years, 9 months - 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson on a poultry farm plus 21 months for being in breach of a previous suspended sentence.

Dan Poustie BV 5621
HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Bicester
Oxfordshire, OX6 0PR, England
Serving 15 months for burglary following a raid on Oxford University's Park Farm breeding establishment last year. Dan was allegedly apprehended by the police in a van with several beagles taken from the facility.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Parkhurst, Newport
Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX, England
Sentenced to 7 years for possession of a shotgun and of items for making incendiary devices.

Ben Thompson BU5705
HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Bicester
Oxfordshire, OX6 0PR, England
Serving a 3 month sentence for "threatening behaviour" at a Hillgrove Farm protest. As we go to press, Ben has just began a second hunger strike in protest of genetically altered food.

Barbara Trenholm RL1292
HMP Bullwood Hall, High Rd
Hockley, Essex, England
Sentenced to 10 years for arson against the White Hart pub which the prosecution claims was in connection with the campaign against live exports. She maintains her innocence.

Justin Wright CE3046
HM Young Offenders Institution, Easton,
Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DL, England
Sentenced to 5 years for the same offence as Barbara. He too maintains his innocence.

30,000 chickens, pallets with a total of 200,000 eggs were pushed over and sprayed with paint and fire extinguishers. Electrical equipment was damaged. A conveyor belt of 100m was cut up. Damage is estimated at 125,000 dfl. "Dierenbevrijdingsfront" (Animal Liberation Front) was written on the walls. **-A.L.F.**

3/late/98; In what the police believe is a related attack (to the above action), a nearby mink farm suffered some damage when 10 empty cages were trashed.

5/06/98; The windows of 12 butchers are smashed.

SWEDEN

6/-/98; Karlstad - Milk company got several trucks sloganized.

6/-/98; Umea - A Scan meat truck got damaged.

6/-/98; Umea - Windows smashed at 1 of the 2 only skin stores left in town. The same store did the same week closed down totally!

6/08/98; Karlstad - Seven lorries and vans belonging to Milko, a large dairy company, were sprayed by activists. Slogans such as "The animals can't speak, so we speak for them - ALF" and "Dairy Is Torture" was sprayed on them. **-D.B.F.**

6/09/11; Bisam Institution (University animal house) got one armed window smashed, 2-3 lamps, and finally an office trashed (2 computers totally crashed, phones smashed). A security car comes after 40 secs. and starts chasing the activists who retreat on bikes. One activist falls but manage to, by foot, flee to saftey. The other activist fools the security car and bikes to saftey also.

6/10/98; Umea - McDonald's got at least one huge window smashed.

6/10/98; Arsta, Stockholm - McDonald's got their windows smashed.

6/11/98; 2 rabbits liberated from a closed down fur farm. Cages are also destroyed a breeding cards stolen. **-D.B.F.**

6/27/98; Hogdalen, Stockholm - McDonald's get windows smashed in.

6/29/98; Savsjostrom in Lenhovda - Activists visited a farm that breeds birds, opening the cages to all birds, among them pheasants, wild ducks, quails and capercaillies. The veranda of the farmer's house was drenched in a smelly liquid substance. **-D.B.F.**

6/30/98; Rya Hed, outside Gothenburg - A combined mink and ferret farm was the target. On the farm an estimated 200-250 minks was found and also 15-20 ferrets. All mink cages were opened and the minks released but, as the minks might kill the ferrets, they were not released but instead, all the breeding cards for the ferrets were taken. "The actions from the Wild Minks will continue until the only thing left of the Swedish fur trade is ashes..." **-D.V.M. (The Wild Minks)**



Swedish meat trucks torched

7/01/98; Outside Norrtalje - 15 rabbits liberated as vivisection breeder hit again. Activists cut a fence to the premises of Estuna animal farm. The activists sprayed the new rabbit house with slogans such as "Scum," "DBF" and "Enough" before leaving the farm. **-New D.B.F.**

7/02/98; Umea - Mcdonald's construction site is sloganized.

7/03/98; Activists raided a big farm that breeds both birds and wild boars. The birds' cages were inside the wild boar fence. Attempts were made to get to the birds, but wild boars are very big, aggressive animals that can reach a speed of 70 km/h so unfortunately, they were only able to let the wild boars free. Two openings, about 2.5 metres broad, were cut in the fence. **-D.B.F.**

7/04/98; Vetlanda - Five milk lorries belonging to ARLA (Swedens largest dairy company) are torched. 2 were completely burned to the ground while the 3 others were badly damaged. The police found pieces from [incendiary] devices and found a hole cut through a fence surrounding the area. **-New D.B.F.**

7/26/98; Varberg - Three lorries at Kronagg (egg) had all windows smashed and the slogans "A.L.F.," "Animal suffering" and "Murderers" sprayed on them. (Third time they have been attacked this year) **-D.B.F.**

7/late/98; O-Vik - A fur store got windows smashed and some skin stores got slogans painted.

7/late/98; Umea - A turtle was liberated from a disgusting pet store and is now in good hands.

7/late/98; Umea - Vivisector Sven-Ake Persson, (who does military experiments) got his home re-painted and slogans sprayed.

8/-/98; Linkoping - Fur shop smashed up.

8/01/98; Karlstad - Milko (dairy) had a lorry smashed and slogans sprayed. **-New D.B.F.**

8/01/98; Karlstad - A meat factory had slogans painted and a security camera was painted.

8/01/98; Stockholm - A fur shop lost its windows.

8/02/98; Eskilstuna - Trangsas Minkard farm raided, over 800 minks were released. (third attack on this farm) **-D.V.M. (The Wild Minks)**

8/02/98; Vinakar - Kasta Silverrav fox farm was raided. There was about 20 foxes at the fox farm. Because they were very hard to catch, the cages were opened and hopefully some foxes will find their way to freedom thru the holes that had been cut up. Breeding cards were destroyed. **-D.V.M. (The Wild Minks)**

8/07/98; Vivisector Folke Sjoberg found sprayed slogans on his house when he arrived home after working on torturing animals.

8/9-10/98; outside Rimbo - A battery farm at the Smedsmora Research center was raided, 30 hens were liberated and thousands of eggs were crushed. Slogans were also spraypainted at the site. Research papers were destroyed and it was reported that 1 year's research is now destroyed because of that. The center does research of the feeding of farm animals, among others. **-D.B.F.**

8/16/98; Karlstad - A milk truck at the dairy company Milko was totally burned out. It was the eighth milk truck burned out in Sweden this summer. "The action was performed because of the mass murder of cows the milk industry is responsible to." **-Djurens Befrielse Front**

8/17/98; outside Halmstad - Lonestigs fur farm, is raided and 150 minks are released. **-D.V.M. (The Wild Minks)**

8/22-23/98; Umea - A hamburger-bar had a bomb threat called in. It turned out to be a hoax.

8/23/98; Landa between Bollnas and Soderhamn - 500 minks and 30 foxes are released from a fur farm.

8/26/98; outside Sundsvall - 1,000 minks are released from a fur farm.

