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Barry Horne Nears Death in 68 Day Hungerstrike

by Dan Berger

YORK, ENGLAND -- At midnight on October 6, 1998, 45 year old imprisoned British ALF activist Barry Horner began a 68 day hunger strike which, by the time it ended on December 19, 1998, led to international media attention and public debate about animal liberation and Horne's sacrifice to stop the "evil, blood-sucking abomination that is the vivisection industry."

Horne, currently serving an 18 year prison sentence for charges of arson, attempted arson and possession of bomb making materials, has been on three hunger strikes in the two years he has been incarcerated.

He began his first strike in January, 1997, but stopped 35 days later when it appeared that the "New" Labour party would form the next administration and carry through with their stated desire to see an end to the use of animals in alcohol, cosmetics, tobacco and weapons testings, as well as the dissolution of the "cruel and outdated" LD50 test. They also promised a Royal Commission to look at the use of animals in medical research.

In August, 1997, six short months after the original strike ended, Horne began his second strike. This strike, which lasted a total of 46 days, was the result of the Labour Party's absolute neglect to do anything they had originally promised. Horne ended this strike on September 26, 1997, when the Home Office met with representatives of the Barry Horne Support Committee. The Home Office was given one year to act upon the agreements made at this meeting but, when they did not comply with even the few simple promises they made in September 1997, it was all but inevitable that Horne would undergo a third strike.

Because of damage done during the two previous hunger strikes, this one proved to be more difficult, especially in the first week. Traditionally on hunger strikes, the hunger pains subside after the first two or three days, but in this case, Horne suffered from nausea, weakness, exhaustion, lightheadedness and lowered concentration from the beginning. The British government added to his torment when, on Day 10, they moved him in the Hospital Wing to what they designated the "hunger strike cell" where he was to remain until he stopped his hunger strike. This cell consisted of a bed, and a "table" and "chair" made of reinforced cardboard, but lacked the basic necessities like a toilet and sink. Horne had to urinate in a plastic bottle and wait for them to open the door in the morning so he could go to the washroom, bathe and brush his teeth.

In order for him to stop the strike, the British government needed only to set up a Royal Commission to independently look at animal experimentation, just one of the many promises the Labour Party made in its campaign promises regarding the rights of animals. For the duration of the strike, the British

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FUR WARS '98

by JP Goodwin

Animal rights groups went into the 1998 fur season with a sense of renewed energy and momentum. The fur industry finished the 1997-98 season with declining sales and activists were quick to build on this.

Between a series of high profile mink farm break-ins, nonviolent blockades of department stores that sell fur and a major national news story about dog and cat fur being mislabeled and sold in the US, the fur industry took a beating.

Also this season saw the airing of hard hitting, TV spots in key cities such as New York and Dallas. The ads show the horrific reality of the industry and urge shoppers to not buy fur.

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Kyle Burnette

$12 Million Blaze Targets Ski Resort to Save Lynx Habitat

VAIL, CO -- On October 18, 1998, seven fires broke out before dawn on the 11,000-foot ridge of Vail Mountain in the Colorado Rockies. Before they could be extinguished, the blaze had destroyed part of this continent's largest ski resort, operated by Vail Associates Inc. (VA). In 1997, the corporation made net revenues of $291 million off of public lands.

The fires destroyed VA's 500-seat Two Elks Restaurant, ski patrol headquarters, a 500-seat ski shelter, and caused extensive damage to 4 of the ski corporation's 31 chair lifts on Vail Mountain. Damage was estimated to be $12 million. There were no injuries and none of the White River National Forest—where VA manages seven square miles of ski terrain—was burned.



Two Elks Lodge Engulfed in Flames

The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) issued a communique accepting responsibility for the fires saying the action was intended "to stop the destruction of natural habitat and the exploitation of the environment." The ELF went on to state: "Putting profit ahead of Colorado's wildlife will not be tolerated. We will be back if this greedy corporation continues to trespass into wild and unroaded areas."

This action comes on the heels of a recent court decision allowing VA to move forward with its $14 million expansion dubbed Category III, which would add 2,200 acres of ski terrain to Vail Resort and destroy 885 acres of wilderness in the Two Elks Roadless Area. Until now, elk have migrated each year to give birth in an area where ski runs, four chair lifts, a 20,000-square-foot restaurant, a ski patrol building, two warming shelters, and food service buildings are planned to be built in the CAT III expansion. Additional expansion will see 12.2 miles of new roads and ski ways in the previously roadless area and will destroy a wildlife corridor between the Eagle's Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness Areas.

The ELF also says the CAT III expansion by VA "will ruin the last best lynx habitat in the state [of Colorado]," a concern that even Colorado Division of Wildlife biologists admit would be the result of CAT III. "If there is any critical lynx habitat in the state, this is it," reads an interagency memo to the U.S Forest Service (USFS) by Robert Laske, regional manager for the Division of Wildlife. The memo refers to the destruction of at least 182 acres of wilderness within the Two Elks Roadless Area (TERA) where lynx tracks were seen in 1991.

The rapidly declining lynx population has been the cause of another long and bitter court battle that environmentalist hopefully will win, giving full protection to lynx in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act. Lynx populations in the lower 48 are estimated to be less than 400 animals with about one hundred in Montana, 75 to 100 in Washington, maybe 50 in Idaho, 20 to 50 in Maine, and scattered individuals in Minnesota, Wyoming, Oregon, Colorado, and possibly Michigan.

No evidence of lynx in Colorado has been documented in what is traditionally their southernmost range, but Division of Wildlife field supervisor Lee Carlson believes there are as few as six lynx in the state. "We don't think they're extinct, but they're probably going extinct if we don't do something." The last known lynx to reside in Colorado were a pair trapped in Vail in 1973. One died and the other escaped. A lawyer representing environmentalists opposed to CAT III adds, "The only reason the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has

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Introductory Ramblings

NC Readers,

Starting a new year gives us a chance to look back and reflect on the year that just ended, as well as an opportunity to look ahead. 1998 saw many positive steps taken towards animal liberation and both aboveground and underground animal activists were frequently in the news. Sadly, we also lost a few of our comrades in the last few months.

Henry Spira, a pioneer in the fight against cosmetic testing and other forms of animal abuse, died peacefully on September 11 from terminal cancer which he had been ill with for some time.

About a week later, David "Gypsy" Chain, an Earth First! activist was killed by a felled tree while protesting logging in the Headwaters Forest of California *[see story next page]*.

Then in October, Cleveland Amory, the founder of the Fund for Animals, died at his home at the age of 81 *[see Rod Coronado's Tribute on page 21]*.

The editors of *No Compromise* honor these fallen warriors and respectfully dedicate this issue to Henry, Gypsy and Cleveland as well as to Barry Horne who came dangersously close to losing his life to the struggle as well. As you'll read in our cover story, Barry went without food for **68 days** in his third hunger strike against vivisection in the UK. For all of your sacrifice, Barry, we salute you and are thrilled to have you fighting on with us!

Now is the time for us to increase the pressure on the opposition, consolidate the gains we have made, and expand our campaigns, not necessarily by working harder or longer (well, maybe just a little), but by recruiting new activists to take up the fight. Which brings us to this issue's focus section: Starting and Organizing a Grassroots Group.

You don't need a lot of people to start a group. As a matter of fact, two or three committed individuals can accomplish a lot more than a dozen "I'll go to the demo if nothing better comes along"-types. You can utilize these sporadic activists, too, so long as you don't depend on them.

Once you are off and running and actually accomplishing things, new activists will find you, so don't be afraid to pick a name, open a post office box and get to it! You'll find a lot of useful information in our focus section written by people who've been in your (non-leather) shoes, and we've included some resources for you to turn to with questions or to start you off with literature, materials and posters.

Our focus section for the next issue will be on vivisection, just in time for World Week for Animals in Laboratories. Remember, they are animals in labs, not "lab animals," as is pointed out in the commentary "Language Liberation" on page 21 of this issue.

Also of note in this issue is an interview with Julia Butterfly who recently marked her one year anniversary tree-sitting in an old growth redwood *[page 11]* and responses to the recent rash of "Strategic Nonviolence" propaganda which dares to dictate that the ALF are harming and not helping animals *[pages 12-13]*.

Don't let your actions go unreported. What you are doing could well encourage and inspire others, so please let us know about them.

As usual, we ask you to send your letters, photos, articles, questions, comments, complaints, subscriptions, donations and merchandise orders to us at the address in the box at the top left. Whenever possible, please send submissions by e-mail or on floppy disks and don't forget to tell us if you change your address. We'd hate for you to miss a single issue of *No Compromise*!

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Eco-Warrior Killed by Logging Operation

On September 17, 1998, the earth lost a warrior. David "Gypsy" Chain was killed when a tree was felled in his direction by a Pacific Lumber (PL) timber faller during a nonviolent blockade of illegal logging. Gypsy was 24 years old.

Gypsy and seven other activists entered the ancient forests of Grizzly Creek and engaged the loggers in dialogue to slow down the cutting until the California Department of Forestry (CDF) would arrive. But, CDF never came. They should have been out at the site inspecting and finding violations the day Gypsy was killed, but didn't show up until the following day. Until it was too late.

Gypsy and his affinity group were putting their bodies on the frontlines. They were putting their bodies where their beliefs are. Gypsy was entering a dangerous realm: Humboldt County. For those who have never been here, it is another world. We live behind the Redwood Curtain.

PL president John Campbell claimed that loggers did not know that activists were there, but videotape from the scene tells differently. Arlington Ammons, the logger who cut the tree that killed Gypsy, said these hostile words: "Get outta here! Otherwise, I'll fuckin', I'll make sure I got a tree comin' this way! Oh, fuck! I wish I had my fuckin' pistol! I guess I'm gonna just start packin' that motherfucker in here. Cause I can only be nice for so long. Go get my saw. I'm gonna start fallin' into this fuckin' draw!" It's obvious that Ammons knew Gypsy and the other activists were in the woods; he was conversing with them! The video was shot the morning Gypsy was killed. The activists who were filming were chased out by loggers.



Penney Andrews/James Ficklin

Gypsy traverses a line connecting a tree-village in the Headwaters Forest where he was later killed

After Gypsy's death, an ongoing vigil and road blockade were started. The Gypsy Free State was complete with a junker car lock-down (the "Gypsymobile"), a tripod and a bipod (Never Never Land), equipment lock-down at the ridgetop where Gypsy was killed (Monster Village), and a front gate lockdown. An altar was erected in the middle of the road and saw 48 hours of sacred non-stop drumming and offerings upon offerings of sage, candles, rocks, shells, pictures, incense, tree saplings, hair, flowers, water, thread and love. The blockade prevented Pacific Lumber Crews from going in and yarding the logs they had felled. At one point, they actually did try to go in. Have they forgotten that the woods is a crime scene? We renamed Grizzly Creek, Gypsy Mountain. We asked for its permanent preservation as a memorial site.

For those of you who have never participated in a Free State, it is a 24-hour ongoing occupation. It demands constant awareness. The police or loggers can strike at any moment. The activists who came to the Free State came to honor Gypsy and to defend mother earth.

On October 7, the police raided the Gypsy Free State. Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies sprayed pepper spray directly in the eyes of two women who were locked down to logging equipment. The next day, EF!ers had rebuilt the barricade with nine people locked down. Another woman had pepper spray swabbed directly onto her eyes.

To this day, no charges have been pressed against the logger, Arlington Ammons. Pacific Lumber/Maxxam continues to clearcut our forests, torturing our brothers and sisters, and now, kills our warriors. The one calling the shots? The one behind the terror? Charles Hurwitz from Houston, Texas.

The escalation of violence on North Coast EF!ers by loggers and law enforcement has moved from the bombing of Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney in 1990 to the 1997 pepper sprayings to Gypsy's death. And yet we do not stop fighting. For it is our responsibility to protect these forests. It is our passion to defend these animals. It is our compassion that calls us into action. Once you become aware of the state of the earth, that awareness transforms to nonviolent direct action! To embody the struggle is to connect with all beings. Gypsy engaged that struggle.

Two days before Gypsy was killed, we did a security shift together at the NCEF! Action Camp. It had been a year since we'd seen one another and since we had the night shift, we caught up on each others' lives.

One of my clearest memories is of Gypsy sharing these words, "I decided to return to Headwaters because the forests were calling me. I want to sink my roots in." Gypsy, like many, was called by the life force of the universe: the trees, the animals, the water, the land—called by the spirit of the planet. Gypsy didn't return alone. He brought friends with whom he had shared Headwaters stories with and they decided to join him. Gypsy was always bearing gifts.

I met Gypsy going into Liberty (a tree village in All Species Grove in the 60,000 acres). It was the first time for both of us into these magical, pristine, ancient groves. We both carried in pieces of the "love pod" (a platform that went entirely around the tree) from Graceland (our satellite camp) to the future site. Gypsy always smiling, laughing, rolling a cigarette. His dreads, his Texas charm, his sweet spirit—you could not resist.

That night Gypsy shared a story, that made me realize how connected we all are. It showed me the gift of friendship and how rare and precious our interactions are. We are a family. We are a tribe. Gypsy told me about the sister action he did in solidarity with mine. On November 16, 1997, myself and three womyn locked down in Congressman Riggs' office while Gypsy and three other activists hung a banner and locked down at the State Building in San Francisco.

We were both protesting the deal. No deal is better than a shady deal. We were both defending Headwaters. We were both miles away, but totally connected in our hearts and souls. I'll never forget his expression as he told me the story. Pure delight was on his face. Gypsy emanated light. No, this isn't a hippie/new age thing—to be in the presence of someone who radiates energy is an honor. That's what it felt like to be with Gypsy.

I can't believe I'm sitting here writing an obituary for my friend. Something has gone terribly wrong. I remember a story Gypsy shared with my friend Stephanie. He said that he knew he would not live long and that he was a young man with an old soul. Well, Gypsy, your soul is free. You are liberated.

As for the rest of us, our work is to liberate all beings, ourselves included. Rather than become distraught at the state of the earth, at Gypsy's death, **DO SOMETHING.**

Remember that oldie but goodie, ACTION IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR DESPAIR!? Of course, how our activism takes shape and form is different, but our intention is the same: to protect and defend mother earth and all her inhabitants. At times, we may need to seek refuge, to purify, to cultivate our compassion, our patience, our persistence. Take that time, seek sanctuary and immerse in it. And return like the wind. Return like a hurricane, a thunderstorm, an earthquake.

Return, like Gypsy did. Listen to the voices of the earth, listen to the voices within. Listen, listen, listen. Take a vow to live simply. Take a vow to let go of fear. Take a vow to defend mother earth!

Thank you, Gypsy. Thank you for your practice. Thank you for your commitment. Thank you for waking us up.

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Preparing for Resistance

by Rod Coronado

The recent six-count federal indictment of Peter Young and Justin Samuel under the Draconian Animal Enterprise Protection Act and other federal statutes *[see page 25 -- ed.]*, once again has forced animal liberation activists into a life of hiding. This action by the federal government is just the beginning of what the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) has determined will be its war on "special interest terrorism" as the animal liberation movement in the U.S. approaches its goal of abolishing the fur trade through a diversity of tactics including Animal and Earth Liberation Front actions. It is the desperate attempt by those in the law enforcement community who primarily believe that this nation's laws are intended to protect the economic interests of those industries which place a higher value on profit than life. The animal liberation movement should expect a lot more similarly repressive actions as long as we break free from the confines of a society whose laws indeed give greater worth to economic growth than the very health of our planet and its nonhuman races.

Such is the price all struggles must pay when they are forced to separate themselves from their oppressive dominant society to pursue justice and freedom. In our increasingly consumer-based culture that relies on the exploitation of billions of animals and our planet's last unaltered biodiversity to maintain its standard of living (while killing many others), the animal liberation movement finds itself at the threshold whereby we must either recognize the need to create a truly underground resistance or continue to sit on the fence by maintaining an allegiance to the very society that is destroying all life as we know it.

I don't mean to sound apocalyptic or imply that we all must abandon our mostly middle class-roots. But, we must recognize that if the animal liberation movement intends to engage in illegal nonviolent direct action, then we need to make a priority of establishing the structure and framework of a system that can support and sustain those of our members who choose to engage in illegal direct action. The animal liberation movement must be physically and emotionally prepared for the consequences of creating such a resistance.

It is easy to sympathize with the brave actions of the ALF and ELF volunteers as they rescue the lives of those doomed to a cruel death and strike against those who would destroy the earth's last wild places. But if recent events have taught us anything, it should be that we have a long way to go before we can adequately sustain such a resistance in light of the harsh prison sentences the federal government is willing to mete out in its determination to squash the ALF and ELF.

Let's first look at the case of Joshua Ellerman. While it is now easy for many of us to condemn Josh for his alleged cooperation with the authorities in exchange for a lighter sentence, the animal liberation movement has a much more important task at hand than to simply criticize one individual. There is no room in our movement for those who would inform on other activists—either for personal gain or with the hope for leniency in sentencing. But in order to avoid what can quickly become the impetus for collapse of an underground resistance, we must take this time to learn from others' mistakes to avoid repeating them.

While the organizational structure of the ELF is ambiguous to many of us, that of the ALF is better known to those of us who have become familiar with their strategy and tactics. We all know that ALF actions prohibit the use of physical violence, but what is equally important at this time is for ALF volunteers to adequately prepare themselves for the consequences of their actions should they be captured. The federal government has begun to treat the ALF as a domestic terrorist organization and no ALF volunteer should join the struggle without being prepared to be treated as a terrorist should he or she be federally indicted.

When Josh and his fellow volunteers planted the pipe bombs which tore apart the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-Operative, I doubt any of them knew the legal

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News Briefs

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has ruled that people concerned about the humane treatment of animals have standing to sue and protect animals.

DALLAS, TX -- Assault charges against a Dallas activist were finally dropped on September 3, when the accuser (Rodney Lewis) failed to show up for trial. The charges stemmed from an incident in which Mr. Lewis, a security guard for Neiman Marcus, followed and attacked activists after an anti-fur protest *[see NC #9, p. 5]*.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA -- Defendants who had locked down during an anti-fur protest at Fendi last Fur Free Friday appeared in court on September 4, for a hearing after a hung jury resulted from their more than two-week-long trial *[see NC #10, p. 7]*. The prosecution moved that the defendants be retried with amended charges. The judge ruled against this request and dismissed all charges.

LAS VEGAS, NV -- An activist couple with Shundahai Network (an international anti-nuclear and indigenous support organization) celebrated their first anniversary on September 8, on top of an entrance overhang at the Las Vegas Federal building. The local sweethearts climbed the building at 8:45 a.m., hung two huge banners off the side, and then locked themselves together using a metal pipe. The couple stated they would not leave until the cancellation of the upcoming subcritical nuclear weapons tests.

TUCSON, AZ -- Two local activists were arrested after stepping off the curb to hand leaflets to parents and their children at a September 9, PETA Weinermobile protest. The two were charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass and given the choice of a $75 fine or 15 hours of community service.

CINCINNATI, OH -- Procter & Gamble warned of a shortfall in first quarter profits on September 9 and announced the replacement of its CEO, John Pepper. Durk Jager (currently COO) will become the new CEO on January 1, 1999, at which time Pepper will retire from the company and become chairman of the company's Executive Committee Board.

NEW YORK, NY -- Animal rights activists were reported to be behind a hoax against NYU Medical School Dean David Scotch because of his involvement with animal research. Dr. Scotch was at NYU Medical Center for back surgery in early September when someone called the nursing station and ordered that he be prepped for circumcision and prostate surgery instead. Unfortunately, the hoax was spotted in time and the orders were not carried through to completion.

HOUSTON, TX -- Five environmental activists were given a token reduction in their bail from a grand total of $1 million for the five to $700,000 on September 19. The activists had hung a banner from a construction crane in downtown Houston which read: "Houston, We Have a Problem—Stop New Oil Exploration!" The five were charged with felony mischief and are facing a potential 20 years in the state penitentiary for their attempt to exercise free speech in Texas. The average bail in Texas for murder is only $20,000.

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Round 1: Fur Free Friday 63 Arrests

Fur Free Friday has become an annual day of protest against the fur industry. Every year, on the Friday after Thanksgiving, animal defenders and wildlife advocates take to the streets to send a very strong message to the retailers and the fur buying public.

This year 63 people were arrested in nonviolent acts of civil disobedience. Most of the activists targeted major retailers such as Macy's East and Neiman Marcus. Others protested against well known local fur stores.



Miyun Park of Compassion Over Killing is Dragged Away from a D.C. Neiman Marcus

The annual day of protest led to extensive media, some of which asked if stock investors should be worried about anti fur protests. CBS ran an article on their Market Watch web page which asked that very same question. The answer is yes, polling data indicates that about half of all Americans would consider refusing to shop at stores that sell fur.

New Jersey activists were in jail for several days after blockading their local fur animal killer. This means of oppression actually backfired on the fur industry, as the jailing generated continous media for several days after the action.

San Francisco activists were arrested early in the morning while trying to unfurl a banner in Union Square. In Dallas, several people jumped out of a car and headed for the doors of Neiman Marcus. Before they could actually get to the doors they were tackled by police.

These actions, and others like them, were more effective than any isolated protests by virtue of the fact that major retailers were targeted in multiple cities across the country. Instead of dealing with one protest, or even two, some companies had to deal with as many as 15. This would prove to be particularly true for Neiman Marcus, just a few short weeks after Fur Free Friday.

Round 2: Neiman Marcus War Weekend

December 12th and 13th proved to be a nightmare for Neiman Marcus. Of course their idea of a nightmare could never compare with that of a mink who sees his brethren being piled into a gas chamber, while fully aware that he's next.

Activists in nearly every market that has a Neiman Marcus store took to the streets that weekend. The idea was to show Neiman Marcus that animal rights groups can and will mobilize to challenge them everywhere.

The message was sent and heard, loud and clear.

Washington DC had perhaps the most colorful demonstration with several activists taking over a foyer that leads into the store. The activists were arrested after a half hour blockade which generated massive TV media, as well as an article in the Washington Post.

Round 3: Fur Free Christmas

December saw (and will see) many other sporadic protests, such as when 4 Dallas area activists entered a Neiman Marcus store and loudly chanted for over 10 minutes while security tried to escort them out of the building. This sort of disruption can have a chilling effect on holiday fur sales.

The last few days before Christmas will see activists going into the final stretch with pickets outside of major retailers every day. As we go to press, 14 activists have been arrested during the weekend before Christmas and open-to-close presence is expected at at around two dozen fur retailers across the country.

This tactic of being on location every day, all day, is borrowed from the labor unions. Whereas one or two protests every now and then can easily be brushed off, these coordinated efforts force companies to expend time and money to monitor the picketers. The protests also cause disruption to sales and normal company proceedings, intentionally or not.

Many major department store chains have already dumped their fur departments and the high powered anti fur campaign of 1998 will bring even more away from the bloody fur industry.

Round 4: Kicking it in '99

A good army builds on its momentum and continues to strike until the war is won. The animal rights movement has every intention of doing just that, until the slaughter for fur is stopped.

Activists from throughout the country will be on hand to protest against an international mink farmers convention in Milwaukee in January and then in New England at the Neiman Marcus stockholders meeting to send a message to investors.

The very next month will see more activists converging on Washington state for the Seattle Fur Exchange auction. This is where North American mink farmers sell off the fur skins to manufacturers. Prices at this auction determine whether farmers stay in business or close down for good.

Plans are being made for other major fur events in March, and on into the summer. If you live near any of these locations then please come out to show your support for anti fur efforts.

The fur industry is dying, but not fast enough. The faster, and more effective, that we act, the sooner the gassing and anal electrocution of mink and foxes will end.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 9 - International Mink Breeders Convention (Milwaukee, WI); call the host hotel to protest: 1-800-558-3862

January 15 - Neiman Marcus Stockholders Meeting (Boston, MA); NM Headquarters: 1-800-937-9146

February 22-25 - Seattle Fur Exchange (Seattle, WA); 1-800-551-3906

March 15-19 - North American Fur Auctions (New Jersey)

For more info on protest activities taking place at any of the above events, contact:

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade
PO Box 822411, Dallas, TX 75383
MINKLIB@aol.com, www.banfur.com
(214) 503-1419

Other Notable Anti-Fur Actions

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI - A Dittrich Furs' fashion show was protested by local activists on September 9th. One activist walked inside the store and chained herself to the lengthy steel bar which the majority of the fur coats were chained to.

Meanwhile, a second activist locked down to the front doors and a third drove his car up onto the sidewalk in front of the entrance, parked, then shimmied underneath to chain his neck to the wheel axle. The trio remained locked down for over an hour before they were arrested by remarkably supportive police officers. The media was positive, and activists from as far away as Florida reported seeing coverage.

FREEHOLD, NJ - Activists from ADL and CAFT spoiled the opening of a new Macy's store on October 7th, locking down to block both its entrances. Two locked themselves across the second floor entrance, while five others covered the first floor entrance. The activists placed their arms through openings in the security scanners which line the entrances, and then locked them within large metal pipes.

At the same time, a banner reading "BOYCOTT MACY'S--FUR IS MURDER," was unfurled from a second floor railing. The activists were eventually removed, as Macy's personnel decided to sacrifice the $5,000 scanners rather than allow the blockade to continue.

Cornell Students Fight Dissection



ITHACA, NY -- An animal rights activist was arrested for allegedly burning an effigy of Fred Quimby, chief of Cornell's Animal Welfare Committee, during a student demonstration on October 26. The protest was held to highlight Quimby's refusal to act on a resolution approved unanimously last year by the Student Assembly that states pupils objecting to the harming and killing of animals should be given alternatives to dissection in the classroom.

Continuing their anti-dissection campaign, nine activists were arrested November 2nd while silently "bearing witness" to the dissection of frogs in an introductory biology class. This was soon followed by an action claimed by the Band of Mercy: sealing shut the doors to Comstock Hall with bike locks and superglue, thus preventing biology professors from entering the building to kill frogs for a morning class dissection.

Chatham 3 & Hegins 7 Court Updates

CHATHAM, ONTARIO (Canada) -- The Chatham 3 appeared in court on November 16 and a trial date was finally declared for March 1, 1999. If convicted for the alleged liberation of 1,500 minks from the Eberts Fur Farm, the defendants could receive an 18-month prison sentence.

Incidentally, traitor Alan Hoffman was supposed to be sentenced, once again, on November 2. However, for the second straight time, his lawyer, Frank Miller, never showed up. Miller appears to be fully cooperating with the Crown Attorney's efforts to keep Hoffman unsentenced until the Chatham 3's trial so he can be forced to testify. Technically, his earlier statement implicating the Chatham 3 is inadmissable until he takes the stand.

For the record, Gary Yourofsky's 40-day symbolic hunger strike WILL go on if guilty verdicts are handed down. So, if anyone else has received comfirmations about activists wishing to take part in 1 to 7-day solidarity hunger strikes, please contact Gary (P.O. Box 725, Royal Oak, MI 48068, (810) 763-2715, DogmaDay@aol.com). Remember, the symbolic strike is a great way to garner AR media attention in your city.

If ADAPTT does not have its website up and running when March comes around, trial/hunger strike info will be posted on Animal Emancipation's website at http://www.envirolink.org/arrs/ae/index.html.

HEGINS, PA -- Seven activists arrested in September 1997 for engaging in an act of civil disobedience at the annual Hegins pigeon shoot, went to trial one year later in September 1998. The activists originally faced eight charges, including felonies. By the time they went to trial, successful pretrial motions eliminated the felonies. All seven defendants testified. The court barred witnesses who would have testified to the cruelty and history of the shoot.

After one hour of deliberating, the jury found the activists guilty only of "Obstruction of Highway" and acquitted them on all other charges. At sentencing, all seven were forced to take 12 months probation and levied fines of $500 each. The activists asked for jail time in lieu of paying the fines but were denied. Restitution was originally assessed at $15,000 until defense argued for out-of-pocket expenses only, totaling $3,900. Court support was fantastic and the Hegins7 extend their thanks to everyone who contributed to the defense. For more information, please contact Animal Rights America at 973-228-7632 or ara@superlink.net.

Political Pie-Slingers On The Move

by Agent Apple, Biotic Baking Brigade

BAY AREA, CA -- The Biotic Baking Brigade (BBB) is a movement of militant bakers who deliver just desserts to corporate and political scoundrels. The most recent action was November 23's Operation "Double Fudge," in which we pied the CEO of the world's biggest biotech corporation (David Watson of Novartis) along with two University of California Chancellors.

The incidents concluded the eighth successful BBB mission for a grand total of 11 powerful and unaccountable public figures who have received the BBB's just desserts. Other recipients include Robert Shapiro (CEO, Monsanto Co.), Charles Hurwitz (CEO, MAXXAM, parent company of Pacific Lumber) and Carl Pope (Executive Director, Sierra Club).

I've been asked by your editors to focus on the Shapiro and Watson incidents because the corporations these men represent are big-time animal abusers and vivisectors, and the effect that biotech has had and will have on the animal world is profound and terrifying.

Shapiro was struck in the face and shoulder with two vegan tofu creme and sweet potato pies at the "State of the World Forum" conference in San Francisco. The facial treatment occurred after Shapiro gave a keynote address on the brave new world of genetic engineering. The "Anti-Genetix" splinter faction of the BBB claimed credit for the gustatory assault, which was code-named "Operation Safe Harvest."

After Shapiro gave his speech and left the stage, BBB Field Agents Custard and Lemon Meringue approached him and let fly with righteous pies (we call it SAS, Special Air Service). Both agents were detained by security and arrested by SF Police. Custard has been charged with misdemeanor battery while the other person was released without charge.

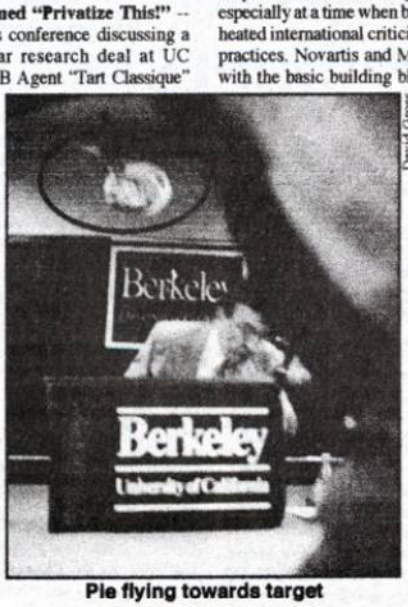
Monsanto and its subsidiaries have spread chemical death across every continent through products such as Agent Orange, Roundup (the world's biggest selling herbicide), Equal and Nutrasweet, as well as recombinant BGH.

For Operation "Double Fudge," the BBB teamed up with the anti-genetic engineering group Hexterminators to offer their input on two "strategic alliances" between public universities and multinational biotechnology corporations:

• **Phase I, code-named "Privatize This!"** -- Shortly after a press conference discussing a multi-million dollar research deal at UC Berkeley began, BBB Agent "Tart Classique" and Hexterminator activist "Super Seed Woman" delivered delicious airborne vegan pumpkin pies to Douglas Watson, President and CEO of biotech giant Novartis as well as Gordon Rausser, Dean of the College of Natural Resources at UC Berkeley. While in the midst of delivery, the two pie warriors were tackled, inadvertantly splattering Chancellor Berdahl and a Provost. Both pie-slingers were charged with assault and trespass, then cited and released.

• **Phase II, code-named "Cow Pie Special"** -- At a campus "brown bag lunch," BBB Agent Cow (dressed in transvestite drag, no joke) dished up a lovely banana créme pie to UC Davis Chancellor Larry Vanderhoof, also achieving pleasant and harmless facial deliverance. This special treat was served as a response to the UC-Davis "strategic alliance" with genetic engineering pirate Monsanto, which will result in a new biotech research facility on campus. Agent Cow disappeared without a trace.

The BBB and Hexterminators hold the University of California in flagrant contempt of its mission as a public interest institution by selling its facilities, services and students to the world's largest biotechnology and agrochemical corporations. This is completely unacceptable, especially at a time when both corporations face heated international criticism for their business practices. Novartis and Monsanto are playing with the basic building blocks of life, as well as the food security of millions across the globe. Clearly, November 23, 1998 will be remembered as a good day to pie.



