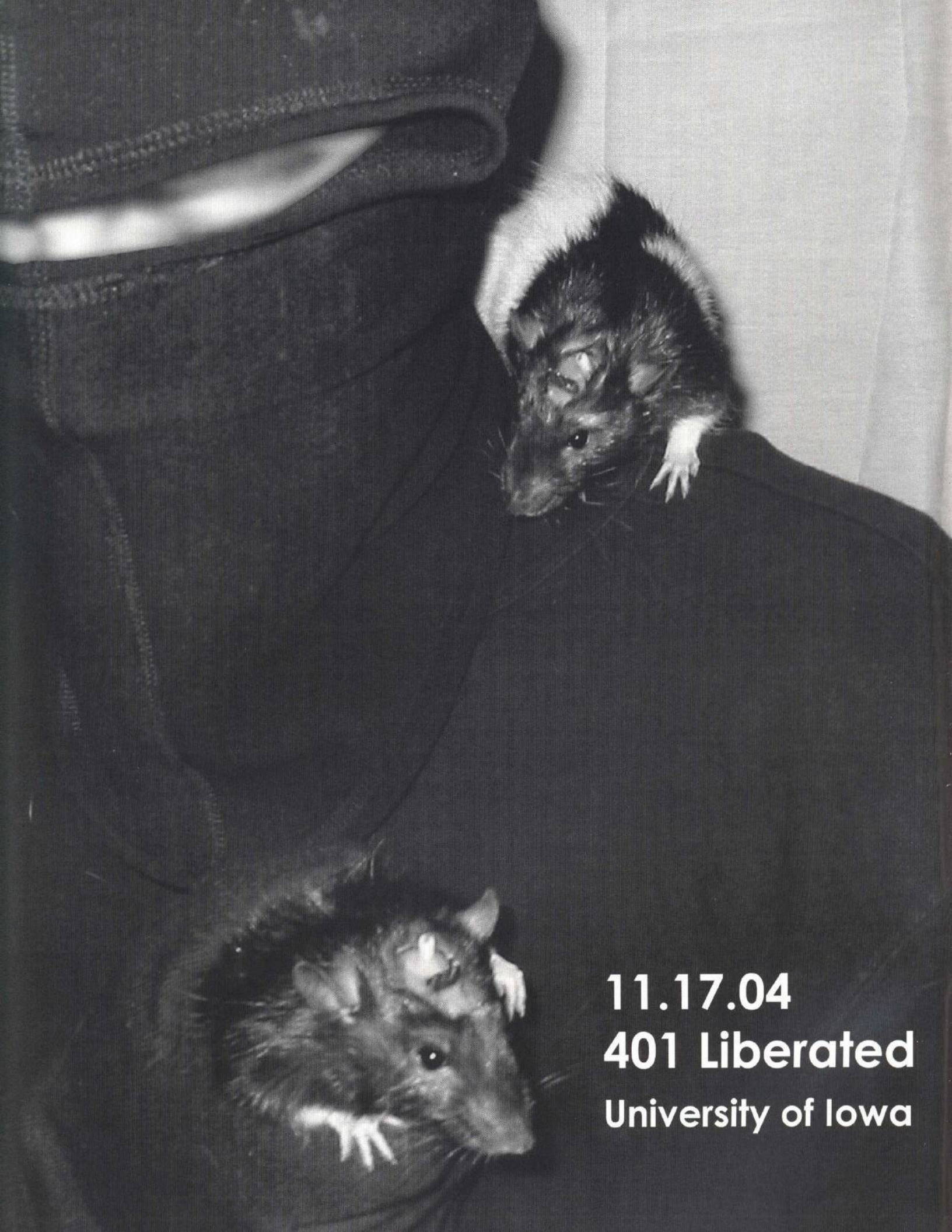
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In Memoriam-Jill Phipps

During the winter of 1994 terrified young calves were flown from Coventry to end their lives in Dutch veal-crates. A few people started protesting at the airport gates. Jill Phipps was one. As a transport truck came down the road to the gates she would run to it, shouting at the drivers to think about the suffering they caused.

On February 1st, 1995, Jill and a few others eluded the police, most of whom were in a van at the back, and reached the transporter. Any good driver would have stopped until it was safe to continue, but the driver, Stephen Yates, just drove on, regardless and uncaring.

Jill was crushed and died on the way to the hospital. The driver has never been charged.

February 1st marked the 10 year anniversary of her death. Activists in the UK celebrated her life with an event and demonstrations despite law enforcement attempts to shut down the event.

Unfortunately, Jill is not the only animal activist to be killed while campaigning for animals. This issue, No Compromise remembers some of our fallen comrades. See pg. 16 for the full story.



Jill Phipps

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Introductory Ramblings

This issue of *No Compromise* magazine is dedicated to the memory of all our fallen comrades. As of this writing, it has been ten years to the day since Jill Phipps was run down by a truck driver at a Live Exports protest in the U.K. Her tragic, untimely death served as a wake-up call that the animal liberation movement is a serious one – that no matter the cost, we activists will never back down from our goal of saving lives.

Jill's favorite color was purple, and in honor of her memory it has also become the national color of the animal liberation movement in England. As we take a look back at the lives and deaths of some our fallen warriors in our centerfold spread this issue (pp. 16-18), we have also selected purple as our theme color for this issue.

While the deaths of our comrades in the struggle have been tragic, they have also inspired activists to take their efforts to a new level. Every month we see new gains for animals around the world. Just in the last few months, international fashion retailer Zara has gone fur free ("Another One Bites the Dust," p. 5), New Jersey cancelled its bear hunting season (p. 6) and the U.K. finally passed a ban on fox hunting (p. 15).

The year ahead promises more victories to come. It is an especially critical year for the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences, and in a special feature news article (p. 4), SHAC-UK's Greg Avery discusses highlights of the campaign and what's on tap for 2005.

Of course, in a world where the bottom line is the dollar rather than what's right, government repression continues to try to slow our movement's inevitable progress. In addition to the upcoming SHAC 7 trial, members of Earth First!, including Rod Coronado, are facing federal charges resulting from a hunt sab that could potentially land them in jail for seven years (p. 3). And with George Bush's re-election as president of the United States, we're in for another four years of eroding civil liberties and assaults on free speech (see "Land of the Free?", p. 9).

The increasing repression of aboveground activists only seems to drive more and more new activists to choose underground, direct action. Recent months have seen a dramatic upturn in direct action (p. 22), including some very interesting and inspiring actions. Of particular note is an A.L.F. raid on the University of Iowa in which 401 animals were liberated and details of the gruesome animal experiments released to the public (p. 20).

This issue also features an insightful interview with noted author Derrick Jensen, who questions how much we can really achieve without bringing down civilization in its entirety (p. 10). While we might not all agree on Jensen's tactics (or indeed on any single tactic) one thing is certain: We will not be deterred. No matter the price, we are in this until every last animal is free.

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FIGHTING BACK: CRIMES OF RESISTANCE

By Rod Coronado

It's been a full year for the merry hunt saboteurs of Arizona Earth First! in which my hopes of documenting the Fall trophy hunting seasons in this beautiful state were realized. We did it with very little money and even less people, but together our small collective from Chuk'shon Earth First! and Phoenix Earth First! demonstrated what is still possible for a handful of individual activists willing to bend the rules set by our opponents. And thanks to our efforts I'd like to believe life was enjoyed a little while longer by the black bears, mountain lions, prairie dogs, elk, mule deer, antelope, sandhill cranes and desert bighorn sheep that we spared from the hunter's gun's and arrows.

Though the sight of sandhill cranes veering away from the hunters' blinds, and the failure of the USDA's Wildlife Services and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to kill lions in Sabino Canyon was truly remarkable, it did not come without a price. While 2004 marked my fifth year out of prison, it was also the year that finally saw my re-arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Something those bastards have been trying to do since 1999, when I walked out of the gates of the Federal Correctional Institution in Tucson. My arrest wasn't unexpected. As with many a practitioner of nonviolent civil disobedience, my actions were taken with a full understanding of the consequences I faced should I be arrested for opposing and interfering with this occupying government's efforts to kill mountain lions last March.

"How bad do things have to get before you are willing to fight back? And I'm not talking about anything you do in front of a computer or that involves music bands, pamphlets, puppets or patches, I'm talking about fighting back as if it was your own life under attack."

When it came down to the lions versus the combined guns, snares, ground sensors, helicopters, hounds and 4x4 trucks of taxpayer-supported professional hunters, I found out who were the lions' real friends and who really believed in animal liberation and deep ecology. Like many a direct action I have participated in, the people I patrolled that canyon with are some of the bravest and most beautiful people I know. It's for these reasons my friends and I are now being threatened with seven years in federal prison. Because a few of us were not willing to sit back and watch as our public lands and wildlife were destroyed to once again assuage human fears of the uncontrollable wild in a never-ending invasion.

And I was, still am and always will be proud to be able to take such a stance against overwhelming odds when the people and places I love are being threatened or destroyed. It is with such honor, that I snuck into Sabino Canyon night after night, past federal officers patrolling for native wildlife whose only offense was not enough fear of humans and continuing to hunt in their occupied homelands. When we choose to be warriors of the Earth and her Animal Nations we accept that it might be our own lives and freedom that are one day threatened or taken away. That is the way for every generation of warrior and protector whose duty it is to protect home and family.

So with another year comes another battle. I'm not worried about what's going to happen to me, I've been to prison before. What I fear while I'm doing my time is Arizona Game & Fish and the USDA's Wildlife Services returning to Sabino Canyon and the Coronado National Forest to kill lions. What is going to happen to the world when members of society are no longer brave enough to act against the worst sanctioned violence of our generation? When those of us aware of horrible things are too frightened to do anything about them? I guess we're living it while others continue to die for it. Be it against Huntington Life Sciences, Pacific Lumber or any other violent thugs in this supposed civilized society, now is the time for good people to make a difference.

As I've said before, I'm proud to be an enemy of the United States. The enemy of a global invader that allows terrorism to happen on a daily basis. A regime that routinely allows not only the torture of animals in its licensed and regulated laboratories, but people in its military concentration camps as well. I'm not surprised by any of this behavior, its what you come to expect from people who since their arrival have always used violence and terror to achieve their objectives.

The only thing that surprises me about it all is that there are not more of the many people I have met over the last twenty years of this struggle fighting here beside me. While a couple of those dear comrades sit in prison or are under federal indictment, many more hide amongst the society responsible for the violence we oppose, enjoying the privileges won with the very kind of terror they supposedly oppose.

So this is my question to you. How bad do things have to get before you are willing to fight back? And I'm not talking about anything you do in front of a computer or that involves music bands, pamphlets, puppets or patches, I'm talking about fighting back as if it was your own life under attack. Its not about who else is doing it among movements, groups or friends, when will you be ready to be the first? To do what the law says is wrong, but what you know in your heart is right. That has been and always will be the way peoples' voices are heard, not through doing what is popular and polite, but a stand that however unpopular, allows you to exist as a part of a solution to it all, a life free from the liberal first world guilt felt by the aware but apathetic within different movements for social change. A stand that says to one and all, that you as one human being will not allow

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DALLAS, TEXAS (9/2) - A Dallas man who was videotaped encouraging his two pit bulls to fatally maul a neighbor's dog sentenced to a record 10 years in prison. Carey McMillan was convicted of cruelty to animals and dogfighting after neighbors videotaped him dragging a neighbor's dog by the legs to be mauled to death by his 2 pit bulls.

ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO (9/11) — The 12th Judicial District district attorney files three complaints of animal cruelty against Dr. Rick Lee and Charles River Laboratories, which houses retired research animals. The criminal complaint alleges the defendants failed to provide necessary sustenance to three chimpanzees, resulting in the death of one.

SANTANDER, SPAIN (9/12) — Two Spanish men are gored to death by fighting bulls during the bull-run at the local fiestas in Ampuero. Eleven other people were injured in the traditional Ampuero bull-run - similar to the San Fermin festivals of Pamplona - as the bulls rampaged up and down the streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (9/14) — Federal regulators file a complaint against UC San Francisco alleging 60 violations of the Animal Welfare Act, ranging from failing to clean cages to improperly treating research animals. The USDA complaint says the violations included procedures like cutting into a monkey's skull without providing pain relief.

LONDON, ENGLAND (9/15) — After a day of rowdy demonstrations that saw five protesters storm the chamber at the House of Commons, legislators vote (356 to 166) to outlaw the blood 'sport' of fox hunting with hounds. Opponents of the ban accuse the government of intruding on people's civil liberties and trampling on their rural way of life.

TACKLING HLS IN 2005: THE GAME PLAN

By Greg Avery



"Hello, we are from Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty."

These few words are guaranteed to strike dread into any company that thought its dealings with Huntingdon Life Sciences were secret. One HLS supplier, when approached by SHAC activists for the first time, responded simply, "We always knew you would come...We already have a statement prepared."

That was in November 2004. . . and 2004 was one hell of a year for us in the UK, seeing 104 supply companies, one after the other, ditching Huntingdon. This included BOC Gases, which dealt with over 100 demos, an injunction and a march through their town, just to mention a few actions. Additionally, three of the world's largest drugs companies— Astra Zeneca, Novartis and GlaxoSmithKine— threatened to leave the UK unless SHAC was stopped.

Many people ask, "What is SHAC?" Well, that's a difficult one. But to me, SHAC is more than a group. It has become a philosophy that is showing how grassroots campaigns can tackle and take down multinational corporations with a well thought-out strategy and aggressive tactics.

When you hear quotes like:

"No group is more dangerous or determined to end animal testing than the Europe-based Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty." (Journal of Life Sciences, Dec 2003)

and

"The number of activists isn't huge, but their impact has been incredible." (Brian Cass, speaking at a business conference in London, May 2003)

and

"The most intriguing question is where the activists are getting their clearly confidential information. Patently, they have inside information coming from both individual firms and government departments." (*Animal Pharma*, The Business 15/16, August 2004)

you know we are all doing something right.

There is one single, defining moment of the campaign for me personally, and it's one that sums up the strength of SHAC. It is the point after Huntingdon lost its bank account at the Royal Bank of Scotland and the government was forced to step in and offer one. This, for a company, is highly embarrassing. As usual, industry officials and the British Government pulled out all the stops to help Huntingdon. A resultant article in the *Financial Times* quoted the British Banking Association as saying it was close to securing a commercial bank account with one of the big 4 High Street banks in the UK.

SHAC responded swiftly. By 9 a.m. that morning, faxes were sent to all the main banks in the UK (who have combined assets of many, many billions of dollars). Within two hours, statements started to roll back into our fax machine. By 2 p.m. all these massive global companies had sent in their faxes, stating in no uncertain terms that they would never deal with Huntingdon Life Sciences.

Still, enough of the past. What of the future? It's time to crack on with the job at hand. We firmly believe that in 2005, we will get the balance right between targeting customers, suppliers and others that matter. With many new and exciting ideas coming into play in 2005, we firmly believe that it will be our most successful year yet, one that will see the fulfillment of the potential of our global campaign. And there's nothing a company hates more than a campaign that can reach them all over the world. I really can't say much more about our plans, as things work best when the first glimpse the companies get of our plans is when we come through their front door.

I'd like to add, however, that we will be adding our full support to the "Gateway to Hell" campaign, whose aim is to stop all lab animals leaving and entering the UK. Geographically, the UK is an island, after all, and it's time to use that to our advantage. Cutting off the lab animal supply to the UK will affect the whole vivisection industry, rather that any one individual company. It's a sound strategy, and one we will be backing to the hilt.



SPAIN AND WORLDWIDE (9/17) — Spanish fashion chain Inditex announces it has banned fur from all but a handful of its 2,064 stores, three days ahead of concerted worldwide protests. The firm, home to brands such as Zara and Massimo Dutti, wrote in an open letter to its customers that "[t]he measure is one step further in our commitment to respect the animals and environment surrounding us."

PARIS, FRANCE (9/18) The French agriculture ministry, in defiance of the European Union, gives France's 6,000 foie gras producers an extra five years - until 2010 - to scrap the cramped individual cages to which geese and ducks are confined on foie gras farms. Said a spokeswoman for the French Animal Rights League, "It's disgusting."

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (9/22) – A jury in the trial of a lawsuit over the first known use of pepper spray on political demonstrators reports itself deadlocked. An earlier trial of the case ended in a hung jury. The protestors' damages suit claims the use of pepper spray amountad to excessive force.

PUERTO RICO (9/22) — Senate Bill 2702, legislation to classify animal abuse as a felony offense, is approved and signed into law. The new Law 439 amends Puerto Rico's animal cruelty Law 67. The bill was presented by the Senator Eudaldo Báez Galib and was passed unanimously both in the House and Senate.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (9/29) — California Governor Schwarzenegger signs a bill banning the force feeding of ducks and geese for the production of foie gras and outlawing the sale of foie gras made from force-fed birds. The bill was supported by a coalition of animal protection groups, including AVAR, Los Angeles Lawyers for Animals, Farm Sanctuary and Viva! USA.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST ZARA GOES FUR FREE

Following a protracted battle between grassroots, anti-fur activists and a multinational textile company, Inditex – the parent company of the global fashion chain Zara – announced all of its 2,064 stores in 52 countries would be going fur free.

"This is an amazing victory, and it is a testament to the power of grassroots activists when we work together."

The fight started in 2003, when the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT-UK) began demos against Zara stores in the UK after the company introduced rabbit fur. After a single demo, Zara agreed to stop selling fur in the UK, and its Swedish store pulled the fur from its racks.





Regular Demonstrations at Zara lead the fashion chain to go Fur Free.

Unfortunately, fur was back on sale in 2004, angering campaigners, who immediately began organizing demos again.