UNITED STATES

4/-/97-Philadelphia, PA; Bassett's Original Turkey has locks glued and 7 large windows etched with slogans "MEAT IS DEAD" and "ALF". **-A.L.F.**

11/09/97-Philadelphia, PA; A McDonald's/Taco Bell eatery had 2 large windows destroyed. The slogan "MEAT IS DEAD" was etched. VICTORY!! NOW CLOSED!!! **-A.L.F**

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11/09/97-Philadelphia, PA; Bassett's Original Turkey has locks filled with liquid steel and has 3 windows etched with slogans "SCUM" and "ALF." This was the second time they were visited by the A.L.F. and soon after they closed. **-A.L.F.**

11/09/97-Philadelphia, PA; Leather Man's Leather Manufacturers had all of their security gate locks filled with liquid steel. **-A.L.F.**

1/08/98 - Philadelphia, PA; Jacques Ferber Furs had paint sprayed into the store through a mail slot and all locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

2/04/98 - Philadelphia, PA; Jacques Ferber Furs has slogans written on their windows with etching fluid. **-A.L.F.**

6/13/98 - Troy, MI; Unknown persons spray painted the words "Pig Killers" on the side and windows of a Honey Baked Ham. The business has been the target of animal rights statements in the past. **-Unclaimed**

6/13/98 - Washington, DC; Adriana Furs was spray painted with the slogans "End The Bloody Fur Trade" and "Fur Is Dead". They also had "Fashion Does Not Require Cruelty" on their front door in etching cream. **-A.L.F.**

6/13/98 - Baltimore?, MD; Saks Fifth Avenue had extensive spray painting on all walls and slogans painted with etching cream on their wondows. Slogans included "Fur Hurts," "Stop Killing Animals," "Stop," "Stop The Suffering," "Stop The Cruelty," "Fur Is Dead," "Fur Is Cruel" and "Compassion". **-A.L.F.**

6/25/98-Philadelphia, PA; The following animal abusers had their locks filled with glue. Burger King, 2 steak houses, Bassett's Original Turkey (15th St.), Kentucky Fried Chicken, Corn Beef Academy, Leather Man's Leather Manufactures and Grill Masters Deli (specialty meats). **-A.L.F.**

6/28/98; Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs and Macy's had red paint poured over storefronts and other objects, slogans spray painted and wondows broken. At the home of Helen Frushtick (Owner of Helen Frushtick Furs), 5581 Arundel Dr. (404) 255-1025, there were slogans spray painted and red paint poured all over, and then the driveway gate was locked with a kryptonite bike lock. **-A.L.F.**

7/-/98 - Branchburg, NJ; Flemington Furs billboard paintbombed. **-Unclaimed**

7/03/98; Middleton, WI - United Vaccines experimental research fur farm was raided, perimeter fences cut and torn down. All cages containing animals were opened. Three windows smashed causing alarm to go off and forcing liberators to evacuate before causing more damage. **-A.L.F. and E.L.F.**



Freed mink in Minnesota runs for life

7/04/98; Dryden, NY - Marmotech, Inc. (181 Midline Rd.) was raided. Approx. 50 cages, containing an average of three woodchucks each were opened. Three woodchucks who were carriers were brought outside directly and released. Destroyed data cards on their cages and all log books and other information were also confiscated and disposed of, and vials of infectious serum were removed from a refrigerator to spoil. **-A.L.F.**

7/16/98; Woodbridge, NJ - Woodbridge Furs had its two main display windows and glass door damaged by rocks proclaiming, "Stop Or Be Stopped" and "Close Now." "ALF" was spray painted on the front of the death shop. **-A.L.F.**

7/16/98; Paramus, NJ - A truck belonging to Steven Corn Furs was extensively damaged by an incendiary device. **-A.L.F.**

7/21/98; Philomath, OR - Three female rabbits destined for breeding were liberated from the Western Oregon Rabbit Supply (2475 Rosecrest Dr., Philomath). This breeding facility sells animals to laboratories to be used in research for household products and other painful experiments. **-A.L.F.**

7/26/98; Woodbridge, NJ - Woodbridge Furs had its locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

8/12/98; Rockville, MD - Murry's Meat Wholesale had its locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

8/mid/98 - Royal Oak, MI; "Beef Carver" restaurant and "Arby's located on Woodward Ave. had "Meat Is Murder" painted on their roof signs. This just happens to be "Dream Cruise" weekend on Woodward where over 1,000,000 people are out on the street watching a parade of hot rods and vintage cars go by. **-Unclaimed**

8/11/98. Paramus, NJ - Ten tire puncturing devices placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. **-A.L.F.**

8/12/98; Rockville, MD - Murry's Meat Wholesale had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

8/12/98. Teaneck, NJ - Large air conditioning unit at Cedar Lane Furs damaged. **-A.L.F.**

8/13/98. Montclair, NJ - "Fur Is Dead" etched into the front display window at Bergen Fur Company. **-A.L.F.**

8/15/98. Paramus, NJ - Ten tire puncturing devices placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. **-A.L.F.**

8/15/98. Englewood, NJ - The letters "ALF" etched into the three front display windows at Fleischman Furs. **-A.L.F.**

8/15/98. Ledgewood, NJ - "FUR IS DEAD" and "ALF" etched into two front display windows and a glass door at Nicholson Furs. **-A.L.F.**

8/18/98; St. Cloud, MN - Charles Mueller's Fur Farm - 4,000 mink liberated. **-A.L.F.**

8/18/98; Teaneck, NJ - "MURDER" etched into three front display windows, two glass doors, and a glass display case at Queen Anne Furs. **-A.L.F.**

8/20/98; Guttenberg, IA - Steve Hansel's Hidden Valley Fur Farm had 330 foxes freed. **-A.L.F.**

8/21/98; Jewell, IA - 3,000 mink were released from Isebrands Fur Farm.

8/21/98; Germantown, MD - Four turkeys who had been "living" at a roadside petting zoo were liberated. All 4 were placed in loving homes. **-A.L.F.**

8/23/98; Encino, CA - A McDonalds had slogans painted on the walls and on the drive-thru menu. **-A.L.F.**

8/23/98; Tarzana, CA - Monteleone's restaurant that serves veal had slogans spray painted and windows smashed. **-A.L.F.**

8/23/98 - Philadelphia, PA; 3 glass panels in front door and front display window at Jacques Ferber Furs etched with "Fur Kills". **-A.L.F.**

8/27/98; Beloit, WI - 3,000 mink were released from the Brown Mink Ranch. Breeding cards were also destroyed.

8/28/98; Rochester, MN - 3,000 mink liberated from the Zumbro River Fur Farm. **-A.L.F.**

North American Animal Liberation Front Press Office - REPORT



What does the Press Office Do?

Similar to the A.L.F. Press Office (UK), the NA-A.L.F. Press Office has several basic functions, all of which are designed to explain why the A.L.F. carries out actions, how it does and how non-human animals are treated by our species.

The Press Office has been extremely busy reporting on both larger actions (ADC destruction) and smaller actions (locks glued). Media response has been very positive overall which you can see for youself at the Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service web site. Almost every newspaper article about any action is listed on this web site at http://www.animal-liberaton.net.

Any anonymous information received by the press Office which details A.L.F.-style actions will be communicated to the media. The Press Office will be available, as part of the network of contacts for the media, able to confirm actions that fall within A.L.F. policy and explain the suffering that necessitates such actions.

The Press Officer, as a public face for the A.L.F., is available for interviews, phone-ins, news reports, etc. Since the group is 100% volunteer run, the Press Office is in desperate need of a working fax machine... if anyone is able to donate funds or the machine itself, please contact us right away.

And remember, whenever you hear about a possible A.L.F. action, don't assume we know about it -- please contact the Press Office immediately. Also, be sure to send any tapes, clippings, etc. of actions to us as well.

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Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

The Animal Liberation Front carries out nonviolent direct action against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss, usually through the damage and destruction of property, to animal abusers. A.L.F. actions are illegal and therefore activists work anonymously, either individually or in groups and do not have any centralized organization or address.

To liberate animals from places of abuse, e.g., laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc. and place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

To inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

To reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors by performing nonviolent direct actions and liberations.

To take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human.

Any group of people who are vegetarians or vegans and who carry out actions according to A.L.F. guidelines have the right to regard themselves as part of the A.L.F.

The Animal Liberation Front consists of small autonomous groups of people all over the world who carry out direct action according to the Animal Liberation Front guidelines.

Animal Rights Commentary

In Defense of Arson

by Rick Bogle

It was suggested that someone should denounce arson as an inappropriate means of direct action. It won't be me. The discussion about what sort of action is ethically correct, or PC, has cost me a few acquaintances.

How long can one expect to stand outside a slaughterhouse with a sign, how many letters does one write, how many phone calls should one make, how many days in jail should one spend for blocking entrances, how many truck loads of cows, pigs or chickens should one watch go through the gate before you burn the place to the ground? I don't pretend to know, but I will not condemn the person who strikes the match.

I am always confronted by my personal cross: what would I have done during the Holocaust?