David Cross

Pie flying towards target

In closing, I would like to emphasize the fact that we are all "entarteurs," or pie-throwers. Any one can be the BBB-just do it. There are plenty of deserving targets in every bio-region. Animal exploiters and corporate scum realize that we don't just promise pie in the sky - we deliver. And we will wage our gastronomical struggle with epicurean passion.

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DAVIS, CA -- The ELF sabotaged seven large yellow machines of death on September 20. Gas tanks were filled with sand, chest-high tires were slashed and wires were cut.

SANTA ANA, CA -- On September 22 an animal rights activist was released from jail after serving 36 days of his 45-day sentence, the entirety of which he spent on hunger strike. *[see NC #10, p. 7]*. His hunger-strike inspired Procter & Gamble protests around the country, and a national call-in day against P&G. Apparently P&G was so disturbed by this that they called the jail to complain.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- At an anti-fur demonstration on September 23, an activist from California was violently attacked by an unidentified security guard from the fur store (ZCMI). The activist had offered the goon a *Guide to Compassionate Living* leaflet and was subsequently slammed into a pillar and shaken violently.

ITHACA, NY -- Procter & Gamble canceled a recruiting session at Cornell University on September 30 after animal rights activists stated they would be willing to "risk arrest" to drive the corporation from campus. In previous weeks, activists had stormed a similar recruiting session and confronted P&G representatives at their table at the university's Corporate Career Fair.

NEW YORK, NY -- On the afternoon of October 4, Reclaim the Streets partiers gathered at the Astor Place Cube and then proceeded to Broadway. A tripod was set up, banners were hung and the festivities began as dancers, fire-breathers, jugglers, face-painters and puppets joined in the fun. The party lasted for more than two hours and spontaneously drew more than 1,000 people.

FOX LAKE, IL -- A man drowned after he and a friend inadvertently blew a hole in the bottom of their rowboat with a large firecracker. The two had been using M-250 firecrackers to kill fish, when the wind blew them over a deployed firecracker and poetically sunk them. *[Date unknown]*

COVINGTON, LA -- Twenty-four rhesus monkeys escaped from Tulane University's research center on October 18. Unfortunately, all but two were recaptured in a matter of days. In 1994, 100 monkeys were liberated from this facility after activists cut through the chain link fence.

NEW YORK, NY -- A new computer game was announced on October 20, which parodies the *Deer Hunter*. The new game is called "Deer Avenger." In it, players take on the role of deer out for revenge. In order to track down those pesky "big-bellied deer hunters," players can use an assortment of calls such as "Free Beer Here!" and "Help, I'm naked and I have a pizza" to fool them into coming to you. Once they're in range, players can happily blast away with M-16s or bazookas, knowing you're making the world a better place for all! Different play scenarios are available including West Virginia in Fall ("Get them redneck hunters before their bladders burst") and Connecticut in Spring ("Track yuppie hunters too dumb to stay in their SUVs"). For more info: **http://www.simonsays.com/eddomain/cgi-bin/pressrelease/view.cgi/908985390**

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LONG BEACH, CA -- Four Greenpeace activists slipped aboard a Canadian ship on October 20 and strung up a large banner which read: "Stop Destroying the Great Bear Rainforest." The activists then chained themselves to a loading crane. The ship's cargo included more than four tons of newsprint that had been made from old-growth trees. The action lasted for four days.

BETHESDA, MD -- Two activists were arrested October 22 for distributing Last Chance for Animals, fliers offering a $100,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of a vivisector for animal abuse at NIH.

SAN DIEGO, CA -- Approximately 200 people joined in the local October 22 day of protest against police brutality. Police attacked one young protester, knocking him to the ground and teaming up to kick and beat him. 50 supporters took part in a sit-in in the police driveway in solidarity. Eventually police moved in, swinging their clubs and injuring many more activists. 16 were arrested.

HOLLYWOOD, CA -- On October 28, on the city's renowned "Hollywood" sign, a six-story-tall banner was hung from the "H", reading "Yes on 4" (a state ballot initiative banning the use of leghold traps which was voted on and passed about a week later). Similar banner drops reportedly occurred in San Francisco and San Diego.

ATLANTA, GA -- Five activists scaled a giant construction crane in view of the Home Depot World Headquarters on October 28 to hang a 2,000-square-foot banner which read: "Home Depot: Stop Selling Old Growth Wood."

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY -- Members of Vassar Animal Rescue Coalition (VARC) protested a lecture given by Jim Herndon from Yerkes at Vassar on October 29. The lecture was about his research that involves prying into the brains of aging rhesus monkeys. The building and room of the lecture were decorated with anti-vivisection posters. At the end of the lecture, VARC members asked him questions regarding the morality of vivisection and the scientific flaws in animal research.

SACRAMENTO, CA - Bans on fur trapping and against the horse meat industry were passed in California this November. Cock fighting was also banned in Arizona and Missouri, but attempts to ban dove hunting in Ohio and wolf snaring in Alaska failed, as did the attempt to stop an amendment protecting hunting in Minnesota.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Two activists were arrested on November 4 for throwing an estimated five gallons of red paint in front of ZCMI, a local fur-selling department store. Both were charged with disorderly conduct.

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ -- Two members of ADL-NJ were arrested on November 7 at Furs by Guarino, during the group's regularly scheduled demonstration. At the conclusion of the protest, an officer who refused to identify himself, grabbed an activist and pulled him across the parking lot toward his police vehicle, witnesses said. A second activist was arrested while trying to discover the reason for the first arrest. Both were charged with resisting arrest and interfering with a police investigation, while the first was also charged with trespassing.

Primate Vivisection Protests Continue

NATIONAL -- On November 11, coordinated demonstrations took place in 14 cities across the nation protesting the use of monkeys and apes in biomedical experimentation. These protests were just one part of an ongoing national effort to educate the general public about the daily cruelty hidden behind locked laboratory doors and the obscene waste of public funds.

November 11, Veterans' Day, was chosen to highlight the connection between the U.S. government's secret experiments on humans and its betrayal of the Air Force space program chimpanzees recently sold to the Coulston Foundation, instead of retired to sanctuaries. In both cases, the "benefits" to national security and public health were judged by scientists to outweigh the interests of the individual; public opinion was not sought. In fact, the government's experiments on its citizens was hidden and denied, and public sentiment regarding the Air Force chimpanzees was ignored.

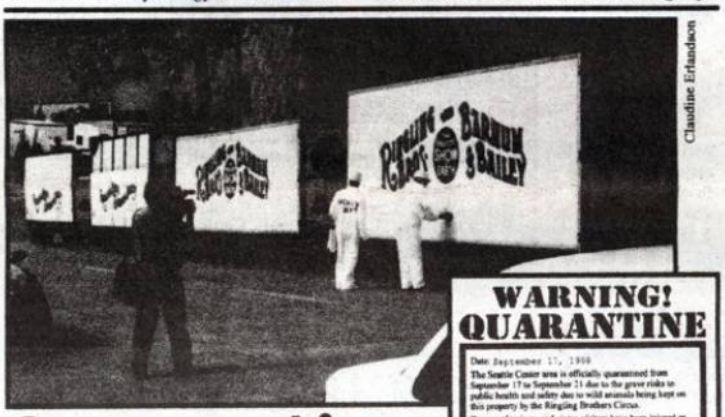
Actions varied from a quiet candlelight vigil in front of the University of Wisconsin's Harlow Primate Psychology Lab in Madison to a two-mile march to Harvard's New England Regional Primate Research Center to an activist hanging on the side of University of California San Francisco Medical Center building for six days to protest sound blast experiments on squirrel monkeys.

Pitch Weekly, a newspaper in Kansas City, featured the national protests and primate experimentation. The front page showed a large photo of caged monkeys in laboratories, and the decidedly pro-monkey article was many pages long with photos throughout.

The continuing national campaign endeavors to bring the issue of primate experimentation into the public eye. Already 133 organizations have signed on as co-sponsors to the call for a presidential moratorium and creation of a diverse presidential advisory committee to make recommendations to the president and the nation. Yet, public opinion continues to be ignored.

For complete information on primate experimentation or to learn how you can become involved contact:

Coalition to End Primate Experimentation
P.O. Box 34293, Washington, DC 20043
1-888-391-8948 • www.enviroweb.org/cepe



Claudine Erlandson


WARNING!
QUARANTINE

Date: September 17, 1998
The Seattle Center area is officially quarantined from September 17 to September 21 due to the grave risks to public health and safety due to wild animals being kept on this property by the Ringling Brothers Circus.
Dozens of trainers and circus visitors have been injured or killed by wild animals in urban settings such as this one. Trainers lack the ability to restrain wild animals such as elephants should they decide to disobey. Although they have been beaten into submission, occasionally elephants rebel often with fatal consequences.
As well, this year there have been reported incidents of circus elephants infected with Tuberculosis. This disease CAN be spread to your children. Keep your children away from wild animals for their own safety and your peace of mind.
Write Mayor Paul E. Schell , 600 4th Ave., 12 Floor, Seattle 98104. Tell him that you support a city ordinance banning traveling wild animal shows in the City of Seattle.

WARNING!
QUARANTINE

Quarantine Posters Warn Circus-Goers

by Bob Chorush

SEATTLE, WA -- Are four men dressed in hard hats, dust masks and tyvik jumpsuits stenciled with "Health Dept." a threat to public safety?

The Seattle police department thought so. They jumped to that conclusion after four men plastered more than 150 "Warning—Quarantine" signs around the perimeter of a downtown performance of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The signs pointed out the dangers to human health caused by animals used in circuses, including attacks by the animals and the spread of disease; and asked readers to write Seattle Mayor Paul Schell in support of an ordinance banning animals in circuses.

The large black and red (on white) signs (pictured above) slowed traffic, sent TV news crews scurrying and sparked a rash of phone calls to the Public Health department, the police and Seattle Center officials. Seattle police apprehended two of the costumed activists, but did not detain them when the activists requested to leave. Once around the corner, they shed their costumes and blended into regular activity of the city streets.

Stymied police and Seattle Center security staff cracked down on *legal* weekend anti-circus demonstrations already scheduled by local organizations. The police blamed the "Quarantine Crew" for ruining things for others, although the demonstrators were steadfast in their belief that it is keeping animals in captivity that is the problem.

The activists, who were never identified, risked a $50 per sign fine for posting on public utility poles, as well as an unknown penalty for falsely declaring a medical emergency or some such thing.

Five separate groups staged activities during this year's Ringling sojourn in Seattle. The protests ranged from a silent witnessing of animal abuse by several Church of the Earth members who were ejected from the circus and banned from the grounds, to traditional leafleting by the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN).

Dallas Pigeon Shoot Banned

by Lydia Nichols

DALLAS, TX -- August 21, 1998 brought the opening day of the Dallas Gun Club's controversial three-day pigeon shoot in a Texas suburb. The *Dallas Morning News* reported that nearly 25,000 pigeons were to be released from cages one at a time and shot. Animal Liberation of Texas (ALT) immediately sent out press releases condemning the shoot by the private gun club sparking public outcry, while Don Feare, a prominent animal rights attorney, began researching legal means to end the barbaric shoot.

On the second day of the shoot, animal protection groups came together for a day-long protest outside the Gun Club. ALT representatives were interviewed throughout the weekend by local television, radio and print media outlets, as well as the BBC from the UK. Local media covered the story for five consecutive days, bringing the plight of the pigeons into millions of homes.

On the third day, activists found a dead pigeon with his tail feathers ripped off, outside the perimeters of the club. Ripping out the tail feathers of live birds violates animal cruelty laws in Texas. This finding gave Don Feare the angle he needed to take legal action. He immediately filed a request for a restraining order against the Dallas Gun Club to stop the shoot based on this evidence. After reviewing the allegations, a judge granted the restraining order on the last day of August.

Just one day before a scheduled practice shoot, the club filed a motion for dismissal of the restraining order. The Judge overruled their motion saving an estimated 4,000 birds who were to be killed during the practice shoot.

On October 13, both sides presented their cases to the court. Animal protection activists brought forward evidence of inappropriate living conditions for the 15,000 pigeons held at each shoot and evidence that the dead pigeon found outside the facility had had his tail feathers removed, violating state law. We called three witnesses: a local veterinarian who had inspected the premises, a Carrollton resident and an ex-employee of the club. The Dallas Gun Club called upon a Texas Parks and Wildlife employee, who was discredited during cross-examination, and a Pennsylvania veterinarian, who was forced to admit that he was receiving $2,000 per day for his efforts.

The judge read a brief speech asserting that the Dallas Gun Club had violated animal cruelty laws and proclaimed that these shoots were a disgrace to "sportsmen." He presented his judgment to the court, implementing a permanent restraining order against the club, prohibiting it from holding any more pigeon shoots—including the one scheduled for later that week. With just two days to spare, 15,000 animals were saved.

ALT is working closely with the Carrollton Nature Coalition to ban pigeon shoots within city limits. So far, the majority of the city council members stated that they would support such an ordinance. In addition, ALT has formed Texans against Canned Pigeon Shoots (TACPS), a legislative coalition to ban pigeon shoots across the state. To date, more than 20 organizations have joined in the effort and we have received positive feedback from many state legislators.

There are many tactics that activists and organizations can use to fight against animal abusers. The most productive tactic is taking legal action. With a great attorney, determination, and a sympathetic judge, activists were able to beat the odds and stop the Dallas Gun Club from holding future pigeon shoots.

Standoff at Neah Bay

NEAH BAY, WA -- The Makah indian tribe has fought for and won the US's approval to hunt five endangered gray whales per year for the next four years despite the lack of consent by the International Whaling Commission. They have convinced the government and the public that it is their "treaty right" to hunt whales for cultural subsistance even thought they have survived without whaling for 70 years. Freedom of Information Act documents revealed that the Makah intend to build a whale, seal and sea lion processing plant and export the "products" to the Japanese and Norwegian markets.

On October 1st, the first day that the Makah could legally kill a whale, approximately 10-15 boats representing the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Sea Defense Alliance (SeDnA), the West Coast Anti-Whaling Society and the Progressive Animal Welfare Society descended on Neah Bay to monitor, protest and, if necessary, interfere with the hunt. Sea Shepherd's 95 and 250 foot vessels were anchored just outside the Bay while 2 SeDnA cabin cruisers and a fleet of Canadian whale watching zodiacs patrolled the waters around the Washington peninsula daily.

There was much tension between anti-whalers and the Makah during the following months with both sides garnering international media attention. Anti-whalers were banned from the reservation and threatened with violence. Sure enough, four Sea Shepherd members were arrested when they attempted to go ashore by invitation from Makah elder Alberta Thompson (the lone community member to publicly oppose the hunt). One woman was pushed in the water and a man had his face bloodied when it was pushed into the ground during the brutal arrests.

The protesters retreated in late November when seas were too rough to patrol or for the whalers to hunt. The Makah and their opposition are expected to return to the waters next spring when the whales migrate through the area again.

It has taken 75 years to regain the trust of these gentle creatures since a systematic policy of genocide nearly caused their extinction. It is unacceptable that we should betray that trust now. If you would like to volunteer with Sea Defense Alliance in Neah Bay in the spring or on future campaigns or to donate, contact:

SeDnA, PO Box 401, Williams, OR 97544
sedna@cdsnet.net • www.sedna.org

McRound-Up

World Wide Actions Target McDonald's

by Mike N. Durschmid

CHICAGO, IL -- October 16, 1998 marked the 17th annual World Day of Action against McDonald's. Here are a few highlights.

In San Diego, Vegan Militant Movement members besieged the Hillcrest McDeath. Protesters walked through the restaurant chanting. Later in the protest, "Ronald McMurder" was seen climbing atop the McPlayland and working his way to the rooftop. Two activists were arrested.



Ronald McMurder takes to the rooftop in San Diego with police in pursuit

Tidewater Animal Defense held their 6th action at a Virginia Beach (VA) location using many costumes and props to spice up the day.

At the West-Town store in Chicago, activists handed out Spanish-versions of "What's Wrong with McDonalds" to interested passersby. Police harassment was rampant, but the event was videotaped, allowing for activists to take future legal action.

The ALF struck Atlanta-area McDonald's' by painting such messages as "Meat Is Murder," "ALF," "Go Vegan" and "100 Billion Killed." *[Source: ALF Press Office.]*

SETA organized an excellent McAction in Eugene (OR) with more than 20 activists conducting walk-throughs at two McStores.

Members of B.R.A.V.E. marched on four different McStores in Boston (MA) to counteract deliberate and deceptive marketing.

Internationally, the day was observed with McActions in Wales, Birmingham, Nottingham, Finland, Sweden and Croatia. In New Zealand, activists set up a gas cooker and served more than 100 veggie burgers (and 1,000 leaflets) to the crowd gathering to watch the accompanying street theatre.

STOPPING McSTORES

Thanks to a campaign of lobbying, letter-writing, and leafleting, outraged residents stopped the construction of a new 'McDrive-Thru' in Herefordshire, UK.

The campaign to oust an on-campus McDonald's at Palos Hills (IL) succeeded when its 15-year lease expired and was not renewed! For more than one year, students and the Red Gate EF! campaigned against this store, by leafletting, hanging banners, holding walk-throughs and organizing lock-down shut-downs.

LABOR

Workers are more than ever standing up to the abusive McSlavery-machine. Just this year, at least six North American job actions are fighting the McGreedy clown. In Vancouver (Canada), workers succeeded in forming the first ever certified unionized McDonald's in North America. Walk-outs, sign-ups and strikes in Quebec (Canada), Macedonia (OH), Burke (VA), Louisville (KY) and St. Paul (MN) have resulted in store closures and increased wages/benefits.

For More Info:
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McYinYang2@hotmail.com

News Briefs

CALIFORNIA -- The California Department of Forestry (CDF) informed the Pacific Lumber Company on November 10 that its license to log was being revoked because of repeated serious violations of the California Forest Practice Rules.

FORT BENNING, GA -- After three dozen activists were sentenced to 6 months in jail apiece for "trespassing" at last year's School of the Americas protest, attendance increased dramatically for this year's protest. Approximately 7,000 people showed up for the November 16th protest, with 2,193 of them engaging in an act of civil disobedience by solemnly marching across the base's property line in a funeral procession. Police cuffed these activists and bussed them out of the area but declined to bother making arrests this year. The School of the Americas trains Latin American soldiers to kill. Graduates of the school have been responsible for some of the most notorious massacres and human rights abuses in that region.

NEW YORK -- Nine state hunters died by November 18 the third day of rifle season. Seven died from heart failure, one shot himself and another was shot by his father (who apparently mistook him for a deer). Another hunter was killed in Wisconsin after being shot by a 13-year-old boy who mistook his head for a squirrel.

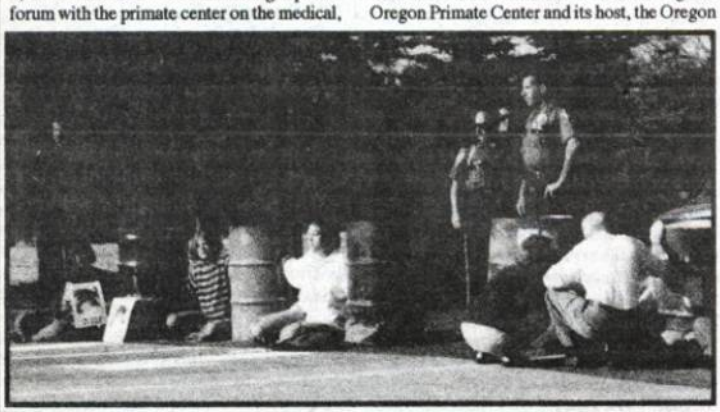
SEATTLE, WA -- On November 20 animal rights activists hung a 6 by 22-foot banner over a freeway overpass which read: "Thanksgiving Is Murder on Turkeys."

HOLLOMAN AFB, NM -- The Coulston Foundation laid off one-third of its staff (26 people) on November 21, due to contract cancellations resulting from pressure from the animal liberation movement. Reportedly, Coulston is paying out-of-pocket to keep the facility afloat!

GREENFIELD VILLAGE, MI -- Three turkeys who would have been slaughtered for holiday meals this week were rescued on the night of November 21. Local animal lovers had tried to persuade Greenfield Village officials to send the turkeys to a sanctuary in Manchester, but their attempts were rebuffed.

Primate Center Blockade

PORTLAND, OR—Six activists locked down to seven 1,000-pound barrels, closing the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center for several hours on the morning of September 9, 1998. Activists were demanding a public forum with the primate center on the medical, moral, scientifics and ethical implications of past, current and future nonhuman primate experimentation.



For two years, activists from the Liberation Collective in Portland have been asking the Oregon Primate Center and its host, the Oregon Health and Sciences University, for this simple public meeting to discuss what has come from more than 30 years of primate-based experimentation. The requests have been repeatedly denied.

The barrel blockade at the primate center greeted representatives from the National Institutes of Health who were visiting to decide on future grant allocations to the center. Activists couldn't have picked a better day.

The six activists, along with a supporting protester who videotaped the action from a tree, were cited with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct, and later released.

Other support activists were also arrested when they attempted to stop the primate center security from moving one of the barrels, thereby hurting a locked-down activist. One final protester was arrested for jaywalking while on a separate side street away from the center. She found out later in jail that the city where she was arrested does not have a jaywalking ordinance. The charge was changed to disorderly conduct.

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PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND — In August, two vegans were arrested after they smashed the front doors of a McDonald's and threw piles of McDeath litter into the store. They were convicted of willful damage.

OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND — The siege on Hillgrove Farm continued the weekend of September 5. Hundreds of activists faced off against hundreds of riot-gear-clad mounted police, resulting in ten arrests on charges of assault, affray and public disorder.

PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA — The Ogoni 20 were released unconditionally on September 7 after serving four years as political prisoners. The 20 had worked with Ken Saro-Wiwa, who was executed in 1995 for his campaign work against the pollution of Ogoni lands by Royal Dutch/Shell.

EAST LONDON, ENGLAND — An angling shop in Leytonstone closed in September after repeated ALF attacks.

LONDON, ENGLAND — The defendants from the McLibel trial filed suit against the police department in September for having illegally released names and addresses from their case to private investigators working for McDonald's.

SWEDEN — A 15-year-old boy was shot to death on September 20 while hunting birds with his father. The father had just murdered a bird when he accidently discharged another round into the head of his son.

NIGERIA — Nigerian activists began preparations to file suit against Chevron for the company's role in the killing of two protesters on board an off-shore oil platform last May. The activists were 2 of approximately 100 demonstrators who had occupied the platform protesting the pollution and exploitation of local resources without just compensation by the company. The unarmed protesters had been attacked by armed police flown in and financed by Chevron.

SWEDEN — The appeal for a new trial for Kristofer Aberg and Henrik Seger *[See Interview NC #9, p. 3]* was denied on September 22. Henrik's sentence of 180 hours of community service and Kristofer's four-month jail term will stand.

LONDON, ENGLAND — The UK ALF Press Officer was gas-attacked through the post on September 22. An envelope contained a powder which was most likely the main constituent of CS gas. It is conjectured that this attack was based on his involvement with a local animal rights group and its campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences.

OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND — Colin Reider, 37, was sentenced to four months for Section 4 of the Public Order Act (threatening behaviour) in late September following an incident at the Hillgrove demonstration on April 18. *[Address can be found on p. 25]*

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — "Save the SMI Monkeys" began on September 25. The campaign aims to close down the primate vivisection lab at SMI. Protests have been held every Monday morning and Friday afternoon with 30 to 50 protesters at each event.

To contact groups in any of the countries covered here, please refer to our international contact list on page 31 of the Trenches.

Barry Horne Hungerstrike



Barry in hospital on November 25, Day 50

government's (absurd) official statement was that they "refused to let government policy be dictated by blackmail."

Support for Horne - and disdain for the Labour Party - was immense. The horrors of vivisection received international attention due to mass vigils and protests in Britain, and Barry Horne support demonstrations throughout the world. All over America, British flags were burned and flyers were distributed about Barry's situation and about vivisection. ALF raids in Finland, New York and England were done in solidarity with the hunger strike and demand.

In Britain, people engaged in civil disobedience; some by taking over offices, others created a barricade in front of a notorious place of animal abuse and then locked themselves to a car parked in front. Some activists preferred other types of direct action in the form of banner hangs, damaging Labour Party offices and spraypainting slogans on buildings. Activists on the outside engaged in support hunger strikes in late November and early December; one hour for every day Barry has gone without food. And in prison, other animal liberation prisoners wrote letters of support and some engaged in 48 hour support hunger strikes. Early on, Barry wrote that non animal liberation prisoners were also very supportive, asking how he was doing and why he was doing a hunger strike, which gave him the "opportunity to explain all about Labour's broken promises and suchlike, and quite a few of them were supportive and wished me success."

The immense support raised his already high morale and strengthened his resolve to see this through, for the animals sake. Despite having good spirits, Barry did receive extreme bodily damage, a large part of which may be irreversible. When he ended the strike, Barry was blind in his right eye, deaf in his left ear and had considerable liver damage. Earlier, the doctors had said that if he lost 33% of his body weight, he would most likely die, but by December 19, the day he ended the strike, he had lost approximately 40% of his total body weight.

As death appeared imminent, police forces at least in the UK and America were concerned about the possible revenge his supporters would seek. Security alerts were sent to any and all businesses involved in animal abuse, especially those involved with vivisection and police agencies across England prepared to multiply their troops on the streets expecting riots.

On Day 66 of the strike, certainly a most critical time in the strike as Barry was frail, gaunt, having trouble breathing, and in extreme pain (he had been unable to leave his bed since November 22 and given his last rites on November 23), the Home Office decided to move him from the hospital wing back to the prison wing. They said that since he had a living will stating that he was not to receive any medical assistance should he go into a coma, there was no point in him staying at the Prison Hospital. Yet Horne had always had this living will and had always been refusing treatment, so moving him at that late stage of the strike was nothing short of an attempt on Barry's life. When the government finally made a deal that Horne and supporters felt was enough of a positive indication towards the end of animal experimentation, he then rescinded his living will and was rushed back to the hospital to begin a nourishment plan that had already been prepared for him.

At press time, it remains to be seen how well this nourishment program will work in helping Barry's recovery from the longest hunger strike the animal liberation movement has ever seen. One thing is certain: the Home Office, who decided to move Barry so close to death, will be held accountable and will get the same amount of aggression they would have received had Horne died. And, as Barry's close friend Annette Tibbles said, "God forbid any animal abuser on that day."

Once imprisoned, the number of tactics at someone's disposal are limited. The hunger strike can certainly be a very effective tactic and Barry Horne illustrated just how. The selfless action of sacrificing your life for the "memory of every single animal that has gone before, and with compassion for all those now imprisoned in those labs," when coupled with good, principled support on the outside, can achieve a lot of remarkable things.

This strike also proves that politicians will say anything to get elected, but once in office, it's up to the grassroots activists to make sure they carry through with their promises or suffer the appropriate consequences of, among other things, international embarrassment and citizen backlash against the same lying government.

"If the government had kept its promises to reduce and eventually end animal experiments, none of this need happened," said Clare Ellis, spokesperson of the Animals Betrayed Coalition (ABC), the main organization doing support for Barry. "In the future, the government must respect the wishes of the people and we will be working to ensure that they do."

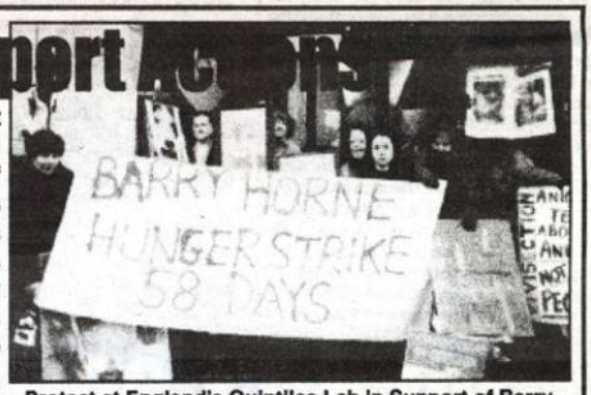
The animal liberation movement has, for the time being, just barely averted having its first martyr. The Royal Commission is expected to start in January, 1999. Barry Horne's case appeal is also on January 22 and the whole movement is surely supporting him on that.

If the Royal Commission's findings reveal that vivisection is as fraudulent, wasteful and useless as activists have so long been proving, than vivisection should be on its way out in Britain. And after that, America and the rest of the world should not be too far behind. If this is the case, then Barry Horne's courageous action will be a prime force in jump-starting the movement to abolish vivisection.

For more information on Barry Horne, check out the support webpage:
http://www.animal-liberation.net/barry

Support

This is just a very small fraction of the dozens and dozens of actions in solidarity with Barry's hungerstrike & demands.



Protest at England's Quintiles Lab in Support of Barry

12/19 - England. As the news was coming out about Barry ending his hunger strike, Labour Offices around the country were having their windows smashed. This included offices in Hemel Hempstead, Watford and Wycombe.

12/11 - New Zealand. British flag burned at High Commission (third protest in 2 weeks).

12/5 - York, England. 24 hour vigil at District Hospital. Banners hung from roof.

12/3 - Vienna, Austria. Representatives of 3 leading animal protection societies met with a rep of the British Embassy to talk about Barry and the election promises of the Labour Government. There has been 4 demontrations at the the British Embassy in Vienna so far.

12/3 - England. Animal Rights Militia has announced a list of 10 vivisectors who will be killed, in the event that Barry Horne dies through government broken promises.

12/2 - Dusseldorf, Germany. A demo was held in front of the British Consulate.

12/1 - USA. Demonstrations were held at British Embassies in around a dozen cities on this second day of national action in support of Barry. Protesters burned British flags and effigies of British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

12/?? - Helsinki, Finland. "Save Barry", "stop vivisection" , "ALF" written on wall of British Embassy. Also, 3 vivisectors' houses spraypainted, windows smashed and vehicles damaged.

11/?? - Cambridge, England. Labour Party Headquarters had its windows smashed.

11/30 - Jeziory Wielkie, Poland. A fox farm was raided. About 730 foxes were painted with harmless dye. Slogans in support of Barry painted.

11/29 - Bilbao, Spain. Spanish activists attacked a bullfighting club in Bilbao City with stones and paint bombs.

11/25 - Durham, England. Candlelight vigil at Tony Blair's house.

11/13 - London, England. 79 walls were spraypainted in Dalston, Hackney Central, Homerton and Clapton areas with slogans such as "Support Barry Horne hungerstrike", "stop vivisection", etc.

11/5 - New York, USA. The A.L.F. liberated almost 100 pheasants and quail from Pine Plains where the animals were to be killed during a gruesome "canned hunt."

International Fur Wars

Swedish Farmers Getting Desparate

SWEDEN -- Since 1997, there have been more than 40 fur farm raids in Sweden. Countless animals have been liberated, fur farms have been burned down and the war against the fur industry continues.

A fox farm in Norberg will be forbidden from "farming" foxes after December 1998. The decision came after an animal rights group lodged a complaint after receiving photos and videotape of the farm's regulation violations from an undercover inspection by anonymous animal rights campaigners.

The fur farmers in Sweden have now decided to fight back against the liberators, some even resorting to violence. This year, fur farmers have tried to shoot activists on their farms and threatened people who expose the cruelty against animals on fur farms.

When two convicted A.L.F activists were in Svenljunga to document conditions on fur farms, they were walking in the town and a car pulled up beside them. A farmer jumped out and asserted that he and the rest of the local fur farmers and industry people had a price on one of the activist's head. He also said that if the activists or their friends where seen by a fur farmer liberating animals, they will "disappear." The two activists took down the car's registration number and later learned that the man was the owner of the largest fur farm in Svenljunga.

In a village with many fur farms, the owners regularly patrol their property and the roads and stop suspicious cars. It's clear that they won't hesitate to kill an activist trying to liberate animals on their farms. One fur farmer, who has been raided thrice since early 1997, said, "I don't hesitate to shoot an activist who tries to attack my fur farm."