In the summer of 2004, grass-roots activists from around the world met in the UK for the Animal Rights Gathering. It was here that activists from several countries agreed on an international day of action against Zara. Protests were planned outside Zara shops in over 40 towns and cities throughout Europe and North America.

On September 22, three days before the day of action, CAFT received a panicked phone call from Inditex's head office in Spain. The company agreed to stop selling real fur – worldwide! Their policy was to take immediate effect in all but 6 countries, where fur would be phased out. As of December 31, 2004, all Inditex stores should have stopped selling fur in all countries. Activists will be monitoring this to ensure they stick to their word.

Inditex even took an unusual step in issuing its own press release, confirming the new fur-free policy. This increased media coverage, at a time when fashion headlines have been declaring the return of the fur trade (again!), makes it all the more difficult for Zara to go back on its word.

This is an amazing victory, and it is a testament to the power of grassroots activists when we work together. It has also resulted in much greater cooperation, particularly among European campaigners. Already we are working on other joint campaigns with success.

More information, including Inditex's letter confirming their fur–free status, can be found on CAFT-UK's website: www.caft.org.uk

Australia and Benetton: Baaad for Sheep

By Matthew Rice

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has launched a boycott of the Australian wool industry to try to end two of the industry's cruelest practices: mulesing and live export. Mulesing is a mutilation in which farmers use gardening shears to cut chunks of flesh from lambs' backsides—without painkillers—in a cheap and crude attempt to reduce maggot infestation. Live export is similarly cruel, and every year tens of thousands of sheep die aboard open-deck ships that sail for weeks in blistering heat and freezing cold. Treated as cargo, sick sheep are tossed alive into grinders or overboard to be eaten by sharks. After arriving in the Middle East, their throats are slit while they are fully conscious.

Mulesing persists in Australia, despite effective and kinder alternatives including the use of cross-breed sheep better suited to the hot Australian climate, increased monitoring of flocks, shearing around the rump and blowfly control measures.

Abercrombie & Fitch, J.Crew, U.K.-based mega-chain New Look and others have taken a stand against these practices. PETA is now pushing Benetton to join the boycott. Find out how you can help at UnitedCrueltyOfBenetton.com.

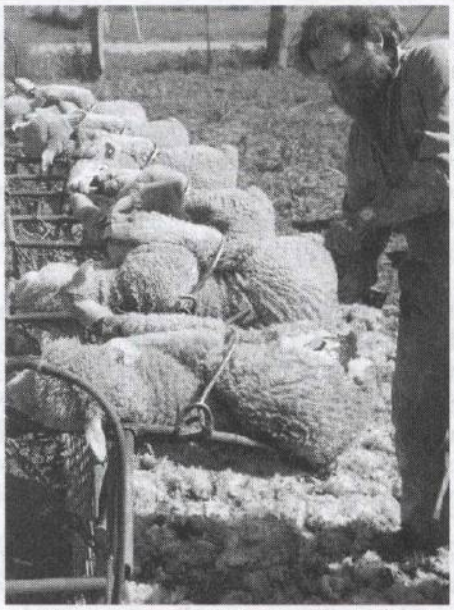


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A mulesing contractor slicing the skin, flesh and wool off the backsides of young lambs..

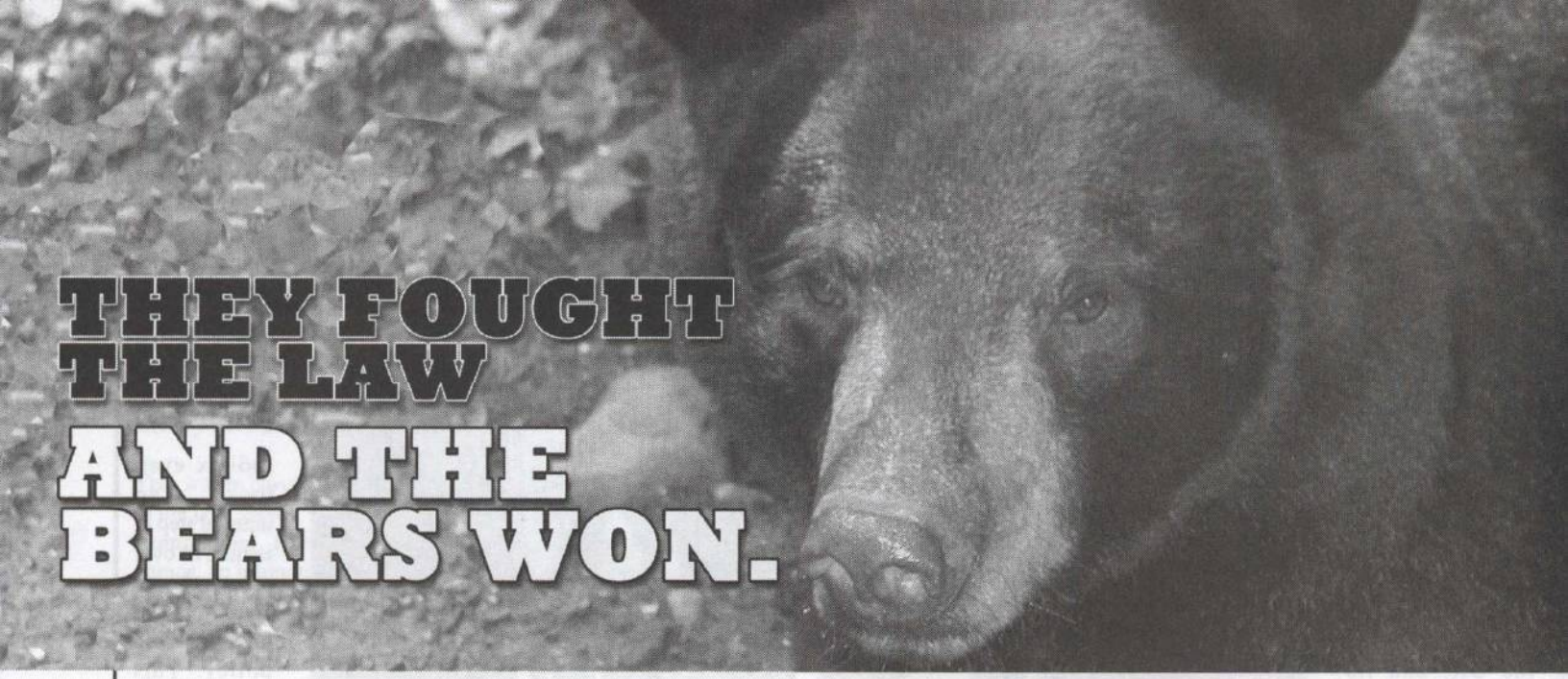
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA (10/4) - An elderly Romanian man mistakes his penis for a chicken's neck and cuts it off. The man had rushed out into his yard in his underwear to kill a noisy chicken keeping him awake at night. "I confused it with the chicken's neck." said the man. "I cut it ... and the dog rushed and ate it."

WASHINGTON STATE (10/7) — Eight years after Washington voters banned the practice, hunters in five counties are granted permission to hunt cougars using hounds. The unanimous decision by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission allows hound hunting of cougars to begin Dec. 1 and run through March 31 for the next three years.

LONDON, ENGLAND (10/7) – U.S. authorities issue a federal order to Rackspace, ordering them to hand over Indymedia web servers. Rackspace, which provides hosting services for more that 20 Indymedia sites, complied, effectively removing those sites from the internet. It is unclear to Indymedia how a server outside U.S. jurisdiction can be seized by US authorities.

SCHUYLKILL, PENN. (10/11) – A suspicious box feared to be a bomb is found attached to a PECO energy tower near the the Schuylkill Expressway, causing major traffic delays as local, state, and federal agencies investigate. The letters "ELF" written on the outside of the box in large print suggest a possible link to the Earth Liberation Front

SANTA ANA, CALIF. (10/18) – Santa Ana formally adopts legislation banning wild animal performances. In a unanimous decision, Mayor Pulido and Council Members agreed that animal circuses are inhumane and pose a public safety risk. "This is a huge victory for efforts to ban animal circuses nationwide," said one ban supporter.



THEY FOUGHT THE LAW AND THE BEARS WON.

In 1958, New Jersey opened its first regulated bear-hunting season. In 1970, after hunters wiped out black bears in New Jersey, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) halted the hunt.

As New Jersey's bear population began to recover, efforts to re-establish the hunt, predictably, began gaining steam as well. But animal advocates fought back. In 1988, the first bear hunt ban bill was introduced in the New Jersey legislature, and animal advocates have been waging a war against the resumption of bear hunting ever since. Massive educational efforts throughout the 1990s successfully fought off several unofficial hunts. In 1997, when the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held hearings throughout the state on the 'management' of black bears, hundreds came forward to express their outrage toward any form of bear hunting.

The DFW, the Fish and Game Council (FGC) and hunter groups forged ahead. They launched a successful bear slander campaign and solicited the public to report every bear sighting and encounter. It worked. Articles detailing bear encounters starting appearing in all our newspapers, making the bears Public Enemy #1. Emboldened by this media support, in March, 2000 the FGC, under the DFW, proposed to reopen the bear hunting season, including over 30 days of hunting with bows, guns and muzzleloaders.

DFW was caught off guard by the ensuing, massive public backlash, which forced then-governor Whitman to ask the DFW to cancel the hunt 8 days before it was due to start. This was our first official victory against bear hunting, and it raised the public's awareness of the DFW and FGC. Soon afterward, efforts to dismantle the FCG began popping up throughout New Jersey. Two years passed without any more hunt proposals, but the opposition continued to attack bears regularly.

Governor Whitman's plan to stop the bear hunting did contain one flaw: It allowed the killing of bears that presented any threat to people. Animal activists were generally not concerned with this, because black bears are typically timid and gentle creatures, and to date, no one in our state has ever been killed or seriously injured by a black bear.

But the DFW used the loophole in Whitman's plan to develop an internal policy that systematically kills bears, hoping to garner public support for a bear hunt. This policy became known as the "Category System." Category One black bears — defined as any bear coming within ten feet of a person or building and/or exhibiting behavior that is a threat to human safety or causing serious property damage — constitute an immediate threat to life and property and are to be destroyed. Category Two black bears — "nuisance" bears that are not an immediate threat to life and property — may be treated with aversive conditioning or relocated. Category Three bears exhibit "normal" behavior in that they are not creating a nuisance and are not a threat to public safety.

Since the creation of the Category System, over 80 "Category One" bears have been killed, with each one being reported to the press. In 2003, heightened concerns about black bears gave FGC a renewed opportunity to put forth another hunt proposal. Governor James McGreevey, paying debts to developers, allowed the first black bear hunt in over 33 years to be held in December 2003.

The death toll of that hunt was 333 bears—35% of which were just cubs and yearlings, under 2 years old. Overall, hunters killed114 males and 219 females, the deaths of whom likely left many more cubs orphaned to die slowly and painfully. The press reported every kill, and pictures of dead bears covered the front pages of every local newspaper. The media attention was local, state, national and international. The public responded with intense and swift outrage, and the DEP held press conferences promising that McGreevey's administration would not hold another hunt.

DEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell pledged to do everything within his power to stop a 2004 hunt. His efforts included writing to and meeting with the DFW and FGC before they tried to propose another hunt. But they ignored Campbell and refused to back down.
Undaunted, Campbell decided to withhold bear hunt permits and to close all DEP-controlled lands to bear hunting. In response, the Sportsmen's Federation and the Safari Club International filed lawsuits. The court rulings were mixed: While the appellate court judges ordered Campbell to start

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (10/19) – A federal appeals court rules that restrictions on protesters at the state-run Cow Palace violate their constitutional free-speech rights. "Cordoning protesters off in a free expression zone the size of a parking space, located over 200 feet from the entrance. . . is more likely to give the impression to passers-by that these are people to be avoided," Judge Marsha S. Berzon wrote.

UNITED KINGDOM (10/18) – Deer farmer Clifford Colling is killed by a stag after entering the deer enclosure during the rutting season. The stag was later shot dead by a police marksman. "Farmers perhaps forget their docile friends can turn on them. They are extremely unreliable and dangerous animals," said a technical adviser for the British Deer Society.

ALBANY, NY (10/20) – Legislation is introduced to ban an especially inhumane method of the method of anal and genital electrocution to kill animals of fur farms. This practice is commonly used to kill foxes, mink, and chinchillas. The Senate bill is S. 7765, and the Assembly bill number has yet to be assigned.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF (10/21) – A federal court rules that the claims of trappers in the long-running litigation over Proposition 4 do not have merit. Voters passed Prop 4 1998 to ban cruel traps and poisons. The National Trappers Association had challenged Proposition 4, claiming it is preempted by federal laws. The court dismissed those claims.

VERNON, NEW JERSEY (10/25) — Activist Angi Metler, who locked herself in a bear trap to protest the state's bear hunt, is sentenced to pay fines and court costs. Metler had requested jail time instead, but was denied. The prosecutor in the case argued, ""This is not a political forum, this is a court of law. We are not in the business of creating martyrs."

From the Store to the Shelter: Animal Suffering in IL

By John A. Duerk

For more than a year, members of Adopt Shelter Animals Please (ASAP) have been waging a two front war in Rockford, IL against both the local Petland store and Winnebago County Animal Services (WCAS).

Most people know about Petland's notorious relationship with puppy mills— facilities that breed a continuous stock of dogs for customers to buy on impulse. Members of ASAP have been protesting near the local Petland every week since December 2003, encouraging people to adopt dogs and cats instead of buying them.



Activists weather the storm for animals at Petland

While many in the community have been receptive, activists have been threatened, assaulted, followed, and harassed by franchise owner Dean Johnson and his associates. ASAP anticipated this reaction and hasn't backed down, continuing to organize both home and church demonstrations, some of which have been attended by people who bought sick animals from Johnson's Petland. Over the months, dozens of people have come forward with vet records to inform ASAP about their Petland animals' conditions. But the fight doesn't end there.

The county-operated animal shelter is euthanizing approximately 6,000 animals every year, most of them cats and dogs. Despite proposals from ASAP, multiple meetings with county officials, and ASAP's participation in a WCAS volunteer program, shelter director Gary Longanecker has done nothing to improve the situation. An inept bureaucrat and a "good ol' boy" who has lost previous jobs in public service, he continues to squander tens of thousands of dollars in county funds (yes, tax-payer money).

He boasts no qualifications for the director position he currently holds and is an admitted alcoholic. Apparently lacking any vestige of a humane ethic, all Longanecker knows is how to kill animals. Members of ASAP circulated a petition in the community and resorted to home demonstrations to get the word out, while the local paper, *The Rock River Times*, ran a three-part story exposing Longanecker for the political hack he is.

Making matters worse, it seems that Johnson and Longanecker have formed an alliance themselves. During the WCAS annual Canine Classic in September 2004, they both posed for a photo op to commemorate Johnson's store's participation in the event. Petland even donated $1400.00 to the county as damage control in response to ASAP protests.

Speak Out!

Please let these men know what you think of them!

Dean Johnson
Franchise Owner
Rockford Petland
1313 Red Oak Lane
Rockford, IL 61101
Home PH: Unlisted

Dale Johnson
Original Owner
Rockford Petland
2212 Bittersweet Row
Rockford, IL 61108
Home PH: 815-399-6363

Gary Longanecker, Director
Winnebago County Animal Services
606 Frances Avenue
Loves Park, IL 61111
Home PH: 815-636-8654
glonganecker@co.winnebago.il.us

NJ Bear Hunt *(Continued from pg. 6)*

controlled state lands. In the ruling, the judges stated that the Safari Club did not demonstrate "any public safety or other vital public interest that requires state lands be open to bear hunting," and the fact that the FGC set a 2004 bear season did not mean Campbell's order was arbitrary.

Campbell decided to appeal the appellate court's permit decision to the Supreme Court, and on December 2, four days before the bear hunt was to begin, the state Supreme Court *reversed* the appellate court's decision. It ruled in favor of DEP Commissioner Bradley, giving him the authority to withhold the bear hunt permits. In its ruling, the court said there was no current comprehensive black bear management plan and until the hunt could be proven to be scientifically justified, the hunt would be called off. The ruling can be viewed at http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/opinions/supreme/bear.pdf. We expect a comprehensive opinion from the Supreme Court within the next several months.

Take Action:
While this order gives Commissioner Campbell the authority he needs to call off the 2004 hunt, we may not be as fortunate next year. We need black bears to be protected permanently, and it is imperative that we continue to fight this battle on all fronts. New Jersey residents can keep the issue alive via letters to the editor and by demanding that legislators support the black bear protection bill (A.2704) and restructuring the FGC (A.2852) is critical to protecting black bears permanently.

For more details on how you can help the bear and to keep informed on an ongoing basis, please visit www.nj-ara.org and www.savenjbears.com.

PHILADELPHIA, PA (10/29) – More than a dozen FBI agents raid the home of activist Nick Cooney, in connection with a federal investigation of a harassment campaign against HLS. Paul J. Hetznecker, a Philadelphia lawyer, said the raid was part of an intimidation campaign. "My concern is that the federal government, and in particular this administration, has coordinated a war on lawful dissent."

MARTINEZ, CALIF (11/2) - Valent U.S.A., a chemical manufacturer, sues SHAC USA, alleging that members are trespassing at employees' homes and posting their personal information on the organization's website. Valent U.S.A. requested a restraining order against SHAC U.S.A. in response to demonstrations at employees' homes.

BORDEAUX, France (11/3) - France suspends hunting in the western Pyrenees in order to save a bear cub orphaned when his mother, the last female bear native to the region, was killed by hunters. Hunting and dog walking would be banned temporarily in the districts where the cub is believed to be roaming, said a government's representative.