I am aware of the idea that an evil cannot be overcome with another evil or violence contained with more violence - but to the death camp survivors who were liberated through armed intervention - the violence that freed them must have seemed justified.

Sometimes my own reliance on nonviolence seems rather ineffective. Just

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Why I Think Wearing Costumes is Useful For Our Movement

by Bruce Friedrich

Some activists are opposed to using costumes in demonstrations. They tend to distill the issue to two key points: 1) costumes trivialize the issue by making us look silly or stupid; 2) militancy is more interesting, more likely to get media attention.

The impact of direct action is spectacular. If direct action is planned, costumes are probably not necessary for media attention, although getting satan or Santa arrested may be more likely to get national attention than simply getting a few non-costumed activists arrested.

For me, it comes down to this: how can we get the message of animal liberation into peoples' heads? Surely, wearing a costume is more effective than not wearing one if no direct action is planned.

We live in a sensationalist world. Someone in a pig or fish costume is news. Once the media are there, it is up to us to present our message succinctly and effectively. That is our moment—our moment to tell thousands of people who may NEVER have considered the issue of animal liberation what it's about. If costumes allow us to get to that moment more often, I say, "Suit up!"

I've spent the past ten years organizing demonstrations. For the past 18 months, working for PETA, I've been using costumes. In one three-month period, I organized more than 75 demonstrations across the country, most of them against Oscar Mayer's wienermobile. In all but a very few instances, we had someone dressed in a pig costume with a sign that said, "Meat Is Murder." In the instances where we had no costume, we got little or no media attention.

As a result of these demonstrations, we were covered by TV and radio stations across the country including multiple national TV and radio shows. In every interview I did, I carried the animal liberation torch proudly. I told every single interviewer that animals have the same right to be free from pain and suffering at human hands as do other human beings.

Would it have been better to have arrests at every demo? I think so. Can you imagine: activists arrested at EVERY wienermobile stop?! Activists arrested at every meat trade show?! But, you know what? It didn't happen. We don't have the resources, as a movement, to get arrested at every demo we organize. It would be nice, but we can't sustain it. Yet.

If this sounds rude, I apologize, but I have to wonder if people are simply afraid of looking silly, if people feel insecure and are getting more wrapped up in their own personal statement than in actually having a positive impact for the animals. Could we really believe that all the animals who are tortured for food, clothing and other purposes care if we put on a costume in our effort to get their pitiful cries into the public consciousness?

If you oppose costumes, please think about this:

I take myself very seriously. I try to weigh every single one of my actions. I try not to buy anything, ever, without a conscious understanding of who made it, how it came to me, what level of exploitation I'm participating in. I know that every time I buy gasoline, I'm supporting violence—against both animals and people. I never shop at stores (like Payless) which sell exclusively products made by exploited workers in less-developed countries. I've been arrested more than 50 times and spent almost three years in jail, so far, for my belief in nonviolence.

I know I'm not perfect, and this allows me to empathize with people who aren't vegetarians, wear leather, support war or whatever. We're all working on a continuum of violence. None of us is pure; to pretend otherwise is vanity.

The reality is that any of us who ride in a car or live with indoor plumbing must count ourselves among the world's privileged who are living on the blood of others. We strive to reduce our negative impact as much as possible, while trying to spend as much time and energy as possible having a positive impact. We should weigh our decisions very carefully and we should be amenable to compromise when it is called for.

But, back to costumes: When we say we're opposed to costumes, have we really thought out our reasons? Or are we simply allowing the unexamined views of other people to become our own? One can argue persuasively that costumes trivialize the issues. But, do we really believe it? And, if, based on experience, we understand that the media will give us an opportunity to bring our message to thousands of people—but ONLY if we are willing to do something they find interesting—shouldn't we seize that opportunity? I say, "Yes!"

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Reach for the Stars!



"It's always easier to see the reasons why we cannot succeed. Always easier to shrug our shoulders and believe that the best we can do is to try, almost as a token gesture.

With no belief in success, then success becomes so hard to achieve, almost an impossibility. A bit like Animal Liberation really, an impossible concept. We know its not though, or else what are we all really fighting for?

We should never be afraid to succeed or to believe we can succeed. And, we should never be afraid to reach for the stars - if thats what it takes.....

We want it all and we will accept nothing less than success. How can we possibly ask for less? To do so is to condemn so many animals to a life of suffering and death.

Believe me, the time has come to reach for those stars and believe it is possible."

— Barry Horne

one year ago during his 35 day, prison hunger strike demanding an end to the British government's support of vivisection

COINTELPRO & EF!

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professionals. Under oath in a deposition for Geronimo's federal appeal, Held remarked on his relationship with Julius Butler: "I think that it may have been relevant, your honor, depending on what the contact was at the time and what else I knew, because I don't recall really knowing much about the case at all anyway." In fact, Held was coordinating COINTELPRO operations in L.A., and Geronimo was at the top of the "Key Black Extremists" list.

Even more damning, Held was the control agent for informant Julius Butler. In 2 1/2 years, Held recorded contact and meetings with Butler 33 times. Contrast Held's repeated denials of knowledge and responsibility with the cold, hard facts, including this from a 1/28/70 memo by Held to the FBI Director: "I request Bureau approval ... to attack, expose, and ridicule the BPP... operation number one is designed to challenge the legitimacy of the authority exercised by Elmer Gerard Pratt."

After a few years in Washington, DC as a headquarters intelligence supervisor, Held was back in the field on the Pine Ridge Reservation three days after the firefight between federal agents and the American Indian Movement (AIM) during which two FBI agents and an Indian man were killed. An FBI memo dated 7/26/75 to the Washington Bureau's Intelligence Division notes, "Supervisor Richard Wallace Held arrived at Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian Reservation Command Post on 6/29/75, to assist in the RESMURS investigation. He was assigned three important phases of this investigation; namely, the correlation of Bureau-wide informants into the investigation; the establishment of the confidential fund; and the coordination of all intelligence information as it relates to the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the RESMURS investigations... throughout the country ..."

Held's work contributed to the framing of noted political prisoner Leonard Peltier, and to covering up the truth about the agents' deaths and the still unsolved killings of 70 AIM supporters on the Pine Ridge Reservation during the extensive FBI's operations.

From 1979 until 1985, Held was Special Agent-in-Charge of the San Juan, Puerto Rico office. There he presided over a politically-oriented paramilitary campaign against the Puerto Rican Independence movement, creating files on 74,000 individuals. In his last operation in Puerto Rico, Held led 300 FBI agents and U.S. marshals in raids all over the island, trashing offices and homes and arresting scores of activists. One advocate of Puerto Rican independence said the raids made "even the desire for independence a crime." Held left Puerto Rico in 1985 to head the FBI's San Francisco, California field office.

HELD TURNS HIS SIGHTS ON EARTH FIRST!

In the year before the car bombing of Bari and Cherney, a shocking and classic political disruption campaign was conducted against Earth First! in Northern California. In the months just prior to Redwood Summer, the disruption was intense. Bari, Cherney and other Earth First! organizers received over 30 death threats from March to May, 1990. Fake Earth First! press releases were circulated in the community and to the press, falsely connecting the Earth First!ers with violence and sabotage. Local law enforcement refused to investigate the death threats, signaling their tolerance for violence against environmentalists. "If you turn up dead, Judi," Mendocino County Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Satterwhite told Bari, "then we'll investigate."

The FBI's very act of blaming Bari and Cherney for the bombing that nearly killed them, and their repeated feeding of damaging and bald-faced lies to the press about evidence in the case, are both classic components of a "counter-intelligence" campaign. The FBI's own files refer to the use of informants, yet even now the full scope of their actions remains hidden.

COINCIDENCE OR COINTELPRO?

In depositions in their civil rights lawsuit, FBI agents repeatedly denied that there was an investigation against Earth First! in California prior to the bombing. Yet, documents at first withheld and blacked out, then later released, show that the FBI field reports written at the time of the bombing stated Bari and Cherney were "subjects of an investigation in the terrorist field."