The fur farmers are becoming more desperate every day. They understand that we will do everything we can to finish off the bloody fur trade. We will win this war, but to win, we must take risks and make sacrifices for the ones who can't speak or fight for themselves, the animals.

Finland Fur Struggle Continues

FINLAND -- This autumn has been a difficult time for fur farmers here: economic recession in Russia and the Far East brought a dramatic fall in pelt prices; animal rights activists have been extremely active; and the Ministry of Agriculture veterinarians have been critical and vocal about the sorry state of fur feed quality. It is believed that the the economic crisis will continue for two to three more years. And, as a result, many fur farms will be faced with closure, according to the farmers association. As such, these are critical times for the Finnish animal rights movement.

In recent months, there have been at least 11 fur farm raids and 2 arson attacks against the fur industry. Due to these actions, two fur farms have shut down. A mink farm in Kirkkonummi was the target of a raid. The subsequent publicity surrounding the liberation brought the county veterinarian's attention to the horrific conditions the animals were kept in, and the vet in turn shut down the mink farm! All 3,800 minks on the farm were set free in September and the farm is now empty and closed.

The second victory was the Sipari farm in Lappeenranta. The fur store owned by the farmer suffered an arson attack in early October. Less than a week later, Sipari's farm was raided. All 40 foxes were dyed with harmless red henna, and the cages were opened, giving the animals a chance at life. A couple of days later, the farmer announced closure.

And many will follow...

Austria Hits Furriers Hard

AUSTRIA -- Fur trapping as well as fur farming has been made illegal here. Hence we concentrate on banning the import of fur and fighting the fur trade in Austria.

For 12 weeks running we had major anti-fur demos EACH and EVERY Saturday in the city centre of Vienna in front of different fur shops. Such demos last between at least 8 hours and at most 12 hours. We also had demos midweek in the evenings occasionally.

Such a demo involves us putting up a huge display with many banners and posters, as well as a petition to ban the import of fur, a number of illegal leg-hold traps that we have found in Austria, fur farm cages, a television where we continously show anti-fur videos, loads of leaflets and a tape playing recorded screams of dying fur animals (among other props).

Normally, we form hassle squads of five people or so, who follow fur wearers with posters and leaflets. But things have heated up so much lately, that this has become dangerous.

Also, a fur shop owner attacked a female protester, hit her in the face and chased her for a few hundred metres through the streets. He openly admits to the attack and told so to the police, as he feels justified. He has now been charged with assault and by a civil suit for damages.

The ALF has joined in too, smashing the shop windows of 68 fur shops in Vienna in 1998 so far. Additionally, 6 fur shops have been attacked with butyric acid.

Also, a chain of department stores called Kleider Bauer, with 43 different department stores in Austria, has announced publicly that they will never stock or sell real fur again. They describe fake fur as equally as elegant and warm as real fur, and say out of love for animals they will stop trading in real fur. A major victory!!!

NOVEMBER 29 UPDATE:

The furriers have struck back in that they have registered demos at 8 different places all across Vienna City Centre on all 4 Saturdays running up to Christmas. This is a measure to keep us off the City Centre, obviously proving that we are getting to them. The furrier demos had about 5 people on each demo, for 10 hours (!), with each getting paid 100 Schillings per hour. That means costs of 40,000 Schillings each Saturday just for staff.

Unbelievably, the female activist who was hit by a fur shop owner, was found guilty and fined 2000 Schillings for obstructing a police officer and for causing a public nuisance. We have appealed.

UK Fur Farming on its Last Legs

U.K. -- 1998 at last has seen the grassroots anti-fur movement in Britain finding its feet again after a period of inactivity, with only a couple of notable exceptions. Partly through the coordinating efforts of the new U.K. chapter of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT UK), grassroots groups have again taken up the issue. Today there are now campaigns against several of the U.K.'s 14 remaining mink farms.

The Fur Free London campaign (FFL) has been going strong for some years with regular pickets outside the city's fur shops, which has resulted in some stores closing down and others restricting their hours. FFL gained mega publicity in November when activists were leaked a list of customers from an internal source at Calman Links, furriers to the Royal Family and various aristocracy.

The shop went mad, denied there was a leak (claiming the list had been stolen), called in the police, and held a crisis meeting with the British Fur Trade Association (BFTA). It appears that the list, which has been circulated amongst the animal rights movement, was used to send a hoax letter to customers announcing bankruptcy of the store and advising customers to collect furs from cold storage or repairs or else they would be destroyed!

Members of the Cornyhaugh Fur Campaign, protesting against a Northeast mink fur farm, were acquitted of charges under the Protection from Harassment Act in October. Two protesters—earlier found guilty under the Act—were banned from ever again going within one-half of a mile of the farm or risk up to five years in prison!

In the latest case, the magistrate found the activists not guilty of harassing mink farmer (and BFTA director) Peter Harrison stating that, as fewer people in the U.K. are buying fur and the government intends to ban fur farming, "This has to suggest that in the view of the public, the trade is considered bad.... it may be easier to justify campaigning against something which can be shown to be, at the very least unpopular, even though presently lawful, in the eyes of the public." The Crown Prosecution Service, however, under pressure from the fur trade, are trying to overturn the acquittal by taking the case to the High court.

This same fur farmer is also currently on police bail after an unprovoked attack on a CAFT investigator who was trying to film the gassing of mink at the farm. The investigator was hospitalised with head, leg and chest injuries and his camera equipment damaged. We are still waiting to hear if charges will be brought against the farmer.

This year also saw the Animal Liberation Front looking once again at fur farming in the U.K. In August, activists released 6,000 mink from a Hampshire fur farm where that very day a worker had pleaded guilty to six counts of cruelty after being secretly filmed by an anti-fur group beating mink before gassing them the previous winter. The farm owner is currently awaiting trial for a mass of cruelty charges. A week after this raid some brave people returned to release another 1,000 mink from the same farm.

In September, a Staffordshire farm owned by the chairperson of the U.K. Fur Breeders Association was raided, resulting in

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UMEA, SWEDEN — Police surrounded a new McDonald's on September 18 to prevent an attack on the fast-food restaurant by protesters right before its grand opening. Some 50 students were demonstrating outside the restaurant under the watchful eyes of about 15 police after vandals broke windows and threw red paint on its outside walls earlier that week. The restaurant was set to open September 25 and would be the fast-food giant's first outlet in Umea.

NIGERIA — Indigenous, armed activists seized control of key Shell Oil facilities throughout the country during the first week of October, including more than ten oil relay stations, two helicopters and a drilling rig.

SWANSEA, WALES — A report released October 9 revealed that Welsh and English farmers are committing suicide at twice the U.K. average due to feelings that they are disliked by vegetarians, animal rights activists and environmentalists for their greed, abuse of animals and excessive pollution.

THAMES VALLEY, ENGLAND — Police arrested an 11-year-old female on October 12 for her part in protests at Hillgrove Farm. Her mother also faces charges for previous incidents.

ISMIR, TURKEY— Greenpeace activists used concrete blocks on October 12 to barricade the entrance into the harbor of petrochemical company Petkim (which produces PVC plastics and chlorine).

HELSINKI, FINLAND — It was reported on October 16 that a woman, who was trying on a fur coat at Stockmann, injured her hand on a razor blade that was in the pocket of the coat. Her wounds were minor.

OXFORD, ENGLAND — Oxford was brought to a standstill on October 17 with protestors in groups of 100 to 150 dotted all over the city, University, Colin Blakemore's house, etc. Numerous roads were closed and 13 were arrested on various charges.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM -- A garbage bag filled with parts of human bodies from a cemetery was found in front of a McDonald's in October. Reportedly, "Radical Animal Rights Activists" are suspected.

LAPPEENRANTA, FINLAND — The owner of a local fur farm that had been raided announced on October 29 that he will quit farming fur-bearing animals.

REHULA, FINLAND — The action group Ruskanväri performed a henna-dye raid during the weekend on on the weekend of October 24. Five out of the six sheds on the farm were in use, housing approximately 300 foxes. All the foxes were dyed and many of the breeding cards destroyed.

ENGLAND—Steve Kane has been sentenced to nine months on a Violent Disorder conviction for his part in protests at Hillgrove Farm.

BRIGHTON, ENGLAND — In response to the (secret) opening of the Newbury Bypass late on the night of November 16, activists occupied the offices of Mott McDonald's (surveyors for the project) for more than three hours. The nine-mile road, initially priced at £74 million, had soared in cost as some £24 million was spent on security guards and £2.6 million on policing, as the site became the scene of England's largest direct action campaign against a road with more than 1000 arrests. Latest estimates indicate that the road has a lifespan of four years before it reaches previous levels of congestion.

Direct Action News From Around the World

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CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA -- The Japanese whaling mother ship Nisshin Maru caught fire 1600 kilometers off the Australian coast in late November while preparing to commence its annual hunt.

GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN -- Three fur stores were blockaded by means of nonviolent civil disobedience on Fur Free Friday (November 27). Police arrested 19 people representing three separate affinity groups who worked independently of one another, but coordinated their actions. Outside one of the stores, an activist was hit and kicked by the owner of the fur store. The activists, however, remained calm and nonviolent.

ENGLAND -- After much legal wrangling, the case against U.K. ALF Press Officer Robin Webb and Paul Rodgers, editor of *Green Anarchist*--known as the second Gandalf trial--has collapsed *[see "Interview with Noel Molland", NC #10, p. 1]*. In a move to use evidence from the first case against the two defendants, the prosecution argued that as the trial was quashed on appeal, then it had legally never happened and, as such, all evidence could be used in a second trial. The appeal court agreed. But, in an astute legal move, the barrister for Robin Webb and James Woods argued that if the case had been quashed, then these two defendants should not be in court, as all the defendants had been charged and committed together in Magistrate's Court, thus they had never been committed to Crown Court. The case was dropped! It's estimated that the government spent £10 million on the case over its 4-1/2 year duration.

Britain's Hunt Retribution Squad on Tour

by A. Fox
The Portsmouth Three Defense Campaign

On September 26, 1998, a shooting party in West Sussex had just returned home from a day's killing when a black van full of Hunt Retribution Squad activists pulled up. The Hunt Retribution Squad (HRS) activists lept out of their van and attacked three of the hunters with staves. The three received severe bruises and cuts, and one of the hunters later described the incident as "very frightening." In true Hunt Retribution Squad style, having carried out their assault, the activists jumped back into their vehicle and sped off.

However, shortly after the incident occurred, police officers stopped a Hunt Sab van that was innocently traveling through Surrey at the time, and arrested its nine occupants. The nine were all accused of involvement in the HRS action and were later charged with 'Affray.' All nine are now subject to bail conditions.

(This article was written by the Portsmouth Three Defense Campaign (P3DC). The P3DC was set up to help three Hunt Saboteurs who have been charged in connection to a Hunt Retribution Squad attack on the Hursley Hambeldon Fox Hunt on December 13, 1997. For more information about the Portsmouth Three or the work of the Defense Campaign, contact:

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Actions, Arrests and Repression in Belgium

by Anarchist Black Cross-Gent, Belgium

BELGIUM -- On Thursday, November 27, 1998, two 19-year-old activists, Anja and Lindsey, were arrested and their homes in Antwerp and St. Amands searched. They are charged with arson and conspiracy. If found guilty, they face 20 to 30 years behind bars.

Between July and November of 1998, more than 60 attacks in Belgium--ranging from graffiti to arson of butcher shops to McDonald's--were claimed by the ALF.

None of the actions claimed any victims; only property (mostly multinational) was damaged. As of yet, it not clear whether Anja and Lindsey were involved in any way. However, police press releases assert that both admitted in a televised interview that they took part in eight raids on fast food restaurants. One is said to have admitted committing an arson attack on a fast food restaurant near her home.

The arrests are the result of a collaboration between local police, state security and Scotland Yard. Scotland Yard was supposedly called in when a debate took place in Antwerp. Taking part in the debate, before an audience of 120, were Eddy Boutmans, a Belgian Green Party senator; Vincent Scheltiens, a local politician with the Socialist Workers Party; Michel Vandenbosch, an animal rights activist from GAIA; and John Curtin, a spokesperson for the ALFSG-UK.

Anja, who just celebrated her 19th birthday, has been the victim of police harassment and violence since age 16. She is the co-founder of Wordt Vervolgd... (translated: "To be continued...to be prosecuted..."), a police watch organisation that has monitored police brutality since 1997. She has been arrested about 50 times and has had to endure more than ten police raids on her house, eight of them long before the ALF was active in Belgium. The only charge stemming from those raids were excessive noise during a party, for which she was eventually acquitted. She completed a 1,000 plus page research file on police violence, corruption, racism and ties to right wing groups and parties.

In our understanding, this is the real reason both Lindsey and Anja have been arrested and jailed. Both have been politically active for a number of years with the above mentioned police watch, and also with reclaiming the street activities, saving trees from being chopped, protesting the incarceration of refugees into concentration camps, defending the rights of homeless, and feeding the poor. As we, they are engaged in a fierce struggle to get this system off our backs, reclaim our lives and rid the planet from its exploiters. We need Anja and Lindsey with us in the streets to continue what we are building and to contribute to the downfall of Babylon.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Show your support by writing to these dedicated activists (addresses are on page 25)
- Donate to their legal defense. Give what you can spare. If the system carries these charges all the way, their defense could cost 1 million bfr. Donations should go to bank account: 407-6074301-53.
- Contact the support groups:

ZALF (political support)
Paardenmarkt 18, 2000 A'penstad, Belgium
Phone: ++/32/(0)3/232 53 10
E-Mail: resist@earthling.com

And, of course, you could always burn a fast food restaurant near you, but that might get you into jail faster than it will get them out. So beware...

LATEST UPDATE:

As of December 3, another house was raided by police and another activist was arrested in relation to the fires. Unfortunately, we have no further information on the prisoner at press time.

Quintiles Campaign

HEREFORDS, UK -- Quintiles laboratory in Ledbury is a contract testing lab which tests all manner of substances--including surgical implants and household products as well as pharmaceuticals, on such animals as rats, mice, rabbits and beagles.

Protests against the lab began about 20 years ago, when it was known as Toxicol, but these were very sporadic and had little effect. The sole exception was an ALF raid during which rabbits were rescued and photos were taken for use in a British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) campaign.

In 1992, Toxicol was taken over by the U.S.-based, giant, multinational Quintiles company, which refers to itself as a "contract pharmaceutical organisation." The name of the lab was changed to reflect this.

In 1997, some animal rights campaigners who had been demonstrating against animal experiments at Quintiles decided to step up the campaign, and a group called Stop Quintiles' Animal Tests (SQAT) was formed.

In the past 18 months, the lab has been picketed at least once a week and there have been several larger "national" demonstrations there. Leaflets have been distributed door-to-door in Ledbury to increase local opposition to animal experiments at Quintiles, and SQAT street stalls have been held in Ledbury and other towns in the area.

Despite the fact that those involved in the SQAT campaign are quite few in number, a reasonable amount of success has so far been achieved. Several Quintiles workers (some of them quite senior) have left their employment at the lab because of "fear" of animal rights campaigners, and Quintiles has stated that some of its security staff (who now no longer work for the company) have had to undergo counselling because of the stress caused to them by the demonstrations.

Quintiles has also had to spend a fortune on increased security at the lab, with expensive fencing erected and improved surveillance cameras installed. Just recently, Quintiles' staff have been advised not to take the train to and from work, following an incident on a Ledbury railway station when lab workers were harangued by animal rights campaigners.

Quintiles has offices and laboratories in many countries throughout the world, but claims to only carry out animal experiments in the UK. SQAT is attempting to find out whether this is true or not, but, in any event, it does seem that animal experiments only form a relatively small part of the massive Quintiles empire. For this reason, it shouldn't be difficult to persuade the company to give up animal testing, provided sufficient pressure can be brought to bear.

SQAT is in the process of making contact with activists in other countries where Quintiles has offices and labs. It is hoped that protests can be organised at these in order to put more pressure on the company. This will include an international day of action against Quintiles animal tests sometime next year.

The names and addresses of directors of Quintiles (UK) have been obtained and SQAT is looking into all lawful means of putting pressure on them to stop the animal tests.

One director of Quintiles (UK) lives in the US: **Dr. Dennis Gillings; 113 Waterford Pl., The Oaks II, Chapel Hill, NC 27514**

For a complete list of Quintiles' locations in the US or elsewhere, contact SQAT:

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Wores, DY10 3UZ, England
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the release of approximately 8,000 mink. The following night, two cars outside his home were damaged and traps used to catch mink taken away.

Even Ireland joined in the liberating festivities with what must be the first fur farm raid there. In October, several thousand mink were released from a farm in County Waterford in the Irish Republic. The view of several fur farmers is that they just can't wait for the government to hurry up and ban them and give them some compensation money so they can either find something else to do or retire. Fur farming has become just too much hassle.

With the National Week of Action against the fur trade just over and 1998 coming to a close, all in all it's been a busy year for CAFT. Our investigations over the last year have exposed the breeding of mink; stereotypic behaviour, self-mutilation, and cannibalism on U.K. fur farms; killing of mink by gassing; and even the disposal of skinned corpses in a landfill site. No longer can the fur trade hide behind a mask of secrecy. CAFT is here to expose the evil trade, and the attack on one of our investigators shows how much we're getting to the industry.

It really does look as though the fur farming industry in the U.K. is on its last legs, and it's just a matter of time--and a bit more hard work on our parts--before we see an end to this evil trade once and for all.

New Zealand Fights Factory Farming

CHRISTCHURCH, NZ -- On October 20, 1998, New Zealand animal liberation activists disrupted the opening of a new extension to a broiler chicken factory farm near Christchurch in the South Island. The opening ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Jenny Shipley and more than 100 poultry industry executives. The protest was organised by Save Animals from Exploitation (SAFE).

A large contingent of police kept protesters away from the Prime Minister and guests but couldn't stop the noise from the activists drumming and chanting, successfully drowning out the Prime Minister's speech to the assembled animal abusers.

Factory farming has become the number one animal issue in New Zealand. A recent opinion poll showed that more than 80 percent of NZers want battery hen farming banned, and every animal rights group in the country is supporting a major campaign against the pork industry. In Wellington, activists have been taking undercover photos and video of local pig factory farms and are holding weekly protests outside the Pork Industry Board head office.

Interview with Julia Butterfly, tree-sitting record breaker

by Banka

On December 10, 1997 Julia "Butterfly" Hill ascended a 200ft, 1,000yr old ancient oldgrowth redwood tree. The tree sit started on October 15, 1997 when a group of Earth Firstlers carried a platform up to protest the logging of the Stafford hillside. (A year earlier, a mudslide caused by clearcutting, took out seven homes). The group named the tree "Luna" because of the auspicious occasion - a full moon.

The tree village has been decimated from logging - Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, all ancient trees that were connected to Luna through walkways and traverse lines, are now all stumps. I lived at Venus, our satellite camp, helping to do ground support. Luna gave me refuge after the Congressman Riggs action. ***(Banka was one of the 7 Headwaters protesters who had pepper spray swabbed directly on her eyeballs; see interview next issue. --Ed.)***

Before I left Cascadia, I climbed Luna and spent a few precious days in her limbs. The experience transformed me as it has Julia. Remembering those immortal words from Dr. Seuss's The Lorax, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot nothing is going to get better it's not." Here are some words from a Lorax warrior, atop her 180ft. perch, behind the Redwood Curtain:

No Compromise: As you look back on the year, what particular memories, interviews, assaults, stand out?

Julia: Well so many... The day I was resupplied. Luna had been under siege, I hadn't slept for days since Pacific Lumber (PL) security guards were using bull horns and flood lights to evict me and the El Nino storms were in full force. The guards were shouting vulgar, harsh words at me and it was taking everything I had to hold tight and to try to get clarity. The tarps were shredding and I was getting slammed by hail and sleet. I was worn out and seeing those specks of people [supporters] brought joy into my heart. It was beautiful.

Another memory is Kalinin, one of the guards I befriended. We talked a lot and he actually went to a Headwaters Stewardship meeting to find out about the alternatives. That's the power of love.

Just the fact that Luna is still standing. The power of love in unity - when we come together with a common vision. This power defies all odds. Maxxam is a great odd. Almond put up a beacon (Flashing light one can see from Hwy 101) at the tippy wippy of Luna, and I recently put it back up. It's a beacon of hope.

I did a full day ceremony - lots of prayer, asking to be connected with the essence of Luna and what that is to be passed. Luna embodies all the redwoods. Luna is the embodiment of strength, endurance, commitment and love. Despite the terrorism and destruction by PL, they haven't been able to destroy Luna. That's because of unity and love. The magic of a tree sit. Luna is able to stand because of people. That's something to celebrate.

NC: Are you vegan and why?

Julia: I'm almost completely vegan. I don't eat meat, dairy or eggs. I eat honey and wear wool. I believe strongly in the principles of vegetarianism and taking it as far as I can. Going vegetarian at 14 years old, my mom flipped out. She thought I'd be malnourished. I didn't get support or encouragement since I wasn't in an environment that encompassed vegetarianism. Eating animals that used to be alive - feeling and eating it - that concept completely grossed me out.

I was raised traveling with the church [her father was a preacher] - I didn't have a clue to the environmental problems. I didn't have the awareness. Once I researched it and found out how important our eating habits' effect (is on) the environment, I became a better eater. I eat mostly live food. I have to consume fuel to cook [she cooks on a tiny propane stove] and I don't like that so I don't cook very much. To have the utmost respect and gratitude for all beings.

Eating meat is destructive to our planet, indigenous cultures, our health, so many levels. Everything is about balance, love, respect. If society was living in an indigenous way, eating meat would't be an issue because there is balance and respect on every level. Every generation has to pay for the sins of the generation before. Ever since Columbus set foot on this soil there has been a legacy of massive imbalance.

No matter what walk of life, people have to turn vegetarian and make sacrifices or else people after us pay a compounded price. That's why animal rights and vegetarianism is about awareness. Some people were going to deliver me supplies and they mentioned that they were going to Taco Bell to get a veggie burrito. I said stop and think. Anytime you purchase something cheap and fast - think what it's costing someone else. If someone goes to Burger King for a hamburger a rainforest disappears.

Balance happens when you give up meat, eggs and dairy. I used to be addicted to dairy, but I realized as my consciousness awakened that the price of my addiction destroyed other beings. What a small sacrifice for truly effecting the earth!

NC: How do you see bridging the EF! Movement and the Animal Rights movement?

Julia: We shouldn't have to bridge at all. Any "ist" or "ism" separates ourselves and focuses on differences and then that manifests differences. If we focus on similarities, than we manifest similarities. It's a separation syndrome. We've cut our roots of connection. We're dying. All issues are symptoms. The root is the violation of life.

We put a value on things instead of life so we're destroying life. All things are connected. It's about how we think. We're all in this together - we have to remember that. Corporations and big business don't share a vision of a good life. They have a vision of profit. But they're (as) much a part of life as we (are). There should be no separation in the environmental and animal rights movements. The differences are a matter of diversity not division. We need to recognize our differences as diversity to help strengthen our weaknesses.

This is a beautiful, magical life. From the micro-organisms to the needles on the tops of these trees!

NC: What sustains you when you get sad? What lifts your spirits when despair floods you?

Julia: LOVE. It's all about love. People think, "Oh, Julia lives in la la land. She's idealistic." I look out at this magnificent creation and I understand beauty and the gift that's life. Creation defies description - it has given the gifts of love. Only love could create such an intricate web of life. Because of that I realize that when all the trees are cut down and I want to strike out and stop the pain and frustration, that I would be part of that destruction.

> *"I gave my word to this tree, the forests, and to all the people that my feet would not touch the ground until I had done everything in my power to make the world aware of this problem and to stop the destruction."*

When trees are smashed to the ground, a hole is ripped out of yourself - torn out. I've prayed and felt love filling that hole. True love. Not manipulation and control but the kind of love that, as we as a species who destroy the planet and yet it still sends us love. Unconditional love. Magical love.

Even with the Hurwitzes and Monsantos, all that we're up against - we're made up of human beings. It hit me one day while I was breathing. I have problems with my cardiovascular. I climb around a lot but get pretty winded. One time I climbed to the tippy wippy and took a deep breath and I thought about that breath and the magic to take one single breath.

From the forests that give us air to the muscles in our bodies to our lungs to our brains. An amazing connection. The gift of love. That breath is in each of us. All the aspects of life - air, water, earth, sun, animals, trees - are all in the magic of a single breath. Then we have hope. Creation didn't manifest evil. We misplaced consciousness - that's what's ruling you: fur farms, animal testing, Monsanto, etc.

I wrote a letter to Hurwitz and I said, "With Love, all is beautiful." I keep reaching out to him. There are common threads but those threads have been ripped out. In the midst of darkness lies truth, lies the gem of creation.

Lasting change on any issues, is done by getting to the disease - to heal it from the inside out. We have to work on outside issues while working on the inside. If there is anger it is feeding into the disease. You might make a small change but won't be getting to the disease - you'll be adding to it.

NC: How does nonviolent direct action accomplish its goals - a.k.a. get the goods?

Julia: One person can make a difference. It is up to us. Everything we purchase, everything we think, everything we say. We are taking steps even if they are small. The power of nonviolence is making a positive change. My desire is to see a world that places value on life, not things.

We are animals and our instinct is to strike out. But if we take it one step higher - our consciousness allows us the ability to transcend - to think of consquences - then we can choose not to strike out. We're not superior to other beings, we're inferior - but in our ability to make rational decisions, there is just a little bit of a difference.

I wanted to launch a rocket at the Scotia mill but when I felt the anger and sadness eating me up I realized I didn't want to become that. So I prayed to find a better way.

The earth, despite what we do to it, keeps loving us. We have more respect for our issues than for one another. The amount of attacking that goes on is terrible. Feelings aren't the problem, it's what we do with them. Feelings can bring on pain - we need to overcome and transform it into something positive.

By leaps and bounds I've changed, metamorphosing into Julia but I'm still a caterpillar. I've learned the magic of the butterfly - that is commitment to nonviolence. Nonviolence is not a list of rules, it's an understanding of consciousness. Nonviolence is complete on every level. It dosen't matter how tall we are, our sexual preferences - true love ties each one of us to the universe. Even if you don't speak English, love transcends. When we get caught up in the struggle we forget what we stand for!

NC: Can you describe what a "typical" day is like living in Luna?

Julia: This tree sit is unlike any other tree sit. I give 100% outreach. If I'm not on the phone doing a live interview than my hand is on a peice of paper [Julia receives over 100 letters a week.] The only time I have for myself is when I sleep. (Often she's awoken at 4 a.m. to do an East coast interview at 7 a.m.) This is a media center, a strategy center, a campaign center!

The first thing I do when I arise is to greet the sun. Then I answer all my pages. Then I do interviews. Then I answer letters. Then I do more outreach. I wish I had more time to draw, to read, to write poetry. Now I only write when it comes to me.

Sitting and protecting Luna and the trees that were connected was a different time. There were no distractions, I could notice the design patterns on her bark, the sounds, the sky, the bigger picture. Since all the media, it's a different world up here.



Julia Butterfly Hill

Self portrait of Julia in her home perched on Luna

NC: Do you have any prayer, song, chant or poem that you'd like to share?

Julia: I have a poem. It's hard for me to do sound bites (as you can tell) but if there was one word to send out to the world it would be LOVE LOVE LOVE!!!!

Garden Of Life

There is beauty, love and truth
Everywhere that I look
Admist the struggles that plow the soil
Preparing it for the fertile awakening
Hope grows
Budding and bearing fruit in this
Garden of Life.

Thank you Julia for your commitment, perserverance, patience, strength, courage and love. Thank you for being an inspiration for so many. Thank you for not giving up, especially in the beginning when people turned you away. Thank you for sharing constantly. Thank you, goddess.

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Strategic Nonviolence In

by Rod Coronado

Since 1985, I have been a member of the Animal Liberation Front and am currently serving a 57-month sentence in federal prison for my participation in the 1992 ALF raid on Michigan State University's Furbearer Research Facility where 32 years of research intended to benefit the fur farm industry was destroyed and two mink from the Experimental Fur Farm were rescued. As a believer in the ALF's campaign of nonviolent direct action, I would like to respond to Freeman Wicklund's article on direct action.

Wicklund proposes that the ALF's campaign which has liberated tens of thousands of animals from suffering and cost their abusers millions through the nonviolent destruction of inanimate property used to torture them, has actually resulted in the increase of animals being exploited. Yet he fails to present one example of this ever being the case. That was not the result following the ALF's 1984 raid on the University of Pennsylvania's Head Injury Laboratory which led to its closure, nor was it the case in 1991 and 1997 when ALF raids on Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm and Cavel West's horse slaughterhouse also led to their permanent closure. Over the last 15 years, ALF raids on fur retailers have also led to the closure of dozens of fur shops, and raids in recent years on fur farms have not only rescued literally tens of thousands of mink and foxes, but also contributed to the continuing bankruptcy of these animal concentration camps. Contrary to Wicklund's supposition, vivisectors such as those at the University of Arizona, where a 1989 raid resulted in the liberation of over 1,200 laboratory animals, have acknowledged that targeting by the ALF has led to the reduction in the number of animals used in experiments and the increased vigilance in reducing animal suffering in an attempt to avoid charges of animal cruelty. We are supposed to believe that actually achieving these concrete victories towards the goal of total animal liberation is detrimental and possibly counter-productive?

While segments of the animal rights movement might accept a compromise which leaves the current victims of animal abuse in their present torturous conditions, while hoping that more passive resistance might reverse the lack of morality among the world's most powerful industries and governments, we in the ALF do not. The escalation of institutionalized animal abuse in this last century has proven that animal abusers are not guided by morality, but by money. As long as there is a profit to be made through the exploitation of animals and the natural world, it will continue despite legitimate protest.

The ALF, as the underground wing of the animal rights movement, has for years looked into the eyes of our animal relations in the laboratories, the factories and on fur farms. After looking in those eyes, all arguments we have tried to use to rationalize a less aggressive strategy, for the sake of a long-term victory are seen by those prisoners as one thing: betrayal. For those animals suffering today, as we debate the many ways our movement helps them, surely we should be able to agree that their immediate liberation whenever possible should be supported and even encouraged.

The strategic and tactical sacrifice Wicklund proposes the ALF make by substituting ALF-type direct action for a more conscious assuaging tactic and strategy, ignores the fact that both strategies are capable of coexisting for the greater good, and we need not eliminate any of our diverse means which have brought about victory for the animals. No one tactic stands to suffer because of the existence of the other, as many for years have feared. By questioning the effectiveness and appropriateness of the ALF's strategy, we are nurturing our separation from nature and animals, rather than recognizing our sisterhood and brotherhood with all life that calls on our hearts to protect those we have chosen to represent.



UK ALF-er poses with rescued beagles

When those of us in the animal rights movement truly embrace the philosophy and belief that all life is sacred, equal to our own and indeed our very relation, we begin to realize just how difficult it is to turn away from the tactics the ALF used to bring about victory here and now for our nonhuman constituents. The question we in the animal rights movement should ask ourselves is what course of action would we justify if it were our own mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers or dearest loved ones in the torture chambers instead of unfamiliar nameless animals? Then, is the ALF justified in its choice of tactics? Once we answer these ques-tions honestly, we might appreciate that in over 15 years of operation in America the ALF has yet to cause even one physical injury—let alone loss of life—in our campaign that has given liberty to tens of thousands of the silent victims of human's war against the animal people. Tens of thousands once loved by those who knew them before their forced separation.

Still, the ALF is not only the animals' freedom fighters, but yours, too. Without the support of countless animal rights activists who have helped find loving homes for liberated animals and helped finance our campaigns, we would cease to exist. When the majority in the animal rights movement deems our actions unnecessary or counterproductive to the goals of animal liberation, liberations and actions will begin to fade. It is my experience though, that the majority of us secretly (if not publicly) cheer when we hear of another ALF raid, such as those fur farms in the Midwest this past August where thousands of mink and foxes were given their only chance for freedom. It is hard to believe that animals or our movement would be better off without the ALF. Without question, more animals—not less—are alive and living in peace today because of the ALF.