ALBANY, NY (11/3) — Governor Pataki signs into law a measure that forbids private citizens, other than those who have a federal exhibitor's license, to keep wild animals as pets. The bill also requires owners of exotic animals to pay $80 in state fees, which are to support the cost of regular inspections.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF (11/4) - "Price is Right" host Bob Barker donates $1 million to the University of California, Los Angeles, law school. The donation is intended to create an animal rights law endowment. "Animal exploitation happens throughout this country and elsewhere," Barker said. "Animals need all the protection we can give them."

Oops!...When Hunters Shoot Each Other



John Lennon sang, "Instant kharma's gonna get you," and for many hunters, 2004 was when it got them. Practically as soon as hunting season opened, hunters began shooting themselves, falling from tree stands and impaling themselves on arrows faster than local coroners could print toe tags. Hunt clubs love to tell anyone who'll listen that hunting is safer than bowling, badminton and ping pong, but I'll take my chances with ping pong paddles any day of the week. If the following people were still alive, they might agree with me.

Wayne Duckworth of West Wheatfield, Pennsylvania bit the dust when his hunting stand - ingeniously built on top of utility poles - caught fire. His son heard an explosion and found his father on the ground, burnt to a crisp. There was no venison steak for dinner that night in the Duckworth household.

The body of 24-year-old John Hughes of Florence, Ohio was found hanging in a tree 40 feet above the ground. Hughes went bow hunting and ended up as a Christmas tree ornament. See ya later, Johnny.

Stamos Courpas, 35, of Fairfax, Virginia died after Charles Lepovetski mistook his movements for a bird and shot him. How on earth do you mistake a person for a bird? Only Mr. Lepovetski knows for sure.

Samuel B. Allgyer, 15, an Amish young man from Mill Hall, Pennsylvania was blown away by a 15-year-old friend while they were fondling their guns after a day of hunting. I thought the Amish were supposed to be non-violent? Guess not.

"Even the most casual observer can see that America's sportsmen are doing a very good job of culling their population so that they will not succumb to starvation or disease. Congratulations, oh mighty hunters!"

And who could forget Chai Soua Vang, the Laotian immigrant who blasted six hunters to smithereens in Wisconsin? Vang achieved something that day that the animal rights movement may have never been able to: He made six hunters stop eating meat and dairy forever. Way to go, Chai!

Even the most casual observer can see that America's sportsmen are doing a very good job of culling their population so that they will not succumb to starvation or disease. Congratulations, oh mighty hunters! You've demonstrated the safety of your sport admirably. The next time I find myself blasting the head off of my badminton opponent, I'll remember just how safe hunting is.

These and many other hunting accidents can be found on the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting's website at:
www.all-creatures.org/cash/taah.html#safe

FIGHTING BACK

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injustice to go unchallenged, despite the threatened consequences by those perpetuating it.

I have no regrets for what I have done. In Sabino Canyon, in the ancient coastal redwood forests being destroyed by Pacific Lumber, in the experimental laboratories of many universities, in the fjords of Iceland. Everywhere and every time I physically decommissioned the weapons and tools of life's destruction, I have no regrets. Other than to wish that every snare set for a lion was destroyed, all logging equipment in the redwood forests was sabotaged, every animal torture chamber burnt to the ground and every whaling vessel sent to the ocean's bottom. The U.S. Attorney's office can try to do whatever the hell they want with me, but they won't ever have an ounce of my respect or hear a word of remorse for what I've done and will continue to do. I'll be going before another federal judge, but so will their professional killers. We'll let the jury decide who is guilty of threats and intimidation. And even if they say it was the only people in Sabino Canyon without guns, I still swear that they will never stop me from fighting for my animal relations.

We have nothing to be ashamed of for such direct actions. Unlike the people and institutions those actions are intended to stop. The people whose daily job it is to poison, trap and kill mountain lions, to chainsaw thousand-year old trees, cut, maim, burn and poison animals in laboratories or slaughter the Earth's largest and last great whales. Those are the people I call criminals and terrorists. The people whose behavior I believe sets the worst example to my son and other future generations who will inherit the world we have created and the kind of behavior that truly courageous people need to stop. We know who our enemies are, now its time to reveal who our true friends are.

When we join the centuries-old sacred resistance to the destruction of all life on Earth, we join legions of oppressed, be they human or non-human who have died, willingly and unwillingly, fighting for the very things you and I now believe in and fight for. It is those spirits we fill our hearts with when we stand as they have, against the enemies of all life. And it is with their spirit that we discover how victory can be ours again, when we break free and are brave enough to fight for our beliefs. That is what it means to be a warrior. To stand fast in defense of land, people and culture no matter what the costs. It is a proud tradition and one that I wish more of us claiming to be representatives of Mother Earth and her peoples were honored to fulfill.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (11/9) – Australian sheep and wool industry leaders respond to animal welfare group campaigns by promising to phase out the practice of mulesing by 2010.
The Wool Producers president said the industry was speeding up research and development programs to enable an end to mulesing.

EXELAND, WISCONSIN (11/21) – Five hunters in northwestern Wisconsin are killed and three are wounded after a hunting dispute on the opening day of deer hunting season. "Apparently, the person was asked to leave and get out of his deer stand, and he didn't take it very well and he fired away at them," a police official said.

UNITED KINGDOM (11/20) – Britain joins Scotland and outlaws fox hunting in England and Wales. Hunting supporters vowed to defy the ban, which takes affect in three months, and to fight it in court. "True civil disobedience is now on the horizon," said the chairman of the pro-hunting Countryside Alliance.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (11/21) - William Jensen Cottrell is found guilty in U.S. District Court of conspiracy to commit arson and seven counts of arson, stemming from an August 2003 firebombing at SUV dealerships and homes in San Gabriel Valley. Cottrell testified against two other people at his trial. He will be sentenced March 12.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (11/22) - McDonald's Corp. President and Chief Executive Charlie Bell steps down from his position in order to focus on his cancer treatment. Vice Chairman Jim Skinner is named to replace Bell as chief executive, and McDonald's USA Chief Executive Mike Roberts is named president and chief operating officer.

Land of the Free?
U.S. Government Takes One More Step Toward a Police State

By Kelah Bott

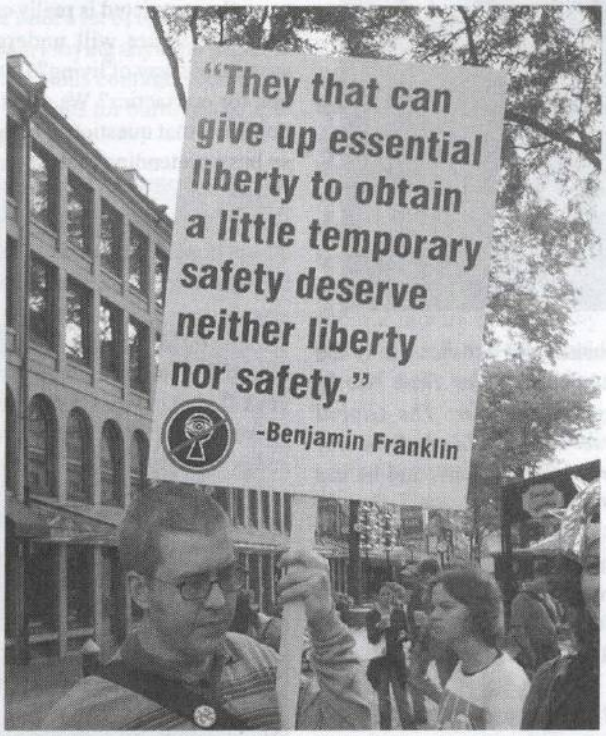
The world changed for us on September 11, 2001 — not because "America" was now aware of enemies wishing for its destruction and not because Americans now felt more vulnerable to outside threats for the first time since the height of the Cold War. Rather, it was because those in power in the United States now had an excuse to start rolling back civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution.

The first real evidence that this was indeed a brave new world was in the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act, which allowed for sweeping powers of the intelligence community and deprived citizens and non-citizens alike basic freedoms afforded by the Bill of Rights. In a post-9/11 United States, the FBI now has the legal power to access the most private records of anyone without a warrant or even probable cause. They don't have to tell you about it, and can even punish your local library or family doctor if they inform you. Expansions of the government's ability to wiretap and conduct private-property searches was also included in these provisions, with no safeguards put in place, leaving the intelligence community accountable to no one.

The newest evidence that we have stepped through the looking glass has come in the wake of Bush's re-election in November. Though his cabinet appointments may raise red flags for those of us concerned with freedom of expression (or just freedom in general), it is a recent legislative reform that signals the real, lasting danger to activists, immigrants and any other group the federal government chooses to demonize. In December, President Bush signed into law the Intelligence Reform and Terrorist Prevention Act of 2004. This piece of legislation was hastily pushed through a lame duck session of Congress in order to satisfy some imaginary deadline for acting upon the 9/11 Commission's recommendations.

The final bill was passed with little debate in Congress, and given that the Senate was given a mere 24 hours to read the 600-page bill, it is unlikely that most senators were even acquainted with the provisions contained therein. As Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) remarked on the Senate floor prior to the vote, "The Founding Fathers intended Congress to be a check on the power of the Chief Executive, but increasingly Congress appears content to be merely a cheerleader for the president, depending upon which party might be in control at a given moment."

While many of the major news outlets touted this Act as a bipartisan answer to the 9/11 Commission recommendations (giving particular attention to the creation of a Director of National Intelligence), it is the provisions that expand upon the Patriot Act that deserve some real attention. Although the much-debated Patriot Act II was eventually shelved due to sharp criticism from human rights and civil liberties organizations, as well as citizens and some politicians, some similar provisions were included in the Intelligence Reform Act.



One of these disturbing curtailments of our civil liberties is a requirement for automatic pretrial detention for suspected terrorists. As many people are now aware, the label "terrorist" can be stretched and molded according to the government's desires. Animal and environmental liberation activists and anarchists are increasingly categorized as such. This provision also, in effect, suspends habeas corpus - a jailed suspect's right to due process before a court of law - as just the mere accusation of criminality can now mandate detention without the right to a hearing.

The Intelligence Reform Act also includes a creation of national standards for state driver's licenses – in essence a national I.D. card. This gives power to the federal government to set these standards. Some concerns with this are the possibility of linking immigration status to licenses, implanting tracking chips in I.D. cards, and the effective creation of internal passports. As Timothy Edgar of the ACLU said on the December 14 broadcast of Democracy Now!, "Although the Congress wasn't willing to explicitly go that far, they have laid the groundwork for that kind of checkpoint society in the future."

Perhaps to make all the egregious blows to privacy and liberty a little more palatable, the bill includes provisions for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Unfortunately, the board is appointed by the President and has no independent subpoena powers.Thus, it is no more than a public relations ploy.

As the U.S. attempts to spread its brand of freedom and democracy across the globe, it is little wonder why no one seems eager to welcome it. In this Orwellian universe, whereHealthy Forests Restoration Act is code for cutting down all the trees, and "freedom" increasingly means tyranny, it can be difficult to discover the true nature of U.S. policies behind all the rhetoric. While the corporate media makes it no easier, as they seem content to just repeat White House press releases as fact, it is important for us regular citizens to stay informed, vigilant and one step ahead of the game.

NEW ZEALAND (11/23) - A pod of dolphins protect four people swimming 300 feet off a New Zealand beach to fend off an attack by a great white shark. When one swimmer tried to drift away, one of the larger dolphins herded him back. It was then that he spotted a 9-foot great white shark swimming toward the pod.

NORTHERN CALIF. (11/28) - After spending 37 years in a small, cramped enclosure at the San Francisco Zoo, Tinkerbelle, a 38-year-old Asian elephant, arrives at the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) sanctuary. Lulu, the last remaining elephant at the Zoo, is scheduled to be moved to PAWS shortly afterwards.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (11/28) — Four people protesting cruelty to pigs chain themselves to a sow stall at the University of Queensland's Gatton Campus. A spokeswoman for Animal Activism Queensland said the action was held to protest at the inhumane treatment of intensively farmed pigs.

CHICORA, PENN. (11/30) - A 45-year-old Armstrong County man dies after authorities say he was accidentally shot by his father while the two were deer hunting on their farm. The shooting occurred when the man's father took aim at a deer and missed — instead shooting his son in the chest.

LIBERTY, N.Y. (11/30) —Felony burglary charges are dropped against animal advocates Sarahjane Blum and Ryan Shapiro, who investigated and rescued ducks from Hudson Valley Foie Gras. Blum and Shapiro were each facing up to seven years in prison for their role in the investigation and rescue.

BRINGING DOWN CIVILIZATION: AN INTERVIEW WITH DERRICK JENSEN

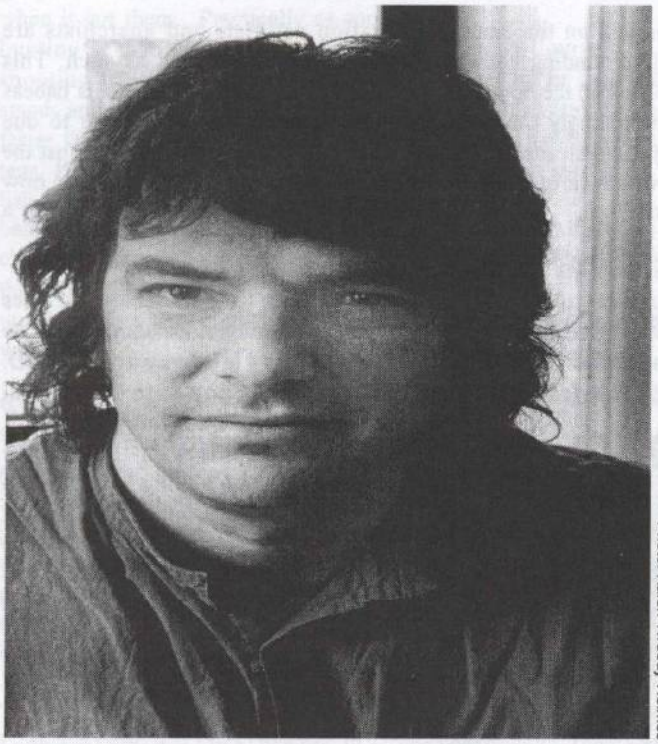


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Derrick Jensen is a prolific writer, speaker and activist. He is the author of *Listening to the Land*, *A Language Older Than Words*, *The Culture of Make Believe*, *Strangely Like War: The Global Assault on Forests*, and *Welcome to the Machine: Science, Surveillance, and the Culture of Control* among others, and he has recently completed a new book.

For the complete unabridged interview please visit the No Compromise website at www.nocompromise.org.

NC: What do you hope to achieve through your writing?

DJ: I want to bring down civilization. I'm interested in living in a world that has more wild salmon every year than the year before. A world that has more migratory songbirds every year than the year before; a world that has less dioxins and flame retardants in mothers' breast milk; a world that is not being destroyed; a world where krill populations aren't collapsing; a world where there aren't dead zones in the oceans; a world not being systematically dismantled. I want to live in a world that is not being killed, and I will do whatever it takes to get there. It is really clear that for the past 6000 years, civilization has been killing the planet. I'm on the planet's side.

"Most of our actions are frighteningly ineffective. If that weren't the case we would not be witnessing the dismantling of the world."

NC: You speak a lot about hope. Do you think there is power in hopelessness?

DJ: I think hope is really harmful for several reasons. False hopes bind us to unlivable situations, and they blind us to real possibilities. Does anybody really think that Weyerhaeuser is going to stop deforesting because we ask nicely? Does anybody really think that if a democrat would have gotten into the White House that things would be ok? Does anybody think that vivisectors will stop torturing animals just because we stand outside with a sign?

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't stand out there with that sign. What it means is, do we really believe that they will stop because we do that? And if you don't believe that, what does that mean? The book I have just recently completed is really centered around this question. Do you believe that the culture will undergo a voluntary transformation to obtain a sustainable way of living? If you don't, what does that mean for our strategy and for our tactics? We don't know. The reason we don't know is that we don't ask that question. The reason we don't ask that question is that we're so busy pretending that we have hope.

One of the smartest things the Nazis did was to co-opt rationality and to co-opt hope. The way they did that was by making it so that at every step of the way it was in the Jews' rational, best interest not to resist.

Would you rather get an ID card or would you rather resist and possibly get killed? Do you want to go to a ghetto or do you want to resist and possibly get killed? Do you want to get on a cattle car or do you want to resist and possibly get killed? Do you want to take a shower or do you want to resist and possibly get killed?

Every step of the way, it was in their rational best interest to not resist. But I'll tell you something really interesting: The Jews who participated in the Warsaw ghetto uprising had a much higher rate of survival than those who went along. We need to keep that in mind over the next ten years.

NC: How can civilization be brought down?

DJ: I've done benefits for earth liberation prisoners and fully support the actions of the E.L.F. and the A.L.F. That said, I do have a criticism, which is that I wish they would move up the infrastructure. I think what we need to do is start looking for bottlenecks. For example, one man acting all by himself almost stopped World War II. (Before I talk about this, I need to say that I am not talking about assassinating George Bush.)

George Elser was a guy who decided to kill Hitler. Anybody who talks about the German resistance in World War II is very clear that killing Hitler was crucial to stopping the war.

UNITED KINGDOM (12/1) – Following a heavy activist campaign, Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) loses its deal with BOC, which provided it with bottled gas. The company, which has been obtained a High Court injunction and adopt expensive security measures against activists, said, "BOC's contract with Huntingdon is no longer commercially viable."

STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND (12/1) - Villagers living near Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm fail in an initial court bid to stop activists entering a 200 square kilometer exclusion zone. A judge said the proposed area was far too wide but granted a temporary order banning protesters from going within 100 meters of Darley Oaks Farm at Newchurch except for limited peaceful demonstrations.

TRENTON, N.J. (12/2) - The New Jersey Supreme Court issues an order canceling the state's upcoming bear hunt. The ruling settles a dispute between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Game Council over whether the bear hunt should proceed, and it prevents a repeat of last year's killing of more than 300 bears.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (12/2) — The ACLU announces it is seeking information from the FBI on why bureau task forces set up to combat terrorism also looked into anti-war, animal rights and environmental groups. "We think it's clear that the public is interested in the possible return of FBI spying on political and religious groups," said the ACLU's associate legal counsel.

ARIZONA (12/2) - Federal prosecutors formally indict activist Rod Coronado on conspiracy charges (carrying a maximum 8 years in prison) related to his with the hunt for mountain lions in Sabino Canyon. The indictment comes just seven days before Coronado was to stand trial for three lesser misdemeanor charges filed after his arrest in Sabino Canyon.

It was late 1939. The war had just started and it could have been brought to a stop. Elser was able to fabricate a bomb, put it in a place where Hitler was going to give a speech and set the timer. Hitler, instead of giving his speech at the normal time, moved it up by a half hour. Instead of finishing up at 9:30 as he always did, he finished at 9:00. He was out of the building at 9:10 and the bomb went off at 9:20. So it was 10 minutes that would have stopped World War II.

The specific reasons I'm saying that I'm not applying this to George Bush is that Bush doesn't wield the sort of power that Hitler did. If Bush were to choke on a pretzel, Cheney would take over. In that particular case assassination would not do as much good as it would have done with Hitler. But my point is that the Elser situation is an example of leveraging power. Leveraging power does not have to be violent. I'm leveraging my voice when I write a book as opposed to standing on a street corner.

When individuals liberate animals I think that what they are trying to do is to save those particular animals. It would be the same taking out a dam. The primary reason would be to liberate that stretch of river. But I think, for example, if somebody torches an SUV, that's not a lot of leverage. That's a huge risk for not very much return. In no way am I saying anything negative about any of the people who have had the outrageous courage to do those actions, but if you are going to get popped for 20 years for burning a couple SUVs, there are other things that I would rather do.



That's actually my biggest criticism of the E.L.F. and A.L.F., and it's not even a criticism, because I would like to see them continue to do what they do. In addition, however, I would like to see others move up the infrastructure. I've spoken with hackers who have said things that suggest to me that hacking holds great promise.

NC: How do you maintain a positive outlook and keep yourself motivated and focused on the fight at hand?

There seems to be this idea that if you understand how bad things are, you have to be miserable all the time. But the truth is that I'm both really happy and really sad. I'm full of rage, I'm full of hate, and I'm full of love. People expend all this energy fighting the despair. Well, despair is an appropriate response to a desperate situation. It takes a tremendous amount of energy to attempt to not feel those "negative feelings." Sorrow is just sorrow, and pain is just pain. It's not so much the sorrow and the pain that hurts as it is the resistance to it. I'm going to quote from my new book because I address this issue there:

Most of our actions are frighteningly ineffective. If that weren't the case we would not be witnessing the dismantling of the world. Yet we keep on doing the same old symbolic actions and keep on calling the making of this or that statement a great victory.

Now don't get me wrong, symbolic victories can provide great morale boosts, which can be crucial. But we make a fatal and frankly pathetic error when we presume that our symbolic victories, our recruiting and our morale boosting, by themselves make tangible differences on the ground, and we should never forget that what happens on the ground is the only thing that matters.

There comes a time in the lives of many long-term activists when symbolic victories, rare even as these can be sometimes, are no longer enough. There comes a time when many of these activists get burned out, discouraged and demoralized. Many fight despair. I think fighting against this despair is a mistake. I think this despair is often an unacknowledged, embodied, understanding that the tactics they've been using aren't accomplishing what they want and the goals they've been seeking are insufficient to the crisis we face.

These activists get burned out and frustrated because they're trying to achieve sustainability within a system that is inherently unsustainable. They can never win. No wonder they get discouraged. But instead of really listening to these feelings, they so often take a couple of weeks off and then dive back into trying to put the same old square pegs into the same old round holes. The result: more burnout, more frustration, more discouragement, and the salmon keep dying.

What would happen if we listened to these feelings of being burnt out, discouraged, demoralized, and frustrated? What would those feelings tell us? Is it possible they could tell us that what we're doing isn't working, and so we should try something else? Perhaps they're telling us to switch metaphors. That we should stop trying to save scraps of soap in a concentration camp and try to bust out of the whole camp.

POSTVILLE, IA (12/4) – The USDA sends five investigators to check out a kosher slaughterhouse caught on videotape torturing cattle. A PETA undercover video released earlier shows cattle at the the AgriProcessors Inc. plant struggling and thrashing after having their throats slashed and trachea and esophagus torn out.

PINE BLUFF, ARK (12/7) - The city of Pine Bluff passes an ordinance prohibiting hunting within city limits. The new ordinance prohibits the discharging of firearms and bows. The exceptions are for police officers and for people with permits. Little Rock and Jonesboro have also been working to combat hunting within city limits.

DES MOINES, IOWA (12/7) — The FBI subpoenas television station KCCI to obtain a videotape showing the trashing of a University of Iowa laboratory. The A.L.F. claimed responsibility for the vandalism at Spence Labs and Seashore Hall, and the group sent KCCI a video of members damaging the lab.

LOS ANGELES (12/10) – Officials say that an African elephant, who collapsed and died at the Los Angeles Zoo, suffered a heart attack. Animal rights activists say the death underscores the risks of confining the large mammals in urban zoos. "I doubt that there are many elephants in the wild that just fall down and die of heart attacks," said activist Elliot Katz.

ITALY (12/11) – Italian police raid the homes of over 100 activists, arresting one person, and charging 12 with damaging property and threatening university researchers, butchers, and furriers. The raid was conducted by the Ivrea and Turin police and police from the Minister of the Interior's Special Operation and General Investigation.

Letters for Liberation

The How (and Why) of Writing Letters to the Editor

By William Randolph Hearst



First question: Why bother? Why write letters to the editor? This topic often provokes one of two responses in animal activists. For some, writing to newspapers is almost a fetish - an activity so enthusiastically embraced that it's clearly absurd. On the other hand, some folks in the movement regard letters to the editor as the most useless form of armchair activism.

Both groups should re-think their position. Indeed, it's true that we'll never achieve animal liberation simply by getting more letters published in the *New York Times*. If you could change society that way, then cranky senior citizens who sit home all day writing screeds against saggy pants would have long ago succeeded in abolishing all hip-hop-related fashion.

But letters to the editor can be a useful tool. The letters page of a newspaper or magazine offers a good chance to make the case for animal liberation without being immediately contradicted or cut off, as can happen all too frequently to activists in other forms of media coverage.

As a journalist, I can tell you that the opinion page is one of the most popular sections of most newspapers - and it reaches some influential people. Many politicians monitor letters to the editor to get a feel for the views of their constituents.

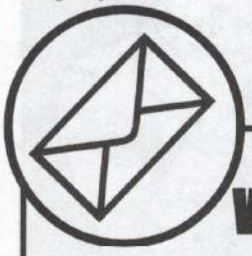
If you're going to write a letter, here are some basic tips that will increase your chance of getting published.

- *Keep it short and stick to a single topic.* Newspapers usually have strict limits on the length of letters. Most want 200 words or fewer—but try to keep your letter even shorter, because that will give it an edge.
- *Make your point early.* Try to state your main point in the first or second sentence of your letter.
- *Mention an article already printed by the paper.* Note the headline of the article you're responding to, along with the date it ran. Editors give priority to such letters—especially if they arrive soon after the piece is published. Try to get your letter off the same day, if possible.
- *Use reasonably simple words and short sentences.* You're trying to communicate with as broad an audience as possible.
- *Include your full address and a daytime telephone number.* This info won't be published, but the editor may want to call to verify your identity.
- *Use e-mail.* Papers still accept letters sent by fax or through the mail, but e-mail is quicker and easier for them. When you use e-mail, never send your letter as an attached document. Most newspapers are far too fearful of viruses to open attachments. Instead, just paste your letter into the body of your e-mail.
- *Check your work.* Use your computer's spell check, print the letter out and read it out loud, and consider asking a friend to proof your work. It's not fair, but the editor may discount your argument if you make a basic error in spelling or grammar.

For more advice on writing letters, you can turn to the websites of most of the large animal protection organizations. You may also find www.dawnwatch.com a useful resource.

Basically, the odds are on your side. It's true that most papers get a lot of letters to the editor—hundreds a day, in some cases—but they get relatively few good ones. If you write a short letter that makes a well-reasoned argument about a hot-button topic like animal rights, you stand a good chance of getting it published.

Will your letter change the world? Obviously not. But you might persuade some readers to think differently about animals. That's a worthy goal—as long as you don't let it distract you from other forms of activism.



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ISRAEL (12/14) – In a lawsuit filed in the Haifa District Court, a mother sues McDonald's on behalf of her 14-year-old vegetarian daughter. She also asked the court to recognize the suit as a class action on behalf of all vegetarians who have eaten McDonald's corn nuggets, not knowing they are fried in animal fat.

WAILUKU, HAWAII (12/15) - A Wailuku man is sentenced to a 10-year prison term after being convicted of assisting in a cockfight. The man, who was ordered to serve at least three years before being eligible for parole, was indicted as part of a police investigation into two organizations identified as running illegal cockfights on Maui.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (12/20) – A U.S. magistrate judge sentences Allison Lance Watson to probation and a $5,000 fine on a misdemeanor contempt-of-court conviction for failing to answers questions before a grand jury investigating the firebombing of an Olympia forest-product company.

NEW ZEALAND (12/21) – New Zealand's Agriculture Minister says that the country's battery egg operations may continue. He explains, "The science on layer hen systems is unclear. . . The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee . . . cannot recommend abolition of cage systems until they can be confident that this would result in improved welfare for hens."

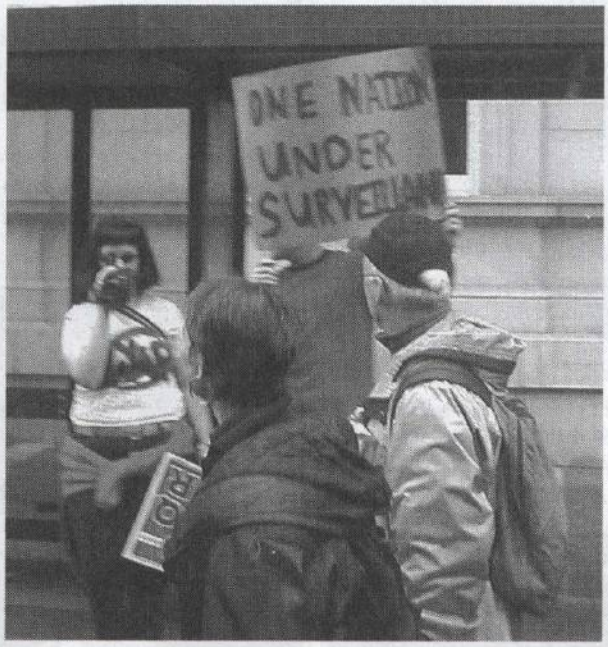
SALEM, ORE. (12/22) – A federal grand jury indicts two men, Charles Jordan and Stephen Marshall, on charges of conspiracy to damage or attempt to damage equipment used in interstate commerce. An FBI spokeswoman said the alleged target was Morse Bros., a company that runs quarries and operates a concrete-materials and tool business.

ACTIVIST SECURITY TIPS: BE PREPARED

From *A Practical Security Handbook for Activists and Campaigns*
www.ActivistSecurity.org

Security is important, as we live in a world where upsetting the status quo is generally met by a repressive backlash. Governments, law enforcement agencies and even corporations have vested interests in criminalizing, disrupting and suppressing activist groups. We need security to ensure we succeed. You also have a basic right to protect your privacy and anonymity from unwarranted intrusion.

For those who say that we shouldn't have anything to hide or that we should make a principled stand, the reality is that we live in a world where democracy is subverted daily, and the people hiding the most are those in power. As long as governments and their supporting apparatus permit corruption through their closed and secretive natures, then we need to respond in kind for our own protection.



Everybody has his own ideas of what security is. Indeed, security is a very individual issue. Different people have different needs, and no single solution fits all. What works for someone else may not work for you. However, there are certain fundamentals about security that apply to all situations.

Personal Security

Tailor your needs to your actions. There is no need to go to extreme lengths if the situation doesn't call for it. If you only do very fluffy actions and hang out with like-minded people, you only need basic security; you do not need to implement every measure possible. If you are doing covert actions, you need to make much more effort.

A rule of thumb is that the higher the risk, the lower the profile you want to have. For example, if involved in covert stuff, you do not want to be attending demos or getting involved in public disorder situations where arrests may lead to your house being raided or simply may turn more attention onto you. Dating high–profile persons does not help either – think about where your priorities truly are. The lower your public profile, the less chance you have of appearing on the state's radar and of encouraging investigation of yourself.

One mistake well–known activists can make is to disappear suddenly from the scene, while remaining in contact with other activists. It sets alarm bells ringing in the minds of law enforcement. If you are going to disappear, do it gradually.

The main threat to your security is how much of a profile can be built on you and your network of contacts. The police regularly monitor new people on a scene or in a known, active group so they can get an idea of who they are and whether they deserve further attention. This basic monitoring is routine, and people often make the mistake of noticing it and immediately assuming they are in trouble or their door is about to be broken down at any moment. The more likely reality is that you have just appeared on their radar, and they are doing a bit of routine background research to find out more about you for the future.

Another reason for carrying out surveillance is to confirm information that they have received from other sources, such as phone taps and grasses (informants). For example, they might be following you to confirm that you really are on the way to a family funeral.

It is unnerving when it first happens to you, but keep your cool and don't do anything rash. Just be aware of the situation. Panic only gives the impression you have something to hide and can draw more attention to you.

Dealing with the police

The police, in our experience, know less than they pretend to. We have found it much easier to expect them to know something but not to let it rattle us if they use it.

A common police trick is to use your first name, or to deliberately let slip some personal detail about you into conversation. When you think about it rationally, quite often the information is pretty innocuous, and it simply shows they have been doing some background checking – and frankly, so what?

Ask yourself, "Why are they doing this?"

Why else would they admit they've been checking up on you and basically doing their job, unless they want to rattle you? If they were doing a proper surveillance job on you, they wouldn't let things like that slip. Therefore, their objective must be either to frighten you off through paranoia or to scare you into making a mistake. Stay cool, don't get rattled and evaluate just what it mean in the light of what you plan to do as an activist – in our experience, it generally amounts to very little.

The state is looking for two main things about you: your beliefs and your network of contacts. That is, what are you up to and who are you likely to be doing it with. State intelligence is generally directed not at solving a particular crime but at building up a database of knowledge, so that when something does happen they know where to look straight away before the evidence has time to be destroyed.

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OTTAWA, CANADA (12/30) — Newspapers report that Canada has found what may be a second case of mad cow disease, just a day after the U.S. said it planned to reopen its border to Canadian beef. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the 10-year-old dairy cow was a "downer" — unable to walk.

ONTARIO, ORE. (1/5) – After serving 4 ½ years for "conspiracy to commit arson" "possession of destructive devices" in the destruction of several SUVs, Craig "Critter" Marshall is released from prison. His co-defendant, Jeffrey "Free" Luers remains in prison as part of a 22-year sentence for the blaze that caused less than $50,000 in damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (1/6) -- A federal judge in San Francisco bars off- road vehicles from more than half a million acres of California's desert lands on behalf of the imperiled desert tortoise. In her ruling, Judge Susan Illiston ordered the Fish and Wildlife Service raise its standards from mere survival of existing tortoises to allowing an increase of tortoises.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (1/11) -- Ginny Conley, head of a state prosecutors' organization, announces that former workers at Pilgrim's Pride slaughterhouse who were caught on tape torturing chickens at the plant will not face criminal charges. She said that while the incident was disturbing, it does not warrant criminal charges because "these were chickens in a slaughterhouse."

OTTAWA, CANADA (1/11) -- The Canadian government confirms its second case of mad cow disease found in 2005. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the showed up in an Alberta cow under seven years old. The first case was found Jan 2, just days before the U.S. was to reopen its borders to Canadian beef.

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Evidence gatherers at demonstrations are common, and some people get quite nervous about their constant photographing of people. Now, if they were simply recording your presence there, they'd only need one photograph. What they are looking for is who is doing the speeches (in their eyes, an indicator someone is an organizer) and who is talking to whom. It is the latter they are most interested in, as it allows them to build up a network of who is friendly with whom.

Next time you are on a demo, watch the way they move and work; look at the people they are photographing and what they are doing. You might be able to learn more about them and their modus operandi, too.

Day to Day Dealings

On a personal level, your opponents are just as prejudiced as the rest of society in stereotyping people based on how they dress. If you wear radical t-shirts supporting underground groups or provocative political slogans, or if you're dressed in quasi-combat (to project a 'hard' or 'activist' image) or 'punk' clothing, you will stand out.

Clothing and appearance are important, but if you are going to be a serious activist, standing out is something you should avoid. It is nice to be an 'individual,' but if you are doing stuff that attracts state attention, why help them target you? Unfortunately, we do not live in a utopia, so serious activists will have to make this sacrifice.