The Arizona FBI Sting Operation In 1988, a major FBI sting operation was launched against Earth First! in Arizona. In a cynical attempt to discredit and criminalize Earth First!, the FBI spent $3 million and employed over 50 FBI agents, extensive wiretaps, body wires and overt entrapment in order to arrest Arizona Earth First!ers for conspiracy to down power lines.

At the heart of Operation THERMCON (short for "Thermite Conspiracy") were undercover FBI agent/provocateur Michael Fain and informant Ron Frazier, who infiltrated a group of environmental activists in Prescott. Though unsuccessful, the FBI worked long and hard to entrap these individuals into using explosives to down power lines. Apparently the FBI sought to involve Earth First! with explosives in order to create a sensational case against them. This would serve to discredit Earth First! and provide justification to conduct illegal investigations and operations against the political and First Amendment activity of the environmental movement nationwide. Busted on May 30, 1989, in the Arizona desert, four people were caught with a cutting torch attempting to disable a power transmission tower leading to a pumping station of the central Arizona project (CAP).

CAP is a billion dollar pork barrel project to carry Colorado River water uphill across hundreds of miles of desert to water the lawns of Phoenix and Tucson.

Judi Bari laughingly called this, "the only joint FBI-Earth First! action ever to take place." Undercover FBI agents picked the target, drove the truck, and taught the activists to use an acetylene torch. The FBI paid informant Ron Frazier $54,000 cash in exchange for implicating the Earth First!ers, and granted him immunity from prosecution for various crimes.

"The first lesson in activism is that the person that offers to get the dynamite is always the FBI agent," joked Judi Bari.

FBI LIES EXPOSED

It was in the context of such a massive undercover operation against Earth First! that the FBI terrorist squad responded en masse to the bombing of Bari and Cherney in May of 1990. Special Agent John Conway, who was one of the main case agents assigned to the bombing, had also handled the San Francisco FBI office's substantial field work on the Arizona "THERMCON" sting.

It is striking that after failing in a major COINTELPRO operation to tie Earth First! with explosives in Arizona, the FBI again tried to smear and defame nonviolent environmental activists as terrorists by falsely charging Bari and Cherney with transporting the bomb that was meant to kill them.

In his deposition in the Bari/Cherney lawsuit, Held insists that he was completely out of the loop and unaware of the case, even though other FBI agents contradict his testimony and have said that they briefed him on a regular basis.

KEY QUESTIONS REMAIN

Were Judi Bari, Darryl Cherney or Earth First! subjects of an ongoing investigation in "the terrorist field" as agents claimed in FBI reports? If so, where are the files? Was this investigation authorized? Were they under FBI surveillance when they were bombed? What does the FBI know about who bombed Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney? And finally, why have they never made any attempt to catch the real bomber?

In search of answers to these questions, the Redwood Summer Justice Project will continue to expose secret FBI operations against Earth First! as we pursue the civil rights lawsuit against the FBI and the Oakland Police.

To be placed on the mailing list to receive updates on Judi Bari's lawsuit against the FBI or to make a tax deductible contribution to help fund the lawsuit, please contact:

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Letters from Our Readers

Live Each Day as if it Were Their Last

At some point in most people's lives, they are faced with the realization that something has gone greatly wrong. This realization came to me a few years ago when I moved away from my home town. I had found a cheap apartment in an expensive area. I felt incredibly out of place every day walking from my parking garage job up to my home in the posh hills of North West Portland. I didn't fit in, but I met someone more out of place than myself - a small mouse. She was living in a stone wall outside of some shops. I could tell that she was more of a country mouse than a city mouse. She hadn't yet adapted to urban living. I began to bring her food and she would snatch it up and run back to her hiding place.

Time went on and we both began to flourish. I had discovered veganism and felt a lot of pride about the activism I was doing. The mouse had discovered a bird feeder that she would take seeds from. Winter began to freeze the city and as I bundled up to "Free the cats at Good Sam", her coat grew long and beautiful. She amazed me and inspired me. Her will to live was so strong.

One day I was walking home from work after a long day. I noticed a woman wearing a fur coat near the mouse's wall. As I got closer I could hear her saying "I can't believe we have a rat in our neighborhood!" I stopped and told her that the mouse wasn't hurting anyone. She got irritated and promised me that she would poison the mouse. "I won't allow more vermin into my area." I thought she was bluffing. I wish I had been right.

A few days later I jogged past the mouse's home. I saw yellow rat pellets all over the sidewalk. I frantically began picking them up, hoping that I wasn't too late. Later that evening I headed to my apartment and saw the mouse crawling across a dirty parking lot. She could barely move and seemed to be confused. I knew what was happening.

I found a small box laying amongst some garbage and placed the mouse inside. I went to a nearby store and bought her some bottled water and corn chips. We went to a park. My instincts told me to speak to her and she looked up sadly at me. Her eyes asked my why this was happening to her and, for all my "superior" human intelligence, I had no answer. I sat and watched the light fade from her eyes. At that moment, something in me changed.

We often chant "what do we want, when do we want it." For me the question became "what will we do, how often will we do it?" My first arrest was a few weeks later.

No matter what it is we do for the animals, we must begin to do it with a sense of urgency and selflessness. When we look upon the history of social justice movements it is hard to imagine the great activists of the past saying "I can't make it to the revolution - Earth Crisis is playing later tonight" and yet we accept this within our own movement. Did Emma Goldman ever say "But I could end up in jail?" Did Angela Davis ever say "Let's just take a plea bargain"? They never did and never would. Like them, our commitment to direct action must be unbreakable. All we have to fear is jail - and jail is nothing to be afraid of. I write this confidently, because I am in jail right now.

Jail is a good thing for our movement in many ways. Gandhi believed that to liberate someone, you must become like them. Being in jail strips the privileges you normally enjoy from you and gives you a greater understanding of oppression. When channeled properly, this makes us fight harder.

I am not suggesting that our lives must become completely consumed by work for the animals, nor am I suggesting that voluntary arrest is the only solution. All that I am suggesting is that we redouble our efforts and overcome our fears. It is a simple question of priorities. Do you prefer going to one more show, or the knowledge that your actions are helping animals? Your answer means a lot to the future of this planet and the creatures on it.

Outside of your home right now there are animals fading from existence. Like my friend, the mouse, they deserve better. Do not allow their slaughter to continue. Live each day as if it were their last. Something has gone terribly wrong. Let us be the ones to set it right.

Josh Harper
Orange County Jail
September 1, 1998
(15th day of hunger strike)

Swedish ALF & Emile

[In] the latest months I have had some correspondence with Emile E:son, the person behind what she calls Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish Animal Liberation Front). According to her, her so called "DBF" is the Swedish ALF, but she is far away from following the international guidelines. The largest differences are that her DBF isn't organized in the same way and that the methods of working have not been the same.

According to ALF's guidelines, anyone who is at least vegetarian and who carry out actions according to the guidelines have the right to regard themselves as a part of the ALF. Though Emile thinks that she has some kind of patent for working under the name ALF in Sweden. Therefore, she has said that if anyone wants to work under the name DBF, then they must contact her to get approval to do so.

For that reason, one can also say that she is breaking another one of the ALF guidlines - that the ALF doesn't have any centralized organization, address, etc. Emile's DBF both have a postbox and a phone number, and the media is always contacting her when larger actions happen, and there have been a lot of those the latest years. However, Emile has not taken the opportunity to explain why these actions happened, and to me she said that she doesn't respond to "fascist-newspapers", and I wonder what she means by that... By that, one can also say that Emile has not worked as a Swedish ALF press officer.

Besides that, she hasn't done the job as a Swedish ALF Supporters Group. Maybe she has sent letters to prisoners outside Sweden, but when I and two other Swedish activists were caught earlier this year at a fur farm, we didn't hear a word from her. When I asked her about this, she just said that "no Swedish ALF activists ever had been caught" and she also made it clear that she didn't support those fur farm liberations that have taken place the latest years.

In Sweden, there have been more than 30 fur farm raids where altogether thousands of animals have been released into the wild, and Emile has gone out in the media with the only purpose to condemn every one of them.