Britches, liberated from a UC Riverside (CA) lab, where his eyes were sewn shut, in '85

In all fairness to those who accuse the ALF of violent tactics, we must ask ourselves what is violent and nonviolent? Is a minimal violent response to an attack of violence ever justified? We may answer the first question, but it is only for those truly victimized by violence to answer the second, remembering that Gandhi himself said that, "Violence was preferable to cowardice...." Is it violent to destroy, with no harm to any living being, the concrete and steel killing machines and torture chambers whose sole purpose is the destruction of innocent life? As the Nuremberg Principles rightly accused those aware of Nazi war crimes of gross apathy and inaction, do those of us aware of horrendous crimes against nature and animals bear any of the moral responsibility for doing nothing to prevent their suffering when the only excuse we can cling to is that to do so would violate the laws of our society and endanger our own freedom?

The animal rights movement has long explained our moral obligation towards preventing suffering to the animal races with words, yet we are sometimes quick to judge and criticize the ALF who demonstrate that commitment with action: actions which may be illegal in our unjust society, but most definitely not immoral or unjustified to the laws of nature and humanity. Such adherence to a principle of nonviolence as that practiced by the ALF may be aggressive rather than passive, but it is still in adherence to even Gandhi's principles of nonviolence, which never condemned destruction of property as violence.

The struggle for independence in India and civil rights in America is often cited as a successful demonstration of the power of nonviolence, but only someone unfamiliar with these movements would think passive resistance as exemplified by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. was solely responsible for victory on these two fronts. Wicklund fails to mention the legitimate segments of both resistances which employed aggressive nonviolence and even armed struggle, segments which never were condemned by Gandhi or King, like the Bengali's revolutionaries whose guerrilla warfare in India surpassed by years Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign. Nor does he give credit to African-American nationalists such as Malcolm X, the Nation of Islam, the Black Panther Party and Angela Davis, who helped build the foundation of this country's anti-racism movement which to this day continues its fight against institutionalized racism without condemnation of those who believe in self defense and aggressive tactics.

Integral to Wicklund's argument in support of his definition of nonviolence, is the belief that the animal rights movement must present our struggle to the public via the media, in a way that will allow it to portray us as morally superior. While the ALF believes it is counterproductive to verbally and physically assault anyone, we do not believe our cause is advanced by passively demonstrating that we are willing to endure acts of violence against us. Neither do we demonstrate moral superiority by helping to create an atmosphere that has seen more physical violence than any ever witnessed in ALF actions.

With the increase of physical violence against nonviolent civil disobedience participants, we inadvertently contribute to the media's ability to shift the focus from the immorality of animal abuse to the actions of our own activists. It must also be remembered that historically, movements for social change have rarely been presented without extreme bias in the media. This is no coincidence as often media institutions are business partners with animal abuse industries.

Today's media corporations are controlled by executives whose business depends largely on advertising dollars supplied by the industries dependent on animal exploitation. Neither can we deny that the highly competitive media establishment is driven not by a desire to present the unbiased truth in addressing the moral concerns of the world, but by a demand for news coverage that will sell advertising space and papers, and boost ratings. If truth and morality were the driving force behind mainstream journalism, the business practices and actions of animal and earth destroying industries, the world's militaries and police would be reported as the true acts of terrorism that they often are. And the actions—be they legal or illegal—of the animal rights movement would be presented for what they really are: actions that not only respect the sacredness of all life, but also alert the public and consumers to government and corporate fraud, the endangerment of human and environmental health; and economic policies that readily cater to big business at the expense of taxpayers, public lands and wildlife.

Instead,the media defends the actions of those it profits from and who share its world view, while using biased reporting to drive a wedge between the ALF and those who might otherwise support our actions. Allowing our movement's strategy to be influenced by the media who retain a vested interest in animal abuse, is to play into the bloodied hands of government and big business who hope that the

Perspective

Issue #8 of No Compromise contained an insert by Freeman Wicklund about the value of Strategic Nonviolence and more recently Animals Agenda ran a cover story on the issue (also by Freeman). Here we present another side of the story in two separate responses by PeTA's Bruce Friedrich and A.L.F. prisoner Rod Coronado.

public will also label the nonviolent actions of the ALF, which spare innocent life, as acts of terrorism.

Wicklund asks the animal rights movement to determine its tactics not by its ability to achieve victory against animal abuse, but by its potential to not offend or isolate the sensibilities of the media establishment, which reinforces the lifestyles that sanction animal abuse, or the very people who themselves create wealth and power through animal abuse. Pursuing a strategy that hopes to appeal to the morality of those who rarely if ever demonstrate any towards the non-human world is noble, but it should not be at the expense of the very means which have for years spared individual animals from a life of suffering.

Whether the media presents the animal rights movement in a favorable light or not has to this day done little to affect our movement's growth and the public's ability to differentiate between right and wrong. For this reason, the ALF's actions throughout the years have been guided by the determination of what will prevent the suffering of animals in the future, while also sparing the lives of those presently being abused. Only secondary consideration is given to whether such actions will achieve favorable media coverage, something that is increasingly rare in an age where any challenge through illegal activity to the unjust economic interests of this country is labeled as terrorism.

The ALF has never endorsed or participated in physical violence nor will it ever. The ALF does not support actions with the intent of slightest risk of causing physical injury or loss of life and our ability to avoid such violence in years of operations is no coincidence. We are not fighting a violent war, but fighting with aggressive nonviolence to end the one against nonhuman life.

Every member of my past ALF cells who have carried out raids on laboratories, fur and factory farms and other institutions of animal abuse in the last 13 years, have been motivated not by hate or a willingness to rationalize or use violence, but love and a tremendous sense of compassion for the other races of life with whom we share the earth. My fellow Animal Liberation Front volunteers have always been grounded in such a reverence and respect for life and freedom that, together, in the course of every ALF action we ever participated in, we were willing to risk losing our own to obtain that of our victimized animal relations.



A goat freed by this Angel of Mercy in England

Far from compromising the principles of nonviolence, the ALF's actions have and always will be those of a highly morally disciplined group of caring human beings, whose efforts would be hypocritical if they ever sanctioned physical violence. The ALF exists in part to provide an avenue of freedom for those innocent beings the animal rights movement is unable to rescue legally at this time. The ALF brings hope when others feel hopeless. For the peaceful warriors of the ALF, nonviolent direct action to save lives remains not our choice, but every enlightened human being's obligation.

by Bruce Friedrich

I have been an animal rights activist since 1987, but have dedicated the bulk of my post-college years to anti-imperialist nonviolent activism. I wrote my college honors thesis on the Tolstoy-Gandhi-King philosophy of nonviolence and continue to devour new books as they're written. I spent more than six years working full-time in a Catholic Worker shelter for homeless families and a soup kitchen in Washington, D.C., without pay (part of Gandhi's nonviolent program).

As someone who has read extensively in the nonviolent tradition over the past 11 years, who has been arrested for direct action more than 50 times, and who has spent almost 3 years incarcerated for nonviolent civil disobedience in the Gandhian tradition, I feel a need to respond to Freeman Wicklund, who supports a Gandhian approach to animal liberation ("Direct Action: Progress or Peril," *Animal's Agenda*, July/August, 1998). Clearly, Freeman has done his research, but I feel that he misses multiple crucial points:

1) Gandhian direct action (called satyagraha—Sanskrit for "truthforce"—by Gandhi) has certainly played a role in previous movements for social change, but only a role, and not necessarily the most important role. Freeman's interpretation of history indicates that he has read only the texts which advocate Gandhian nonviolence. These texts, and thus Freeman, claim far more efficacy for satyagraha than is historically accurate. A more thorough analysis indicates that real impetus for change comes from the Nat Turners, John Browns and Malcolm Xs. It is worth recalling that the assassinations of both King and Gandhi, the avatars of Freeman's nonviolent program, caused extensive violent rioting on the part of their supporters, and that disinterested histories of abolition or civil rights in the U.S. or independence in India, indicate that constant social unrest and riots were very helpful in allowing these movements to succeed. Of course, the oppressors profited by promoting and treating respectfully Gandhi, King and their nonviolent program, because their program allowed the powers to toss them in jail and not worry. Direct action which utilizes a broader range of tactics, including secrecy and sabotage, is far more challenging, and, consequently, more effective. But even if strategic nonviolence were the best thing for India and civil rights in the U.S., there are still many aspects of their historical reality which indicate that their experiences are not transferable to our work for animal liberation, including my next four points.

2) Gandhi and King had massive numbers of self-interested followers. Their movements involved and required hundreds of thousands of people, marching and sacrificing. Presently, 1 percent of the population is vegetarian. Does it seem reasonable to wait until we have the mass movement (do the animals have the time to spare?) required for Gandhi's, King's, Freeman's program to enact animal liberation?

These puppies would probably support their liberators' illegal tactics



3) Gandhi and King stressed that satyagraha requires that the oppressors see the suffering of the satyagrahis (nonviolent activists) and say: "That person is like me, despite being Indian/black/whatever." Copying that in the animal movement would require animal self-sacrificial suffering, rather than human suffering. There is simply no translation.

4) Gandhi and King also stressed the power of global opinion to win their liberty. What gave them the limited power they possessed was massive global popular opinion on their behalf. The entire world in the 1930s and '40s was awed by Gandhi and supported Indian independence. Support for civil rights in the U.S. was so strong that King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The world was able to look at India, to look at the U.S., and say "We don't do that here." The likelihood of this working with animal liberation seems limited.

5) Gandhi and King both spoke and wrote eloquently about the need for satyagrahis to "fill the jails," to "enter the prisons as the bridegroom enters the bridal chamber," with joy. However much I wish we had enough animal liberationists to "fill the jails," we don't. Again, animal liberation is an altruistic movement which does not compare easily to any past social movement. The two movements it compares least with, however, are arguably civil rights and Indian independence, which had massive numbers of self-interested adherents.

6) The underground railroad and Nazi resistance throughout Europe seem better comparisons for the animal rights movement, because they involved people advocating and acting for others (though even these had global opinion and exponentially more supporters than animal liberation today). Both required air tight secrecy, as much sabotage as possible, and deception and lies for the greater good, all antithetical to Gandhi's and King's (and Freeman's) nonviolent program, which calls for "openly revealing their plans beforehand". With so much economic pressure against our movement, so little support, no self-interested voices, no international support, few willing to go to jail involuntarily (let alone voluntarily), etc., Gandhi's program (proposed as the best or only alternative) seems naive, misguided and harmful.

7) I have found that Animal Liberation Front activities speak to people, regardless of their belief in animal rights. They "get it." People don't understand daylight liberations and voluntarily going to jail. I can't tell you how many people (fellow prisoners and guards while I was in prison; relatives, church groups and others outside of prison) have said to me: "You're in jail voluntarily? If the cause is so important, why go to jail when you can keep acting for your cause on the outside? Why on earth don't you keep acting until you're caught?" Why indeed?

8) Ask yourself: is strategic nonviolence always the best tactic, as its adherents claim? For example, the fellow who stole a mistreated rabbit from an abusive "owner's" yard contends that direct action worked wonders for that rabbit overnight. Would you have that rabbit remain in those conditions because strategic nonviolence is always right? Or imagine a slave or Jewish concentration camp victim with the opportunity to escape. Should she? If your answer is yes, then the philosophical paradigm of nonviolence has holes, and each situation should be analyzed separately.

Indeed, how can Freeman so discount the many animals who have been saved by A.L.F. activities? And doesn't Freeman remember the many undercover investigations carried out (and photos/videos taken) by PETA, Farm Sanctuary, SHARK (formerly CHARC) and others, followed by powerful exposes which have saved countless animal lives, brought the issue of animal suffering into the public sphere, mobilized public opinion, led to lawsuits against animal abusers, led to labs shutting down, and been so valuable and important for our move-ment? Leave aside the Animal Liberation Front for a moment: Gandhi and King opposed any deception and so does Freeman. Satyagraha precludes any deception, no matter how noble, no matter how effective. Considering the power of our opposition, can you imagine where we would be without surprise direct actions and the secrecy required for so much of what we do?

I know Freeman personally, and I like and respect him. But I am worried by anyone who claims to have the "best" or "only" plan for animal liberation, or who calls a news conference to disavow a tactic still supported by so many in his movement. We are all working toward the same goal and we should support one another—as long as basic humane principles are not violated. Any exclusionary essays (and press conferences) seem ill-considered. I have heard that some who adhere to Strategic Nonviolence claim that ALF activities are counterproductive or even the moral equivalent of vivisection. This is completely antithetical to the philosophies of King and Gandhi, who understood that "we are all in this struggle together." Gandhi once told his son that if his son did not embrace nonviolence (and Gandhi was humble enough to consistently tell people to make their own decisions), he should pick up a gun and defend India's right to be free. We need to stop the internecine fighting and name calling and get back to the business of animal liberation.

Nonviolent action in the Gandhian tradition is certainly better than doing nothing. The issue is important enough that people should do the reading themselves. Don't take my (or Freeman's) word for it: read the histories of both King and Nat Turner; read Gandhi's and King's writings. I think you will agree with me that the comparisons made in Freeman's piece and the conclusion that "our current direct action prevents us from confronting the roots of the problem, prolongs our struggle and ultimately increases the number of animals exploited" is so ill-conceived and poorly supported as to be, considering the import of our shared goal, obscene.

The Revolution Will Be Videotaped!

video as a tool for the activist

by Josh Harper



On the frontlines of animal defense, we need to effectively use every weapon available to us. Over the years, we have developed strategies from better reaching the public to making our lock-downs last longer. But one aspect of activism that we have failed to use well is video.

The camera is a powerful tool. If a picture says a thousand words, than surely a video says a million. The video activist seeks to utilize video in powerful ways to affect social change.

One role that video plays in our movement is that of an electronic witness. Witness video has had an astounding effect on the psyche of the general public, with the most obvious examples being the Rodney King beating and the Headwaters eye-swabbing footage.

Additionally, witness video can often be admitted as evidence in court. Many activists have video to thank for proving police brutality, abuse of process and lowered sentences or dropped charges.

But, witness video is only one small part of what we as activists can do with a camera. Some activists, such as Tim Lewis in Oregon, have sold footage shot on high-quality camcorders to the media. Video press releases, undercover video of abuse, commercials announcing events on public access cable and airings of your group's videos to new members are just a few of the possibilities available to us.

We at *Breaking Free* video magazine see video as a tool to radicalize the mainstream. Powerful images presented in the correct way can inspire people to act on the rage they feel when they think of animal abuse. Video is a strong educator. How many of us credit *Animal Liberation: The Movie* or other such films for introducing us to the militant liberationist philosophy?

Surely we have gained many troops because of the small library of video currently available. As the amount of footage increases, so too, will the amount of activists. In Europe, campaigners constantly edit footage of their actions to bring in more support. We need to learn from their examples and spread the militant reality with videos of our own.

Next time you meet with your group, discuss using funds to purchase or rent a camera. Learn to use it and use it well. Order books such as *The Video Activist Handbook* by Thomas Harding and teach yourselves to use video in a potent manner. You can contact the Animal Defense League-Eugene for a pamphlet on how to use cameras for activism. Also consider purchasing *Breaking Free* to see what is currently being done for the animals with video. Send us your tapes of actions for consideration in future issues. Thanks for your support and keep fighting!

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Resistance

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consequences of using an unregistered explosive device. If they had, they would have known that they could be charged individually for each pipe bomb they used and sentenced to up to ten years in prison for each explosive. Josh and other ALF volunteers that night took the necessary precautions to ensure that no one would be injured as a result of their actions, but I doubt any of them were prepared for the threat of decades of imprisonment that faced them if captured.

As a result, a young man was put under incredible pressure to cooperate with the authorities or face more than 30 years in prison. As someone who underwent the pressures related to facing only a fraction of that much time in prison, I think I can safely say that not many of us are prepared for such a test. Josh obviously wasn't and he broke. I was able to accept the legal consequences of my actions largely because, from the onset of my involvement with the ALF, I knew that the most I would face would be about 10 or 12 years on arson charges—a long time, but not long enough to even consider selling out my beliefs and those whom I most dearly love.

The responsibility of the would-be ALF volunteer is to not only pledge yourself to a commitment of nonviolence but also to the principle that you are fully aware of the legal consequences of your actions and are willing to endure them rather than utter a single word about the actions or identities of your comrades. I've heard that in the oath that is given to newly recruited members of the Irish Republican Army, all that is promised to them is an almost certain imprisonment or death; freedom cannot be guaranteed and neither should it be assumed once one engages in illegal activities as part of a guerilla resistance. To be ill-prepared for such dire consequence for one's action not only endangers yourself, but the very structure of your entire resistance.

An ALF volunteer is not an asset to the earth and animal races she or he represents unless fully committed to possibly paying the price for their actions. This means that it is not enough to be capable of penetrating the security cordon of a particular fur farm or animal research facility, but equally one must be ready to be shot by a fur farmer, police officer or security guard, and then spend years in prison rather than blame anyone for the situation you find yourself in. If you are unwilling or unable to accept such consequences, consider serving our cause in some other way than as a volunteer in the ALF.

This does not mean every ALF volunteer must be prepared for the decades in prison Josh Ellerman faced as a consequence of using an explosive device; it just means that each individual must know what could happen, because this is not a game. The freedom of nonhuman animals is not all that is at stake. The freedom of other ALF volunteers who selflessly risk freedom to save and protect others are also at risk. If you are unsure of the legal consequence of a particular planned ALF raid, spend some time in your local university's law library researching the criminal statutes for breaking and entering, theft, arson, vandalism or what have you, so you truly know the potential sentence you face should you be captured and convicted.

Under no circumstance is it justifiable to give statements about anyone other than yourself to the police. If you are engaged in ALF activities with anyone you believe is incapable of this simple promise, separate yourself immediately. When establishing a new ALF cell, make it a priority to concentrate your commitment towards protecting the identity of your comrades. While it is within the rights of ALF volunteers to pursue any legal strategy that will return them to the struggle as soon as possible should they be captured, promise your comrades that you would spend years in prison rather than betray a fellow warrior.

It is also important to remember that the federal government will vilify wanted ALF volunteers to the media, public and other law enforcement agencies, and the ALF volunteer should be prepared for this. According to the FBI, Peter Young and Justin Samuel should be considered dangerous though their alleged crimes involve nothing more than cutting fences and opening cages. This kind of labeling is intended to threaten the very safety of ALF fugitives by making them out to be violent-prone to local and unprofessional law enforcement officers who are more likely to use violence to apprehend them... and be justified in doing so.

Likewise, the FBI circulates unsubstantiated evidence that not only presents the accused as guilty until proven innocent, but also facing many more years in prison than they actually do. These tactics are intended to encourage flight by the fugitives. When someone thinks he or she faces decades in prison, a fugitive will rationalize more extreme behavior to preserve that freedom, thereby not only presenting an image of presumed guilt, but also behaving in a way that would make law enforcement officers believe that they are indeed dangerous. It is vital that we reassure ALF fugitives that only set federal sentencing guidelines can determine what a prison sentence will be and this depends on past criminal behavior and other mitigating factors that the FBI ignores in its media spin doctoring attempts to criminalize the ALF and ELF. In order to rationalize the amount of resources the FBI is expending in its pursuit of the ALF, it must present ALF actions as serious crimes.

Such legal misinformation also is intended to condition the accused into possibly pleading guilty to "lesser charges" whereby he or she would only serve a few years in prison, which sounds a lot more acceptable after believing that the rest of life was to be spent behind bars. For these reasons, as important as it is that the ALF continues its nonviolent direct action campaign, it is equally imperative that others in the animal liberation movement secure the best legal aid available to captured ALF volunteers so they might be truthfully informed of just how much time they face in prison for their indicted offenses. Only then can ALF volunteers be expected to make wise decisions as to their planned legal strategy.

Providing legal aid is just one of many responsibilities we owe ALF volunteers. We must also be prepared to offer them sanctuary and safety should they choose to evade capture once indicted or placed on bail. As an ALF volunteer who spent almost three years on the run from federal authorities, I know how difficult such a life can be. Another lesson to be learned from the Ellerman case is our movement's inability to support Josh when he chose to go underground. Had our movement had the structure in place to provide him adequate sanctuary, other alleged ALF volunteers might not be also facing years in prison. We must once again accept a certain amount of responsibility for not supporting the ALF in this way. Too many animal liberation supporters sit on the sidelines telling others what they should and should not do rather than provide them the resources and assistance they need at these crucial times.

The history of many an underground resistance shows the necessity of community support from those who share the objectives of the resisters. Often the animal liberation movement states its moral relationship to the Underground Railroad of the 1800s, yet all too often we forget that the "conductors" who actually guided runaway slaves to freedom like the ALF were only one part of that struggle. Integral to the success of those earlier liberations was the network of safe houses, intelligence and finances necessary to safely transport ex-slaves to freedom. It is in this way that the ALF suffers a major deficiency in its present campaign that is in danger of falling behind the repressive efforts of law enforcement to crush it.

The animal liberation movemen must provide that behind-the-scenes support if we are to minimize the number of ALF volunteers who find themselves in prison. As the ALF grows, we each must endeavor to support those we know who are engaged in ALF activities and provide for them the necessary resources they need to carry on their campaign whether that be through animal liberation actions itself, the resources needed to carry out reconnaissance, the placement of liberated animals, and safe houses for wanted ALF fugitives. There is a role for everyone to fulfill in the struggle for animal liberation and it must not be left to ALF volunteers to face the increase in federal repression alone.

We must show our support through the unwillingness to cooperate with any grand jury investigating ALF or ELF actions. This includes providing even the most common knowledge of legal animal liberation activities as half of the purpose of such investigation is simply to identify who will or will not cooperate. Those who will talk will, in the future, be pressured whenever law enforcement desires information on the animal liberation movement. The federal government knows the ALF and ELF will not be crushed overnight. It knows that it will take years of surveillance and infiltration as well as continually severe prison sentences of captured ALF/ELF volunteers before it can even quiet, let alone silence our cries for animal liberation.

It is now up to each one of us to question just how much we believe in animal liberation, just how much we are personally willing to sacrifice to achieve it, maybe not for all the animal nations just yet, but most definitely for the thousands the ALF has been willing to rescue so far. And while victory seems far from sight, it is as close as tomorrow for those willing to rescue the current victims of animal abuse. For those languishing today in fur farms, laboratories, factory farms, zoos and circuses all that stands between them and uncompromised animal liberation through direct action is our own willingness to accept the responsibility to create it.

Also see page 19 for more on government harassment and how to prepare for it —ed.

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

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Starting a Grassroots Liberationist Organization

By Seth Stevens

The first thing we must realize when starting a group is that it will not be easy. Organizing and counting on others for help can be frustrating at times, but cooperation and constructive working relationships are never perfect all of the time. Things usually will work out in the end. Maybe not exactly as you expected, but over time you'll start to envision how you want the group to progress. By sharing your thoughts and ideas with the other group organizers you will be able to shape your vision into reality.

Start by renting a post office box from your local post office. I never recommend using a home address when dealing with political organizations. It's not only unprofessional, but also unsafe. And, as you want to make it as easy as possible for interested individuals to get in touch with your group, create an e-mail address. Some groups even have 1-800 numbers and Web sites. The more publicity for your group, the better. So that's your first tip: **Get a post office box and an e-mail address.** Free e-mail accounts can be set up through a variety of servers, including hotmail; juno or yahoo.

After you have your group's contact information, you can begin promoting your organization. Set up a meeting time and place (public libraries are good, neutral locations) and start posting fliers one month in advance. Contact the local newspaper and see if they can add your event to their community calendar section. Put flyers everywhere--in bookstores, record shops, health food stores and eco-shops. Post flyers all over pedestrian districts and literally everywhere you can! This could be the most important step to starting a group. So your next tip: **Publicizing your event is a pain in the ass, but it's vital to your group's existence.** Remember to list your group's contact information on the flyer so people can get in touch with you.



Since the meeting is less than one month away, you'll need to come up with several topics of discussion. The most important topic to address is what major, long-term campaigns your group will focus on. One campaign can consume the time of half a dozen people, so it's not a good idea to spread yourselves too thin. Plan on sticking with one or two campaigns for starters. Events like the circus are good to tackle when they come to town, but keep in mind that they are yearly events--not something that can be considered a consistent, month-to-month campaign. See if there are local places of exploitation which can be targeted as part of a nationally coordinated campaign, such as CAFT's Federated campaign. You will want to focus on issues which are winnable in the short-term and work towards long-term goals. Find out what's going on in your area and what businesses are up to. The next tip: **Focus your campaigns for maximum effectiveness, while never spreading yourself too thin.** Strategy is everything, so ask yourself, "How can we reach our goal while educating the public?"

Once your campaign is in place, contact your target and attempt to meet with them in the hopes of resolving your issues. For instance, if your target is Macy's fur sales, get in touch with the executives and explain to them why selling fur is an unethical business decision. I can guarantee that this will not persuade them to take fur off of their racks, but now you've attempted to contact them regarding the issue and they've refused. This will give you more credibility in the public's and media's eyes. You can explain that where peaceful discourse has failed, now more direct methods have become a necessity. Next tip: **Always keep documentation of your dealings with your target.**

Now it's time to plan a demonstration against your target. Again, do everything you can to publicize the protest. When the day of the protest comes, look presentable. When displaying pickets, use bright, graphic posters that get the point across quickly. You should always have literature on-hand to pass out to the public explaining why you've chosen to demonstrate against your target. It is okay to use other groups' literature in the beginning, but later you should look into producing literature more representative of your organization and its goals. When new demonstrators show up, introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. **Always appear professional and courteous when demonstrating.** People will take you seriously if you act in a serious, professional manner. Effective personal interaction is a huge part of not only keeping the group together but also reaching out to the public with your message. Familiarizing yourself with the issue at hand will increase the persuasiveness of your argument and enhance your credibility.

Which brings us to another important point: the media. For me, one of the scariest aspects of starting a group was talking with the media. Of course, you get used to it after a while, but initially it can be a daunting task. The night before the demonstration (around midnight), fax out a press release to inform the media of your event. This does not mean that they will necessarily come, but if they do, your message reaches thousands of homes and educates countless consumers. In case media does come, have a media packet ready to hand to the reporter. The packet can contain additional information on your group, your campaign, a timeline of progression, graphic videos and photos related to the issue, and copies of refusals to cooperate from your target. **[ed: for more information on press releases and the media, please refer to "Conquering the Press Release" *NC*#10 pg. 14 and "Becoming an Effective Spokesperson" on pg. 16 of this issue]**

If and when your group decides to initiate more intense tactics, such as civil disobedience, you must be prepared to deal with court strategies, jail and outside support teams. All of these critical issues must be addressed beforehand, so as to promote solidarity within your group. These issues have been covered extensively in past issues of *No Compromise*, and any of the groups listed in the organizations resource list or Trenches section (page 29) should be able to assist you should you have any further questions.

There are a few last things to consider:

•When your group begins receiving donations or funds from merchandise sales, it's a good idea to open a checking account for the group.

•As your group becomes more established, you may be called upon by underground activists to represent their interests to the media. Groups such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) often send communiques to above ground groups they can count on to explain to the public why a slaughterhouse has been burned or a fur farm has been raided. This is an extremely important responsibility of being involved in a political group.

•Lastly, watch out for suspicious people who may approach members of your group at protests, wanting to take their pictures and get their names and addresses. They could be private investigators hired by the opposition, government agents or police officers with vendettas against political activists who threaten the status quo. Kindly ask those who are acting overly suspicious what their business is with the group. You may find yourself asking someone to leave from time to time. Surveillance and harassment is an inevitable consequence of working for change. **[ed: please refer to previous issues of *NC* for extensive information on government harrassment.]**

Organizational Resources

Organizations:

• **Animal Rights America** - For info on fundraising, starting a group, applying for non-profit status, networking with other groups, etc. (973) 403-6829 (see Trenches listing, pg. 30 for address/e-mail)

• **In Defense of Animals** - Online info on tabling, starting a group, planning a campaign, etc. http://www.idausa.org/What/howto.html

• **ALF Press Office** - For assistance in handling underground communique. (612) 601-0978 (see Trenches, pg. 31 for address)

Review the Trenches and Resources sections of this issue for further references.

Books:

• *Organizing for Social Change: A Manual for Activists in the 1990s* - Kim Bobo, Jackie Kendall and Steve Max.

• *On Conflict and Consensus* - C.T. Butler and Amy Rothstein (available online at: http://www.consensus.net/book)

Recruitment & Training

by Lydia Nichols

RECRUITMENT

Recruiting new activists is critical to the grassroots animal rights movement, but can be one of the most challenging tasks involved in furthering our cause.

• **Tabling Events** - Setting up tables to distribute animal rights information at local community events has proven to be an effective way to reach a diversified crowd. While distributing information, each organization should have a sign up sheet so anyone interested can be added to the mailing list. After the event, send everyone who requested more information a list of upcoming events, a current newsletter, action alerts and any additional information about your organization and the animal rights movement. Also include a cover letter thanking them for stopping by your table and invite them to get involved with the organization. Make sure you add them to your mailing list for future fundraising letters or special events.

• **Leafleting Outreach** - Distributing flyers for volunteer recruitment at local colleges, restaurants, health food stores, libraries, or concerts and other events is another great way to get more people involved.

• **World Wide Web** - Setting up a Web site with information about your organization, current campaigns, action alerts and further information on how to get involved is another great way to recruit activists. Make sure the Web site has up-to-date news and lists proper contact information. By registering the site with search engines, prospective activists can more easily find out about your work for the animals.

• **Spreading the Word** - Most members of any organization get involved because of a friend or by word of mouth. Provide volunteers with extra literature and information so they have the ability to pass materials to interested friends, co-workers and neighbors.

• **Over the Airways** - When your group garners media attention at an educational event - whether it be a protest, a rally, a vigil or a leafleting event - you not only reach out to thousands of people with your message for the animals, you also introduce your organization to potential supporters.

TRAINING

A successful organization includes activists with different backgrounds, talents and interests. Each individual member has strengths and special skills. Take the time to find out what each person is most interested in - and most comfortable doing - for the animals. Some activists are eager to demonstrate, participate in civil disobedience or hang banners. Others feel more comfortable distributing literature and tabling at public events. A few may want to focus on fundraising and letter writing, and there may be others who only want to contribute financially. Regardless of what roles activists take in the group, it is important to appreciate their efforts and to allow them to use their skills effectively.

Anyone concerned about animal rights has a place in the movement and has the ability to make a positive contribution to our campaigns. The key to success is to build our numbers so our fight for animal liberation becomes stronger.

Toward the Development of a Sustainable Decision-making Paradigm

by David Hayden

Putting a bit of thought into formalizing the decision-making process can save countless headaches down the line. Without this forethought, meetings can all too easily slip into off-topic meanderings or bickering, simply drag on for what seems like forever, or become dominated by those with more assertive personalities. As a result, good activists may end up feeling marginalized, excluded, offended, or simply turned off and disempowered.

When a group is run by an individual leader or small clique, its membership may come to resent this control: Where does all the group's money go? Why does the group have to be so aggressive and present such an unappealing image to the public?

Not only can this type of structure promote resentment and dissatisfaction, but it also tends to place too much responsibility in the hands of too few people. Doing so puts the group at greater risk of corruption and creates a clear organizational weak-point, which can be exploited by our enemies and their agents. If a group relies on a key individual or two, their incapacitation can destroy the effectiveness of the group as a whole.

At the other end of the spectrum, as decision-making becomes more open and inclusive, the process can become overly cumbersome and easily diverted. This provides yet another weak point of attack for our enemies. If we unwittingly allow their agents full access to our decision-making process, they can drive that process astray and divert the group from attaining its goals. Of course, even without enemy intervention, a completely open forum can too easily stray to tangential issues or simply become mired in non-productive debate.

In the U.S., an all too common solution to this dilemma is to utilize the system of majority rule (also known as the tyranny of the masses). Unfortunately this sets up a competitive framework which becomes adversarial and creates conflicts over wedge issues that can drive a group apart.