The idea is to blend into the society around you. Dress causally in everyday clothes with 'normal' hair as if you were an 'everyday' member of society. It is all very well to debate the nature of what is 'everyday' and 'normal,' but the reality for a covert activist is that the stereotypes are generally quite clear. These debates aside will have to be put aside for the practical reality. Your aim is to get away and continue being active, not to bring attention to yourself.

A person with a green mohawk is very easy to follow around. Even wearing a distinctive jacket everyday is enough to make you stand out to someone monitoring a group's activities and make you much easier to follow around. Noticing clothes worn regularly is much easier to do than noticing and remembering faces, unless there are other distinguishing features (beards/ particular glasses/hair style).

If the state does mount a serious surveillance operation against you, the chances are that you are not going to know. However, a common mistake of the paranoid is that this goes on against everyone all the time. The reality is that state simply does not have this sort of resources; they reserve that sort of budget for the people they see as genuine threats, which in turn comes from studying their previous intelligence and from inside information. Unless they are really out to get you, you are more likely to be targeted intermittently so they can update their files, and by low-level coppers who give themselves away to the prepared eye.

For more information on activist security read the full guide ***A Practical Security Handbook for Activists and Campaigns*** *at* www.ActivistSecurity.org *and the tips at* security.resist.ca



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UNDER ATTACK!

Hunt Saboteurs in the UK and elsewhere have long been the victims of violence (and murder, see pg. 15) by hunt supporters. Since the hunt ban passed in England, the wave of violence has intensified.

·18 November 2004
After a period in which the Hunting Ban Bill "ping pongs" between the Commons and the Lords, where a ban is rejected, Commons Speaker Michael Martin invokes the Parliament Act and pushes the bill into law.

·27 November 2004
A saboteur receives 5 stitches to a head wound after an attack (High Peak Harriers, Derbyshire). A 17-year-old saboteur receives a broken nose after being repeatedly headbutted (Crawley and Horsham Hunt, West Sussex).

· 4 December 2004
Saboteurs are threatened by a terrierman wearing a balaclava. Numerous assaults on saboteurs include a broken nose (Essex Farmers and Union/East Essex Hunt, Essex).

· 11 December 2004
A saboteur's wrist is broken in 2 places by a terrierman. An Essex Hunt, Essex Saboteur is threatened by hunt supporter in front of police (High Peak Harriers, Derbyshire).

·18 December 2004
A saboteur is ridden over by hunt rider twice (Essex Farmers and Union Hunt, Essex). Saboteurs are punched and equipment is stolen. Attempts are made to smash saboteur's van window with a log. Van is whipped, kicked and thumped. Attempts are made to drag saboteurs from the van (Blackmore and Sparkford Vale Hunt, Dorset).

·24 December 2004 Two cars are smashed up and a dead fox is left on the passenger seat of hunt sabber's car (Chiddingfold Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt, West Sussex).

·27 December 2004
Saboteurs are threatened with a knife. One is ridden down. Hunt supporters then armed themselves with iron bars and sticks. Weston and Banwell Harriers, Somerset. Two saboteurs are rugby tackled to ground (Puckeridge Hunt, Suffolk).

·31 December 2004
Twelve hunt saboteurs are injured by a mob of 30 thugs (East Essex Hunt, Essex).

·1 January 2005
A pregnant woman is taken to a hospital with head injuries after being whipped and ridden over twice by hunt staff (Essex Hunt, Essex).

·3 January 2005
A hunt monitor's car is destroyed in an arson attack (West Sussex).

·4 January 2005
Two saboteurs receive facial injuries and their equipment is stolen (Surrey Union Hunt, Surrey).

Victory! Fox Hunting Banned In UK

Sabs Claim Victory, Despite Threats



This mutilated fox, thrown in a hunt saboteur's smashed up vehicle by hunt supporters, is representative of the many attacks on anti-hunt activists in the UK. Despite these threats, the sabs continue.

Early in the morning of January 3rd, 2005, British hunt saboteur supporter Simon Wright awoke to the sound of an explosion outside his home. He raced out to find his vehicle, along with several nearby buildings, engulfed in flames. It was the suspected work of hunt supporters.

Just two months prior, on November 18, 2004, the British parliament passed a bill banning fox hunting. Yet the violent attacks on anti-hunt activists have anything but subsided, and the hunt supporters have essentially declared war (see sidebar).

Anti-hunt sentiments have run high in Britain over the last century, with the first attempted hunt ban introduced in Parliament in 1949. Always looking forward to the day a ban would take effect, Hunt Saboteurs — activists who go into the fields and physically disrupt hunts — have been using the same basic tactics since their inception 37 years ago, the underlying principle being to directly intervene in a day's hunting and tip the scales more in the favor of the hunted animal, mainly by delaying or confusing the hounds.

In July 1999, British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced he planned to make fox hunting illegal. The announcement was followed up by years of wrangling over a hunt ban bill between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Throughout 2004, it became increasingly obvious the ban had broad-based support.

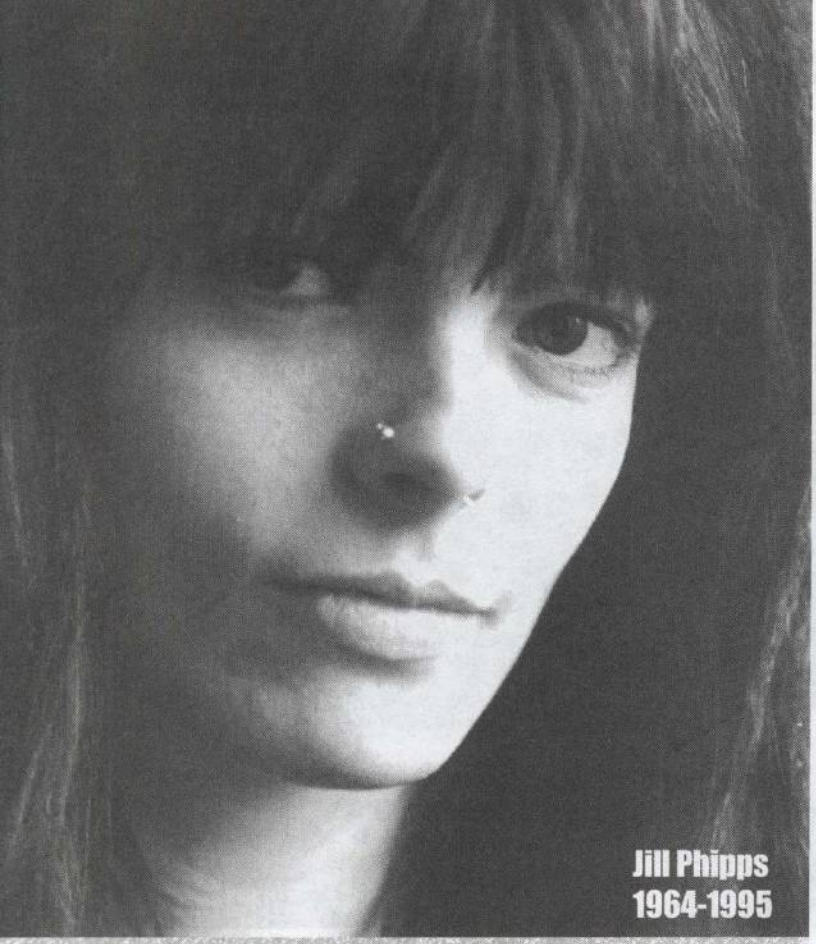
As the possibility of a ban became increasingly likely, tensions between hunt supporters and saboteurs mounted. In September 2004, a major pro-hunt rally in London resulted in near riots and violent clashes with police, while other hunt supporters broke into the House of Commons chambers.

Finally, after a period in which the Bill ping-ponged between the Commons and the Lords (where a ban was rejected), Commons Speaker Michael Martin invoked the Parliament Act and pushed the bill into law.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association surprised authorities and outraged hunt supporters by offering to share their intelligence with police in an effort to deal with illegal fox hunting once the ban goes into effect. Thus far, law enforcement has been weary of taking the sabs up on the offer.

Although hunting is set to be banned in February 2005, it is widely thought that legal challenges will delay the ban for at least another year. In the meantime, hunt saboteurs continue to take to the fields to stop the hunts and promise to continue to do so, despite the violence meted out by hunt supporters.

On the Web:
www.huntsabs.org.uk



During the winter of 1994, a group of terrified young calves were flown from Coventry, England to end their lives in Dutch veal crates. A few people started protesting at the airport gates; Jill Phipps was one. As a transporter came down the road to the gates she would run to it, shouting at the drivers to think about the suffering they caused.

Then, on February 1, 1995, about 76 police and 32 demonstrators were prsent for a live export demonstration. Jill and a few others eluded the police, most of who were in a van at the back, and reached the transporter truck. Jill Phipps stood in the path of the truck. Any good driver would have stopped until it was safe to continue, but Stephen Yates just drove on indifferently.

Jill Phipps was crushed under the wheels of the truck and died on the way to the hospital. The driver has never been charged.

Never Forgive, Never Forget

February 1, 2005, marked the ten-year anniversary of the killing of UK animal rights campaigner Jill Phipps. While tragic and heartbreaking, Jill's death served to galvanize the animal rights community in England, with the movement adopting purple—Jill's favorite color—as a symbol for animal rights.

February also marks the killing of UK hunt saboteur Mike Hill, who died on February 9, 1991.

Unfortunately, Jill and Mike are not the only activists who have been killed while fighting for the animals. Since they began to effectively spread the message of compassion, those who fight for the rights of non-human animals have been portrayed as violent thugs bent upon damaging property and intimidating normal law- abiding people for no apparent reason. Tom Worby, a hunt saboteur from the UK, as well as several environmental activists, is among the many who have been killed by those who kill the earth and animals. Their deaths have had a tremendous impact on the movement and those who were close to them. UK activist John Curtin, a friend to Jill, Mike, and Barry Horne, talks about his experiences and the impact their lives and deaths had.

REMEMBERING

By John Curtin

The following is a personal account of the author's relationships with Jill Phipps, Mike Hill, and Barry Horne and how their lives and deaths impacted him, and the broader movement. The article has not been altered to preserve the personal touch.

I've been asked to write an article about friends of mine who have died while fighting for animal liberation - Mike Hill, Jill Phipps and Barry Horne. Others have died, but this article is just some simple reflections upon the people I knew as personal friends.

Mike Hill was killed by hunt-blood junkie Alan Summersgill on Feb 9, 1991. Mike was a lovely, young, anarcho activist – he was only 18 years old when his life was wiped out by hunt filth. I'd met him on demos and hunt sabs and we just simply "clicked" with each other. I remember him giving me a huge bag of coins at a demo against beagle breeders, Perrycroft Lodge (which was, soon after, closed down). He'd collected the money by doing stalls, because on the previous occasion that I'd seen him I'd told him that we needed to raise some money for a forthcoming liberation raid.

I was gutted when I got the news that a sab had been killed and devastated when I found out an hour later that it was Mike. He'd been out sabbing the Cheshire Beagles Hunt. I'd been due to go on the sab that day and afterwards we were all going to go to a benefit gig, but the weather was so bad that day that many roads were simply impassable. I can remember skidding out of control in a car with Keith Mann on the motorway before we abandoned our efforts to get to the sab. Blood junkies, being what they are, still need their fix of violence no matter how atrocious the weather. The local sabs had a successful day in preventing them from killing.

To cut a very long story short, as the sun was setting that day Mike was run over by Summersgill, who then drove home. The police immediately deemed it to be a "tragic accident" and never investigated the "incident" or brought charges against Summersgill.

Our attitude was "there's no justice — just us." I went up to Freshfields Animal sanctuary, where Mike lived. A Crass record was on his turntable, and "fuck the police" and anti-war posters adorned his caravan walls. I was so sad and so fuckin' angry.

We organized a "demo" two days later at the hunt kennels, which is also where Summersgill's house was. Despite the short notice, 150 of us turned up. Perhaps not the ideal situation for a riot is when the police and media cameras are already there as you arrive, but we didn't care – they were irrelevant. That house was going to get smashed to pieces, and that's just what we did. God knows what we would have done if he had been at home!

I got arrested 3 times that day and each time I was liberated by my friends – it was amazing to see how powerful and unpoliceable (if there is such a word) we were that day. Only one person was actually detained at the scene. Again to cut a long story short, I was captured months afterwards and served, along with 8 others, a year in prison. I didn't regret one moment of it, though (apart from being so crazed with grief and anger that I didn't even bother to wear a face mask – oops!!). That house was later burned to the ground, and Summersgill went into hiding.

We expected to get arrested at the funeral, but the police must have been so freaked out by how fierce we'd been at the hunt kennels that they left us well alone. As they lowered the coffin into the ground, we (with the permission of Mike's parents) shouted out, "What do we want? Animal liberation. When do we want it? Now! Are we gonna fight for it? Yes! Did Mike Hill die for it? Yes! Are we gonna get it? YES!"

OUR FALLEN COMRADES

What followed Mike's death was a huge upsurge in activities of all sorts, especially anti– hunt and A.L.F. actions. The number of A.L.F. actions that took place in the northwest of England, where Mike had been living, reached unprecedented levels, and all the hunts in the Cheshire area were constantly targeted.

That's all I've got to say about Mike. As for Jill. . .in many ways, at least in my mind, she and Mike were kindred spirits – punky, anarcho free spirits who were as gentle as lambs unless they came up against injustice and violence against those unable to defend themselves. They were both involved in other struggles - for human as well as animal liberation (anyway we are all animals, but you know what I mean).

Jill was one of my best mates. She and her mum Nancy were the first lib loonies I ever met when I went to a public talk given by Kim Stallwood in our hometown of Coventry, back in 1983. Jill's first impression of me wasn't so great, though – I was so keen to "get up and at 'em" that she told Nancy not to tell me nothing coz she reckoned I was an undercover copper! However, once she checked out my local punk credentials and got to know me a bit we soon became "partners in crime." I have many fond memories of going to gigs with her and smashin' butchers' windows afterwards. It became such a regular ritual that the butchers got themselves together and turned up at a Conflict gig. I think the idea was to scare us – oh, how we laughed!

Jill's A.L.F. activist days were somewhat suspended after she gave birth to her son, Luke. She only narrowly escaped imprisonment when she was given a suspended prison sentence for a raid on Unilever labs. (Her mum and sister weren't so lucky and were imprisoned for that raid.) She still helped the local AR group by doing stalls and going to demos. The police continued to harass her.

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She was arrested and dragged all the way up to Cheshire following the attack on Summersgill's house after Mike was killed. She wrote this now–poignant piece about Mike death in an article about her arrest: "I had heard about Mike Hill; it was a tragedy, but not really surprising, sadly, as most of us in our time have had to face a blood–crazed, mentally–deranged huntsman, and it was only a matter of time before this happened".

The evidence against her was, as she herself put it, in that same article: "for being in possession of dreadlocks, a tatty parka and a 'strange' diet" - and many of the rioters matched this description – it's true! She was able to prove that she'd dropped off and picked up her son from school that day.

Jill's life was then taken over by events engineered by a scumbag called Mr. Barrett-Jolley. He came up with the idea of flying calves out to the veal crates of Europe from Coventry airport. Jill focused all of her energies to stop this atrocity. Again, to cut a long story short Jill ended up being run over by a cattle truck on February 1, 1995. Once again the police deemed it to be a tragic accident.

I was in Liverpool at the time when I saw the news headline. I rang up Nancy to find out what was going on and was told that the woman who had been killed was my friend Jill. I went straight down to Coventry, and like so many others went to live outside the airport. From that day on, we maintained a 24/7 vigil. After two more months of chaos the trade from Coventry was finally stopped, and a similar surge of people power erupted at all the other sites of live exports.

The news of Jill's death hit headlines around the world. Her funeral was so massive that it had to be held at the cathedral in Coventry. The year she was killed she was voted "Woman of the Year" in a national poll (she even beat Lady D!!!) As for Barrett-Jolley, 'the respectable business man,' (who we knew at the time to be involved in arms and drugs dealing), he is now serving 20 years in prison for cocaine smuggling. Everyday at Coventry airport, his 'cargo' was given a massive police escort. He is obviously still haunted by Jill's death, because during his trial for the drug smuggling case, his defense was that he was a CIA operative and his special agent contact's name was J Phipps.

Jill was a beautiful person in every respect. Ten years on, we are planning a day of remembrance in Coventry but are experiencing one difficulty after another, as the authorities try to scupper our plans. I have made a half–hour film about Jill's life; if anyone wants a copy, get in touch.

Now we move on to Barry. My friendship with Mike and Jill was 'plain sailing' compared to my stormy relation with Barry. We had some great laughs and lots of "adventures," but phewee— we used to fight like cats and dogs. You name it, Barry and I could find some aspect upon which to disagree. Of course, I was always right and he was always wrong :-).

When he was dying on hunger strike in prison, he said he wanted me to speak at his funeral. I fully understood the practical joke in his request, because he knew he would put me in the impossible position of standing in front of the crowd and not being able to start off with the usual cliché – "My memories of Barry are that he was such a lovely, sweet, charming man".