Because of Emile's behaviour, there have been started other groups like "Animal Rights Militia", "Animal Avengers", "The Wild Minks", etc., who all have done very successful actions. Some activists have also decided to "take the name DBF back". The first action happened on April 18, where a dog was liberated from vivisection. The communique said that, from now on, the Swedish ALF was to work according to the international guidelines, and they urged everyone (following the guidelines) to work under the name DBF from then on.

Since then, there have taken place lots of actions claimed by the new, real DBF, including liberations as well as sabotage and arsons *(see Diary of Actions, page 22 -- ed.)*.

Because Emile doesn't understand and she refuses to listen to us, then maybe some international pressure can have her to evaluate her situation. Please observe that I don't care if she wants to continue work as just one ALF-cell among all others, that's totally ok - the thing is that I (and many others) want her to shut down her postbox and contact with the media. So please write to her about this, so we don't have to do even more harm to the Swedish animal liberation movement, and in the end the animals:

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This letter/article is written by Kristofer Aberg

Utah Rocks Again

Dear Activists and Young Warriors,

With dozens of animal research labs, more fur farms than any other state, the worst zoo in the country and the largest pig farm in the world, Utah really puts animal exploitation on the map.

Many of you have heard stories about Utah, and many of them are true. After multiple arrests, three grand juries, dozens of death threats, hate mail, slanderous gossip and a handful of attempts on activists' lives, most of Utah's animal liberation groups fell to pieces.

Last month, things took a turn in the right direction. Activism in Salt Lake literally quadrupled. Two new groups, Utah Animal Rights Coalition and Animal Defense League, were born. Suddenly, even the smallest demonstrations included at least 45 activists and everything returned to normal.

Since the special arson investigation unit was disbanded, much of the harassment from authorities stopped. The only tactic being used by authorities to oppress local activists is so absurd; it's almost laughable.

Sgt. Brett Larson, a local police officer, now refers to animal rights groups as "gangs" and animal rights activists as "gang members." Larson and his Gang Control Unit (which looks more like a group of violent high school bullies than a legitimate police investigation unit) regularly attend demonstrations and try to scare activists from holding signs. Additionally, Larson uses the imaginary "Utah gang epidemic" as an excuse to trample over the most basic constitutional rights of peaceful activists.

I'm happy to say that, in spite of Larson's antics, animal rights demonstrations are once again, a weekly event. The energy level is higher than ever before. I can honestly say that all that others and I went through was worth it.

Sadly, things do not appear to be as exciting underground. We've seen no ALF activity in Utah for over a year. After an impressive two year run, it's a shame to see that part of the local movement fall apart.

I hope those of you who participate in direct action will learn from the mistakes of other young warriors. You mustn't throw away your rights and allow this same tragedy to take place elsewhere.

We all have the right to remain silent. We all have the right to privacy. For the animals' sake, let's exercise these rights.

David Wilson
Animal Defense League

Seeking Focus & Structure

Fellow Activists: A group of individual activists from around the country met to discuss ways to revitalize and restructure the grassroots movement so as to become more effective. Recognizing that it would be impossible, financially and logistically, to have every strong activist present, we attempted to have representatives from every geographical region as well as people with a broad range of organizing specialties. We had a limited budget to deal with unfortunately, which of course we well exceeded and thus were limited in numbers.

The main idea of the meeting was to bring together experienced activists to discuss ways to be more effective as individual activists and as a movement. We agreed that focusing on one primary issue would be the most effective, with secondary campaigns depending on the region, occurring simultaneously. After much discussion, we determined that the most winnable campaign at present is fur.

This issue met all of the criteria we thought to be important including: being a winnable battle, being relevant in all communities, being an issue that opens the door of animal rights to the mainstream public, being achievable within our financial and physical means as well as involving the international community. Therefore we would like to develop a coalition of activists around the country and world to focus largely on bringing down the fur trade.

We wanted to look in terms of short term, long term and intermediate goals on this campaign. It was discussed that the most winnable and effective intermediate goals would be to (1) remove all fur from department stores (2) a very noticeable reduction or an end in fur trim (3) National ban on trapping (4) International action around trade restrictions. These goals are not in any particular order. Short term goals would be those that would work toward the intermediate goals, while the long term goal is of course to end *all* use of animals for fur.

We agreed to give three issues a secondary focus - Circuses, Animal Damage Control and Primate Research. The hope is that activists will focus on fur as their main campaign with one of the secondary issues as an additional focus, depending on region, interest, etc. Naturally, none of this precludes working on local issues as they occur. This focus is intended to unify ourselves and to increase our impact, not to limit us.

Activists have volunteered to help facilitate a national direction by having individuals available to assist with specialized areas. In order to avoid redoing work already being done by others, activists have volunteered to work on a particular area of their specialty and interest. Each area will have one main contact person who people are encouraged to contact if they want to get either help in or get involved in a particular area. The idea of having a contact is not meant to be hierarchical or controlling, rather it is hoped to facilitate progress in an expedient and organized fashion. If you have a special talent to volunteer, would like to assist in developing the campaign against fur, have ideas to share, then please contact us. We encourage everyone to get involved. The structure proposed is only a starting point...

We would like this to be the beginning of a structure that can be applied to any area of animal and earth liberation in the most effective way possible. It cannot happen unless you join together in this effort and take it on as your own. United we can end the fur trade in the shortest time period possible and then apply our strategies to further struggles.

We realize everyone has their "favorite" issue- but it seems that our present course of single actions and demos scattered on different issues at a given time is not seeing as strong an effect as it could and the sooner we attack and demolish the fur industry, the sooner we can go onto the next battle.

To reach people involved and to add yourself to this collective, e-mail EndFur@envirolink.org. Or contact Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade . JP Goodwin, as director of CAFT, will act as a resource for all areas and the national contact: PO Box 822411, Dallas, TX 75382 • <minklib@aol.com> • (214-503-1419)

If you think fur is murder, then act like it!

IN THE TRENCHES

YOUR GUIDE TO GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS

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UPDATE: ADL's Bloomington chapter has been reorganizing and planning for the coming school year. More research is still to be done concerning animal experimentation at Indiana University. Recently, ADL has been working on new literature describing the environmental impacts of a meat-based diet. This new literature, and accompanying posters, are going to be the centerpiece of a giant vegetarian outreach campaign in the fall.

RESOURCES: ADL Bloomington is attempting to broaden its literature distribution. Besides the ADL "freedom is never voluntarily given" t-shirt, we are also distributing books and pamphlets. These include War at Home, Handbook for Nonviolent Action, Keep Fighting, Animal Liberation primers and many other leaflets and pamphlets. ADL also has ALF and slaughterhouse videos for sale. Please visit the ADL webpage or send two stamps for a complete catalog.

ADL - BOCA RATON

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UPDATE: The ADL-Boca Raton has spent most of its recent time targeting the fur trade. Starting in the fall, we will focus our anti fur efforts against big department stores, like Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue in an effort to finally destroy the fur industry. We have spent a lot of time leafleting on various aspects.

Our big project right now is planning the Liberation Conference, an attempt to unify all different types of liberation movements (animal, eco, women's, gay, human, etc.) together in an attempt to further our efforts. Presenting groups include Anarchist Black Cross Federation, Earthlink, Feminist Collective, Liberation Collective, Vegan Militant Movement and many more. For more information on the conference or if in the area, please contact us ASAP!!

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UPDATE: Boston CAFT and ADL have been busily working with the national campaign against Macy's East. Protests have been weekly and will continue throughout the year until Christmas. Boston CAFT has also taken a leading role in the campaign against EKCO Group Inc., who continue to manufacture Victor steel leghold traps and Conibear traps. Direct protesting against EKCO has been difficult so Boston CAFT is working with other regional groups to increase the pressure in other direct ways (i.e.: letter writing, petitions, flyering, product stickers, etc.).

In the fight against vivisection, ADL members are beginning a campaign against a Boston University Medical School professor who continues to use live animals during class. Also, the fight against the Harvard run New England Regional Primate Research Center continues to get stronger and undercover security and surveillance has been discovered. Finally, secret photos from MIT which included up close shots of rhesus macaque monkeys in stereotaxic restraining devices with steel electrode devices surgically implanted in their heads arrived anonymously in the CAFT/ADL PO Box.