So, basically, we're screwed. Decision-making wouldn't be so bad if we were all better people: respectful, understanding, caring, trusting, trustworthy, patient, tolerant, etc. But, let's face it, none of us are perfect. We must simply do our best to improve in these areas and to work out a decision-making process with the others in our group which will allow us, as a group, to maximize our productivity for the animals.

One possible organizational structure is a *tiered collective*. Such a structure is designed to ensure that individuals are not given too much responsibility before they are capable of handling it. Tiers may consist of:

•**New Activists** should be given a chance to learn and prove themselves. After demonstrating a dedicated interest in working to acheive group goals, the new activist may consider becoming a group member.

•**Members** need to be open to criticism, be willing to express their own views in a respectful way (including the criticism and praise of others), make a disciplined withdrawal from any commitments they take on if they can no longer keep them, and be willing to devote a certain amount of time and effort into making the group productive (e.g., attending most meetings and group events/actions).

•**Core members** make a higher level of commitment to their group and shoulder a share of 'residual responsibility' (the responsibility to ensure that all necessary work gets done)for the group and its work. Core members make day-to-day decisions but are to be held accountable for these decisions at group meetings.

Decision making can be performed through the process of formal consensus, which values each individual and their opinions equally. Although this process does not require that all participants be in complete agree-ment in order to adopt a proposal, they must accept the decision whether it be as a supporter of the proposal, with ambivalence, with reservations, or by standing aside. If an individual absolutely can not accept a proposal s/he has the option of blocking it.

Failures in the consensus process are usually a result of a poor foundation. Above all else there must be a strong understanding of the consensus process and a dedication to making it work. A shared sense of purpose and commitment to the group (and its goals) are also essential. If a proposal, or a criticism, is not in synch with the nature and goals of the group it may be summarily discarded. If a person continues to raise criticisms which challenge the foundation of the group, it may be time to either re-think the nature of the group or for that individual to leave.

Other key features of a strong foundation for consensus include solid ties of trust, mutual respect, and equal access to power. Participants in the process will need to be patient with one another and actively involved in the cooperative venture of working through any issues or differences which come up.

All participants in the decision-making process must take responsibility for their own behavior in this regard. But, it is extremely useful to select a facilitator to help keep things on track. A facilitator ensures the agenda is acceptable, keeps the discussion on topic and on schedule, helps clarify issues under discussion, solicits participation from all, encourages overly dominating people to back off, helps individuals identify and deal with problematic tensions, strives to provide a respectful atmosphere, warns and eventually expels anyone who is overly disruptive, and will step aside as facilitator if s/he has any personal opinions to express.

At general meetings, it's especially important to acknowledge that those who are more involved with the group will have a better understanding of it, and that those who will actually have to take on the work to accomplish a task will be the ones that have to schedule it and ultimately decide if it's doable for them or not.

Activists in action rarely have time to use formal consensus. Thus, it's best to work out as many details as possible ahead of time (e.g., delegating roles and responsibilities for the course of an action). Although decisions made in the heat of the moment may not be ideal, it's often crucial that they be made quickly and without extensive criticism or discussion at that time. Criticism and analysis of these types of situations can often best be accomplished once the action is over.

Tiered levels of responsibility and the formal consensus process, coupled with the delegation of responsibility and critical review, have a great deal of potential. The details of how it can be carried out by any particular group will, of course, vary. For more information about formal consensus and how to make the process work for you, check out:

http://www.consensus.net

BEING AN EFFECTIVE SPOKESPERSON

by J.P. Goodwin
Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade

Acting as a spokesperson for the animal rights movement involves various forums in which you must use your speaking skills. Most activists will engage in one-on-one discussions with shoppers when they are out distributing flyers or protesting. Others will deal with the news media and reporters who can be either friendly, objective or even antagonistic. Some will even have the opportunity to engage in publicized debates with our opposition's paid PR hacks.

•**Know your audience.** Effective spokespeople know the demographics of who is watching, listening or reading, and they modify their arguments, the words they use, and their appearance accordingly.



Photo: Anita Carswell

•**Always repeat your key points.** When you speak with the news media you will be interviewed for several minutes, but most likely only about 15 seconds will be used. Keep this in mind and make each answer you give fit into a comfortable 15-second soundbite that effectively articulates your argument.

•**Don't be afraid to be honest.** People respect consistency, and what is deemed radical today will not necessarily be radical in 20 years. In the 1960s, white people were scared of Malcolm X and viewed him as a hatemonger. Today many white suburban kids run around with Malcolm X hats and t-shirts. Times change.

•**Be assertive.** I've seen animal rights activists lose debates because they hesitated when asked an uncomfortable question. For example, I once did a radio debate about hunting with another animal rights activist and two spokespeople from the hunting industry. The other activist was asked about her views on vivisection for cancer treatments. She hesitated and then mumbled an answer under her breath. She sounded ashamed about her view on the issue. In reality, she wasn't ashamed, but rather was afraid of losing support on the hunting issue. The end result was that she lost her position of authority and conviction.

If she had proudly stated her view on the matter in a clear and concise manner then there would have been little or no damage at all. Never be ashamed of your views on controversial issues. Never sell the animals out.

•**Keep your answers focused on the issue at hand.** If someone asks you about the dairy industry and you are trying to keep a focus on fur, then answer their question and immediately redirect the focus back to fur. You can control the route the debate takes. Know your enemy. If you are having a debate with a spokesperson from an industry, be prepared and do extensive background research. I've destroyed fur trade spokespeople by dragging out quotes that they have made. When someone from FICA started moving the subject away from fur to another, more accepted form of animal exploitation, I presented a quote she had said stating that the fur industry would lose on the fur issue and always needed to change the subject! She came across as a slimy spin doctor, trying to represent an industry that simply could not be defended.

•**Treat the media with respect, even if they are antagonistic.** The media always gets in the last word, so let's take the high ground. If they present a story in a negative light, don't call the reporter and yell. That only hurts us. If the piece was exceptionally bad, then speak with the reporter in a calm, rational fashion. Never insult the reporter's intelligence or objectivity. Always give him or her the benefit of the doubt. If we make enemies in the media then the media will kill us.

•**Know the issue you plan to speak on and every other issue as well.** I've been on radio talk shows where I was scheduled to give a five minute interview on fishing, but ended up presenting a full hour on all animal rights issues. Be prepared.

•**Practice makes perfect.** Do some trial runs at home and have your friends toss some questions at you. With each interview, you will become more comfortable and confident, but don't underestimate the need for practice.

When you speak to the media, whether it is a short soundbite or a call in to a radio show, you act as a trial lawyer for the animals. The general public is the jury. The cost of losing is death for your client. Your performance decides if millions live or die. Always remember that the stakes are high and the better prepared we are, the more we will be able to accomplish for the animals.

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Campus Organizing

by Adam Weissman

In the tightly knit community of the college campus, animal rights groups have a chance to seize public attention to a degree that is impossible in any other forum. Because campuses are concentrated over a comparatively small number of buildings, student activists can maintain an extremely high level of face-to-face visibility.

GETTING STARTED

Most schools have activities offices where you can find out everything you need to know about acquiring formal recognition and funding for a new group. Many institutions require a statement of purpose, a member list, formal officers and a proposed budget.

It is helpful to assemble a small steering committee of animal liberation-minded people on your campus. If you don't know any other pro-animal students, contact a local animal rights group and ask if they know of any students on your campus. Leave notes on windshields of people with AR bumper stickers on their cars. Approach clubs with similar goals—like environmental groups—and announce your intention to start a group and pass around a sign-up sheet to see if anyone wants to be involved. When you have a core group of about five or six students, hold a series of meetings to brainstorm potential club goals and to wade through the administrative red tape necessary to get a group started.

Below are some of the issues that need to be discussed in steering committee meetings and some of the work that must be completed before official meetings begin.

BUDGETING

Some schools automatically fund new groups while others require students to appeal to the student government for funding. Most schools though, will require that all budgeted funds be roughly pre-allocated, meaning that you will have to guess in advance on which issues/programs/events you will be spending the money. Be sure to find out how much flexibility you have in re-allocating at a later time.

COSTS AND BENEFITS OF FORMAL RECOGNITION

Formally recognized groups have access to meeting space and, possibly, offices, funding and a level of respectability to administration that will facilitate dialogue. On the other hand, many schools place severe restrictions on what groups can and cannot do. In the past, animal rights groups, such as at Brown and the University of Guelph, have been forcibly disbanded following Animal Liberation Front raids.

There is a simple way to enjoy the best of both worlds: operate an unrecognized group specifically for activities not approved of by school policy for recognized groups. For example, New York University requires that groups holding rallies and other street events formally register these actions. Worse, they can decide the time, place and location. NYU student activists avoid being hampered by these policies by either making other local organizations the official demonstration sponsor or by using an ad-hoc name as opposed to the formally recognized one.

PUBLICITY

As people tend to make group commitments early in the school term, it is *critical* to begin outreach as soon as possible in the semester. Investigate activity/club fairs at your school, hang posters announcing your meetings all around the campus, make and distribute "show card"-sized handouts announcing your group, and table at concerts on campus and well-traveled areas (like student centers in colleges and main entrances in high schools). High school students can stuff all faculty mailboxes, particularly those of teachers with homerooms and, after a little research, possibly include information on your group in the school's daily announcements. Try to include a new announcement each day with a different animal rights fact. You should also approach the campus radio TV stations, as well as the student newspaper about running an announcement about your group's first meeting.



GOALS

The steering committee should try to define both long-term and short-term goals. This does not mean that the steering committee will define the whole agenda for the duration of the school year. Rather, the committee will develop a base of ideas to draw upon when the group is officially launched, regardless of whether they are actually used or not.

THE FIRST MEETING

• Involve everyone. People come to animal rights meetings with a varying level of knowledge, experience and commitment. It is important to balance the need to keep a meeting well-organized, structured and fast-moving on the one hand, while making people feel like they are actively involved participants whose input is valued, on the other hand.

• Stick to the agenda. The first meeting should have a very clearly-recognized facilitator and a formal agenda, as should most subsequent meetings. The facilitator should structure the meeting and keep things moving.

• Provide give-aways. Animal rights literature on a range of issues should be available at the meeting. Supplying free vegan food, if possible, creates a welcoming environment.

• Show an animal rights video. Starting meetings with a video is invariably an excellent ice-breaker. One of the best videos for this purpose is *Their Future in Your Hands*—short, informative, and powerful, but not overwhelmingly gory. If you do intend to show graphic videos, you should inform meeting attendees in advance and give them the opportunity to turn away or leave the room for the duration of the film. Following the video, have people in the room say their names, what brought them to the meeting and any special interests.

• Discuss some of your potential projects. It's fine to develop a few ideas through the steering committee and then discuss them with the group, but it is also important to be open to new ideas and to not force campaigns on people if they seem uninterested. Rather than taking on an intimidating, monster campaign from the outset, a group can build itself through smaller, simpler tasks and goals.

• Assign specific tasks. At the end of the first meeting people should have specific things to do. Delegate jobs that require little experience but are critical and make people feel valued, such as tabling, postering and leafleting.

THE POWER OF CAMPUS MEDIA

It is easy to underestimate the importance of campus media on the grounds that very few students actually read their school papers. Ignoring your school paper causes you to miss out on great outreach and educational opportunities. It is fairly easy to develop one-on-one relationships with educators and reporters at your campus paper by simply visiting their office and talking about your issue. You can also send press releases a few days before every event you hold. Some school papers will allow the animal rights group to write a weekly column, so be sure to ask if this is possibility and find out if you can run photos with the articles.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE

Groups should choose campaigns considering their members' level of interest in an issue, the potential for the campaign to achieve change in policy, the likelihood of changing attitudes of members of the community, and the potential to further the animal liberation movement. Most importantly, the goal of the campaign *must* be attainable.

There are many, many animal rights issues to address on campuses, including banning dissection, abolishing animal experiments, ending campus use of rodenticides and insecticides, stopping your school from investing in or purchasing products from companies that abuse animals such as Procter & Gamble, promoting veganism on campus, challenging campus animal agriculture programs, and educating the campus community on a wide range of animal rights issues.

Because the world will not go vegan overnight and meat consumption is such an entrenched practice, promoting veganism works best as a less confrontational campaign. It is hard, after all, to be accusatory, when the majority of the public are the accused.

Campus groups tend to have three major goals in promoting veganism on campus: education, increasing vegan food options and eliminating particularly cruel animal "foods."

Tactics for education include tabling, holding veganism seminars, leafleting with literature such as *Why Vegan*, promoting awareness of campus vegan options through a vegan guide and free food events:

Historically student organizations have been at the forefront of freedom struggles. Student AR groups, with proper planning, can help make this one of the most powerful social justice movements of the 21st century.

Thanks to Freeman Wicklund and Melanie Bartlett, whose ideas and experiences have been drawn upon heavily throughout this article.

STRATEGIC ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Taking action for animals which fits into an overall strategy can dramatically increase our effectiveness as activists. The key question when attempting to formulate a strategy is: "What can I do that will be most effective in furthering the cause of animal liberation?"

The first step in formulating a strategy for your local group is defining a set of realistic, long-term and short-term goals. Although it depends on the size and resources of the group, limiting yourselves to selecting only a couple of major campaigns is usually reasonable. It may even make sense to start different groups which focus on different issues (e.g., one group promotes veganism while another attacks the fur trade).

Once your group has selected its goals and which campaigns to focus on, the next step is to determine what sort of tactics will be most useful for achieving your goals. The basics for most animal liberation campaigns include the following:

1. **Research**: It is crucial that you have a good knowledge of your opponents. This should include data on exactly how they abuse animals (it's best to get pictures of this as well), why they do it and what it might take to get them to change their ways. Often this sort of information can be obtained from a special interest group devoted to the particular issue you're working on (such as CAFT for fur and IDA for Procter & Gamble). At other times, it may become necessary to go undercover and infiltrate your opponent's operation.

2. **Education and Outreach**: Once you have a good knowledge base to draw on, it is time to start educating others about the nature of the abuse. This may include setting up informational tables, leafleting, going door to door to talk about the issue and reaching out to other groups in an attempt to form broad-based opposition to the targeted abusive practice.

3. **Letter Writing, Boycotts and Negotiations**: Once the public begins to share your outrage against the abuse, begin a letter-writing campaign and, if you're targeting consumer products and have sufficient support, consider launching a boycott against the company. It can also be useful to get high profile individuals on your side of the issue (such as local politicians, celebrities, etc.). As the numbers of people opposed to the practice grow, it may be time to try to meet with the abuser to attempt to persuade them to change their ways.

4. **Protests**: If appeals to conscience are not enough to stop an abuser, it will usually become necessary to begin protesting against them. Different forms of protest may be called for depending on the circumstances. These may include creating media events, participating in civil disobedience actions, disrupting business, etc.

5. **Legislation and Direct Action**: If the abuser is able to take all of the negative publicity in stride, it may be time to pursue more coercive measures such as legislative efforts or illegal direct action. Of course an aboveground animal advocacy group will not engage in illegal direct action itself, however, once the cruelties of the abuser become public knowledge, it will be only a matter of time before individuals begin taking the law into their own hands if legal efforts prove insufficient.

For a more extensive examination of strategies for achieving animal liberation see *No Compromise* issue #9, pp. 15-23, as well as the responses to Freeman Wicklund's version of Strategic Nonviolence on pp. 12-13 of this issue.

MAINTAINING MORALE

Your group has been protesting the same fur store for eight months and you're only getting an average of three people at the weekly demos. Meetings regularly turn into heated debates and progress into uncontrollable arguments. Members of the group don't seem to trust or feel comfortable working with others, and nobody's very motivated to keep fighting the good fight.

How do you get out of and, better yet, avoid this all too common slump? One of the most important factors in organizing a group or a campaign is maintaining the morale of those involved. Here are some tips - learned the hard way - from one experienced grassroots organizer.



Plan social functions. Though the focus of collective energy should always be taking direct *action* for the animals, it's also productive for activists to get together in a more relaxed, fun setting every now and then. This allows people to get to know one another on a more intimate level and build bonds which will eventually make for stronger solidarity.

Encourage participation. Always ask fellow activists for their opinions and take their input into account. Likewise, delegate responsibility to others rather than trying to do everything yourself. The group should belong to everyone and everyone should be, and feel, involved.

Hype your actions. Be sure to keep your actions exciting and convey enthusiasm when notifying others of upcoming events. People are more likely to attend protests if they feel a sense of anticipation and urgency.

Discuss solidarity. Prior to any action which may involve a risk of arrest, talk openly and honestly with those involved about how they will handle various situations such as police repression, jail, bail, etc. If everyone knows what they can expect from others, they are less likely to feel disappointed and let down if and when some activists make choices that don't agree coincide with others.

Tell the truth. Never lie or exaggerate to your comrades about the expected goings-on at an action, in jail, or during the resulting court proceedings. It's not fair to those who are deceived and/or those who deserve to know exactly what they're getting themselves into. Activists will be more likely to participate in future actions when they know they can trust the organizer(s).

Respect limits. Everyone has them and it does not benefit the animals to ignore or push those limits. You cannot bully or force people into doing what *you* think is best - this will only foster resentment. Share your knowledge and experiences, but empower people to make up their own minds about what courses of action they will take and how far they are willing to go.

Talk it out. When interpersonal issues arise, as they unfortunately but inevitably will, confront those involved and discuss the problem honestly and respectfully rather than avoiding it. A conflict left unresolved will result in serious tension that may infect the cohesiveness of the entire group.

Set an example. Always be the best activist you can be; treat the cause seriously and your fellow warriors with respect. Although we generally don't believe in leaders, it never hurts for people to witness the example of someone affecting positive change for the animals and relating to comrades with integrity.

Create victories. Choose winnable campaigns and promote that aspect so people realize they can and *are* making a real, tangible difference towards our ultimate goal of animal liberation. Likewise, seek out and focus on the positive aspects of every situation.

Coalition Building

by Josh Tranter

The ability to work effectively and constructively with others is a useful and often necessary tool in any struggle for social change. Not to discount the power of the individual, but if we are ever going to truly create any sort of lasting change, we are going to have to realize that we can't do it alone. Grassroots animal liberation groups must work cooperatively with other grassroots animal liberation groups, national animal rights organizations and groups and individuals representing other social struggles and issues.

The grassroots are very much the foot soldiers and power of the movement. It is we who are on the frontlines fighting to keep the tide of animal abuse and cruelty at bay, while struggling to win victories for our animal brothers and sisters. The power of the grassroots lies in our diversity, as well as in our ability to come together and present a united front. This has been seen time and again, most notably in the fight against the fur trade. Through coordinated efforts, the grassroots animal liberation movement has made significant inroads in attacking specific targets such as Macy's and Neiman Marcus. In many ways, our future successes will be determined by our ability to maintain and persevere in these coordinated campaigns, while learning to draw upon resources within the movement that will maximize our efforts.

Many of the best resources are available through national animal rights organizations. Nationals can be of assistance in funding actions and campaigns, providing materials, drawing their members to our demonstrations and giving much needed support and assistance in areas such as research and investigations and media outreach. When working with nationals, it is important that we don't necessarily expect to get anything for free. That is, while it is necessary to preserve the integrity of our campaigns and actions, we must realize that if we are to draw upon their resources, we must also allow them input. Engaging in these types of give-and-take relationships will provide positive interactions that will benefit the nationals, the grassroots and, most importantly, the animals.

The coalitions that can be built between the animal rights movement and other social justice movements are of the utmost importance. They provide us with credibility to the general public, allow us to attack animal abusers from different angles and bring new faces into our movement. Through engaging in dialogues with other social movements, it becomes clear that not only do we share many of the same foes, but that it is the same corrupt power structure that maintains the status quo of oppression we all strive to destroy. In working with these groups we cannot expect that they will necessarily support all of our views or that they will work for animal liberation. But by building bridges we move them one step closer and awaken within ourselves a more holistic view of oppression. Many such successful coalitions have already been formed, most notably with Earth First! and the environmental movement, and with the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power - San Francisco (ACT-UP SF). Both organizations have fought alongside us in our own campaigns, as we have fought beside them in theirs.

The more we work together cooperatively within our movement and those of other social justice issues, the stronger we become. The animal abusers, as well as the defenders of the status quo, our very own government, hate to see us working together. They know that when we are unified we are powerful. They know that when we are powerful we pose a threat. But most importantly they know that once this power is ours, we will use it to bring this system to its knees, and with it all of the oppression, lies and injustice that keep the animals as well as so many others in chains.

Fundraising for Grassroots Animal Rights Groups

It's hard to work up interest and energy in fundraising, with so many pressing animal issues at hand. It is a project for which activists' time and talents must be set aside, however. Fundraising may not be a passion for us, but it will aid us in attaining the goals about which we *are* passionate.

Some Specific Fundraising Ideas:

Sell advertising space in your newsletter. Only include ads for businesses that will interest your members (and which, needless to say, are animal-friendly).

Sponsor yard sales. Make it convenient for members to donate items by having more than one drop off site for donations. Also ask for volunteers to donate their yards, to staff the tables, price merchandise, collect and drop off merchandise to the main collection location, and to advertise and put up flyers.

Organize bowl-a-thons, walk-a-thons, etc. These events can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish, depending on your available resources. Ask members to encourage friends and relatives to participate, or, at the very least, to sponsor someone.

Set up benefit shows. Benefit shows have successfully raised money and educated the audiences. If you think you can fill a hall, encourage members to get musicians to donate their time. Sell as many tickets in advance as possible. Arrange for volunteers to design and distribute flyers, promote the show, take/sell tickets at the door, give out animal rights literature at the show, serve as a liaison to the performers, do announcements during the show, and help with set-up and clean-up.

Hold raffles and sweepstakes. You do not need a gaming license for a sweepstakes. With a sweepstakes, though, you cannot require payment for a ticket. You can only suggest a donation amount. It is doubtful, however, that anyone will take a ticket without giving the requested donation. Volunteers are needed to solicit gifts and to sell tickets. Prizes can also be services, like a home-cooked vegan meal for two, dog-walking or any service that a member can donate. Many of our members have talents that we don't utilize; here's an opportunity to take advantage of someone's ability to make a sketch from a photo, for example. When the tickets are printed, ask a local supermarket for permission to set up a table outside to sell chances, stressing that it is for a charitable cause.

Sponsor bake sales. This can be a bit tricky, as you must be sure the donated items are strictly vegan.

Organize banquets and cook-offs. As with bake sales, you must make sure the cooks know how to prepare vegan food. Volunteers will be needed to publicize the event, cook and serve food, rent a hall, and set-up and clean-up. These are fun events that should easily attract participants.

Send out special holiday appeals. Send out appeal letters before the winter holidays, asking members to remember the animals during the holidays. Mention campaigns that were completed during the year, along with current and future programs. Suggest that members ask their families/friends to send donations to your group in lieu of gifts to the member.

Sell merchandise. T-shirts, buttons, tapes, books, etc., can bring in funds, but be careful to keep track of the inventory and keep the proceeds separate from general funds so you'll know how much profit this program is generating.

Distribute animal rights literature and information about your group at all fundraising events. Educate the public at the same time you are raising money.

The best fundraisers are ones that involve a minimum of time or money and generate a good return, or ones that are fun for people to participate in and educate at the same time. This is only a partial list of ideas that will help you raise the funds necessary for your group to keep active in liberating animals. For a more extensive handout on fundraising, contact Animal Rights America.

Vail Fires

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not found any lynx back there [in the TERA] is because they haven't looked."

While commercial trapping of lynx continues in Alaska, Montana, and Canada, the major threat to the lynx's continued existence in the lower 48 states is habitat destruction and human intrusion. Logging, oil, gas, agricultural, and recreational industries are all responsible for invading and desecrating the lynx's last stronghold. "Currently there are no standards nor guidelines for logging (or other activities) in lynx habitat in any of our national forests," says Jasper Carlton of the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, one of the groups that have sued the USFWS to list the lynx under the Endangered Species Act.

The USFWS has declared that ski development and other winter recreation such as that in Vail, Colorado, harm lynx directly, as these developments not only destroy lynx habitat but also open up exclusive lynx territory to competitive predators less affected by human activities. But some wildlife agencies in states with suspected or known lynx populations oppose federal protection for the lynx because of the impact such a listing might have on timber, oil, and gas development, cattle grazing, road building, ski expansions, and hunting and fishing access.

The elusive and shy lynx requires older forests with downed trees for their dens, for protection from severe weather, and as covered corridors that link their dens to habitats of the snowshoe hare, their principle prey. Lynx live at elevations above 4,000 feet where there is snow most of the year. Like other forest carnivores, lynx are an "indicator" species, meaning their presence represents ecological health and balance in the forests they inhabit.

Since 1991, environmentalists have petitioned to have the lynx listed under the ESA, but the USFWS rejected the petitions arguing there was "insufficient evidence" to justify the action. In 1993, a court settlement forced the USFWS to consider the lynx listing in the lower 48 states, a consideration it decided not to act on in December 1997 despite the recommendations of its own biologists. When 15 environmental organizations sued the USFWS for its refusal to list the lynx, the government agency finally responded by recommending listing the lynx as "threatened" rather than "endangered," a status that would extend fewer protections than full endangered status. A listing is expected by July 1999 when the USFWS is bound by law to enact lynx protection.

Listing the lynx as threatened rather than endangered is a political appeasement to economic interests who fear full ESA protection of lynx would severely curtail their commercial activities in lynx habitat. Nowhere is this more evident than in Vail. Responding to the U.S. Forest Service's approval in Fall 1997 of the Vail CAT III expansion into prime lynx habitat, Colorado's Division of Wildlife biologist Jim Toolen said: "The politics involved in all of this are way beyond anything I feel comfortable dealing with."

The USFS approved CAT III knowing that the impending ESA protection of lynx habitat in Colorado would prohibit it. Dr. Gary Koehler, acknowledged by the USFS as one of the nation's leading lynx experts, says CAT III could doom lynx in Colorado and, at a minimum, would "hamper lynx recovery efforts" in the state as the majority of lynx sightings in Colorado have been in the Vail area. While such actions by the USFS possibly constitute violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, they definitely go against the USFS's own Forest Plan standards which supposedly protect wildlife. In Vail where CAT III violated those standards, the USFS simply altered the standards rather than prohibited the planned expansion.

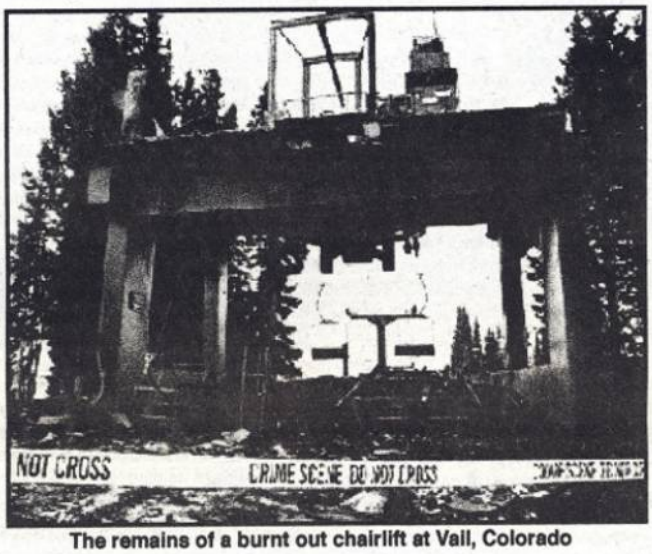
Local environmentalists like forest and range ecologist Rocky Smith believe that in the battle between the lynx and Vail ski expansion, the long-furred wildcat loses. "The USFS seems much more interested in protecting Vail's pocketbook than in protecting extremely valuable ecological resources." It is estimated that it will take 12,000 logging truckloads to haul away the six million board feet of virgin spruce and fir from the VA invaded Two Elks Roadless Area. The VA will only pay the USFS one to two cents on every dollar it makes for the "use" of our public national forests.

The fight to keep VA out of the Two Elks began years ago when the corporation first proposed CAT III, a follow-up to its CAT I and CAT II expansions that began in the 1960s. Currently atop Vail Mountain, numerous winter recreation activities are served including ice skating, tubing, sledding, a half pipe for snowboarders, and snowmobiling. VA's expansion on what it calls "Adventure Ridge" would add facilities that would serve an estimated 220,000 more skiers annually. Also planned are year-round facilities, including an in-line skating arena, new restaurants, and an outdoor climbing wall. Such activities violate the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act which allows only "ski operations and appropriate ancillary facilities," but, as VA has proven, economic interests can always override regulatory laws and public opposition.

In 1997 when the USFS solicited public comments on CAT III, it received 400 letters opposed to the expansion and only 5 letters of support, all from ski industry-supported individuals. When Eagle County Commissioners held three of their own public hearings on CAT III in spring 1998, voices of opposition dominated all the meetings. It was estimated that public opinion was 90 percent against the expansion. Yet in May, county commissioners unanimously voted in favor of CAT III. A Colorado Ski Country USA spokesman defended the expansion saying, "It's not unlike Universal Studios adding a new ride every year...the Colorado ski industry is competing against Las Vegas, Orlando (Disney World), and cruise vacations."

In June 1998, environmentalists filed a lawsuit against VA to prevent CAT III, arguing that it would destroy elk calving grounds, habitat for the boreal owl marten and mountain lion, and would interfere with plans to reintroduce lynx into Colorado. By September, the U.S. District Court ruled in favor of VA and refused to issue a preliminary injunction to stay the planned expansion while opponents appealed the USFWS decision allowing CAT III. On October 14, 1998, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver also rejected a request for an emergency injunction, thereby clearing the way for the actual beginning of construction south of the existing ski area.

On October 16, 1998, VA began cutting trees in the TERA with the knowledge that by the time USFS permission for CAT III was appealed by environmentalists, the contested habitat for lynx, elk, marten and other wildlife would already be destroyed. With no avenues left open for legal recourse, the ELF swung into action and within 48 hours of the first tree falling in the TERA, Vail Associates Inc. found themselves the target of what has been called the largest raid by environmental guerrillas since Crazy Horse and his Lakota warriors burned down Fort Kearny and chased out gold miners, winning what is now called Red Cloud's War.



The remains of a burnt out chairlift at Vail, Colorado

It wasn't just environmentalists who were upset with VA's actions in Colorado. Local residents have long complained about this corporate ski giant's behavior that has created an economic monopoly. In Vail, Colorado, VA operated 31 chair lifts, 8 hotels, 82 restaurants, and many other ski-related businesses in the surrounding area, including three other ski resorts it recently bought out. "Vail Resorts used to be the 800-pound gorilla; they are now the 4,000-pound gorilla," says Robert McLaurin, Vail's town manager.

With Colorado as the nation's most popular ski area, VA has dominated the industry by buying out competitors and recently starting a joint venture with the state's largest sporting goods chain. Lift tickets at VA's ski areas rank the highest price in the nation at $61 each. Last winter, $1.6 million was made, comprising a large portion of Colorado's ski industry revenues which totaled more than $4 billion in the last two seasons. "The corporate world is buying up everything and trying to monopolize it," says Geoff Wells, an independent ski store manager who was prevented from opening a ski store in Vail by VA.

While the ELF may have cost VA $12 million in economic damage, such an amount is just a drop in the bucket to this corporate giant which has invested $200 million into Vail Resort's commercial operations in Colorado in the last two years alone, including helping to establish direct flights into Vail from 13 American cities. Vail has long been a playground for the world's wealthy elite, but VA's corporate behavior has begun to create stark class divisions and subsequent economic growth has driven property values sky high. An acre of private land in Vail now averages $1 million.

VA's growth in Vail signals a threat not only to the TERA, but to all the surrounding forest lands—both public and private. VA recently admitted that it has an option to buy 2,000 acres of private land just one mile from the CAT III expansion on Vail's frontside. VA has been investigating the possibility of building a new ski base area here with village-to-village gondolas and luxury condominiums to add to its already 1,300 residential condos. "Consideration of this development exacerbates cumulative impacts, particularly with respect to the lynx movement corridor and elk winter range issues," says VA's own privately-hired biologist.