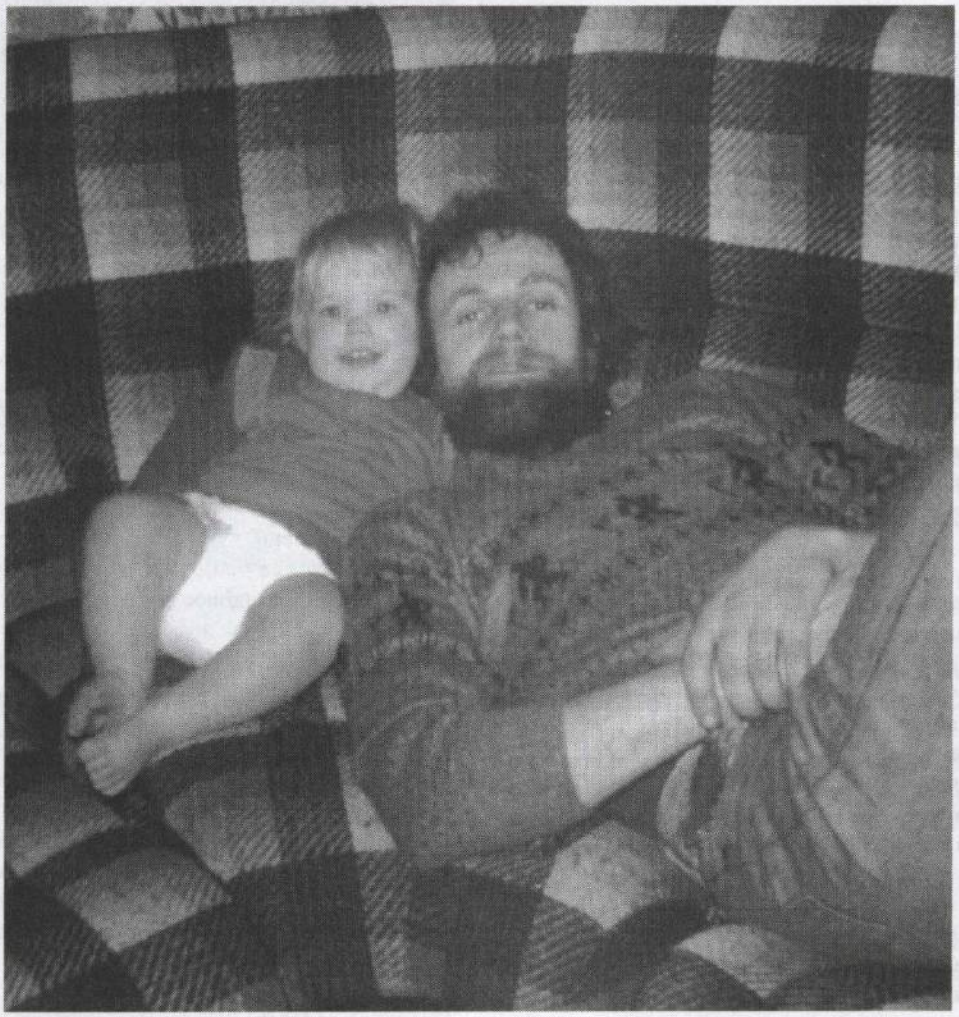
But putting our 'little tiffs' aside, Barry was a remarkable person and a truly great fighter for animal liberation. He had grit, determination, and unshakeable faith in direct action and our movement, the likes of which I have never seen And I mean that even without any reference to the incredible bravery and dedication he showed on his hunger strike. He was a totally full-on 100% animal liberation activist.

This article is for the "No Compromise" magazine – well, Barry was the living embodiment of NO COMPROMISE. He lived, breathed and acted it out. Once he took a stance he wouldn't budge an inch – stubborn fucker!! And that's what made him such a great fighter. He was a warrior in the oldest tradition – even though he didn't have a drop of Irish blood in him, he always felt a strong connection with the struggle to liberate Ireland from British rule. So maybe he was some re-incarnated Celtic warrior. An old Irish proverb says that the Irish love a lot *and* hate a lot – that's Barry.

One recollection I have of Barry sums the man up. It concerns a raid on Harlan Interfauna (for which I was later caught and imprisoned for 18 months). We liberated 82 beagles and 26 rabbits and caused lots of damage. We had to work through the night ferrying the animals across the fields to the safest spot we could find for our vehicles to hide up. Barry was a star that night. For anyone who has had to carry animals long distances you'll know how hard it is. Another Irish saying fits in perfectly here: A carried hen is a heavy hen. Barry worked for years as a dustbin man (a refuse collector), and that night he put all those years of "experience" into action. I remember him kicking arses all night long as the rest of us were flagging through sheer exhaustion: "C'mon you pathetic vegan wimps! Move it!" It's just what we all needed.

I was in court when Barry received his disgusting, 18–year sentence. I sat there and listened to the prosecution lawyer having to accept that Barry's campaign of arson was aimed at damaging property belonging to animal–abusing companies and was not aimed at endangering life. Eighteen years in prison!! Barry's response was typical of the man. A clenched–fist salute to us and then set about planning the next battle in his war against animal abusers.

He embarked on a series of hunger strikes relating to Tony Blair's broken promises concerning pre-election pledges about vivisection. Now Barry was no liberal democrat who was horrified and outraged that politicians had reneged on their word. No, this was a tactical decision taken in order to highlight the whole issue of vivisection to the general public. But more importantly, he saw it as a way to galvanise us, the animal liberation movement, into action, such as the vivisectors and their cohorts had never seen the like of.



The shitstem used every possible dirty trick to undermine Barry's incredible resilience – the dirtiest of which was to, under the cover of darkness, to move him from the hospital, where he'd had good access to friends and family, back to the isolation of a prison cell. He was literally on death's door, but somehow he was still full of determination after 68 days on hunger strike (and this was his third hunger strike), although his mind had become delirious. This is a neglected aspect of hunger strikes – that after going beyond the 40–day mark, or thereabouts, it is very common for the mental faculties to begin to seriously decline - hallucinations etc. When he was offered food by the prison officers the next morning, he took it, as he didn't have any concept that he was even on a hunger strike.

"Barry was a remarkable person and a truly great fighter for animal liberation. He had grit, determination, and unshakeable faith in direct action and our movement, the likes of which I have never seen."

Barry's physical and mental faculties never fully recovered after the irreparable damage caused by the series of hunger strikes, and he died nearly 3 years later on November 5, 2001 (which for us in England is known as bonfire night!!) whilst on yet another hunger strike. The main reason behind the shitstem's dirty tricks, apart from the usual smear campaign, was that they were fully aware of the explosion of direct action that was primed to take place following his death – which was all part of Barry's incredible master plan.

We all begged him not to go on any more hunger strikes coz, apart from anything else, the movement just didn't seem ready to go through all that again. But he seemed intent on going through with it, and when the news of his death did come there wasn't a massive immediate reaction.

You could argue that by then, because of the awful toll that the previous hunger strikes had taken on him, that he was no longer the master tactician, but think about it: Ok, so there was no immediate reaction, but since his death, anti-vivisection activity has taken off all over the world – the situation in Britain has reached a point where the pharmaceutical industry has given an ultimatum to the government that unless they can stop us (oh yeah, as if!), they will be forced to leave this country – Bye!

The HUGE difference between the circumstances of Barry's death and that of Jill and Mike's is that Barry had always been in control of his destiny, whereas Jill and Mike were mercilessly mowed down and killed by animal abusers.

So what is the legacy of Mike, Jill and Barry's death and of all the other sacrifices that we, as a movement, have had to endure????? That's up to you, the reader of this article, to determine. You and I both know what it is that they would wish their legacy to be (no prizes for guessing the answer): ANIMAL LIBERATION.

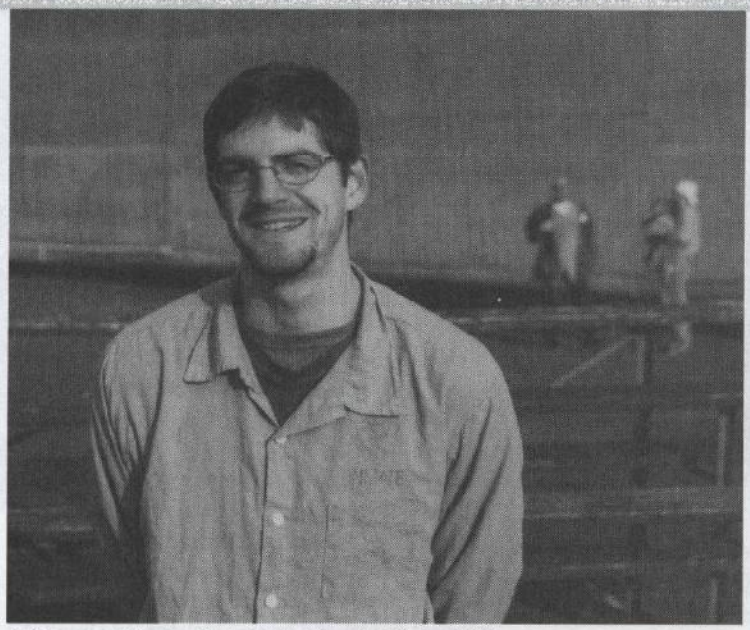
REMEMBERING TOM WORBY (1978-1993)

On the 3rd of April 1993, Tom Worby, a 15–year–old saboteur attending his first foxhunt protest, was crushed under the wheels of the Cambridgeshire FH's hound van in an incident all too reminiscent of the killing of Mike Hill two years before.



After a successful day's sabbing, the hunt had boxed up and sabs were making their way back to the meet down a narrow lane. As the hound van came up behind them, revving its engine, sabs scrambled for the roadside; however Tom's jacket became snagged in the vehicle's wing mirror, and he was dragged some distance before he managed to gain a foothold on the van's running board. Although he banged on the window the van kept going, and when Tom finally lost his grip, he fell onto the road and under the truck's wheels. His head was crushed by the rear wheels of the vehicle and he died shortly afterwards. No action was taken against the driver of the hound van, 53-year-old huntsman ALAN BALL.

Lessons from the Snitching of Billy Cottrell



Jeff Luers at Oregon State Penitentiary in Winter 2004

by Jeff 'Free' Luers
December 13, 2004

November 17, 2004 will be remembered as another sad day for the Earth Liberation Front and the radical activist community. On trial for the E.L.F. action of torching SUVs in Southern California, William 'Billy' Cottrell took the witness stand in his defense.

Accused of more than $2.3 million dollars of property damage, I can imagine the fear Billy felt, facing decades in prison. Many activists, past and present, remember that feeling all too well. For some it was our finest, if most painful, moment, as we stood against the state proud and unwavering.

"For our movement to become more than a counter-culture, we have to stop mystifying direct action. We have to recognize direct action for what it is: a necessity."

Perhaps the truest test of our warrior spirit can be found in the courtroom. Undoubtedly, our movement's defining moment will be how steadfastly we stood when facing the full repression of the state.

After Billy's arrest, he wrote to me. His naiveté about the situation he was in shocked me. We discussed what he was facing and I warned him to avoid doing media before trial. Billy shared his fears and heartache with me, as well as his gratitude for all the support he was receiving from people. In his last letter, Billy told me how much of an inspiration other warriors and I had been to him.

As Billy took the stand that day, I can't help but wonder if the sick feeling in his stomach was fear of imprisonment or if it was nausea from his betrayal. Billy testified that his friend lit the fire against his wishes. He stated that he was coerced into going along with the others in his group because he owed one of them $200.

Despite all of his bravado to his supporters, the media and me, in the end Billy tucked his tail and pissed down his leg. Sadly, this is not the first instance of betrayal. To date, the majority of E.L.F. and E.L.F.-style actions to go before the courts have had a defendant turn traitor. This fact devastates my heart, as it should every activist and revolutionary.

Illegal direct action is a dangerous path. The action itself is only a small part of the equation. Physical resistance, once embarked upon, is not a path easily abandoned. A person who chooses this path should expect to serve prison time or worse. A person who can't face the possibility of prison or who can't accept the consequences with integrity and honor should not pick up the matchbook.

The blame, however, does not solely lie with the weaknesses of individuals under pressure. The problem is one of our own creation. This movement glorifies and romanticizes hardcore action. It cries out for salvation from would-be heroes, writing stories and singing songs of faceless individuals who sab the dozers, raid the labs and who burned down Vail.

Honoring our warriors is good, but the illusion fades when you are sitting in a jail cell. The once seemingly-powerful movement bolstered by its own self-praise no longer appears so strong. The romanticized ideal of action and change remains, yet no revolutionary energy is directed at freeing our comrades.

That is our failure as a movement. If we expect our warriors to stand strong in front of the judge and jury with heads high and eyes burning with defiance, we must become realistic about what it means to be a revolutionary movement. We have to support those who have sacrificed their freedom with radical actions.

The support of the movement for its captured warriors must go beyond admiration and respect. It must extend into action and agitation for their release. We must never abandon our own. By any means necessary, we must see them free. Otherwise, we can expect more people to bow before the power of the state.

How do we go from romanticizing action to taking it? How do we go from accepting loss to preventing it? These are the obstacles in our path. If we cannot overcome them, then we are not trying hard enough.

There are always going to be Billy Cottrells. There just doesn't have to be more of them than there are true warriors. There is a hero in all of us-one just waiting to be given a voice. Find the courage to follow your heart and the pride to hold your head high and stand your ground. With that, this movement will go from a facade to a force.

Jeff "Free" Luers is serving a 22 year, 8 month sentence at Oregon State Penitentiary for the burning of three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV's) in Eugene, Oregon, to make a statement about global warming. No one was hurt in the action. For more information on how you can support Free, please visit www.FreeFreeNow.org.



THE RAID

In the early hours of November 14, 2004, Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) members rescued over 400 animals from the clutches of cruel, heartless University of Iowa vivisectors. If not for the brave efforts of the activists, these animals would have continued to endure horrific abuses at the hands of the university's researchers — having holes drilled into their heads; being forced to suffer through severe dehydration, electrocution, and extreme cold; and being forced to ingest of cocaine, methamphetamine and PCP.

The resulting uproar on the University of Iowa campus is best evidenced by the exchange of letters in a local newspaper. On one side, the University of Iowa's president has condemned the action as criminal, while many students, on the other hand, have called into question the use of animals in experiments and have applauded the A.L.F. actions.

Below is the communiqué sent out by the A.L.F. shortly after the raid on the university. In additional communiqués, the A.L.F. offers details about the horrific experiments being conducted by the vivisectors, as well as the names, addresses and contact information for the vivisectors. This type of detailed information provides a springboard for continuing action against these animal abusers. Now it is up to other activists to take that information and pick up where the A.L.F. left off.

THE COMMUNIQUE

Received anonymously by activists in the USA:

"The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the liberation of 401 animals from the University of Iowa in the early hours of November 14th, 2004. All animals on the third floor of the UI psychology department — 88 mice and 313 rats — were removed, examined and treated by a sympathetic veterinarian, and placed in loving homes.

Additionally, two animal labs and three vivisector's offices were entered and all contents relating to animal research were destroyed.

These are:

4th Floor - Spence Labs:
Vivisector Ed Wasserman's lab entered. Dozens of computers and devices used in experiments on live pigeons were destroyed.

Basement - Spence Labs:
Lab of vivisector Mark Blumberg (actually spelled Blumberg) and others entered. Surgical equipment and small animal stereotaxic devices, as well as "shock boxes" and other instruments of torture destroyed.

4th Floor - Seashore Hall
Primate researcher Joshua Rodefer's office entered. Computer discs, hard drives, paperwork and photos showing Rodefer's work confining drug-addicted primates in small glass boxes removed. The remaining paperwork detailing his monstrous work addicting primates and rats to narcotics was soaked in acid and the computer destroyed.

1st Floor - Seashore Hall
Primate researcher Amy Poremba's office entered. Computers destroyed, documents removed, and the remainder soaked in acid.

This raid was carried out to halt the barbaric research of the UI Psychology Department's 7 primary animal researchers: Professors Poremba, Freeman, Blumberg, Johnson, Robinson, Rodefer and Wasserman.

This was not thoughtless vandalism but a methodical effort to cripple the UI psychology department's animal research. Only equipment in rooms where animals were confined and tortured was targeted. Only computers belonging to or used in the work of vivisectors were destroyed. Only documents of animal researchers were doused in acid. The acid a deliberately chosen paper-dissolving agent. Our goal is total abolition of all animal exploitation. Achieved in the short term by delivering the 401 animals from UI's chamber of hell. And in the extended term by shutting down the labs through the erasing of research and equipment used in the barbaric practice of vivisection. The entire raid was a careful and deliberate 5-pronged assault on UI's animal research.

Behind the laboratory doors we found drug addicted rats, rats subjected to stress experiments involving loud noise, rats undergoing thirst experiments, unanesthetized rats with protruding surgical staples and oozing wounds, and mice and rats affixed with grotesque head implants. Inside the labs of UI's Psych Department, we found a bloody torture chamber showcasing the cruelest whims of our earth's sickest minds. Professors Freeman, Poremba, Rodefer, Johnson, Robinson, Blumberg, and Wasserman are monsters. Tonight 401 animals are spared their reach.

Our deepest sadness is reserved for the animals on the 4th Floor kept from our arms, those we were unable to save, including hundreds of mice and rats, pigeons, guinea pigs, and 8 primates.

No animals were released into the wild. All 401 were placed in comfortable, loving homes.

We acted as operatives not only of compassion, but good science. Animal research is not only cruel but hazardous — as data derived from the animal models is not applicable to humans and therefore dangerous.