RESOURCES: Color copies and color scans of the MIT rhesus macaque experiments are available on either paper or 3.5 IBM floppy disks. Cost for either paper copies or the disk is $1.00. There are no negatives for these pictures so doubles cannot be made. Boston CAFT is also making available EKCO action kits for tabling, flyering and other campaigning. The kit includes facts on EKCO, letters from individuals who lost companion animals to traps and flyering material. t-shirts: "Go Vegan You Cow Sucking Pervert" with a picture of 2 people sucking on the under of a cow and "Earth First - Animal Liberation", both on unbleached cotton - $12 each (includes shipping).

Boston CAFT/ADL also has a wide array of flyers, primers, books, all copies of the Final Nail, etc. Prices vary, so please contact before sending money. Donations are always accepted and welcomed.

ADL - EUGENE

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UPDATE: Animal Defense League Eugene is currently working to increase the level of actions nationally. We are attempting to coordinate six regional coalitions which will organize four regional demos a year. This means that on average more than 1 large militant demo will happen every month! The first Regional Animal Liberation Coalition demo in the Northwest turned into a daylight raid! Between 15 - 19 rabbits were rescued. Contact us to help with this campaign in your area.

We are gearing up for all out war on the veal and dairy industry locally and arrests are quite possible. Stay tuned.

We have also been helping Last Chance for Animals with their "Research Crime" program. We will be flyering and postering to offer a $100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of a vivisector. For more information feel free to visit www.ResearchCrime.com

Finally, we have been doing vegan outreach at local fast food "restaurants" and will continue to help SETA fight vivisection in the fall.

RESOURCES: We are busy editing Breaking Free #2, which will feature footage from England, Finland, Germany and all over the U.S.! Our cookbook should be available shortly thereafter. Breaking Free #1 is still available through *NC*.

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UPDATE: ADL LA has been hard at work on a campaign against Circus Vargas, the cruelest show on earth. Demonstrations are occurring twice a week all summer and the carnies hate us so much, they are beginning to self destruct. At a typical demo, a thousand flyers are distributed to the public and usually several families leave without attending.

Our anti-fur campaign will gear up this fall, certain to coincide with the nationwide effort to ban fur in all department stores. The trial for 6 arrested at Fur-Free Friday last year is due to begin August 3. We have one nationally-known civil rights attorney, 3 public defenders, 2 pro-se defendants and are looking forward to the trial and the ability to educate thousands on the cruelty of the fur trade.

No Compromise for the animals and Mother Earth!

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UPDATE: As the ADL-NJ is still focused in the fight against fur, a new victory has come in the past months. The ADL-NJ's second week long demonstration, the first being at the group's main target, Furs by Guarino in February, was held at Marianne Furs during Independence Week for Animals, the week leading to the 4th of July. After the third day of constant presence of animal liberationists, the owner of the shop, Stephen Muska, signed a contract agreeing to give up the sale of fur. He will still be cleaning, storing, etc., but he will never again sell the disgusting garments.

The ADL-NJ is currently using this contract idea by approaching other businesses with the option to no longer sell the carcasses, in exchange for the absence of ADL-NJ protests. Presently looking for a new target, the ADL-NJ is still concentrating heavily on Furs by Guarino and will stay there until the death shop is shut down.

The ADL-NJ has no membership fees and only asks for people to help destroy the horrors of the fur industry. If you value life over property, please contact us!

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UPDATE: NYC ADL held a very successful Anti-Fur Weekend at the end of July, which drew activists from all over the world. The weekend was brought to a climax on Sunday, with multiple civil disobedience actions at Macys Herald Square, resulting in a total of 14 arrests and extensive media coverage.

In the upcoming months, the NYC ADL will continue to focus on the fur campaign, in addition to doing vegan outreaches to the public. We are always looking to expand our activist base, so if you're in the NYC area and want to get involved, please contact us!

RESOURCES: We have animal rights t-shirts, stickers, patches and books as part of our ever expanding merchandise. Please look on our web page or call us for the latest. We can also assist groups in organizing membership databases. The second issue of our newsletter, *Do Not Consider Yourself Free*, is also out, with features on our February 8th Macys lockdown, Ringling Brothers Circus and World Lab Week. For a copy, please send us $1 to cover postage.

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UPDATE: During the summer "off" months, members of the Animal Liberation Collective participated in a 300 strong rally to protest the spring bear hunt in Ontario, Canada. As well, the Collective acted as a media resource and contact for recent ALF-style activities in the Guelph area, notably the vandalism of a vivisector's car and the now famous "spitting" incident where an activist was jailed in a maximum security jail for allegedly spitting on a fur store window and door. More info, including newspaper articles and press releases about these incidents can be found on the Collective web page.

RESOURCES: The Animal Liberation Collective continues to gather books, pamphlets and other resources for the public resource center which operates out of the ALC office. All donations are welcome.

ANIMAL LIBERATION OF TEXAS

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UPDATE: ALT is taking on corporate giants such as Neiman Marcus, government agencies such as the Animal Damage Control "Wildlife Services" and many local establishments involved in animal exploitation. ALT has obtained massive media

coverage in Dallas regarding the local Neiman Marcus campaign and civil suit. ALT has generated much awareness to educate the public about the truth regarding the ADC and their mission to destroy wildlife.

ALT recently presented vigorous opposition to the use of Avitrol pigeon poison at a local condominium complex. After ALT presented complex board members with the opposing viewpoints and many humane alternatives, the board decided to abandon the use of the toxic chemical Avitrol.

RESOURCES: ALT is working on building a network with other Texas organizations to coordinate our efforts for maximum effects. ALT encourages all Texas and bordering states' organizations to join our efforts in fighting against animal suffering.

ALT has dedicated much time and effort to researching campaign targets such as the Animal Damage Control. ALT is making this information available to other grassroots activists and organizations interested in campaigning against this government agency. Please contact ALT to obtain a copy of our research on ADC.

ANIMAL RIGHTS AMERICA

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UPDATE: ARA worked with member groups to stop restrictive ordinances against protests from being passed in several municipalities. Since we are a federation, comprised of over 100 groups, we can use that clout to back any of our member organizations. In unity there is strength!

RESOURCES: We'll help you network with other grassroots groups, put people in touch with your organization, provide information on starting a group, applying for non-profit status, fundraising, preparing for trial, filing complaints etc., and give your group the support it needs to fight for animal liberation. Fur brochures are available that you can imprint with your own group's information. In short, you tell us what you need. We exist solely to strengthen and unify the grassroots animal liberation movement. No membership fee.

ANIMAL RIGHTS DIRECT ACTION COALITION

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UPDATE: ARDAC-SF has been in court a lot lately. Activists recently were victorious in a jury trial stemming from charges related to an action at Procter & Gamble. Facing 11 months in jail and an $11,000 fine each, activists were found not guilty of trespass with the intent to interfere with a business and vandalism, and instead found guilty of a trespassing infraction and sentenced to a $10 fine each. Others are currently in court fighting charges stemming from an action in which an ARDAC activist scaled a 300 foot clock tower at UCB and remained there for eight days with an enormous banner reading "END VIVISECTION - ANIMAL LIBERATION". ARDAC-SF continues in its efforts to battle hunting and has a number of sabs scheduled for the coming season.

RESOURCES: ARDAC is always willing to network and work with other groups who might have any questions related to organizing effective civil disobedience actions or hunt sabs. We also have available state by state lists of fox hunting packs, with information about them. If you have any questions, would like to receive information from us, or live in the Bay Area and would like to get involved, please contact us!

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UPDATE: Animal Rights Hawai'i is an entirely volunteer, grassroots animal advocacy organization dedicated to ending the abuse of animals and to the promotion of the rights of animals. We are located on the island of O'ahu, but have members on the neighbor islands. We monitor the enforcement of existing animal protection laws (both local and federal) and vigorously campaign for those agencies charged with protecting animals to exercise their powers and responsibilities most aggressively.