Right now across public national forests in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, and Colorado, wilderness habitat that may very well be the last refuge for forest predators like the lynx is being destroyed. With government support, these environmental crimes are being committed before the ecological impact on endangered wildlife can be measured, let alone prevented. The logical conclusion is simply that the USFS and USFWS cannot be trusted to protect these rare magnificent animals.

The USFS and USFWS have failed in obligation to protect the lynx and other endangered wildlife. Regardless of any of the economic consequence ESA protection will have on private industry, both agencies are mandated by law to protect wildlife in danger of extinction. Yet the USFS which oversees the continuing destruction of lynx habitat, the USFWS which is bowing to political pressure by not extending full ESA protection to the lynx, and state wildlife agencies who have resisted taking the necessary actions to save the lynx, continue to serve industry before wildlife and public interests.

How many of us have ever gazed into the eyes of a wild lynx? How many of us, let alone our grandchildren, ever will if we continue to wage war upon them with the steel trap, bulldozer, and chain saw? These shy predators are not disappearing. We know exactly where they are going as the last of the old growth forests they depend on for habitat is commercially developed. If we do not do something now, even scientists and biologists are projecting that the lynx and many other familiar races of wildlife in the lower 48 states will become extinct. And for what? A Rocky Mountain lynx pelt goes for $75 on the international fur market, just a little more than a lift ticket on Vail Mountain.

As long as federal and state governments fail to enforce their own laws to protect rare and endangered wildlife, we can be grateful that the ELF is willing to take action to protect the lynx nation's homelands. While FBI and ATF agents from the domestic terrorism division pour over the west looking for ELF volunteers, they ignore the criminal actions of Vail Associates and other private interests waging war in this continent's last 2 percent of undeveloped and roadless wilderness. Those unbiased by media and industry disinformation will have no problem recognizing who the real eco-terrorists are in the last ancient forest lands where the refugees from the fiercely wild lynx nation still roam.

Animal Rights Commentary

Nationals & Grassroots; Complementing Roles

by Mike Markarian

After being in the animal rights movement for about 12 years, I am starting to see an unfortunate schism between grassroots and national groups. I would like to offer some thoughts on how national and grassroots groups can be beneficial to each other. And, more importantly, how the animals can benefit.

Bill Moyer of the Social Movement Project has studied the evolution of different social movements and has reported on the similarities between the steps through which every social movement evolves. He claims that every social movement has four types of activists:

1. **THE CITIZEN** - Activists in this category uphold good social values and bring out people's goodness. For example, if an animal rights group offers a reward for information leading to the arrest of a person who tortured a dog, then that group is viewed as upholding values that the general public supports.

2. **THE REBEL** - Direct action, civil disobedience, hunt sabotages and Animal Liberation Front activities all fall under this category. Activists purposefully breaking laws that are unjust, such as hunter harassment laws, or committing acts of civil disobedience to help animals, are tying the movement's issues together with First Amendment, freedom of speech and civil liberties issues.

3. **THE CHANGE AGENT** - Activists in this category put the movement's issue on the political and public agenda. Activists who mobilize to attend public meetings and get involved with the decision making process are working as change agents. Offering alternatives, calling radio talk shows, writing letters to the editor and teaching humane education in schools are all examples of involving the community and promoting the long-term goals of the movement.

4. **THE REFORMER** - Reformers become part of the system and work within the system to promote the movement's goals. Passing federal legislation to cut subsidies to the mink industry, filing a lawsuit to stop a bison hunt or gathering signatures for a ballot initiative to end trapping, all fall under this category.

Every activist in the animal rights movement falls into one (or more) of the above categories and the movement cannot survive unless it has people working effectively in all four categories. There are some people who are very good at civil disobedience and jail support. There are some people who love to go into schools and talk to children about animal rights. There are some credible scientists and doctors in our movement who can promote alternatives to dissection, hunting or a meat-based diet. There are some people who love to meet with their elected officials. Everyone in the movement has a niche, and they should all be embraced, not alienated.

The blame for the growing split between the grassroots and national groups can in some ways be placed on both sides. Certain segments of the grassroots movement believe that unless you are getting arrested at every protest and unless you follow a certain code of always refusing bail and fines, then you are not doing anything for animals. Similarly, certain segments of the national movement have turned their backs on the grassroots, because they believe that civil disobedience makes the movement look too radical. Some national groups pay their top brass $200,000 salaries and deprive the animal programs of that money, and some are unresponsive and even hostile to the concerns and criticisms of grassroots activists.

However, many people who work for national organizations started out first as effective grassroots activists and were hired because they are talented and committed to the cause. Whether we are involved with grassroots and/or national groups, we all need to realize that our niche is not the only one. We can draw from Bill Moyer's action plan and recognize that all four types of activism are crucial to the movement, and that there are some ways that the different types of activists can help each other.

For example, let's say a national organization has wildlife biologists on staff and has literature available that refutes all the myths about hunting wildlife to control populations. In order to help grassroots activists, that organization should make the literature available for free and should provide a space for local groups to stamp their own name and address on the literature. If a grassroots group is planning a direct action protest against hunting, wouldn't it be beneficial to use these leaflets for the protest so the media and the public are educated about the reasons hunting is unnecessary? I don't think anyone wants to waste their time and money reinventing the wheel—time and money that could be spent helping animals.

The "rebel" activists can draw media attention with civil disobedience, and then channel that media attention to become "change agents" by educating the public about the available alternatives and the goals of the movement. By recognizing the value of different types of activism, we can maximize our efforts to fight for the rights of animals.

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Revolutionary Process and the ALF

by Nicolas Atwood

One day an "animal lover," out of curiosity, stops at a frozen pond to investigate bright flags sticking out of muskrat mounds and finds leghold traps stuck deep in the nest of reeds and mud. Fortunately, the traps are empty, but she can't help but think of the potential victims. She pulls up the stakes, holding the traps secure and takes home as many as she can carry. She feels a mixture of fear and excitement, but overall she's happy knowing that at least the traps in her garbage will never kill an animal.

This, in the simplest terms, is an ALF action—destroying the physical property of an individual or business to benefit an animal, either directly or indirectly. The "animal lover" may become an activist, and as an activist, she'll protest and work to educate others, but in her mind remains the memory of destroying the traps, the small victory.

There is a theory that the reason the use of "violence" by political groups has not caught on in the U.S. to the extent it has in other countries is because most Americans believe that there are agencies and institutions that exist to peacefully resolve conflicts, and that this belief is a barrier against participating in political violence. Perhaps in relation to animals this theory collapses, and it is here that the existence of the ALF can be explained. Crimes of enormous proportion against animals are commonly ignored by the legal system. Battery cages and veal crates are accepted as "normal agricultural practice." Billions of chickens and turkeys are denied even the illusion of humane slaughter. Birds, mice and fish in laboratories are denied the most basic of legal protections. In some states, animals in farms are specifically written out of laws against cruelty.

Of course, opposition—the desire to make a fundamental change in society by throwing oneself against the atrocity of animal abuse—is the right thing to do. The debate over the ALF has never been a question of what is morally justified. How to best bring about change, though, is open to debate. Everyone involved in the animal liberation movement has doubts about the effectiveness of their actions and is searching for the best way to fight animal abuse and exploitation. Most people find the answer is that different tactics and strategies fit different contexts and that one way to defend animals does not have to replace other types of activism. Perhaps the biggest debate is over so-called violence versus nonviolence. There are no arguments for or against either approach that would prove it is universally superior or inferior to the other, or that one will inevitably have really good or really bad effects.

To the defense of the ALF, it is certain that the ALF has rescued animals. Well-thought-out releases from fur farms and liberations from research labs have saved animal lives that you can count. Destroying a slaughterhouse or a fur-farm feed wholesaler does not save animals in an easily quantifiable manner, but may save animals nonetheless through monetary loss, inconvenience, fear, etc., that may dissuade one last breeding season or spur an exploiter's early retirement. "Violence" or "terrorism" has long expressed the most important social, religious and historical forces in this country and in others around the world.

To be fair, much of the criticism of the ALF is justified. The ALF is not revolutionary. It will not bring about fundamental change in society to benefit animals by itself. But ALF actions can be a part of a revolutionary process and can have very important and necessary effects for animals who are suffering.

The ALF has not been proven ineffective. What has been pointed out is that acts borne out of frustration, impatience and impulse do not bring results. In "Making Our Actions Count," in the #9 issue of *No Compromise*, Dari Fullmer wrote that "direct action without strategy is useless." Although random actions may not be entirely useless, the point of choosing targets strategically is important. Direct action activists have to set priorities and be careful to make each effort count. Realistically, we are all limited in the time and energy we can commit to activism (of any kind). We only have a few chances; actions should be more than just symbolic—don't sit in jail for breaking a window at your local McDonald's.

Research and planning are essential to be effective. This should mean fewer actions, but bigger, more focused actions intended to weaken or remove a vital link in an animal abuse industry. Activists must get to know their local animal industry and the role it plays at the national and local levels. An industry is made up of many different levels, from the farmers, the animal transporters and the slaughterhouses, to the processors and down to the retail end. Also included are industry research centers, promotional groups, industry publications, advertising agencies, etc. Every larger community in this country has at least one company that plays an important role in the larger industry, making the abuse and exploitation of animals profitable.

The Western Wildlife Unit of the ALF in the early 1990s, as well as some recent actions targeting the fur industry, showed us the way. By targeting the research that kept the fur industry prosperous and the fur feed co-ops that provide assistance to farmers, they attacked a weak link in the industry, making an enormous impact. If they had chosen to target the retail end and instead destroyed fur stores, they would have made the evening TV news, but insurance would likely rebuild the store and the industry would be little the worse. Within an industry, for the most part, the results are not worth the risk to attack retail outlets.

What industry should the ALF target? Is it better to target a greater evil (such as the meat industry) or plan for a greater impact (by hitting the weakened fur industry)? Setting priorities is another important step in successful strategy.

The meat industry: Internationally, the U.S. is the world's largest exporter of bird carcasses and other animal "products." Companies like Tyson and Hormel aggressively target overseas markets. Nationally, the meat industry is equally overwhelming. Huge companies like IBP, ConAgra, National Beef Packing and Perdue Farms kill billions of animals every year.

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There are approximately 5,000 commercial poultry and livestock farms in the U.S., approximately 300 large meat-packing plants nationwide and another 6,000 small- and medium-sized meat-packing facilities. Fighting the meat industry statewide or regionally is the only realistic option. The livestock haulers, the auction yards, the slaughterhouses and farm supply companies are examples of vulnerable links at this level.

What are the weak industries? We're familiar with fur, but there's also horse-slaughter, the veal industry, foie gras, dog-racing and circuses with animals, among others. For example, circuses remain extremely vulnerable to sabotage. The few dozen circuses that remain in this country are dependent on their means of transportation. A few (empty!) destroyed trucks can stop a circus in its tracks, literally. Many of these circuses survive performance by performance (season by season), and the loss of revenue due to canceled performances could seal their end.

ALF actions are dynamic and inspirational. The ALF can interrupt the dreariness of everyday campaigning with drama that reveals the animal rights struggle at its most essential level, if only for a short time. ALF actions can be a symbol of the revolutionary potential of our movement. The anonymous activist who destroyed muskrat traps acted out of moral duty without thinking of educating the public or hoping for media attention, and, if only temporarily, refused to accept the confines of the law. This ALF has great potential.

Language Liberation

by Janine Motta, NJARA

My first language faux pas is etched in my memory. I was very new to the animal rights movement and had been working with New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance for only a few months when I had a conversation with a "well-seasoned" activist at the National Alliance for Animals office in Washington, D.C. I was securing reservations for our attendance at the annual animal rights conference and was eager to do my job as efficiently as possible. I informed the NAA representative that I would be sending out the requested information all at once so I could "kill two birds with one stone." Well, even as the words were rolling off my tongue, I had a distinct sense that I would never use that expression again. The activist politely asked if I would really want to do that and, of course, I replied that I wouldn't. With that one phone call, I got my first introduction into liberating my language.

The next time you are speaking to someone, listen to yourself. Listen to the way you refer to animals, the expressions you use. Maybe you no longer use such expressions as "killing two birds with one stone," but you may still be using other phrases or words that lock animals into a certain class or indicate that they are nothing more than mere objects. For example, using the term "lab animal" implies that there is such an animal—that is, an animal who is *meant* to be used in laboratories. By the same token, referring to a baby cow as a "veal calf" indicates that being raised to be put on a dinner plate is a calf's purpose in life. Extending that thought, there is no such thing as a "diving mule" - they are mules who are forced to perform for human entertainment. While some may think that this is really splitting hairs, think about it the next time you are talking to someone and you hear them say "laboratory animals." Think about how that reinforces exploitation and abuse of animals by distancing us from the truth. Think of how it locks that rat into a class from which she will never escape. The truth is that the animal is a rat used in experimental research, a calf raised for human consumption, a mule forced to do unnatural and stressful acts for human entertainment and greed.

Furthermore, there are no "zoo animals," no "outside dogs" and no "dancing bears," just as there are no "game animals," "carriage horses," "ranch-raised mink" and "broiler hens." To use another expression, there ain't no such animal! There is only the sad reality of animals being used for any of these purposes. Don't ever let people get away with being derogatory toward animals. There are no stupid chickens, only our small-minded way of thinking that does not allow for any intelligence other than our own. Animals know exactly what they need to know in order to survive. Unfortunately, it is when they come in contact with humans, as in domestication, that these instincts are thwarted or changed. Take the expression "stubborn as a mule" for example. I don't believe stubbornness is a trait that would be found in an animal. One can bet that he was labeled stubborn because he did not want to do something that a human was forcing him to do. It is equally unfair to animals to be likened to a violent, sociopathic human. Whenever someone is guilty of a heinous crime they say he "acted like an animal." Yet the truth is that humans are the only species that is immoral and perform abusive and violent acts out of greed, prejudice and vindictiveness. Animals act out of natural instincts, those that will preserve the strongest of the species. There is no place in their world for selfishness, unfairness or spitefulness.

A particular sore spot with me is referring to animals as *IT* or *THAT*! A radio, a bicycle and a book can all be referred to as *it*, but not a living being. It is bad enough to hear the unenlightened calling animals *it*, but to hear an activist doing so is even worse. Similarly, when referring to an animal, say, "the cow, *who* was rescued from the slaughterhouse," instead of "the cow *that* was rescued."

Please, refer to animals by gender, or, if you're not sure of the gender, call them by their species. We are struggling everyday to secure the inalienable rights of nonhuman animals and by someone offhandedly referring to them as *it* places them back in the category of property—a category where there is ownership and no chance of ever having any rights. Calling an animal *it* also works to de-personalize the animal. It is much easier for someone to dismiss the dead deer on the side of the road if you say, "*it* was run over by a car and somebody ought to come by to pick *it* up," than if you say "*she* was hit by a careless person and *she* struggled to get away only to collapse and die." Don't let others objectify animals. Let them know that *she* had a family, *she* died a lonely death and *she* left orphans behind.

Humans are very fond of euphemisms. Off the top of my head I can think of four ways we say kill. When talking about hunting, animals are "harvested." Those animals not worthy of being bred for profit are "culled." Once animals in laboratories have served their purpose they are "sacrificed" and those animals unfortunate enough merely to be homeless are "put to sleep." Time and again these words are used to refer to the snuffing out of a life—a life abruptly cut short by humans. It is bad enough that the animal exploiters use these words, but if we, as animal rights advocates, use them, we are shielding others from the truth and doing the animals a grave injustice.

In trying to educate others about animal rights issues we must not overlook our language. Re-thinking the way we refer to animals is just one way of raising the consciousness of a society that is routinely and systematically de-sensitized to the plight of animals. It is a small, yet critical, part of a bigger picture. It may take some getting used to and you'll probably have to catch yourself a few times, but it can be done, and indeed it must be done. The animals deserve no less.

Tribute to Cleveland

by Rod Coronado

On October 14, 1998, the American animal rights movement lost one of its greatest founders, Cleveland Amory. Cleveland, who died at his home in New York at the age of 81, was the founder and president of the Fund for Animals which he began in 1967, a time before most animal liberationists were born and a time when his condemnations of sport hunting and the fur trade were anything but in vogue.

In 1974, Cleveland published *Mankind: Our Incredible War on Wildlife*, one of the first books to attack the honored American "traditions" of hunting and trapping. This literary work helped launch a concerted campaign against the fur industry, a campaign which later evolved into the animal rights movement as we know it today.

Cleveland was also responsible for helping to bring nonviolent direct action into the North American animal rights movement at a time when other animal welfare groups of the 1970s limited their activities to lobbying, letter writing, and the rare protest. In 1979, Cleveland's Fund for Animals purchased renowned eco-warrior Paul Watson's first ship, the Sea Shepherd, and crewed on the first animal rights campaign that engaged in economic sabotage against the fur trade. That spring, off of Canada's eastern coast, Sea Shepherd crewmembers patrolled the sealing grounds spraying harp seal pups with an indelible yet harmless dye that ruined the commercial value of their fur.

Later that same year, Cleveland helped Watson take the Sea Shepherd into the Atlantic Ocean in pursuit of the most notorious pirate whaling ship in modern times, the Sierra, which butchered any whale encountered, protected or not, including mothers and calves. When the Sea Shepherd encountered the Sierra, the whaler was rammed twice, disabled and forced to wait until anti-whaling commandos could attach mines to its hull which exploded, thereby sinking the whaler before it could kill again.

While most animal liberationists would call Cleveland's Fund for Animals a mainstream animal rights group, the Fund has never shied away from controversy nor been willing to compromise the goals which Cleveland set for the organization. The Fund has successfully taken its anti-hunting campaign into both the fields and the courts where many grassroots activists lack the resources to be truly effective. Equally, Cleveland and the Fund have time and again offered legal aid to direct action activists unable to defend themselves in court.

I first met Cleveland in November 1986 upon my return from Iceland where David Howitt and I had operated as Sea Shepherd agents. Cleveland lent us the use of his New York Fund office where we held a press conference to announce Sea Shepherd's sinking of two Icelandic whaling ships and an attack on the country's whaling station. I remember Cleveland's defense of this direct action when any reporter present was brazen enough to call us "terrorists" for placing the lives of whales before that of the property of the Icelandic whaling industry.

From our first meeting, Cleveland affectionately referred to me as his godson, and it wasn't long before we met again in the fight for animal liberation. While engaged in many legal battles to protect wildlife, Cleveland recognized the necessity for direct action when all other avenues of change had failed. Frustrated with the progress of one of the Fund's campaigns, Cleveland asked my Animal Liberation Front cell to investigate the animal abuser in one particular case. There was no quandary over the possible ramifications of assisting my fledgling ALF cell, only a steadfast commitment on Cleveland's part to help animals destined for death and misery. When the Fund could no longer support the ALF's investigation, Cleveland gave us his personal blessing in the successful direct action that ensued which resulted in the liberation of many animals.

In the following years, wherever the presence of hunt saboteurs accompanied the presence of Fund activists in a fight for animal liberation, Cleveland was careful never to condemn the tactics of others equally committed to preserving America's wildlife, demonstrating the benefit of mainstream and grassroots groups working together. Rather than attempt to control the movement that he helped begin, Cleveland supported the diverse growth of the animal rights movement.



In 1994, he once again helped Paul Watson purchase a ship which was named the Cleveland Amory and put to sea once again in the North Atlantic where it chased away foreign commercial fishing fleets from Canada's eastern coast. This action was followed one year later by the Canadian government's own prohibition of foreign fishing vessels in the overexploited oceans of its eastern coasts.

The last I heard from Cleveland was his speech to the masses of animal rights activists gathered for the 1996 March for the Animals on Washington, D.C. Once again, Cleveland made public his support for the actions of the Animal Liberation Front, a strengthened belief that he never faltered from despite any consequence his own organization might suffer. On the contrary, it is the animal rights movement as a whole who will now suffer from the loss of this great elder statesman and warrior who never compromised in his fight for animal liberation. It is with tremendous sadness that I say goodbye to my godfather and friend, Cleveland Amory (1917-1998). May he and the animals he fought so hard for rest forever in peace.



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 groups. We feel it is important to inform people of their activities to combat the lies and distortions that animal abusers disseminate. 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.

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (8/28/98). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue. We are now listing actions from around the world and due to the numbers of actions happening we do not have room to list every one. For a more complete listing visit **http://www.animal-liberation.net**.

AUSTRIA

6/-/98; Lower Austria - 9 hunting platforms cut down.
6/-/98; Vienna - 4 butcher shop display windows broken.
6/04/98; Vienna - 9 fur shop windows broken.
7/-/98; Live animal transporter attacked on lay-by on motorway. All tyres slashed and windows smashed.
7/06/98; Vienna - 4 butcher shop windows smashed.
7/28/98; Lower Austria - 44 battery chicken liberated.
7/29/98; Vienna - 4 butcher shops display windows smashed.
8/06/98; Vienna - 1 butcher, 1 McDonald's, 4 fur shop, poultry shop and another animal abusing shop all had their windows smashed.
8/10/98; Lower Austria - 21 battery chickens liberated.
8/24/98; 5 shops that sell dead animals had their locks glued.
8/26/98; Vienna - 13 display windows of shops smashed. Shops include furriers, butchers and McDonald's.
9/-/98; 4 animal abuse shops were damaged.
9/09/98; Vienna - Meat lorry and display windows and doors of 2 butchers locks glued and spray painted with messages.
9/mid/98; Vienna - 6 fur shops had their windows smashed. -the "furious minks".
9/24/98; Locks were glued of the following shops: 1 egg shop, 1 poultry shop, 1 butcher shop and 4 fur shops.
9/24/98; Vienna - 3 lorry locks and a door lock of a butcher in Vienna superglued.
9/end/98; Vienna - 5 shops have display windows smashed. Shops include hunters, butchers and furriers.
10/03/98; Vienna - Animal abuse shops had 15 locks glued. Spray painted messages were left "The fight against the animal exploiters does not make a difference between sex, age, religion or nationality, because for the animals it does not make a difference, who murders it".
10/10/98; Vienna - 12 shops, butchers and furriers, have locks glued.
10/13/98; Vienna - Butyric acid attack on restaurant that serves exotic meat. **10/14/98**; Vienna - "Stasta", a hotel restaurant that slaughters and serves wild pigs, was attacked with butyric acid.
11/-/98; Vienna - 6 fur shops attacked with butyric acid in Vienna.
11/5/98; Veinna - Fur shop window smashed.
11/10/98; Vienna - 8 restaurants selling pate fois gras in Vienna are attacked with butyric acid. Some claim big damage. A restaurant owner says in an interview that geese love being force fed. Force feeding any animal is illegal in Austria.
11/13/98; Locks of 3 fur shops were glued. **-A.L.F.**
12/09/98; Austria - Six animal abuse shops got attacked with butyric acid. Action dedicated to Barry Horne. *[see cover story]*

BELGIUM

7/15/98; Kontich - Quick restaurant set on fire, ballbath destroyed, outside furniture black and smokey. **-A.L.F.**
8/06/98; Merksem - Fire attack on a McDeath, outside damage at the building. **-A.L.F.**
8/09/98; Antwerp - Outside furniture damaged at a Mc Donald's.
8/11/98; Teniersplaats, Antwerp - McDonald's had windows smashed out, slogans such as "Smash the Mac" and "Meat means Murder" sprayed on walls. **-A.L.F.**
8/13/98; Tenierplaats - McDeath set on fire; walls and inside furniture destroyed, water and smoke damage. **-A.L.F.**
8/13/98; Grotesteenweg Berchem, Antwerp - Quick set ablaze. Outside damage on the building smoke damage. Slogans "Meat industry = Death" and "ALF" were sprayed. **-A.L.F.**
8/29/98; Puurs, area of Antwerp and Mechelen - Fire attack at McDonald's, totally destroyed, damage costs are between 35 and 50 million Belgian francs. **-A.L.F.**

CANADA

10/-/98; Near Hythe, AB - A bomb damaged an unstaffed oil well causing approx. $10,000 in damages. **-Unclaimed**
11/14/98; Edmonton, AB - A fur and hide tannery had a front window smashed and was set on fire. The letters "PETA" were also spray painted on the door. Damage estimated at $100,000. **-Unclaimed**
12/-/98; Edmonton, AB - A bottle of a noxious chemical was left in the fur dept. of The Hudson's Bay Company along with an anti-fur message. **-Unclaimed**
12/-/98; Edmonton, AB - A parcel addressed to a politican was intercepted in the post office and opened by the bomb squad. It contained an animal rights message. **-Unclaimed**

ENGLAND

8/19/98; N. London - A small device which had been placed inside a package containing a cassette box, exploded at Mount Pleasant sorting postal office. The police say no-one was injured by the explosion. Anti-Terrorist officers were investigating and it was stated that animal rights activists were suspected. **-Unclaimed**
9/early/98 - Workers at the Occold research lab of Huntingdon Life Sciences have received warning letters at their homes telling them they should quit their jobs. "Not only do we know who you are but also where you live and work. No one, as yet, has been 'killed' by 'animal protectors'." It continued "It's now your turn to experience exactly what the innocent animals have had to endure. Our advice is to withdraw from your animal abusing connections now... before it is too late." **-Provisional A.L.F.**
9/02/98; London - An angling shop that has a shopfront protected by a steel shutter, was kicked in with such force that the window underneath was shattered. The premises has been attacked several times before since it opened earlier this year. **-A.L.F.**
9/16/98; Staffordshire - More than 3500 cages opened and 8000 mink released at a farm owned by Len Kelsall, Chair of the Fur Breeders Assn UK.

5000 Mink Freed

10/26/98; Hermansville, MI -

On the early morning hours of Monday, October 26, the Earth Liberation Front entered the Pipkorn Inc. Mink Ranch in Hermansville in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Seven holes were cut in the perimeter fence, and a large gate was opened allowing the prisoners to escape. Approximately five thousand cages were opened.

The farm held captive many different breeds of mink; however, most of those released had white fur. Many were seen leaving the compound and entering the surrounding woods as the liberators left. This action was done in defiance of the recent government repression waged by the grand jury's indictment of two falsely accused activists from Washington state. The Earth Liberation Front will not be intimidated by this government's actions or fur farmers' recent threats of violence against liberators.

As corporate destroyers burn in the west, wildlife nations will be liberated in the north.

Earth Liberation Front

9/23/98 - 80 hens liberated from a battery farm. **-A.L.F.**
10/15/98; London - Numerous paint attacks on shops and hoardings in east London. 47 "Meat is Murder" and 27 "Go Veggie" slogans were daubed around the Dalston, Hackney, Clapton and Homerton areas. **-A.L.F.**
11/early/98; Brighton - Four lorries of a meat market were damaged by incendiary devices.
11/mid/98; Crawly - Several lorries of an animal hauling company had their windows smashed and other damage.
11/29/98; West London - McDonald's in Hounslow had all its windows smashed. Some of the interior was also damaged in the attack. **-A.L.F.**
12/02/98; England - In response to the UK Labour government's inaction to Barry Horne's hunger strike, a communique was sent out announcing a list of ten vivisectors who would be killed if Barry died. Four of the 10 were named: Christopher Brown of Hillgrove Farm, Colin Blakemore of Oxford University, Clive Page of King's College and Mark Matfield of the Research Defence Society. **-Animal Rights Militia**
12/early/98; Leeds - A hoax bomb package was left in the washroom of a McDonald's. The action was dedicate to Barry Horne.
12/05/98; Whitton - A hunting, shooting and fishing shop was attacked and had their locks glued and windows smashed. It was also dedicated to Barry Horne.
12/06/98; Crawton - A chicken processing plant had 7 vehicles set on fire causing hundreds of thousands of pounds in damage.
12/13/98; Wanstead - AG Dennis butchers was attacked for the second time this year. A small device attached to their window exploded.

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.

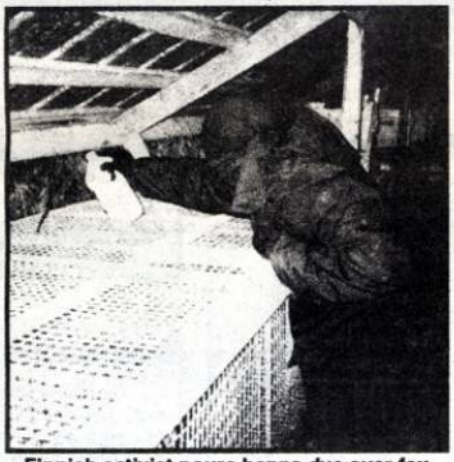
Send your reports to the NA - A.L.F. Press Office (Box 103, Osseo, MN 55369, USA) or the NA - A.L.F. Supporters Group (P.O. Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3) and, if possible, other supportive animal rights groups. Reports should include what the target was, what happened 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.

12/15/98; Ilford, East London - 2 butcher's shops and 1 McDonald's had their windows smashed. **-A.L.F.**

FINLAND

8/-/98; Loviisa - 2 hunting platforms demolished.
8/-/98; Toijala - A road construction machine spraypainted with the text "Who cares about the world?"
8/-/98; Turku - Two fur stores have their windows broken.
8/-/98; Tampere - McDonald's: 4 windows broken, Furrier: 3 windows broken, A fur retailer: 3 windows broken (according to reports the retailer has been attacked 7 times this year, with 32 windows broken).
8/-/98; Teisko - 2 hunting platforms broken, a road construction machine sabotaged. **-ELF (Earth Liberation Front)**
8/-/98; Kangasala - Shell, 5 windows broken. **-ELF**
8/-/98; Tampere - A fur store has 2 windows broken. **-EVR (Finnish A.L.F.)**
8/-/98; Valkeakoski - Road construction site had machines spraypainted and signs removed. **-ELF**
8/-/98; Valkeakoski - Road construction site had sand poured into the tanks of two construction machines. Third one has windows broken and slogans spraypainted. **-ELF**
8/-/98; Lempäälä - Road construction site: A construction machine severely sabotaged and survey stakes removed. **-ELF**
8/-/98; Tampere - 4 fur stores get glue in their locks and walls spraypainted with the text "EVR". A sticker glued on the door: "Closed because of bad conscience". **-EVR**
8/-/98; Tampere - McDonald's had locks glued, window spray painted and the "Closed..." sticker glued to the door.
8/-/98; Tampere - A road construction engineer's house spray painted: "Shame on you, Jorma Jokilehto!" **-ELF**
8/-/98; A fur store spray painted with anti-rust spray which forces the store to buy new windows. Info on the spray widely distributed (Carosol F-40).
8/-/98; Tuusula - 6 hunting platforms demolished.
8/-/98; Espoo - A fur crafter has windows stoned. **-EVR**
8/-/98; Helsinki - A fur store has windows broken.
8/-/98; Helsinki - A fur and a leather store both have windows broken.
9/-/98; Warning letters were recived by fur farmers around the country stating that their farms will be closed either with good or bad, that is, the farmer must stop after this season or his house, car, summer cabin, farm, etc. are free game to animal liberationists. **-EVR**
9/-/98; Joroinen - A fur farm was raided and 3-4000 mink liberated and other facilities sabotaged. Fence cut.
9/8-9/98; Kirkkonummi - All imprisoned mink, approx. 4000, were liberated from Tom Hellström fur farm. His farm was not insured and damages are estimated at several hundred thousand finnish marks. Breeding records were also destroyed. **-EVR**
9/mid/98; Vihti - Fur farmer Leena Pitkanen's van was attacked and had tires slashed and it was covered with slogans.
9/27/98; Laukaa - Tiituspohja fur farm raided and 200 foxes liberated.
9/27/98; Jamsa - Antero Pelkonen fur farm raided and 500 mink liberated.
9/late/98; Kerisalo Island, Joroinen - Approx. 2000 mink were released from their cages and holes were cut in the fence through which they could escape. **-EVR**
10/2-3/98; Lappajärvi - A fur farm was raided and 300 foxes were dyed with henna dye and 20 cages were opened. **-EVR**
10/11/98; Pyharanta - Terho Inkinen's fur farm was raided and 400 fox and 200 raccoon dog were released. Also destroyed was an electrocution style killing machine. "The raid is dedicated to Barry Horne, an English animal activist who is on a hunger strike in prison for the third time to end vivisection." **-EVR**
10/mid/98; Helsinki - A woman who was trying on a fur coat at Stockmann hurt her hand on a razor blade that was in the pocket of the coat. She got minor wounds. **-Unclaimed**
10/mid/98; Overmark, Narpes - An estimated 1000 mink were liberated from the largest fur farm in the area. There was no fence and the mink escaped the area fast. This raid was an answer to the Finnish fur farmer's declaration againt anti-fur activists. "Your threatening will not scare us, because it's nothing compared to the suffering of the animals. You don't know us, you won't see us in TV or in newspapers. You will hear of us only when we hit your farms. You will see us only in your nightmares. We will burn the maps of your farms only after we have raided the farms. Now it's time for fur farmers to look for another way of living. The resistance against fur farming won't cease as long as the animals have to suffer on the farms. Stop now and leave the animals alone." from the communique. **-The Black Mink Front**
10/20/98; Luumäki - A fur shop suffered hundreds of thousands of marks damage from an incendiary attack.
10/24-25/98; Rehula, Taipalsaari - A fur farm was raided and 300-400 foxes were dyed with henna and most of the breeding records were destroyed. **-the Colour of Autumn**
10/25/98; Sipari, Lappeenranta - During an inspection of a fur farm, about 30 animals were found: fox and racoon dog. Their fur was dyed with henna and cages of the animals left open. Equipment was also destroyed. **-EVR**
11/early/98; Ristiina, near Mikkeli - Kauko Leskinen's fur farm had approx. 400 foxes dyed with red henna colour. **-Colour of Autumn (Ruskanvari)**
11/19/98 - A car belonging to a laboratory worker of Karttula breeder was damaged. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne. **-EVR**



Finnish activist pours henna dye over fox

11/23-24/98; Helsinki - The windows of 8 different fur stores were smashed. The action was edicated to Barry Horne and his demands. **-EVR**
11/27/98; outside Kil, in Varmland - Skarebols mink farm was visited and had empty sheds set on fire. Equipment was also damaged. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne **-The Wild Minks**

IRELAND

10/26/98; Shanbally, Ring, Dungarvan - A large amount (number unknown) of mink were released from a fur farm in what may be Ireland's first ever mink liberation. Cages were opened and a perimeter fence was also damaged allowing mink to escape into the country side. **-Unclaimed**

ITALY

12/-/98; Two brands of "Panettone" Christmas cakes made by Nestle were sent to the Ansa news agency with a communique claiming that cakes in stores across Italy had been poisoned. Stores across Italy and even Switzerland pulled all cakes from their shelves. Tests were ran and found that no poison was present in any cakes on store shelves. The communique stated the action was because of Nestle's genetic engineering. Damages have been estimated at over $30 million. **-A.L.F.**

NETHERLANDS

10/early/98; Watergraafsmeer, Amsterdam - Several trucks belonging to a butcher were set on fire. **-Unclaimed**

NEW ZEALAND

10/6-7/98; Hawkes Bay - Two butcher shops had slogans spray painted on them and the footpath outside them. **-A.L.F.**

NORWAY

12/22/98 - a fur store in Sandefjord, Norway was the object of an animal rights action. Slogans were painted and locks glued.