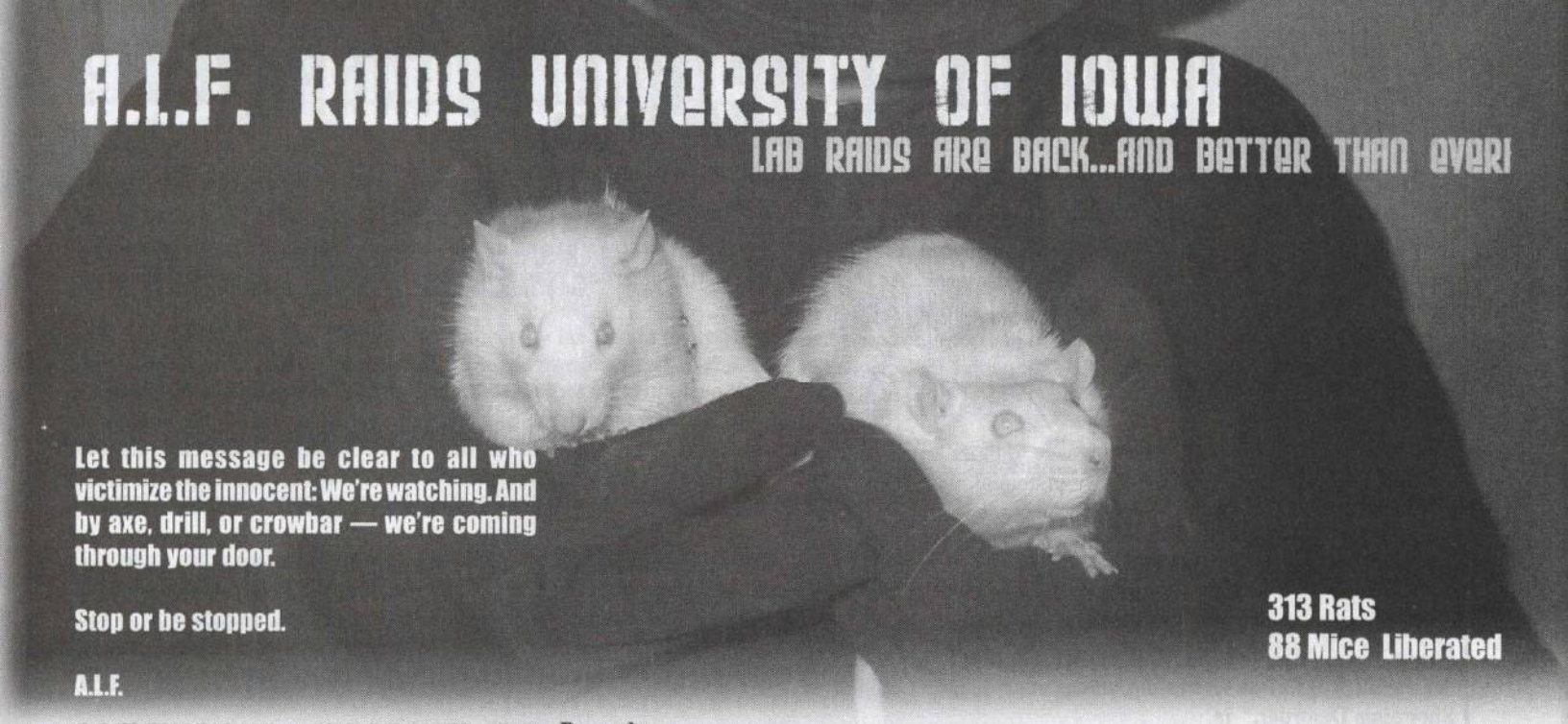
Our bypassing of UI's sophisticated, key card-access, 4-walled security system (perimeter, elevator, corridor, animal room) should be interpreted as a two-fold message:

1) Our utter seriousness in achieving animal liberation.
2) If you torture animals and we not be stopped from liberating them.

On the ears of these monsters who know only profit and blood, who hide behind unjust laws, our breath has been wasted. Justice for the victims of vivisection will be achieved not by the blows of neither boycott nor protest — but of our sledgehammers to laboratory doors.

A.L.F. RAIDS UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

LAB RAIDS ARE BACK...AND BETTER THAN EVER!



Let this message be clear to all who victimize the innocent: We're watching. And by axe, drill, or crowbar — we're coming through your door.

Stop or be stopped.

A.L.F.

313 Rats
88 Mice Liberated

COMMUNIQUE ADDENDUM 1.0

The continuation of vivisection is maintained only insofar as it remains outside public sight and scrutiny. The ongoing research uncovered at UI's Psych Dept. is of such a sadistic nature as to be inexcusable by all but the sickest minds. UI code requires all animals be kept behind locked doors of windowless rooms, and most often on floors locked to the public. UI has also tagged this raid as mere vandalism and denied an animal liberation motive despite numerous slogans left painted at the site, all to divert attention from its animal research. We confiscated paperwork from UI's 7 primary researchers to give the public a glimpse into the sickness kept from their eyes:

THE VIVISECTORS

Prof. Freeman:
Drills holes into the skulls of rats and affixes head implants in neurology experiments involving "electrical brain stimulation". Rats removed from his lab were grossly disfigured by surgically implanted devices on the skull.

All animals in his lab were rescued.

Johnson:
Exposes rats to a series of "chronic stressors" including loud noise and strobe lights for the aim of "experimentally induced depression". Also performs experiments involving the withholding of water from rats.

All animals in his lab were rescued.

Blumberg:
Currently subjects infant rats to prolonged cold exposure. Famously deranged mind on record as stating the cries of animals in labs are an automatic response and convey no more emotion than a sneeze.

All animals in his lab were rescued.

Poremba:
Currently confines 8 rhesus monkeys in the NE corner of the Psych building's 4th floor, subjecting them to numerous stressors including reward/punishment experiments. Places primates in a "behavioral conditioning box," also known as a "shock box," where primates are subjected to shock experiments. Inside her office we found pieces of primate brain encased in glass and blueprints to the building.

Rodefer:
Addicts primates and rats to cocaine, methamphetamine, and PCP in redundant drug experiments. His drug possession license filed with the DEA stipulates the drugs be kept in a locked safe in the building's basement. However 2 stashes of narcotics were found in his 4th floor office, including the inside pocket of a jacket, suggesting he is himself addicted to the drugs he has for years forced on animals.

COMMUNIQUE ADDENDUM 2.0

Because of the established link between violence towards animals and that towards humans, we offer as a public safety measure the home addresses of UI Psych Dept. vivisectors:

Mark S Blumberg
536 S Summit St
Iowa City IA
Spouse: Jo McCarty
354-7339
Office: E232 SSH
Lab: 315 Spence Labs



John H Freeman
1054 Red Oak Park Rd.
Tipton IA
886-1289
Spouse: Elizabeth Freeman
Office: E224 SSH
Lab: 307 Spence Labs

Kim A Johnson
1401 Bristol Dr
Iowa City IA
338-5617
Spouse: Marlene
Office: E20 SSH
Lab: 318 + Basement B13 Spence Labs

Amy Poremba
1330 Highland Ave
Iowa City IA
354-2618 (home)
319-594-1084 (cell)
Spouse: Mark
Office: E124 SSH
Lab: 4th Floor, Spence Labs



Scott Robinson
1110 10th St.
Coralville IA
351-9455
Spouse: Karen
Office: E234 SSH
Lab: 317 Biology Building



Joshua Rodefer
861 Normandy Dr
Iowa City IA
339-9842 (home)
331-3419 (cell)
Spouse: Pamela Keel
joshrodefer@myrealbox.com

Edward Wasserman
1252 Oakes Dr.
Iowa City IA
354-9785
Spouse: Mary Losch
Office: E222 SSH
Lab: 4th Floor, Spence Labs



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A.L.F. FALL/WINTER ACTION SUMMARY

WHAT OUR HEROES IN MASKS HAVE BEEN UP TO

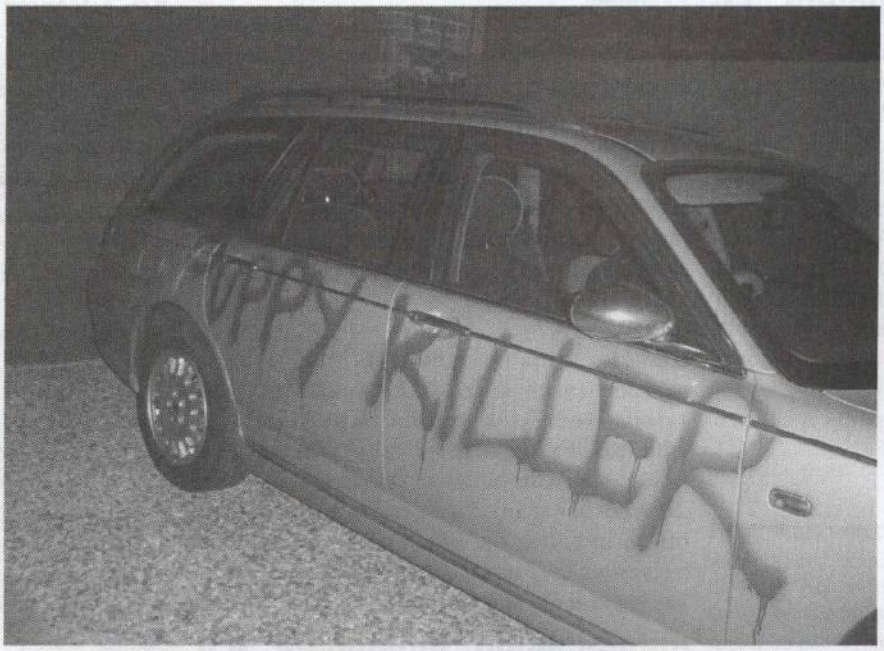
This fall saw a dramatic increase in direct action in the United States, with over 58% of the year's actions occurring between August and December, at a rate of more than one action every week. As is usual with these sorts of actions, the vast majority of them were taken in support of above-ground campaigns. And as has been the case since the inception of the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences in the U.S., HLS targets accounted for the bulk (almost 40%) of actions.

Actions against HLS targets sent a message to those doing business with the company that their complicity in animal abuse of animals won't be tolerated. Three market makers who began trading HLS stock (LSRI) were targeted during these months, and all three quickly severed all ties with Huntingdon Life Sciences.

The most heavily-hit HLS target in the United States this fall was Forest Labs. Forest Labs, best known for marketing the anti-depressant drug Celexa for treating, among other things, "Compulsive Shopping Disorder," is being targeted for contracting with HLS to do toxicity tests on animals.

Actions against HLS prime players also continued this fall with a visit to the California home of HLS' CEO, Andrew Baker. That visit left Baker's home covered in spray-painted slogans, as well as smoke billowing out the front door. This was the second reported strike on the house this year.

Underground actions in support of the "Stop the Killing Campaign" campaign (www.StopTheKilling.net) in Los Angeles by the Animal Defense League accounted for an impressive number of actions as well (14%). The campaign uses hard-hitting tactics to target Los Angeles Animal Services (L.A.A.S.) in an effort to reform the service and stop their senseless killing of dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals. While the number of actions does not seem that large when compared to those taken in support of the HLS campaign, the fact that the campaign is focused on just one city makes this quite impressive.



The A.L.F. is no stranger to Huntingdon Life Sciences. Activists have targeted HLS employees vehicles and homes, as well as those of HLS supporters.

Even actions that were not tied to pre-existing campaigns were quite effective. Two actions that particularly stand out in this regard are the A.L.F.'s destruction of a 500-seat cockfighting arena in Louisiana and a raid on the University of Iowa's vivisection lab [see p. 20-21]. Several other acts of economic sabotage occurred around the country this fall, targeting stores involved in the meat industry (McDonald's and KFC) and the sale of fur (in New Orleans and New York).

As the year comes to an end, we look back and find that direct action for animals in the United States was up by close to 30% in 2004, as compared to 2003. Worldwide, *Biteback* magazine reports that 17,262 animals were liberated in 2004, and there were over 554 acts of economic sabotage. The upward trend in direct action in the United States is expected to extend into the new year, as this is a critical year for the campaign against HLS.

Already in the first few weeks of 2005 we have seen multiple actions against HLS customers, a targeted strike against Florida furrier Madame de Elegance, and the release of a herd of deer being raised for venison in California. The release of the deer by the Animal Liberation Front was particularly notable, as this is the first action of this type reported in the United States.

About a dozen deer farms operate throughout California, with herd sizes ranging from 10 to 2,000 fallow deer (a non-native species). An estimated 50,000 deer are imprisoned on farms throughout the United States. The male deer are typically slaughtered while just one or two years old. Their carcasses are sold as venison and can fetch as much as $2,500 per animal.

The A.L.F. targeted the GNK Deer Farm (65801 Big Sandy Rd; 805-467-3705) outside of San Miguel, California in southern Monterey County. In the early morning hours of January 18th, A.L.F. members cut through and removed over a quarter of the fence enclosing an area of two acres, allowing the deer to escape to the mountainous countryside and to have a fighting chance at survival.

From the Communique: "The venison industry remains small. Our hearts go out to victims of the larger problem, the billions of lives we are unable to save - cows, chickens, pigs, mice, rats, and others - casualties of the meat, dairy, vivisection and other industries of suffering and blood. Their pain is our own."

When farm owner Gerd Konieczny returned, he found the entire herd of deer gone. Deputies reported the release of 34 deer and the cutting away of a full five hundred feet of fencing. According to a local news article, Konieczny is now planning to go out of business as soon as he can sell off the remainder of the current herd he was able to recapture. Chalk up another victory for the Animal Liberation Front!

While it's still too early to predict just how many actions there may be in 2005, if we use the first few weeks of the year as an indicator, we are on pace for over a hundred reported direct actions for animals in the coming year. Considering that a substantial number of actions are never reported, the coming year looks to be a bad one for animal- abuse businesses - especially for those who have ties to Huntingdon Life Sciences.

For a full list of actions, please visit: www.directaction.info

SHADOW ACTIVIST: LAB LIBERATIONS

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In recent months. the U.S. saw it's first university lab raid in many years. Here, the shadow activist outlines the why, how, and what of one of the classic 80's A.L.F. actions--the lab raid.

Q: Why do laboratory liberations?

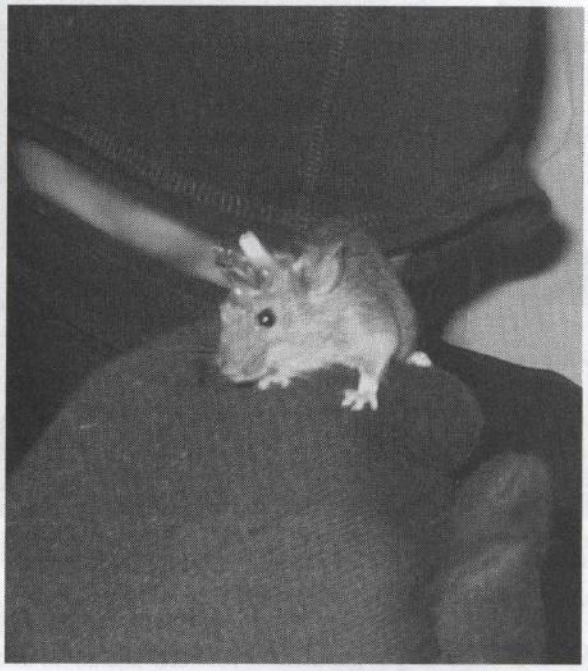
Laboratory liberations are essential in the war against vivisection.

Education and economic sabotage save animals' lives in the long run, but liberating animals from laboratories or other places of abuse is the only way to save animals' lives immediately. Laboratory liberations are among the most complex and risky actions an activist may undertake. For these reasons, planning and preparation are the most important steps in this type of action.

Q: How do you select a target?

A: There are a number of different criteria that a cell may use in selecting one target over another for a liberation or other type of action. The type of experiments going on, known security weaknesses, and availability of homes for a certain type of animal are all criteria that may influence an activist's decision. Because local law enforcement will always investigate the local activist networks first when investigating a liberation, it is a good idea to pick labs that are not in the same area where you live (especially if you're known in the community as an animal rights activist), or even in the same state or province.

Q: How do you find out what kinds of experiments, using what kinds of animals, are going on inside the lab?



One of 401 lives saved from the University of Iowa's labs.

Research avenues are going to be different depending on what type of institution you are targeting. There are some general rules for information searches, but you will have to do some of your own research that is specific to your area and target.

Vivisectors themselves publish amazing amounts of information. Some places where you might find some of their information include: university libraries, published research sources such as scientific and medical journals, the world wide web, medical school catalogs, CRISP abstracts, annual reports, USDA inspection reports, Medline, APHIS databases, ICAR databases and media reports.

Another avenue for finding information about government institutions, including universities, is through Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) requests. Legislation on the right to access information varies from state to state and from province to province, so you will have to find out what information you have the "right" to in your area. An important note: If you are going to use this information to plan a liberation, do not place the request in your own name or to your own address. Records of information requests are kept, and could be used to trace you to the action. Also be advised that F.O.I.A. requests can take several months to be processed.

A couple of good online resources for learning more about vivisection are:

IDA's INVESTIGATING ANIMAL RESEARCH - A brief guide http://www.idausa.org/ir.html

API's Useful Tools for Investigating Animal Experimentation http://www.api4animals.org/598.htm

Q: What kind of preparation (reconnaissance) do you need to do before the action?

Because laboratory liberations are high-risk actions, the more you prepare, the better.

After selecting your target, you must become as familiar with it as possible. Watch your target for many nights and days over a long period of time so that you can get a good idea of security on site: patrols and police response, staff and student activity, shift changes, other activity in the area, surrounding neighbors, and other factors. Keeping extensive written information of all of the above will help in the planning of the action.

It is preferable to have maps of the entire area, including road, topographical and aerial if possible. Maps can be obtained in university and city libraries. In addition, blueprints of the targeted building can sometimes be obtained in city or university libraries. Over the period that you do reconnaissance on the site, you should also draw your own maps including any features that you think are significant for your action, including escape routes.

When drawing up a detailed action plan, leave nothing to chance. Figure out every step in the action and be certain that everyone in the cell is familiar and comfortable with the plan beforehand.