We use the inadequacy of current law and the frequent failure of official animal protection agencies to enforce even the minimal statutes to campaign for stronger laws and more commitment to enforcing them. Recent campaigns included: local agribusiness (violations of the Humane Slaughter Act); the Honolulu Zoo (feeding live animals to other animals); the 50th State Fair (travelling shark show); The Catholic Church (allowing snares to be set on church property to kill feral pigs); and Moloka'i Ranch (continuing abuse of animals.)



COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE - NATIONAL OFFICE

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UPDATE: CAFT is coordinating national anti-fur campaigns against various department stores that sell fur. Federated, owner of Macy's, Lazarus, Bloomingdales, etc. is under fire throughout the Northeast, while Neiman Marcus is being targeted in the West.

CAFT is also running a campaign against Ekco Housewares because they own a company that manufactures leghold traps. Ekco has been feeling considerable pressure as a result of this and many feel that the campaign is close to victory.

CAFT has a new web page at www.banfur.com which aims to become the most comprehensive anti fur resource on the web. It isn't completely finished but much of it is already up.

RESOURCES: CAFT has all of the most current information available on the fur industry. This includes economics, infrastructure, demographics, animal welfare statistics, etc.

CAFT helps fledgling groups organize and become more effective. Please get in touch if you want to organize anti-fur campaigns in your area.

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UPDATE: CAFT-SF continues to battle the fur trade and holds regular demonstrations outside of Neiman Marcus, as well as other department stores that continue to profit from the suffering of innocent animals. CAFT-SF activists are currently in court fighting charges related to a banner hang outside of Macy's during the last Fur Free Friday.

COALITION TO END PRIMATE EXPERIMENTATION

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UPDATE: The Coalition to End Primate Experimentation (CEPE) is a loosely organized group of activists with a common desire to see harmful experimentation on non-human primates ended at once. The Coalition is an eclectic mix of individuals ranging from students and retired persons to computer analysts and medical doctors. We hold in common the belief that cruelty is wrong and that the research being conducted in the NIH funded primate labs is unquestionably cruel.

CEPE is organizing the 1999 PRIMATE FREEDOM TOUR, a national bus caravan tour that will travel around the country to regional primate centers and other primate experimentation facilities to protest the use of non-human primates in experimentation. The tour begins in June next year and will go through the end of August. This will definitely be the most important and successful event in the history of the movement against animal research in the United States. Your involvement is crucial for the tour to reach its full potential and beyond. Get involved now and take part in this important step in the abolition of primate experimentation. Brochures available upon request.

RESOURCES: CEPE can assist in organizing campaigns against primate experimentation in the United States.

COMPASSION OVER KILLING

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UPDATE: Since the last issue of *No Compromise*, COK has worked tirelessly on our vegan outreach program which includes three components: "feed-ins" (handing out free vegan food and literature in front of fast food restaurants), "speak-outs" (distributing mass quantities of pro-vegan literature in a given area and sending extensive packages of introductory materials to those who write for more info) and displaying the FaunaVision (a portable TV/VCR on which we show the horrors of animal abuse to the public).

COK is also engaged in the national campaign to convince Neiman Marcus to close its fur departments. We have organized demonstrations, large and small, outside of the upscale department store, some of which have included nonviolent civil disobedience. COK has created a parody website as well, which can be found at: www.neimans.org.

As COK activists work to protect the rights of animals, our pro-bono vegan attorneys Sean Day and Dion Sullivan work to protect our civil rights by engaging in several lawsuits on our behalf.

RESOURCES: The latest issue of our free newsletter, The Abolitionist, is currently available (it can also be read on our web site). We carry t-shirts, videos, and literature. For more information or to place an order, please visit our web site or contact us.

DIRECT ACTION DEFENSE FUND

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UPDATE: The DADF was established to assist activists facing charges for illegal direct action. 100% of all donations go directly towards activist defense. The DADF has no overhead, does not print a newsletter or invest in expensive equipment. All of our resources are devoted to those behind bars for animal and earth liberation.

LAW STUDENT ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

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UPDATE: LSARA is investigating providing legal assistance to ADL-Rochester who are being threatened with a lawsuit for trademark infringement. Concurrently, we are investigating bringing suit for trademark infringement and libel on behalf of ADL-NJ against the Fur Commission USA. We researched the 1st Amendment implications for NAALFSG distributing controversial pamphlets. We are aiding ADL-LA in bringing suit against various police agencies and animal abusers for various civil rights abuses inflicted upon the group. ADL-NJ and ADL Boca Raton are receiving aid in drafting a contract which would require fur stores to stop selling fur. We are also providing impartial legal observers to monitor police at demonstrations. We are also providing legal assistance to ARDAC-SD members facing prosecution in a variety of cases on a number of trumped up charges stemming from lawful protest activities.

RESOURCES: LSARA is a network of individual law students from all around the world who want to work for animal rights. We provide legal support to grassroots activists and collaborate on a variety of animal rights related projects.

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective has been busy working on the campaign against the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center. We are also working with the Coalition to End Primate Experimentation (CEPE) to organize the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour. This is a national bus caravan tour that will travel next summer to the seven regional primate research centers as well as other primate facilities to protest the ongoing use of non-human primates in experimentation. To get involved in the tour contact us or CEPE for more information. We are also planning on having a portion of our humane education program ready for schools in the fall of this year. In addition, the Collective is continuing its campaign to link

Support the Grassroots!

Check out the *No Compromise* web site for lots of great merchandise from effective, hard-working, grassroots animal liberation groups:

www.nocompromise.org

social movements to form a unified struggle against the identifiable causes of oppression.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective has an office and info-shop in Portland filled with free literature on various issues and movements and a lending library to continue the life long process of education. We also offers non-violence/civil disobedience training and has speakers available for animal issues and the link between various social movements. Finally, the Collective can help with animal research issues, campaigns, etc.

NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

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UPDATE: NJARA's campaign to prevent black bear hunting in New Jersey is in full swing. The Black Bear Protection Bill in the Senate is sponsored by Senator Louis Bassano. It is S.514. The Assembly version, A.2120 was introduced on June 1, 1998 and is sponsored by Assemblyman Caraballo and Assemblywoman Gill. It is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Bateman. The bills simply state, "There shall be no open season nor any hunting by permit for black bear". They currently reside in the Senate Environment Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees.

NJARA has been: supplying towns in bear country with our flyer titled "Guidelines for Discouraging Black Bear Traffic" (free of charge), setting up information tables about the black bear issue all around the state, collecting signatures (we've passed the 36,800 mark!) and designing a new brochure for people who are just moving here.

It is very important that people who have relatives living in New Jersey (doesn't everyone?), have them contact NJARA to help out with this campaign. We need the committee members of the senate and assembly to be contacted to hold hearings. For more info, please contact us immediately! You may also visit our web site for last minute info on the campaign.

NJARA has forged alliances with animal rights activists throughout New Jersey, the United States and the world. We are a no-nonsense group strictly focused on the bottom line. Our comrades are tight-knit and unmovable in our passion for doing what is right for the animals who live each and everyday of their lives in agony.

We encourage and empower people to become active and join the fight for animal liberation! We are grassroots and strong! Activism always begins at home, in our local communities.

NJARA is actively involved with: fighting experimentation on animals; taking issue with the lethal "control" and "recreational" killing of wildlife; anti-fur activities; promoting veganism; protesting circuses and much more.

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UPDATE: Similar to the ALF Press Office (UK), the NA-ALF Press Office has several basic functions, all of which are designed to explain why the ALF carries out actions, how it does and how non-human animals are treated by our species. Any anonymous information which details ALF-style actions received by us will be communicated to the media. We will be available as part of the network of contacts for the media, able to confirm actions that fall within ALF policy and explaining the suffering that necessitates such actions.

The Press Officer, as a public face for the ALF, is available for interviews, phone-ins, news reports, etc. Any reporters or interested parties may contact the NA-ALF Press Office. The Press Office is an independent pro-ALF organization working closely with the NA-ALFSG and other above-ground animal liberation groups.