POLAND

4/22/98; Poznan - Front windows of a big Butcher's shop smashed, signs damaged and locks glued in. Locks of 2 fur shops glued and 1 window smashed in Poznan. **-FWZ (A.L.F.)**
5/08/98; Poznan - Front windows of meat shop smashed, sign damaged and locks glued. Front windows of 2 fur shops smashed, locks glued. Hunter's shop locks glued. **-FWZ**
5/23/98; Poznan - A big circus tent damaged in Poznan. **-FWZ**
6/14/98; Poznan - A few meat shops windows smashed and locks glued. **-FWZ**
7/-/98; Janow near Szczytno (Northern Poland) - A fox farm was raided and a few hundred fox were released. **-FWZ**
9/16/98; Poznan - Front windows of 1 fur shop smashed. **-FWZ**
10/25/98; Pozan - Circus vehicle damaged. **-FWZ**
10/26/98; Janow near Szczytno (Northern Poland) - Fox farm raided and about 250 fox were painted with harmless dye. It was a second raid on this farm. **-FWZ**
10/28/98; Ponzan - 3 fur shops painted with anti-fur/A.L.F. slogans and a big meat shop painted with A.L.F./vegan slogans. **-FWZ**
11/6/98; Poznan - 3 meat shops, 1 meat restaurant and 1 fur shop painted with more of different slogans in.
11/10/98; Poznan - Front windows, the doors and shop signs of 2 of the largest meat shops smashed. Front window, the door and shop sign of 1 fur shop smashed. **-FWZ**
11/16/98; Jeziory Wielkie - 5 hunter's platforms destroyed. **-FWZ**
11/30/98; Jeziory Wielkie - Fox farm raided and over 330 red fox and 400 polar foxes were painted with harmless dye. Cages were also opened. Slogans including "For Barry Horne", "We dedicated this action to Barry Horne", "NO FOR FUR", "Enough Cruelty For Luxury" and "Fur Is Shame" were sprayed on the wall and sheds. The foxes were not insured and the farm is in serious financial trouble. A security guard, who was on the farm during the action lost his job. Dedicated to Barry Horne. **- "Brygada R.R."(Rescue Rangers)**

SPAIN

11/29/98; Bilbao - Activists attacked a bull-fighting club with stones and paint bombs to show, "their deepest solidarity" for Barry Horne.

Chickens Rescued from Egg Farm

In the early morning hours of Sept 19th, 1998 the Animal Liberation Front liberated 11 chickens from the Broadview Egg Farms in Burlington, WA.

We entered the premises by cutting away a perimeter fence. We then made our way to one of the four massive barns. We used a crowbar and mallet to dismantle the locks and entered the barn. There we found 11" x 17" cages holding untold 1000's of chickens, 4 to 5 to a cage. We immediately filled 11 birds into our carriers, where they sat anxiously awaiting their departure. We quickly documented a bellish concentration camp for egg laying chickens. These living, feeling creatures are kept in horrifying, intense confinement in small wire cages. Video footage was taken of the nightmarish condition the imprisoned chickens are forced to endure for their entire lives. We left various messages; "freed by ALF", "torture will end", "murder" & "ALF".

As we left our hearts sank knowing the countless numbers we left behind. We then placed the 11 birds into loving and safe homes to enjoy the freedom they have never known.

The meat, dairy and egg industries are responsible for suffering and murder on an epic scale. Veganism is the answer to end this holocaust. Unfortunately, education of the public is a slow process and the animals confined for our greed do not have time. The Animal Liberation Front rises to their call to end their suffering and save their lives. Animal abuse industries wish to keep the public ignorant to the suffering involved in their products...

THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE. ANIMAL MURDERERS BEWARE. THERE IS JUSTICE COMING...

A.L.F.

SWEDEN

6/30/98; Kalmar - 3 fur shops got locks glued, slogans painted and chemical butter acid poured onto them (smells horrible!).
7/03/98 - Holes in the fence of Savsas wildlife farm where wild boars are kept. **-DBF (Swedish A.L.F.)**
7/22/98; outside Enanger - Boda hunting and fishing raided, ducks and wild boars were released. It is owned by the Swedish hunting association. **-DBF**
7/24/98; between Uppsala and Gavle - Fences cut at an ostrich farm where 40-50 ostriches was kept. **-DBF**
8/06/98; Orebro - Circus posters destoyed.
8/09/98; Orebro - Circus posters destroyed.
8/10/98 - Lulea chark (meat) had windows smashed.
8/14/98; Orebro - Locks glued at hunting and angling shop.
8/22/98; Orebro - Two windows smashed and locks glued at hunting shop.
8/27/98; Storuman - A hunting house was totally destroyed. One of the hunters woke up in the middle of the night and saw that the house was on fire. The house burned to the ground. The house burned down last year too. Earlier this year a hunting tractor (used for shipping killed elks) has been burned down. **-Unclaimed**
9/04/98; Harryda, Ryahed - A fur farm was raided a second time by activists. The farmer had put up fake alarms and signs about security guards. An estimated 200-250 minks was set free. The ferrets on the farm, only 6, were put from the farm. **-The Wild Minks**

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.

Diary of Direct Actions Continued

9/05/98; Varobacka - During an inspection at a fur farm, it was discovered the farm was closed down. The farmer was still involved in other animal abuse industries and damage was done to equipment on the farm. **-The Wild Minks**

9/05/98; Boras - All 5 windows of B:sons fur shop smashed. **-DBF**

9/19/98; Småland, Ormaryd - Gösta Larssons mink farm was raided, holes was cut in the fence and an estimated 180 cages was opened and approx. 400 minks was set free. "The Wild Minks... give our support to the people arrested recently in USA for the fur farm raids..." from the communique. **-The Wild Minks**

9/25/98; An incendiary device was placed under a truck and trailer fully loaded with eggs at KronEgg, one of Sweden's biggest egg companies. Unfortunately, the bomb did not ignite. The police shut down the area and it took them 5 hours after they had found the bomb until they had disarmed it. **-DBF**

9/late/98; Froso Zoo - A hole was cut in the fence allowing a one 4 month old female wolf to escape. **-Unclaimed**

9/28/98; Sundavall - Over 2,000 minks was released from a mink farm . This is the same farm that was attacked some month ago when 1,000 minks were freed. **-DBF**

10/early/98; Amal - During a daylight raid at the small rabbit farm, all rabbits on the farm (around 20) were liberated. Unfortunately a van was stoppped a short distance away from the farm, 3 activists and several rabbits were arrested by the police. One activist and 8 rabbits managed to get away and were not caught.

10/04/98 - Goman (meat product factory) had windows smashed and the power cut off to one fish cold store and also smashed their outdoor lighting. Further smashing happened at an angling store that lost 2 windows and one leather and fur shop got 2 windows smashed and another leather & fur shop got 1 window smashed and finally one more fur shop got 1 broken window. **-DBF**

10/05/98 - SMI gets 2000 e-mails. **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

10/06/98 - 3000 e-mails were sent to SMI. Resulting in system crash. The Swedish media says that "the information war has begun". **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

10/10/98 - Karolinska Institute gets 8000 e-mails because of it's collaboration with SMI. **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

10/14/98; Brunflo - Fox farm raided for the second time. All of the animals there, 20 blue fox, were painted with henna dye and released. Cages were also destroyed. **-A.L.F.**

10/16/98 - 20,000 e-mails were sent to SMI and KI, each. Operation Close-Down has started. **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

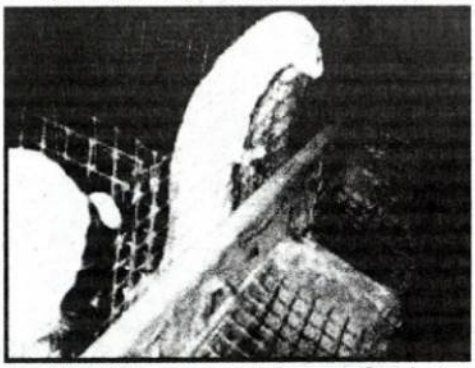
10/17/98 - 25,000 e-mails to SMI. **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

10/22/98; Bralanda - Approx. 5700 mink were set free from a mink farm. **-DBF**

10/30/98; Nordmaling - A mink farm had their fence destroyed and 20,000 mink released. **-The Wild Minks**

10/31/98 - Bisam University was spray painted with slogans.

11/early/98 - The Justice Department issued a communique responding to death threats issued to non-violent, anti-fur activists by fur farmers. It stated in part "The farmer of who threats any activist will have to live by the threats of repression; the farmer who injures any activist will be injured; the farmer who murders



Mink climbing out of their cages (Sweden)

any activists will be murdured. We won't passively observe any further acts of violence towards animal rights activists, we will attack them who attacks us." **-Justice Department**

11/04/98; Karlstad - A horse slaugherhouse had 6 windows smashed and was spray painted with slogans. The owners car was also painted with slogans. The action was dedicated to Barry Horne. **-DBF**

11/11/98 - A further 20,000 e-mails has been sent to SMI in Stockholm, as a protest against their animal torture. 20,000 mails were also sent to the Department of agriculture. **-A.L.F. (Internet Division)**

11/30/98 - 2 vivisectors had their cars damaged and slogans painted in support of Barry and his demands. **-A.L.F.**

12/15/98; Stockholm - During a demo at SMI a vivisection lab, a car arrived and stopped at the gate waiting for the guard to open the gate. Then someone spotted animals inside the car and managed to open the car and run away with a box of 4 guinea-pigs, imported for vivisection. They are all living a good life now.

12/late/98; SMI has a window smashed and is doused in red paint.

UNITED STATES

8/01/98; Honolulu, HI - The Honolulu Zoo was evacuated (of human visitors) due to a bomb threat. No bomb was discovered.

8/22/98; Hinkley, MN - Would Mink Farm was vivisted by the A.L.F. and confirmed that it was closed and empty of both animals and cages had windows etched. **-A.L.F.**

9/mid/98; Rock Springs, WY - A BLM wild-horse corral was raided. Unfortunately, an apparent attempt to burn down the office had to be aborted, but up to 100 wild horses were freed. **-A.L.F. and ELF (Earth Liberation Front)**

9/01/98; CO - Gates opened at a BLM holding pen and 60 wild horses were released. **-Unclaimed**

9/19/98; Burlington, WA - Broadview Egg Farms was raided and 11 chickens liberated. Video footage taken of the disgusting conditions. Messages spray painted including "freed by A.L.F.", "torture will end", had windows etched. "THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE. ANIMAL MURDERERS BEWARE. THERE IS JUSTICE COMING..." from the communique. **-A.L.F.**

9/20/98; Davis, CA - Seven large yellow machines of death. Gas tanks were filled with sand, chest-high tires were slashed and wires were cut. **-ELF**

9/24/98; Trenton, NJ - Flemington Furs billboard was paint-bombed. **-A.L.F.**

9/24/98; Yardley, PA - Flemington Furs billboard was paint-bombed. **-A.L.F.**

9/27/98; Roselle Park, NJ - Gold Furs' storefront was paint-bombed. **-A.L.F.**

9/27/98; Bayonne, NJ - Famous Furs had three front display windows etched with the letters "A-L-F". The glass door was also etched. **-A.L.F.**

9/30/98; Paramus, NJ - Ten tire-puncturing devices were placed across the driveway of Steven Corn Furs. **-A.L.F.**

10/01/98; Caldwell, NJ - Terzako Furs had "DEAD" etched into 3 front display windows and a glass door. **-A.L.F.**

10/early/98; Forth Worth, TX - Heino Furs had locks glued and was paint-bombed. David Hunt Furs was paint-bombed, had locks glued and windows etched. Gavrel Furs was paint-bombed and had windows etched. Stripling and Cox department store had many locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

North American Animal Liberation Front Press Office - REPORT



November 24, 1998

VAIL

The E.L.F. action causing $12 million damage at Vail, was nothing less than an all-out media frenzy! For two days straight, the media called non-stop. Stories were printed in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, the front page of *USA Today*, and aired on CNN, NBC and CBS.

Because the Press Office cannot afford a clipping service, we are in desperate need of activists to take the time to send any tapes of television coverage or newspaper clippings to us. This becomes especially important when stories misquote and print false statements, as we saw with the Vail coverage.

Unfortunately, since the Press Office is run solely by volunteers, we have extremely limited financial and labor capabilities, and are unable to properly address the needs of the Earth Liberation Front. The NA-ALF Press Office was involved in speaking out about the Vail action as a special circumstance. In the future, the NA-ALF PO will only comment on A.L.F. actions, unless an action is directly and overtly relating to animal liberation, such as the Michigan mink release.

The Liberation Collective will serve as a spokesgroup for the Earth Liberation Front in the future. They can be reached at:

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MICHIGAN MINK RELEASE

There wasn't much time to recover from the Vail action, since almost immediately afterwards 5,000 mink were released from Pipkorn Mink Ranch in Hermansville, Michigan on October 26, 1998. This action was claimed by the E.L.F.

Media included Reuters, Associated Press and a TV station that wanted footage of previous A.L.F. liberations. This presented an opportunity to develop the story into a more in-depth piece about the many lives saved by the A.L.F.

INFORMATION SITE NEEDS SUPPORT

As most of you will appreciate, the Frontline Information Service which maintains the ALF Information Service Web site at **www.animal-liberation.net**, is completely overworked and understaffed. The Info Service also maintains the Barry Horne Support site (**www.animal-liberation.net/barry**), runs the Frontline News mailing list, contributes the ALF pages to publications, assists the Press Office in so many crucial ways and handles countless other responsibilities. All of this is 100 % volunteer-run and takes more than 80 hours each and every week to keep up!

When you're visiting the ALFIS or Barry Horne site, please take a moment to donate money or computer supplies to the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group which has set up a fund for the Frontline Information Service. Donations can be sent to:

North American A.L.F.S.G., Box 69597,
5845 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, M2M 4K3 Canada

Please make checks payable to "ALFSG" and mark donations with "For Info Service."

Now let's get back to work for the animals!

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e-mail: naalfpo@waste.org **Osseo, MN 55369**

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.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

BELGIUM

Anja Hermans, Gevangenis
Begijnenstraat 42, 2000, Antwerpen, Belgium
Remanded, charged with arson and conspiracy following an A.L.F. campaign between July and November '98 when over 60 attacks were carried out in Belgium (ranging from graffitti to arson and from butchers to McDonald's).

Lindsey Van Keer, Gevangenis
Begijnenstraat 42, 2000, Antwerpen, Belgium
Remanded, charged with arson and conspiracy following an A.L.F. campaign between July and November '98 when over 60 attacks were carried out in Belgium (ranging from graffitti to arson and from butchers to McDonald's).

ENGLAND

Dave Bienkinsop #SR 7557, HMP Altcourse Fazackerly, Liverpool, L9 7AG, England
Charged with arson with recklessness, in regards to 7 poultry units and 4 lorries at a poultry processing unit in Cheshire, England.

Steve Caine BV5985
HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ, England
Sentenced to 9 months for violent disorder at Hillgrove Farm.

Dave Callender (England) - **RELEASED!!**
Paroled 10/15 after serving over 4 years.

Darren Cole CX4137
HMP Elmley, Church Rd, Eastchurch Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AY, England
Sentenced to 21 months for making hoax bomb calls to Dover docks to protest live export of sheep.

Phil De Souza (England) - **RELEASED!!**

- Adam Gould BP4130, HMYOI, Onley Rugby, Warwicks, CV23 8AP, England

- Rebecca Green XT3211, HMP Drake Hall, Eccleshall, Staffs,ST21 6LQ, England

- Thomas Monaghan BV6144, B Wing HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50 Bicester, Oxfordshire OX6 0PR, England
All sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder during a Hillgrove Farm demo in April.

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS, 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 Isle of Wight attacks. Letters can be sent to him via e-mail at: **barry@londonaa.demon.co.uk**.

John Hughes #CL 7556, HMP Altcourse Fazackerly, Liverpool, L9 7AG, England
Charged with arson with recklessness, in regards to 7 poultry units and 4 lorries at a poultry processing unit in Cheshire, England.

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 from custody. Keith was refused parole in May.

Greg Marthews (England) - **Freed on Appeal**

Gillian Peachey, RL3415
HMP Winchester, Women's Annexe Romsey Rd., Winchester, SO22 5HY, England
Sentenced to a total of 6 years and 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 Pousti BV5621
HMP Spring Hill, Grendon Underwood Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0TJ, England
Sentenced to 15 months in connection with the rescue of 2 beagle dogs from Park Farm laboratory animal suppliers near Oxford. Dan was allegedly apprehended by the police in a van with the dogs. There were no other arrests.

Colin Reider BV5862,
HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Bicester Oxfordshire OX6 0PR, England
Serving 4 months for threatening behaviour at a Hillgrove demo in April.

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

Justin Wright (England) - **RELEASED!!**

SWEDEN

Kristofer Aberg, Kriminalvardsanstalten Smalteryd, PL 562, S 510 21, Satila, Sweden
Sentenced to 4 months for 2 raids on mink farms. Expected to begin sentence in mid-late January. *[see interview, NC #9]*

David Zackrisson, Fack 11, S 610 31 Vikbolandet, Sweden
Sentenced to four months for two raids on mink farms. He is scheduled to start his sentence on January 19th '99. *[see interview, NC #9]*

USA

Frank Allen (USA) - **RELEASED!!**

Rod Coronado #3895000, FCI Unit SW, 8901 S. 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 a spokesperson for the North American A.L.F. and for damaging government property as a protest against the treatment of native Americans. Letters can also be sent to him at: **rod@envirolink.org**. Please put "For Rod" in the subject line and include a snail mail address if you would like a reply.

Brian Ozzie Knecht #7137910, NFCF/A-N-167 1605 East, Main, Sayre, OK 73662, USA
Serving 8 years of an 18 year sentence for liberating mink from a farm in Wisconsin and setting fire to the sheds in 1996.

More Federal Indictments

WISCONSIN -- In mid September, a grand jury handed down a six count federal indictment, charging activists Peter Young and Justin Samuel, both of Washington, with interfering with interstate commerce and participating in animal enterprise terrorism. The two are accused of six fur farm raids which took place in Wisconsin, South Dakota and Iowa in October 1997.

In comments to media, FBI Special Agent Brian Manganello displayed the characteristic "shoot first, ask questions later" attitude when he stated "the fugitives should be considered dangerous".

At press time, neither Peter nor Justin have actually been arrested but the Feds are on the prowl. FBI agents have been harrassing well known activists, showing photos of the fugitives, and actively looking for them in at least four states including Washington, Oregon, California and Minneapolis.

If convicted, the two potentially face a maximum sentence of 82 years in prison each.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Five activists were indicted on September 10 in connection with the firebombing of the Utah Fur Breeder's Co-Op. Accused are Avge Bishop, Alexander Slack, Adam Peace, Sean Gautschy and one other individual. Alexander, Adam and Sean are also facing charges from two mink farm raids that took place in 1996.

From disclosure, it has been learned that both Douglas Joshua Ellerman and Clinton Colby Ellerman (as well as known traitor Kevin Clark) have given extensive statements to law enforcement agencies which are believed to have led to these indictments.

More Diary of Direct Actions

10/11/98; Chevy Chase, MD - Miller's Furs had its lock glued. **-A.L.F.**

10/11/98; Tenleytown, DC- A McDonald's under construction had the inside of the stores spray painted with anti-meat slogans. **-A.L.F.**

10/mid/98; Duluth, GA - A McDonald's was painted with slogans including "Meat Is Murder", "A.L.F.", "Go Vegan" and "100 Billion Killed." **-A.L.F.**

10/18/98; Farragut North, DC - Rosendorf/Evans fur store had 4 display windows covered with etching cream. **-A.L.F.**

10/18/98; McLean, VA - Furs of Kiszely had 6 display windows covered with etching cream. **-A.L.F.**

10/18/98; Vail, CO - "On behalf of the lynx," incendiary devices were placed at 5 buildings and 4 ski lifts which all ignited reducing them to ashes. 14 million dollars in damage. **-ELF** *[see front page story]*

10/23/98; Passaic, NJ - Locks glued at Garber's Furs. **-A.L.F.**

10/23/98; Cliffside Park, NJ - Evelyn's Furs paint-bombed. **-A.L.F.**

10/24/98; Ventnor City, NJ - "ALF" etched into the front display window at Cohen's Furs. The glass door was etched as well. **-A.L.F.**

10/26/98; Hermansville, MI - Pipkorn Inc. Mink Ranch was raided. Seven large holes were cut in their fence and approx. 5000 mink were released. **-ELF**

10/late/98; Dallas, TX - Valentine Furs had windows etched, glued locks and spray painted slogans. Bifano Furs had glued locks and etched windows. **-A.L.F.**

10/late/98; Pluto, TX - Alaskan Fur Center had window smashed. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Bayonne, NJ - Window damaged at Furs by John Keffas. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Bayonne, NJ - Window damaged at Famous Furs. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; South Orange, NJ Window damaged at the Fur Salon. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Woodbridge, NJ - Window damaged at Woodbridge Furs. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Teaneck, NJ - Window damaged at Queen Anne Furs. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Englewood, NJ - Window damaged at Fleischman Furs. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Englewood Cliffs, NJ - Glass door damaged at Castor Furs. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Linden, NJ - Window damaged at Furs by Severyn. **-A.L.F.**

11/02/98; Passaic, NJ - Garber's Furs window damaged. **-A.L.F.**

11/03/98; Atlanta, GA - Atlanta Furs was splattered with 1 gallon of red paint, a sign was completely destroyed by the red paint. Slogans were spray painted on the shop and the store's plexiglass windows were also punctured and cracked. **-A.L.F.**

11/05/98; Pine Plains, NY - Almost 100 pheasants and quail were liberated from a "canned hunt" where they were to be killed. This action was done in solidarity with the political prisoner Barry Horne. **-A.L.F.**

11/05/98; Harris Township, MI - Attempted raid at Jander Mink Ranch.

11/16/98; Manalapan, NJ - The Leather and Fur Ranch store's van was firebombed. **-A.L.F.**

11/21/98; Greenfield, MI - 3 turkeys due to be killed in 2 days were liberated. **-Unclaimed**

11/24/98; Ridgewood, NJ - Bon-Ton Furs' truck was heavily damaged. Tires slashed, locks glued, wires, cables and hoses cut. It was also painted with slogans such as "Fur is Dead", "Murder" and "A.L.F." "A.L.F." was also spray painted twice on the back of the building. **-A.L.F.**

11/26/98; Volo (near Ingleside), IL - Daniel Frey's mink farm was visited. Upon inspection it was believed that this farm has pelted out and is no longer in business. Numerous cages were destroyed to prevent further use. **-A.L.F.**

12/13/98; Chevy Chase, MD - Miller's Furs; windows etched **-A.L.F.**

12/13/98; Washington, DC - Andriana Furs; windows etched **-A.L.F.**



IF NOT YOU . . . WHO? - IF NOT NOW . . . WHEN?

Grand Juries
Tools of Repression

by Craig Rosebraugh

It is a commonly held belief that the Constitution of the United States guarantees certain rights and liberties to citizens of the country. Contained in this list of entitlements are protections thought to be universal in the court system. Yet, a closer look into a particular section of the justice system reveals to many what is often a shocking reality; there is an institution within both state and federal governments which operates in secrecy and strips individuals of basic fundamental rights.

Grand juries, often referred to as the strong arm of the court system, thrive off public ignorance, working behind closed doors where they continue to operate under seemingly little regulations. Often working in accordance with the Justice Department, the grand jury system has been and continues to be used for intelligence gathering and suppression against groups and organizations considered radical or in opposition to current policies.

Two of the most controversial aspects of the grand jury process involve the Fifth Amendment with its provisions dealing with protection against self incrimination and right to counsel, in addition to the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel provision. Citizens in the U.S. are generally taught that the Constitution guarantees pro-tection against self incrimination and the right to counsel during all court proceedings. While these notions are somewhat correct, they do not apply to individuals involved in a grand jury process.

Grand juries originated in England in 1166 and were brought to the new land by the English colonists. The first grand jury was established in Massachusetts in 1635 and by the year 1683 some form of the grand juries was present in all of the colonies. Adopted into the Fifth Amendment, grand juries made their way into the Constitution as a result of their key role in the Revolution and also due to the fact that many colonists were fearful of creating a powerful centralized government that could easily use the criminal process against political enemies. As the years progressed this seemed to be a well founded concern.

There have been charges by many that a chief objective of grand juries has been and still is to disrupt organizations deemed anti-American or a threat to national security. This has not only occurred by jailing people on contempt charges but also by disrupting the cohesiveness of groups by instilling fear which prevents them from effectively opposing governmental policies.

The presence of grand juries in combating social movements in this country is apparent in various avenues. Grand jury activities and investigations have targeted political dissenters, escaped slaves in the 1850's, movements involving causes deemed anti-American and, more recently in the 1970's, the Vietnam Anti-war and Women's Movements according to the National Lawyers Guild.

The scope of investigations undertaken by grand juries continues to widen. White collar crimes and political corruption continue to be two targets the system loves to boast about. Yet, as history has shown, the reality of grand juries today is far from what was originally intended in their inclusion into the Fifth Amendment years ago. An individual who is called to testify before a grand jury is required to answer all questions without the Fifth Amendment privilege. Individuals who choose to take the Fifth Amendment and remain silent during questioning to avoid self incrimination may at any time be given immunity. At this time the individual is taken before a judge in an immunity hearing. Once the immunity is given, individuals may not refuse to answer any questions by the grand jury or s/he could be imprisoned on contempt charges for up to eighteen months or the remaining length of the grand jury. Witnesses for the most part are not allowed counsel inside the grand jury room. This is due to the proceedings being considered "non-adversarial" and the witness is thought to have the maximum protection that is needed because there exists in theory the right to the Fifth Amendment protection.

Yet this reasoning is a bit deceiving since the Fifth Amendment right to silence can be challenged at any point. While the law against counsel is absolute in federal cases, there are a few states that do allow representation inside. Witnesses are allowed however to consult with an attorney outside the grand jury room at "reasonable occurrences" regarding the questioning.

There are two main components to be considered when determining if someone is to be indicted. The first is whether or not a crime has been committed. The second asks if there is "probable cause" to believe the individual under investigation committed the crime. As simple as these two may be, the area of grand jury investigation may be extremely scattered. As far as the selection of the grand jury goes, the Jury Selection and Service Act of 1968 states "the policy of the United States that all litigants in Federal courts entitled to trial by jury shall have the right to grand and petit juries selected at random from a fair cross section of the community in the district or division wherein the court convenes". Voter registration lists are used to randomly select jurors in these federal cases. In Federal cases, twenty three citizens sit on the grand jury panel and in state grand juries the number varies but is never more than twenty three.

Traditionally, grand juries may convene for up to eighteen months and their meeting occurrences may vary from weekly to monthly. Once a grand jury term has expired and the investigation has not concluded, a new grand jury

1999 Primate Freedom Tour

Plans for the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour are well underway as activists gear up for the largest event in the history of the movement against animal research in the United States. Your assistance is needed to help allow this tour to reach its full potential and beyond.

The tour is a national caravan that will travel across the country protesting against primate experimentation. Stopping at the seven regional primate centers as well as at least 14 other primate facilities, the 1999 tour consists of educational activities including teach-ins, vigils, protests and much, more.

GET INVOLVED!

Wherever you live in the U.S., you can become immediately involved in this event. We have already started to promote the tour nationally and are looking for motivated people to take part throughout the country. Contact the Coalition to End Primate Experimentation (CEPE) to find out how you can help.

CEPE can provide on request 1999 Primate Freedom Tours brochures, informational material on primate research and speakers for debates, lectures, etc.

With your help, the Freedom Tour will be a major step forward in the movement against primate experimentation. Contact CEPE immediately to get involved with this worthwhile cause.

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Letters from Our Readers

Letter from UK Prisoner Ben Thompson

Dear *No Compromise*,

Greetings! My name is Ben Thompson and today I am getting out of prison. I was sentenced to three months for defending myself against attacks by the police during a demonstration against Hillgrove Farm, a cat breeding facility for the vivisection industry. The animal liberation movement in Britain is strong at the moment and this is clearly reflected in the way the state is attempting to set examples by issuing longer prison sentences and harassing, intimi-dating and beating activists into submission. These tactics will not work. They only make people fight back harder, as has been shown by the ever-growing Hillgrove Campaign. We will close this place down by mass action. The abusers know this and are scared of the potential we have, showing what can be done with direct action, as opposed to the banal monotony of containable proper channels.

This is my first time in prison and I have been extremely well supported and kept busy replying to big bundles of letters. I've really come to understand the value of prisoner support and will be doing a lot more of this crucial work from now on. Letters are a lifeline, and it has been so heartening to see the diversity of people in the movement. There is so much that is designed to isolate us in prison. Communication is the source of great strength. I've been in touch with a few other prisoners who all share this feeling. International solidarity is the way forward!

There have been many really useful lessons for me in here, and I've realized that prison is nothing to fear. Any situation can be turned into a positive one from which to benefit, and I certainly feel a lot stronger from it all. You can really use the time well, and there are plenty of good exercises in finding common ground and communicating with people of very different outlooks. It's always possible to find something in common on which to build, to enable the spreading of ideas. Animal liberation does not seem to be a priority for most people in here, but I've had some good chats, and hopefully some thought has been provoked. Yes, there are some stupid comments from people who prefer not to live with compassion and respect, but mostly it's not malicious and generally there is respect for animal rights direct action prisoners. I had a real struggle to get a proper vegan diet free from genetically-manipulated ingredients, and many were supportive of my hunger strike and interested in the issues. At the very least, the common ground is usually a healthy dislike of authority!

As mentioned, my beliefs and dietary needs were met with indifference and ignorance from the authorities, so I went on hunger strike. I was very lucky to have solid support from activists outside, who not only made sure my protest got maximum media coverage, exposing the prison's negligence and disrespect, but also kept the masses of letters arriving. After lengthy negotiations and intense pressure from [the] outside, combined with an eight-day hunger strike and the promise of another the next time without fluids—the authorities finally agreed to take the responsibility and provide me with a vegan diet free of genetic-manipulation and organisms. They evidently did not appreciate all the attention and the deputy governor has stated that they will take the issue up on a national policy level. They realize that there will be more "awkward customers!"

In prison, control is obviously a lot more blatant than the more insidious means employed outside, and my experience has been that it strengthens the fighting spirit. When I see the daily abuses of power by aspiring tyrants and all the damaging effects of wearing uniforms on people, it makes me relieved and proud to be on the right side of the law, and part of something so much more just and strong. This prison is quite typical in that it is badly overcrowded (by about 300 people), and many tensions and cases of neglect are produced as a result. There are many prisoners "on remand," i.e., who have not been to trial, and a large portion of them have already served a month or more. Most people are in here for trying to survive outside the wage slavery of "McJobs," in a society of massive inequalities and blocked opportunities. As they say, society prepares the crime, the criminal commits it. One day the real criminals will spend some time in places such as this one.

Well, it's not long for me now. In a few hours I will be eating good, healthy food with great friends. Later on I will be partying and then it's back to work. I am really excited about getting busy again. I've lots of plans, and the hunting season is upon us, so sabbing will be a priority. The anti-blood sports movement is as strong as ever in Britain. Today is the first day of global actions against genetic manipulation and corporate control—no rest for the naughty! Actions against genetic experimentation have really taken off in Britain, and I think animal rights activists and anti-genetic manipulation activists would do well to join forces, as these companies are our common enemy. They are heavily involved in vivisection and genetic manipulation of animals and represent a threat to all living things by their very existence. Also vegans will be affected first and foremost, as genetically manipulated soya is the crop they are trying to force consumer acceptance with. I hope people in the States are resisting this madness in any way you can.

Finally, a big thank you to *No Compromise* for your letters of solidarity and I wish you all strength in your actions.

With much love and respect,
Ben Thompson

Inspiration and the Struggle

I have been following the story of Barry Horne with increased concern and interest. He is a dedicated, amazing, and most of all inspiring individual. Let us all hope that, like Barry believes, that we all will see an end to the evil, the dark art that is vivisection.

As if having Barry around wasn't inspiration enough, there is another person to admire for their dedication. Julia Butterfly has been sitting in "Luna" an old growth tree to protect the tree from logging and to protest the destruction of old growth forest for nearly a year. Its because of these people and my own passion that help me to keep fighting and working towards a day when all beings are respected and treated with compassion, as well as our entire planet.

For Barry, for Julia and for all the other people who are working for progress.... lets make our commitment to the struggle stronger, lets do more... let us educate more people, let us rescue more animals, let us protest this unjust system to a greater degree, let us write more letters, let us do everything we can to make the change we all want so badly. We can change the world.... lets do it!

I am so thankful for all of you.... Keep Fighting!

Peter McKosky

Mainstream Support for Mink Liberation

I'm a traveling guy who just read about you in the *USA Today* paper. While sitting at dinner tonight, I read about the liberation of the little minks in Rochester. I thought for a split second, what are these people doing? Then it crushed me over the head! How brave, how daring! How humane! That's it! WHY DO THESE BREEDERS EXIST? These bastards are making MONEY from these little creatures. It makes me sad and mad that these "farms" exist, and I would do as you have done. WHY NOT! Who will protect these animals from these butchers? Not the authorities, not the police, not the fur trade in general. No one else will help! Why not you! Hollywood doesn't care. I do!

Miscellaneous Hate Mail (just for fun)

It is a shame that the guys firing up the Vail buildings did not torch themselves too. It would have made a better statement. A few less juvenile-minded individuals would indeed help reduce population growth. The people that they hurt most were some of the most pro-environmental around...the citizens of Vail Valley.

I bet these guys got beat up alot when they were kids too!

DK

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Wise up assholes!!! The last thing you want to do is burn down business assets so that they can cut more trees down to re-build what you jerks destroyed. What you are actually doing is setting the time table backwards for those of us that are slowly getting through to our children that our planet can be saved by changing our lifestyles gradually. But jerks like your group make it harder to get through to young minds. OH exxcuusse me — I cut down a dozen trees on my two acrès of property this past weekend — do you want my home address so that you can burn my house down???? I never thought I would want to go to Vail, CO; but I am considering it now!!!

Bill the CPA

Resources for Grassroots

Dear *No Compromise*,

We at PETA think you guys are doing a great job. And with so many new people out there fighting for animal liberation, I wanted to remind activists about the resources PETA has available. We have leaflets on almost every topic, both graphic posters and posters with a softer appeal, photos, videos, and much more. We understand that many grassroots activists have little or no money and we are happy to provide these items to activists in need free of charge. Also, we do not copyright our materials-you are welcome to put your group's logo and information on any of our literature. Make them your own and, when you need more, let us know.

Please know, too, that we are always open to suggestions about how we can better help you help animals. Many of the changes we make and actions we take are based on input from activists like you. So, please forward any ideas you may have to me at anytime.

We all have different approaches to attaining our common goal of ending animal suffering and exploitation. But, no matter which road you choose, we are here to provide help and materials for those who want or need them. Please take advantage of all we have to offer. Thank you and good luck to everyone.

For the animals,

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FUR TRADE REPORTS

by JP Goodwin

Ekco Drops Leghold Traps!

Woodstream, the largest manufacturer of leghold and body gripping traps in the world, has stopped making fur traps. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade had called for a consumer boycott of houseware products made by Ekco, the parent company of Woodstream, to force them out of the trap business. In November, Ekco agreed to stop making all leghold and body gripping traps.

Openings and Closings

In New Jersey, Four Seasons of New Vernon went out of business. This Morristown-based furrier is the eighth New Jersey fur store to close in the past year. This leaves 47 fur stores in the state.

Belle Plain, Iowa's Shmuecker Fox Farm and Downers Grove, Illinois' Charles Ide Mink Farm have gone out of business. The latter closed after an attack by the ALF.

Hana K has opened two new fur stores in Chicago. Previously this company was primarily involved in the wholesale end of the fur trade.

Direct Action for Animals, a North Carolina animal rights group, has been targeting Belks department store in its anti-fur campaign. Reportedly, Belks has closed one of their fur departments already. Hopefully, DAA will succeeded in getting fur out of Belks completely.

It appears that Revillon, the international fur chain, is closing their Beverly Hills location. Though Revillon denies it, the property manager claims that they are gone and not coming back. In the interest of positive PR for the fur industry, furriers are increasingly hesitant to admit when they are closing stores.

HSG Fur Group of Toronto has acquired McComber Furs of Montreal. This comes after HSG's recent take over of Grosvenor Furs.

Burtrum Furs and Leather has opened in Saginaw, Michigan. This company is operating out of a storefront formerly held by Ferris Brothers Furs.

Evans Furs has closed four of their fur departments in several different department store chains. They closed one Memphis Goldsmith's, leaving Evans with only one last Memphis fur department. They also closed two Lazarus fur departments for the second year in a row, as well as a Hudsons fur department.

C&A Brenninkmeyer, the European department store chain, has opened four fur departments in Germany. The company had closed their fur departments in 1991, but reopened them after seeing fur-trimmed coats sell well.

Mary Jane Denzer has added a fur department at her store in White Plains, New York. The fur section is being run by the New Jersey-based Steve Corn Furs.

Trapping in New Brunswick

The number of trappers in the Canadian province of New Brunswick has steadily increased, with the exception of one year, since the 1991-92 trapping season. At that point there were 751 licensed trappers. During the 1996-97 season there were 1,370 trappers.

The number of animals reportedly killed (not including "non-target" animals) has increased to 57,449. Somehow, this is more animals than were killed in New Brunswick in years when there were as many as 3,000 trappers.

Public opinion surveys show that most Canadians oppose use of the leghold trap. The same is true in the U.S. That leaves one to wonder why these devices are still legal in North America.

U.S. Mink Farms Down, but Death Toll Up

The number of mink farms operating in the U.S. dropped from 415 to 401 between the years of 1996 and 1997, but the number of mink killed rose from 2.7 million to 2.84 million.

With mink prices down, most fur farms have had to expand to make any profit. A mink pelt might only bring a couple of dollars profit, so in order to be viable, fur farms have increased in size.

Since new farms most likely did opened in some states, it is safe to reason that more than 14 farms closed. In 1996, 40 mink farms also raised foxes. In 1997 that number dropped to 29. This does not include a count on American fox farms that don't have mink.

Trappers Try to Justify Wildlife Slaughter

The fur trapping industry is now attempting to justify its practice by claiming that heavy trapping keeps predator numbers down, thereby increasing nesting success for waterfowl. What the industry isn't mentioning is that the reason it wants waterfowl numbers high is so that hunters can shoot them.

The Delta Waterfowl Foundation is doing research to support these arguments, but the studies are being funded with a $10,000 grant from Furbearers Unlimited, an arm of the National Trappers Association.

The real point of all of this is to give waterfowl hunters an incentive to support trapping. Many hunters do not agree with trapping, and this has led to trapping restrictions in some states. Many hunters complain that their dogs are caught and even killed in traps. This conflict has caused violence to break out in some areas.

North American Mink Ranchers Unite

For years, North American mink ranchers have had competing marketing schemes. Ranchers who sold through the Seattle Fur Exchange saw their pelts marketed under the American Legend label. Fur farmers who auctioned their pelts through North American Fur Auctions saw their skins marketed under the name of the American Mink Council.

This led to problems overseas where fur consumers were inundated with conflicting claims of superiority. To alleviate this problem, the two competing fur labels, along with the Canadian Mink Breeders Association, have formed the North American Fur Association. This group will promote all North American mink skins under one label.

Dutch Fur Retailers Decimated

In 1982, there were 127 fur stores in Holland. As of 1997, that number had been cut down to 22. The question now is, who will be fur-free first: the U.K. or Holland?

Trapper Convention Attendance Declines

The number of people paying to get into the National Trappers Association's annual convention declined from 6,000 to 4,400 this year, a loss of more than 25 percent.

Anyone who wants to monitor the trapping industry can get on the NTA's e-mail listserv by writing nta@nationaltrappers.com and asking to be included on the list.

Caged Fur Production Higher in 1998

The number of ranched fur skins going on the market this winter is going to be higher than usual. Many of the top fur farming countries are urging their producers to cut back production, so an excess of skins are being marketed as many farmers are pelting out their breeding stock.

This turn of events will make it very interesting to see how many mink and foxes are raised in caged fur facilities in 1999. This coming year will be crucial in the fur wars: fur farmers, as well as animal rights activists, are claiming that what happens in 1999 will set the stage for who comes out on top in this battle.

Approximately 28.3 million mink will be killed by the end of 1998. This is an increase of 5.5 percent over last year and can likely be linked to the skins of animals who would normally be held back for breeding purposes.

Scandinavian countries will account for about 15.9 million of those mink skins, with Denmark leading the way.

In North America, just over 2.8 million mink will be killed, with another 960,000 in Canada.

Western Europe will bring the following death tolls: England 120,000; Ireland 150,000; France 170,000; Germany 281,000; Belgium 140,000; Italy 300,000; and Spain 300,000.

There is conflicting information out of Russia with production estimates between 2 and 3.9 million mink a year.

Caged fox production will be about the same with 4.7 million skins being offered. Finland produces more than half of that and the Finnish fur breeders organizations are urging their members to cut back on fox farming for next year.

Nearly 80 percent of the world's fox production is in Scandinavia. Finland kills 2.7 million foxes each year; Denmark 85,000; Sweden 15,000; Iceland 35,000; and Norway 523,000.

Russia, Poland and China are the other large fox producing countries with 600,000, 300,000 and 200,000 animals killed respectively.

Holland raises and kills 30,000 foxes, a number that is down 25 percent from last year. Fox farming has been banned in Holland and the remaining farms are in the middle of a phase out period.

Canada produced 33,000 foxes, compared to 20,000 in the U.S. Argentina produced 30,000 foxes; the Baltic States 80,000; and Germany 4,000. Miscellaneous other countries raised and killed another 10,000 foxes.

U.K. Shop Drops Fur Trim

Animal rights campaigners in Britain have convinced the Jules B store to stop selling fur-trimmed coats. This high-end fashion store signed a statement that they would never carry any fur products again.

Fur Trim Gaining Market Share in the U.S.

In 1997, 54 percent of the coats sold in fur stores were full fur garments. The other 46 percent accounted for shearling, fur trim and fur-lined coats. This statistic shows that fur trim has gained a large portion of the market share in just a few years. This survey does not include statistics from stores such as Sears that sell fur trim but do not have full furs.

Top buyers of fur are women aged 24 to 44. This is the demographic that any successful anti-fur education campaign should target.

Swedish Fur Trade on Verge of Collapse

The editor of the *Swedish fur trade* magazine is quitting, and the magazine is expected to go out of business. The Swedish fur trade association will likely close and the membership will merge with the Danish fur breeders group. The demise of this organization leaves the industry with no organized voice.

Activist Resources

BOOKS

Free The Animals - Ingrid Newkirk (available from PETA, (see letter, p. 27))
Earth First Direct Action Manual (available from *NC*, p. 26)
Ecodefense - Dave Foreman and Bill Haywood (available from *EF! Journal* - see ad p. 27 - and http://www.envirolink.org/bookstore/)
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Memories of Freedom (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 31)
Against All Odds (available from NA-ALFSG - see Trenches, p. 31)
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UPDATE: Atlanta CAFT/ADL has been busy with it's two anti-fur campaigns. The first is against Rich's department store, a federated owned chain in the south. After hit and miss demonstrations at random fur stores, with little to no effect, Atlanta CAFT decided to focus all it's demonstrations on the Rich's department store chain. We chose Rich's for a few reasons. First, Rich's headquarters are here in Atlanta, so we'd be able to apply pressure to the executives that make decisions which affect the store's decision to carry fur. Secondly, department stores that sell fur are vital to the fur industry for the money they make, and the promotion of *fur that they generate in the public*. Eliminating the fur sales at department stores would be a shot to the heart of the industry. Thirdly, out of the seven department store locations that sell fur in Atlanta, three of those are Rich's stores. We've held weekly demonstrations at the stores, and the headquarter offices, burned effigies, done numerous in-store demonstrations and our FFF plans are in the works for Rich's as well.

Our second, and equally as important campaign is the passing of legislation that would ban trapping statewide in Georgia. CAFT has created a political action coalition of groups in the Atlanta area named CPAW (Campaign for the Protection of American Wildlife) to spur this campaign. We've made contact with all state legislature members and polled them on their feelings towards the trapping of animals for fur. We received very favorable responses and are now seeking a sponsor for the legislation that would be proposed in the upcoming legislative session in January. The passing of this legislation would result in 30,000 animal's lives being saved every year in Georgia.

RESOURCES: We can share information with any other grassroots group in the U.S. that would like to attempt political action for the animals, in particular anti-fur and trapping issues, and legislation. We can also produce high quality original copies of specialized anti-department store brochures and leaflets for any grassroots group starting a campaign against their local department store that sells fur.

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UPDATE: The ADL has been busy with a conference we're planning for February 1999 (see below). We also have been working against Animal Welfare Associates Inc., a suspected Class B- dealer, and are beginning our campaign against Bloomingdale's. If local, please call.

The conference is an attempt to unify all different liberation movements. Speakers include but are not limited to: Anarchist Black Cross Federation, Ramona Africa/MOVE, Liberation Collective, North American ALF Press Office, Earth Kind, ADL, Syracuse Feminist Collective, American Indian Movement, Vegan Militant Movement, Food Not Bombs, Feminists for Animal Rights, *No Compromise* and more. Topics include: prisoner support, government harassment, indigenous struggles, ALF support, environment and animal rights, feminism and animal rights, grand juries, urban forgery, school resistance, men and feminism, drugs and activism, political canvassing and many more. The conference will be February 12-15. RSVP required. Please get in contact for more info or to help out in any way. There is a special tie binding those who struggle for total liberation... join us for a weekend of fun, unity and activism.

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UPDATE: ADL/CAFT CT decided to focus our resources and efforts on the fur issue. We are having weekly demos at Macy's locations around CT and welcome new people to come and help out. CAFT members have gotten their CT trapping licenses and look forward to purchasing land next year to make it trap free. We are also working to get the anti-fur commercial aired. If you are in the area please contact us!

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UPDATE: ADL-Ithaca is the nationwide coordinator for the door-to-door canvassing committee of the anti-fur campaign. Send us a few bucks and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we'll send you canvassing materials and a how-to guide. This is a great way to generate community support, political clout and funding for getting the leghold trap banned or other legislative campaigns.

ADL's biggest success in Ithaca has been mobilizing and energizing groups at Cornell University and Ithaca College to take action on their campuses. Together with community activists and students from both colleges, we helped organize an effigy torching of a corrupt Cornell official who was neutralizing and misleading student attempts to expand alternatives to animal dissection in the classroom *[see page 5]*. We have also disrupted several Procter & Gamble information sessions at Cornell, their biggest recruiting school. And nine activists were arrested at Cornell recently at an anti-vivisection protest as they attempted to witness biology professors preparing live frogs for classroom dissection.

We are also continuing to research and educate the local community about animal experiments going on at Cornell, which range from the torture of pregnant rhesus monkeys to the force feeding of toxic waste to dogs.

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UPDATE: ADL LA continues to attack the fur trade with weekly demonstrations at Bloomingdales (a Federated entity) at Century City. Lately, the police have allowed us to retain our position immediately outside the doors on mall property. More than 20 people are turning out with huge banners and signs, and hundreds of leaflets against Bloomies are being distributed weekly. People entering the store are heavily discouraged from shopping at a sponsor of the cruel fur trade. Management is particularly pissed at law enforcement for allowing us to stay.

ADL will be supporting Barry Horne in a special demo at the LA Consulate for the UK, and will participate in support of the Vegan Militant Movement in San Diego on Fur-Free Friday.

ADL was heavily involved in getting Proposition 4 passed in California, effectively banning all trapping for fur in the state! We hung multiple banners around the area, including some from freeway overpasses and a giant one from the HOLLYWOOD sign seen by thousands. Please call and leave your name and number if you want to make a difference.

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UPDATE: The ADL-NJ has increased pressure on Furs By Guarino, the groups main target, and is currently at the shop three times a week. Surprise demonstrations have been instituted, where at random times, for random periods, protesters appear at the shop. Recently, two activists were arrested at the fur shop for the first time in almost a year of protest. The group is determined to show Guarino that arrests will not deter them from struggling for animal liberation.

The ADL-NJ will be starting a new campaign at Gils Furrier of Bayonne after the recent victory at Marianne Furs of Highland Park. Muska, the owner of Marianne Furs signed a contract with the ADL-NJ agreeing to no longer sell fur so long as protests halted. The ADL-NJ is determined to stop Gils' sale of fur either by a contract or by shutting them down. If you value life over property contact us and get involved!

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UPDATE: The Animal Defense League of Rochester has been targeting Rochester fur stores and the circus lately. In the beginning of October, the Shriner Circus came to town for a few days and the ADL Rochester had activists leafleting and/or protesting at all events. After distributing more than a thousand coloring books for children and hundreds of leaflets, we actually had some positive news -- that circus attendance was way down from previous years, and that the Shriners actually lost money at some performances.

We've also begun our campaign against the Held-Projansky fur store in Rochester. We recently held our first fur protest of the season there and have more planned. We're looking into different tactics to bring the issue of fur to people's attention.

We're currently looking into other ways of spreading the message of the ADL, and of gaining new members, such as increased public advertising and joining forces with other social movement groups in the Rochester area.

ANIMALS DESERVE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TODAY AND TOMMOROW

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UPDATE: ADAPTT is in the process of trying to abolish all forms of animal entertainment in Michigan. With the assistance of an AR attorney, an ordinance has been drafted and several cities have received copies with letters of support from former trainer Carol Buckley (The Elephant Sanctuary) and Detroit Zoo Director Ron Kagan (believe it or not). If you would like a copy of the ordinance, please call or e-mail.

Also, ADAPTT members participated in a lockdown at Dittrich Furs in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. on September 9. Business at the bloody shop was disrupted for more than an hour and positive press was plentiful. If you would like a copy of The Detroit News' article, call or e-mail.

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UPDATE: ALT targeted Ringling Bros. by burning an effigy of an admission ticket, which generated a top news story bringing the message to hundreds of thousands of viewers.

ALT members helped lead the war against pigeon shoots at the Dallas Gun Club, which lead to a permanent restraining order prohibiting them from having anymore pigeon shoots *[see story, page 6]*. This restraining order saved the lives of 19,000 birds in just two months. ALT coordinated the media, generated support for the hearings, organized meetings and is leading the Texas legislation to ban pigeon shoots. In the same month, ALT challenged several thousand hunters at the Hunters Extravaganza in Ft. Worth.

ALT members participated in a campaign that was launched against Dallas Congressman, Pete Sessions, for his support of the government agency Animal Damage Control (ADC). Activists held a press conference outside his office, canvassed his district and participated in a peaceful sit-in at his office.

ALT plans on generating even more media coverage with ambitious plans for our Neiman Marcus campaign. Our plans include leafleting outside Neiman's at least three times a week, frequent protests, phone blockades, TV advertisements and a major day of action on Fur Free Friday.

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

ALT has available for distribution information that helped us obtain victories on such campaigns as: promoting alternatives to Avitrol bird poison, banning pigeon shoots and an extensive file on the Animal Damage Control.

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RESOURCES: We are a federation of grassroots animal liberationists. ARA will help you network with other groups and put people in touch with your organization. We have anti-fur brochures available that can be imprinted with the name of your own group. Whatever you need, from preparing for trial to learning how to incorporate, we are here to help. There is never a charge for any of our services.

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UPDATE: ARDAC-SF stays busy as always with demonstrations and actions aimed at a variety of targets. We have continued to do battle with the fur trade. Last August ARDAC, in coalition with CAFT-SF used concrete barrels in a 12 hour blockade of Neiman Marcus *[see NC #10, page 6]*. The action succeeded in shutting the store down in effect for the entire day. Charges are still pending. ARDAC activists have also been working with In Defense of Animals in their efforts to stop the horrendous sound blasting experiments of UCSF. Michael Kennedy, who hung for 8 days off of UC Berkeley's clocktower in protest of animal research, recently completed a 6 day banner hang at UCSF.

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UPDATE: ARH investigates both institutionalized and random cruelty to animals throughout the island chain. We provide educational materials and assistance to schools and concerned individuals regarding the recognition of the rights of non human animals. We are an all volunteer, grassroots, not-for-profit organization.

This summer we continued our fight against the state sponsored abuse of children and animals known as the 4-H livestock show at the Hawai'i State Farm Fair. We parked a car covered with posters against slaughter and the meat industry right at the entrance to the fair on the night of the auction. We used a generator and played footage taken in slaughterhouses and played it constantly for several hours. We also produced a flyer, telling people what would happen to the animals when the fair was over (most fair goers don't have a clue that the animals will be murdered). We also used the Freedom of Information Act to discover horrific violations of the federal Humane Slaugter Law by the very abattoir which kills the 4-H animals; we documented these in our brochure.

Many people attending the fair were disgusted and horrified at what we told them, and said that they would not visit the livestock tent, and many said that they would not come back next year.

For information on using FOIA for fighting the meat industry, just contact us. We love using existing laws and the industry's lack of compliance to nail them. We have found proof of animal abuse and lack of basic sanitation. If people don't care about the animals, they will about their own health and safety.



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UPDATE: CAFT has been busy coordinating Fur Free Friday activities across the country, distributing press packs to national media as well as local media in 51 key cities, opening negotiations with department store executives concerning fur and helping ALT in Dallas to shut down local pigeon shoots.

We are working with the National Activist Network to coordinate a television advertising campaign against fur. We also worked with Last Chance for Animals to get Hard Copy to do a piece promoting the California anti trapping initiative.

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 effective campaigners. Please get in touch if you want to organize anti fur campaigns in your area.

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UPDATE: CAFT-Chicago kicked of its Fall 98 season protesting at the world HQ of Evens Inc. followed by a protest at Bloomingdales. We are in the beginning stages of a new campaign targeting Nordstorms. They have pulled out of fur before. We can convince them to do it again.

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UPDATE: CEPE is continuing to organize and prepare for the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour, a three month national protest caravan traveling to primate experimentation facilities across the United States. If you are interested in going on some or all of the tour or would like to help organize, please contact CEPE immediately. Recently CEPE organized another national day of protests against primate experimentation *[see story page 6]*.

RESOURCES: CEPE can provide information on animal experimentation, specifically primate vivisection upon request. Flyers, posters, ect. are also available. CEPE's web page is an extensive resource on primate experimentation in the United States. Current NIH funded research is reviewed and presented as a means of locating what is occurring in your city. CEPE also has on the webpage on-line petitions to retire primates from experimentation and a call for an immediate moratorium on primate experimentation in the U.S.

COMPASSION OVER KILLING

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UPDATE: Since the last issue of *No Compromise*, COK has been working tirelessly to promote animal rights in the DC area. COK's main focus this winter will be on trying to persuade Neiman Marcus to close its fur departments and on spreading the anti-fur message in general. To further the campaign to make Neimans fur-free, COK has created a website at www.neimans.org, dedicated to exposing the role Neimans plays in the torture and deaths of countless fur-bearing animals. In order to help convince Macy's East to drop fur from their product line, COK has also created a website at www.boycottmacys.com.

In addition to our anti-fur activity, COK has continued organizing feed-ins and speak-outs in an effort to spread the message of nonviolent eating to the general public. These events have been met with virtually only positive responses.

RESOURCES: The sixth issue of our free newsletter, *The Abolitionist*, is now available for distribution. COK also has a wide variety of literature and merchandise available for activists across the world. To read or order COK literature or merchandise, please visit our web site at www.cok-online.org.

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UPDATE: JIHAD is kicking off the '98 anti-fur season by effectively campaigning against Neiman Marcus (Carcass) at Fashion Island in Newport Beach, CA. Weekly protests are underway and other strategic actions will soon follow. P&G has also been a recent target of protests along with Circus Vargas, Carl's Jr. and Ringling Bros.

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective has been busy working on local and national primate experimentation issues, support for Mumia Abu Jamal, police brutality issues and more. Recently Liberation Collective activists blocked the main entrance to the Oregon Primate Center on the day that occurs each year when that center attempts to obtain more funding from governmental agencies *[see page 7]*. Currently the collective has been working with CEPE to help organize the 1999 Primate Freedom Tour. In addition we will be running the anti-fur ad coming up in mid-December. Liberation Collective also continues to hold ongoing free civil disobedience seminars once a month.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective has an office and info-shop in downtown Portland full of literature, a lending library, merchandise and more. The collective can provide upon request speakers and workshops on civil disobedience, nonviolence, linking social justice movements and animal experimentation.

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UPDATE: McLible Trial -currently, Helen and Dave are appealing the UK court decision and are also appealing to the world court on grounds that multinationals should not be allowed to sue individuals. They are also bringing criminal charges against the police for their part in illegal collusion with McD's to infiltrate and spy on London Greenpeace. Look to early 1999.

In October 98 activists took part in the 'World Day of Action Against McDonalds *[see story, page 7]*. Also in October, Red Gate Earth First! & McLibel-Chicago succeeds in it's 1 year campaign to pressure school administrators and McDonalds to not renew the lease with Morainen Valley Community College. Yaaaay!!!

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UPDATE: If you are interested in getting involved, networking with us or learning more about our campaigns, please contact the number above.

Black Bear Legislative Campaign (main thrust); Lewis Morris County Park Deer Hunt as well as other hunts throughout N.J.; Discrediting vivisectors; Anti-fur activities: Concentrating on Federated Dept. stores; Promoting veganism; Stopping the exploitation of animals in circuses, zoos, etc.; Networks with ARA to distribute *NC* globally and nationally; Tabling throughout NJ to educate the mainstream; and 100 percent supportive of the ALF and CDs.

NJARA is a proud member of the Animal Rights America federation of grassroots groups.

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UPDATE: We are focusing most of our energy on our local fur store with protests every Saturday. Apparently, all RARN activists are banned for life from the strip mall that the store is in, at the request of the fur store. We are in the process of talking with the shopping center owner and the ACLU about our rights. Also, a local artist is building us a realistic, life size sculpture of a skinned fox that we will display at demos. Recently, we joined forces with PCRM to fight dog labs at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV). PCRM placed two ads against dog labs in a local paper which helped stir up the issue in the media. Currently, we are organizing a protest, and a massive call in day against dog labs, directed towards MCV's president. We also plan to participate in Last Chance for Animals' $100,000 reward campaign for the second time.

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UPDATE: In October, RMAD published several ads against Ringling Bros. in the Denver Post. We followed this up with two vigils, one of which drew more than 100 concerned citizens. The ads and vigil generated a lot of media. We're also continuing our campaign to protect the black tailed prairie dog and all the other animals dependent on this keystone species of the short and mid-grass prairie ecosystem.

RESOURCES: We sell a 12-minute video about factory egg farming, and our circus ads are available on our web site.

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UPDATE: SOAR has had a hard summer but we are beginning to get back into the swing of things with the beginning of school here in MN. We have had to deal with major ideology splits within the group that resulted in a band of people forming a new group to promote strategic nonviolence. Well, SOAR has withstood the separation and is stronger for it because now we know who the dedicated animal activists are. We have some fun plans for upcoming actions and have been kept busy with reworking SOAR, getting new people involved in the movement and helping (a little bit) the NA-ALFPO field press from the summer's mink liberations. By next *No Compromise* we will have some great things done that are only in the planning stages now.

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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.

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UPDATE: Vegan Action has a new executive director, David Blatte. He is a teacher and a former criminal defense attorney. There are several new and ongoing campaigns that VA is running. The dorm food campaign helps college students introduce vegan options into college cafeterias. McVegan events are a non-confrontational way to educate people about veganism. Our biggest new venture is creating Vegan Action chapters, both nationally and internationally. Anyone interested in promoting veganism in their local area should contact us. Finally, VA will be spearheading the campaign to introduce a universal vegan logo on vegan food and other products.

RESOURCES: Please visit our website for a list of resources.

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UPDATE:In September, Vegan Outreach distributed over 50,000 copies of 'Why Vegan', and will soon have distributed over 500,000 total. Over the course of their life, individuals in the United States consume about 4,500 animals from farms. Every new vegetarian saves more lives than most high-profile campaigns concerning animals and a person who is vegan saves even more. As long as people eat animal products, they must rationalize the victimization of animals, thereby dooming anti-vivisectionism, fur opposition and other causes to little or no success. As long as veganism is not widespread, tremendous suffering will occur. If everyone were vegan, no animals would be exploited.

If there is to be a fundamental change in the manner in which other animals are viewed -- if there is to be animal liberation -- there can be no "us" and "them." "We" will be a new society. In the (admittedly long--term) evolution to a vegan world, everyone is -- must be -- an ally at some level. Thus, Vegan Outreach is working to promote veganism to everyone.

RESOURCES: Vegan Outreach supplies activists around the world with copies of 'Why Vegan', our new Vegan Starter Pack and our new Activist Starter Pack. These are the most powerful and comprehensive tools available today.

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