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UPDATE: The NA-A.L.F.S.G. supports the work of the Animal Liberation Front by all lawful means possible. This includes: support of imprisoned activists, support and defense of the A.L.F., educating the public as to the need and rationale of direct action, providing a communication forum through the SG newsletter, UNDERGROUND, and raising funds for all the above activities.

The NA-A.L.F.S.G. is a 100% volunteer organization. All money raised goes directly to the work of supporting animal liberation and assisting imprisoned A.L.F. activists. The Supporters Group is for those who wish to support radical animal liberation activities without breaking the law. We encourage the participation of all activists -- including those who are unable or choose not to perform direct actions. Write or e-mail for more information, including how to subscribe to UNDERGROUND.

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UPDATE: RARN is a grassroots collective organization that is run without hierarchies. We are dedicated to animal liberation, veganism and the elimination of cruelty to animals. RARN fully supports the actions of the ALF and anyone who has the courage to put their beliefs into actions.

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UPDATE: St. Thomas SOAR continues to spread the animal rights gospel and we're seeing more kids going vegan/vegetarian than ever before! We've been helping the animals at Minneapolis Animal Control, providing info to fellow students and joining with other local groups to demonstrate against speciesism.

RESOURCES: We've got a library of videos, books, literature, etc. on a range of animal rights topics, as well as leaflets, stickers and other materials. These are helpful for research, tabling, self-education and more.

STUDENTS PROMOTING ANIMAL RIGHTS AND EMANCIPATION

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UPDATE: SPARE continues its campaign against area animal abusers (such as the slaughterhouse industry, Procter and Gamble and the fur industry) while also traveling the midwest to unite with other groups and join their efforts in fighting for animal rights. This summer, SPARE was involved in the case of Barry Herbeck, a sick animal abuser. Instead of slipping through the system as usual, Herbeck recieved an 11 year prison sentence in July. SPARE is willing to organize with any and all groups battling for animal rights. Contact SPARE for more info or to network with us.

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UPDATE: TEAR has been leafleting and demonstrating against a local vivisector at UT Southwestern Medical School since the first of this year. Activists have participated in national campaigns such as Procter & Gamble and The Great American Meatout. TEAR has been raising public awareness of animal cruelty by doing outreach that includes tabling and placing ads on city buses.

VEGAN MILITANT MOVEMENT

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UPDATE: VMM has focused on numerous animal abusers in San Diego and, most recently, Ringling Bros. Circus. Together, with CAFT members, we have continued the war against the fur industry by having numerous battles with Neiman Carcass and Sak's Filthy Ave. We also returned to our old campaign against the horse carriages on the anniversary of last year's police brutality/arrests. The past month has largely been filled with never ending court cases and brutal false arrests. The San Diego Police Dept. has been cracking down on animal activism by using unnecessary force and trumped-up charges to suppress us. Future activism will focus on collecting support and aid to help the many jailed warriors who need our support. We are also beginning our long delayed campaign against UCSD's animal abusers who have continuously tortured and murdered innocent primates and other sentient beings. VMM has also continued to educate society about the destruction of our precious mother Earth and her inhabitants by tabling shows and solidarity festivals.

VMM is in serious need of a video camera to record the police brutality that occurs at nearly every demonstration. If anyone can assist, please contact us. And we ask fellow animal defenders who would be interested in starting other VMM chapters to contact us via e-mail, direct mail or phone.

RESOURCES: VMM carries a variety of liberation and revolution publications such as A Declaration of War, Ecodefense, Rage and Reason, Nature's First Law, ALF Primers, EZLN booklets, Death Blossoms, A-Z Animal Ingredients and the newly completed *Contention Builder* #3. We also carry a variety of shirts and grassroots literature. Please write or e-mail for more information or for a catalog.

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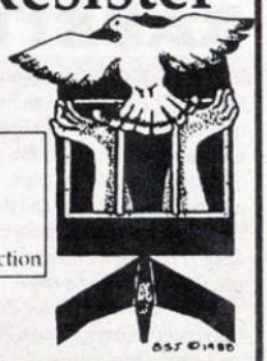
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UPDATE: YfAL-BC has not been able to have any activities because membership is very low. If there are any energetic people out there that want to do something, they have the power to transform this inactive group into an active and successful one! I'm willing to leaflet, protest, write letters and a bunch of other stuff, but I have not been able to find anyone to do it with.

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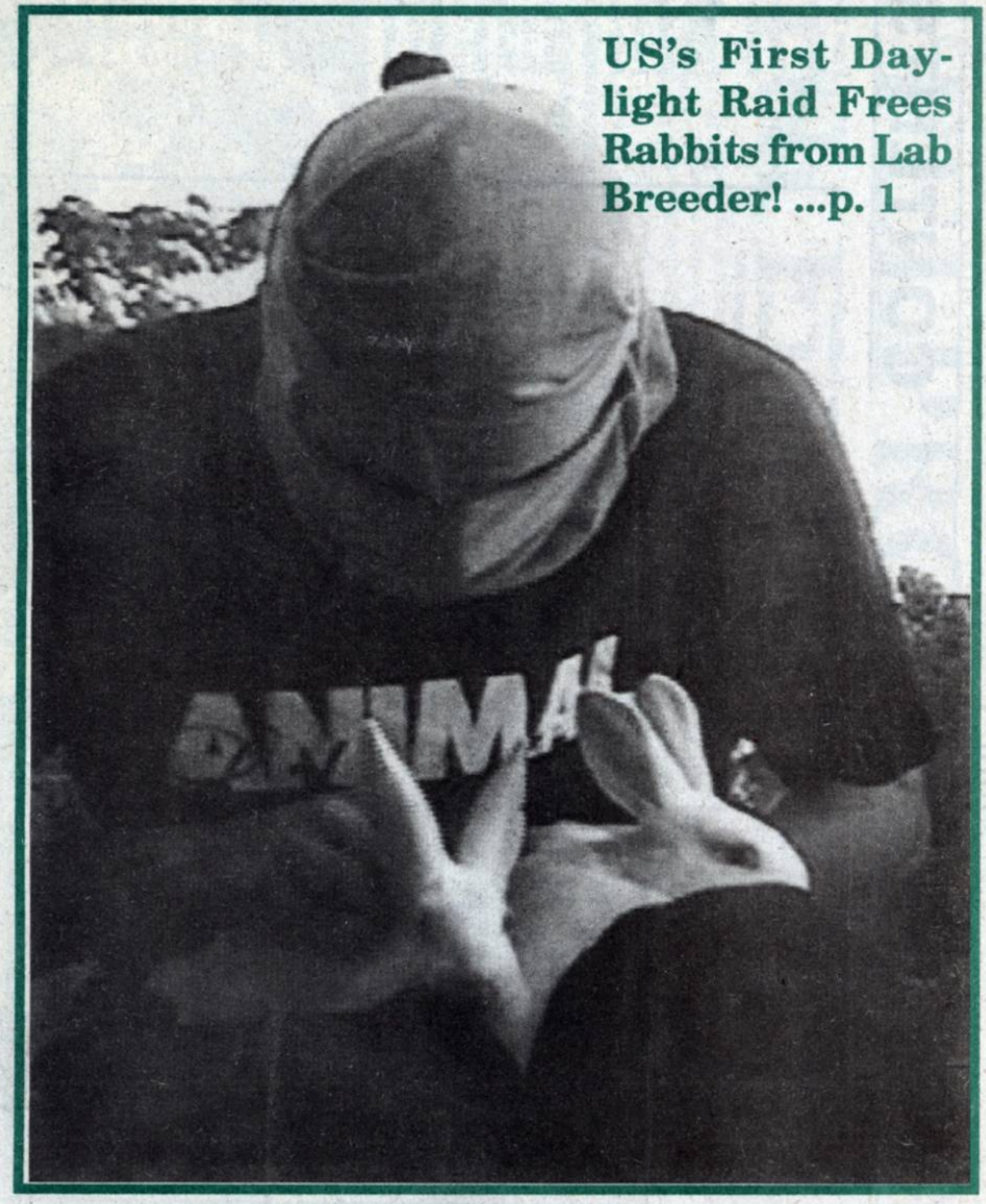
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