At least once before the action, your cell should go through a dry run that approximates the conditions you will face as closely as possible. This means that you should try to do the "rehearsal" on the same day of the week and at the same time for which your action is planned. This may include going right into the lab to copy documents, check types and numbers of animals, and to look for other features that may help or hinder the liberation.

Obviously, you should always have a contingency plan in place in case something goes wrong. It should be clear to everyone what the plan of action will be if you come into contact with security officers, police, students or staff on the scene. Know which way you will escape, if you will act as a group or alone, and where you will meet afterwards.

Some good online resources for planning your action include:

MapQuest allows you to look up and print maps of the area in which your target exists. http://www.mapquest.com

TerraServer has aerial images and topographic maps for most of the USA and some other areas. http://terraserver.microsoft.com/

Q: How do you get into a lab?

Obviously, there are many ways to enter a building, and which method you choose will depend upon the security of the building that you have targeted. Forcing doors, cutting through doors, picking and drilling locks, forcing or breaking windows, and accessing ventilation systems are all means by which you may enter the building. Roofs, as well as interior or exterior walls may also be cut or drilled through for entry.



Q: What arrangements need to be made for the care of animals following the raid (vet care, short-term safehouses, permanent homes, and transportation)?

The most important part of a liberation is finding loving homes for the animals. Aside from the actual entry group, another set of people may be required for this task. NEVER liberate an animal for whom you have not found a good home. Liberated animals should be placed in homes of people not associated with your group, and possibly not even associated with the movement at all. Once animals are taken, police will be searching for them, so they have to be placed somewhere police will not look, preferably well away from the area where the laboratory is located.

After being liberated, an animal should be completely checked over by a trusted veterinarian or other experienced animal caregiver. Special homes may be needed for some animals, taking into consideration the possibility that you may be liberating animals not normally kept as pets or with special conditions inflicted upon them by the abusers. The majority of large lab animals are tattooed, may have implants, have organs or other body parts removed, or may be very ill and/or contagious.

As previously stated, liberations are often highly complex, requiring a number of people and a huge amount of planning. You will need people responsible for finding homes for animals, researching and planning the raid, acting as lookouts, conducting the break-in, acting as carriers (people to get the animals out) and drivers, as well as someone to coordinate the whole thing.

Q: How can activists ensure they do maximum damage when destroying equipment?

Maximum damage to equipment and laboratory facilities can be done by a variety of means, including the use of paint, brute force, acid, water and/or fire. Your choice of method will depend on the facility itself, how much noise you will be able to make without being heard, whether there are animals being left behind, whether other humans in the building could be put at risk, and your own judgment of the situation.

Slogans may be spray painted on walls and other surfaces. Buckets of paint can be emptied anywhere inside the lab.

Brute force may include damage done using just the physical body as well as tools such as bolt cutters, hammers, crowbars, drills and other implements of destruction. Not all equipment is of high value - in order to choose your targets for maximum financial loss, familiarize yourself with equipment costs through vivisection industry magazines like "Lab Animal" and laboratory supply company catalogs.

Lots of easy damage can be done using water and water sources in the building. Running water while stopping up sinks, toilets and other drainage areas is a quick way to do extensive water damage to a building. In larger buildings, it is best to do this on the top floor so that damage is done to all floors below.

A lot of financial damage can be done quickly to equipment and paper files with the use of strong acid. Any strength of sulphuric acid will work (battery acid is weak sulphuric acid). Muriatic acid will also work in a pinch.

Fire can also be an effective tool in destroying facilities. Your choice to use this tactic will depend on many things including the presence of animal and human life in the building, adjoining facilities that may be put at risk, environmental danger due to fire, and the comfort level of all cell members in setting the fire.

Q: What kind of security measures need to be taken with regards to slogans and video, etc.?

Obviously, you don't want to "personalize" your action by leaving behind clues that could help investigators. When planning what to wear to an action, make sure that your clothes (including your shoes) can be disposed of, and that hair and hands are covered throughout the action. You do not want to leave fingerprints or DNA in the form of hair strands or other organic matter at the scene of the liberation. When painting slogans, make sure that they are done in straight, block letters and that paint purchases can not be traced back to you.

Make sure that as much of your body as possible is covered, especially the face and hand area in case of video surveillance. Wear a balaclava and gloves, and make sure that all distinguishing marks such as tattoos are not exposed in any way. Be aware that video footage may reveal a person's height, weight, gender, and body shape.

For further security and other tips, see NC #13's Focus Section on Direct Action, p. 13.

Behind Bars: Doing Time for the Animals



a note from CRITTER

released from prison 1.06.05

Howdy all, I'm dropping a line to thank you for the support you've given me over the years. I'm scheduled for parole on January 6, '5, barring any unforeseen circumstances. I'm obviously pretty excited, I'm going to get to go to the forest! It's been years since I've even seen a tree or visited with my animal relations in the wild. It's going to be amazing. There's been many times when No Compromise has made me smile when I've been down with news of raids and attacks against the animal industry. Thank you so very much. I can't wait to get back to the front lines. Much love and respect, and in total resistance, Critter.

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

Josh Demmitt, c/o Josh Demmitt Support Fund, P.O. Box 3372, Anaheim, CA 92803-3372, USA. Sentenced to 30 months in prison after being implicated in an arson at Brigham Young University in Utah, which targeted their animal testing facilities. Josh has been ordered to turn himself in at Federal Prison Camp Sheridan on February 15th.

Dave Blenkinsop, EM7899, HMP Rye Hill, Onley, Warwickshire, CV23 8AN, England. Serving 10 years: 1) Three years for a stave attack on the Managing Director of HLS. 2) Eighteen months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier. 3) Five years for planting incendiary devices under abattoir vehicles.

Paul Le Boutillier KA9326, H.M.Prison, Hull, HU9 5LS, England. Serving 5 years for making threatening phone calls to various animal abusers including people associated with vivisection, blood sports and farming.

Daniel Hedqvist, Torsgården, 618 33 Kolmården, Sweden. Serving 10 months for an accountable action that saw the damaging of a hatchery egg conveyor belt and the destruction of thousands of eggs.

Sergio Maria Stefani, Casa Circondariale di Palmi via Trodio n°8, 89015 Palmi (Regsgio Calabria) Italy. On remand, accused of criminal damage to butchers' and furriers' stores. Also suspected of involvement with the planting of an incendiary outside a butcher's shop.

Barry Dickinson, LJ7846, HMP Blakenhurst, Redditch, B97 6QS, England. Serving 5 months for misconduct after using vehicle licensing authority computers to trace the home details of animal abusers.

Sarah Gisborne, LT5393, HMP Holloway, London, N7 0NU, England. On Remand, charged with Conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

ECO-DEFENCE PRISONERS

Tre Arrow, CS# 05850722, North Fraser Pretrial Centre, 1451 Kingsway Ave., Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 1S2. On remand, accused of involvement with an arson on logging trucks and an arson on vehicles owned by a sand & gravel company. Both arsons occurred in the USA.

Marco Camenisch, Postfach 3143, CH-8105 Regensdorf, Switzerland. Serving 27 years imprisonment: 1) Ten years for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations, and 2) Seventeen years for allegedly murdering a Swiss Border Guard whilst on the run, having escaped from prison. In 2002, Marco completed a 12-year sentence in Italy for blowing up electricity pylons there. Marco reads French, German, Spanish & Italian.

Angela M Cesario, 66522-065, Federal Prison Camp Dublin, 5675 8th St. Camp Parks, Dublin CA 94568, USA. Serving 41 months for an arson attack on logging trucks at the Eagle Creek logging site.

Ibai Ederra, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. On remand, awaiting sentencing for sabotaging the controversial Itoiz dam construction site.

Manase Furima, Lembaga Pemasyarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

Iñaki Garcia Koch, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. Serving just under 5 years for sabotaging the controversial Itoiz dam construction site.

Jeffrey Luers, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State St. Salem, OR 97310, USA. Serving 22 years & 8 months for arson on a car dealership & the alleged .attempted arson of an oil truck. For more information: www.freefreenow.org

Matius Nasira, Lembaga Pemasyarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

Alessio Perondi, Casa Circondariale di Prato, Via La Montagnola 76, 59100 Prato, Italy. On remand, accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action.

Jeremy Rosenbloom, 66521-065, Federal Prison Camp Sheridan, PO Box 6000, Sheridan OR 97378, USA. Serving 41 months for an arson attack on logging trucks at the Eagle Creek logging site.

Fran Thompson, #1090915 HU 1C, WERDCC, PO Box 300, Vandalia, MO 63382, USA. Serving Life for killing, in self-defense, a stalker who had broken into her home. Before her imprisonment Fran was an eco, animal & anti-nuke campaigner.

John Wade #38548-083, FCI Petersburg Low, PO Box 1000, Petersburg, VA 23804, USA. Serving 37 months for a series of E.L.F. actions against a number of targets, including McDonalds & Burger King, urban sprawl, the construction industry, and an SUV dealership.

Helen Woodson, #03231-045, c/o Bates County Jail, PO Box 60, Butler, MO 64730, USA. On remand, accused of pouring a tin of red paint over the security desk of a federal court, posting 4 letters that contained threats, and making a threatening telephone call. Before her arrest, Helen had just completed 27 years for various Eco & Peace direct actions.

William Frediani, Casa di Reclusione, Via Maiano 10, 06049 Spoleto (PG), Italy. Il Silvestre defendant on remand accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action.

Stephen Marshall, #0415972, Washington County Jail, 215 SW Adams Avenue, MS 33, Hillsboro, OR 97123-3874, USA. On remand, accused of planning to destroy equipment belonging to a quarry company which he allegedly claims is polluting a river.

For updated information, addresses, and bios on prisoners, please visit the Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network website at: www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

Bye-Bye Egg Industry!

Smashing a Hatchery with Daniel Hedqvist

Letter from Swedish Prisoner Daniel Hedqvist
About the action and prison

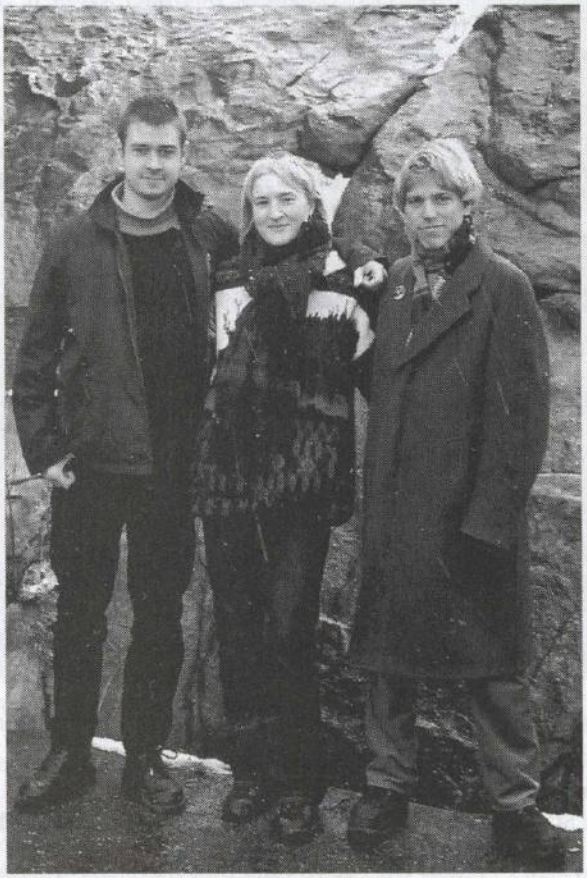
It was on the evenings of April 27 and 28, 2003 that the three of us – Hanna, Johan and I – packed our car with tools and headed out into the chilly night of the Swedish countryside. We were all very excited, despite our long preparation. In the car with us were flashlights, sledgehammers, pliers, wrenches, gloves, protective goggles and other things that we were planning to use against the hatching machines of the Gimranas corporation. Gimranas is the largest hatching company for egg-laying hens in Sweden, with 80%-90% of the market and an annual capacity close to 5 million chickens. (Hen-chickens that is; the rooster-chickens are not counted at all – they lay no eggs and are therefore worthless in the eyes of the industry. But for every hen-chicken that is hatched, a rooster is hatched too.)

This means that one facility, not very big in actual physical size, breeds about 10 million chickens per year for the Swedish market. Half of these, the rooster chicks, are of no value and are ground up alive into a bloody pulp, about two hours after hatching. The other five million go to the egg factories around Sweden to be confined either in small wire mesh cages or in huge hangers packed with tens of thousands of hens. As horrible as is the fate of the rooster-chickens, one wonders which circumstance is worse, in this case: a caged life of misery and exploitation, or a comparatively quick (albeit bloody) death?

We thought we had found a good way not to have to choose between these two alternatives: to close down the Gimranas plant entirely, for as long as possible. If we could shut it down for a week or a month, the damage and disruption of the entire Swedish egg industry would have been gigantic. The hatcheries are as high up as you can go in the head of the industry.

Hanna and I were dropped off at one of the buildings, and Johan went alone to a second one. We entered the building quite easily, but as we had suspected, it had an alarm system. The second we smashed the window, we knew our time was running out. So we hurried as fast as we could into the plant, searching for the hatching machines. We had agreed before that we would not damage anything but these machines, because there was a risk that there were live chickens still in the building, ready to be taken to an egg factory. If we damaged the wrong things, like ventilation or heating, they might die in great pain.

We finally found the machines – big, steel chambers fitted with pipes and fans – and started to take them out of function. Hanna and I had been working for about twenty minutes and were heading back to the entrance. We intended to place a cake that we had baked for the employees there, as a gesture from our side to show that it was the industry and the system, we opposed – not the people who worked there. At the entrance, a man confronted us and asked what we were doing. We immediately stopped and dropped our hammers. For me and Hanna, the action was over. We waited with the man (the son of Gimranas' owner, it turned out) for the police. We were then taken to Alingsas, and placed in arrest. What had happened to Johan we didn't know then. We later learned that he had never been caught or interrupted in his work in the other building. He had gone home to Gothenburg when he finished after about two hours, and he even had time to write a short report of the action on the internet before being arrested by plainclothes police officers.



After 72 hours we were all released from jail and could read about the action. It had not gotten that much media coverage, except from the local newspapers. Although we had not succeeded in closing the plant for as long as a week, we had a least prevented 55,000 chickens from being born into pain and abuse. The hatching industry in Sweden had for the first time met some resistance, and we all felt good about what we had done.

Our action was also based upon the recognition of the ways that different kinds of oppression and exploitation are linked and work together. The very heavily–mechanized and a super–rationalized part of the animal industry we believe are caused mostly by the capitalist system. In the race for ever–greater profits, the defenseless animals have to pay in blood. The power to shape society, including the way animals are treated, no longer lies in the hands of the citizens, but with unaccountable corporate tyrannies. Government agencies have time after time shown that they are mainly about the management and legitimizing of oppression. Animal liberation will not come until society is radically changed and power is brought back to the people.

The organization in whose name our action was made does not subscribe to the above views, but our specific group, Goodbye Egg Industry, does. Raddningstjansten, the larger network of people in whose name our action was taken, does try to be non-oppressive internally. This means gender balancing duties and posts and adopting an anti-sexist policy.

To continue to oppress, devalue and objectify women when we are trying to free animals for just those injustices is completely unacceptable and shows a frightening lack of understanding of the way patriarchy and speciesism are interrelated. To have porn-like pictures of women on posters, just to draw attention, is like having black slaves performing tricks for the same reason. One cannot fight one oppression by strengthening another.

This action was the fourteenth made in the name of the animal rights organization Raddningstjansten ('Liberation Service' in English). The method of Raddningstjansten is non violent, open civil disobedience. Most of the other actions have been liberating hens and other animals. Another has been the dismantling of a slaughterhouse.

Raddningstjansten does not have a lot of members; it is not a mass organization. One can become a member after one has participated in at least one action, in order to encourage action and to avoid infiltration. The most defining characteristic of Raddningstjansten is that all

actions are made openly. We sign letters with our own names and give out information on how to contact us. This is mainly because we can then take part in the discussion about animal rights that almost always arises after our actions in a whole different way. We can give interviews, be on the radio and TV, and openly talk to people we meet in the streets.

The message about the suffering and abuse of animals is spread much more easily when we can work like this. In the eyes of most Swedish people, it is also better to stand by your actions and words and not try to avoid being caught. The media very often creates the image of a very dangerous balaklava-clad terrorist about to destroy society, and the person in that image is someone that very few people will listen to. To avoid being marginalized like this, we give another picture of animal right activists who intervene physically on behalf of the animals. That picture is of us, rather ordinary people.

For my part, being open is about being tactical. It is not an absolute requirement for me, but it seems wise in many situations. Working openly in Sweden is also not that risky, as many cases are dropped before any sentences are made. And our sentences here are much softer than they would be in the U.S., for example. My current 10–month sentence is the longest ever given to an animal right activist here. Had I been risking being imprisoned for many years, I might not have done this openly.

The worst personal consequence of the action is the debts that we will have, probably for the rest of our lives. It amounts to about $65,000 each, a sum that we will never pay, even if we could (which we can't). Paying this money back would be like apologizing, and trying to rebuild what we have tried to stop.

Life in prison here in Sweden is not that hard. I am in a minimum security facility, and the atmosphere is quite relaxed. I have plenty of spare time, in which I read a lot, exercise and write to people. The food is vegan, and not at all bad. I have received letters from people showing their support, which is always very satisfying of course! I hope that my actions have in some way affected the attitudes and behaviors of at least some people, preferably a lot of people!

Daniel Hedqvist,Torsgården, 618 33 Kolmården, Sweden. Serving 10 monthsfor an accountable action that saw the damaging of a hatchery egg conveyorbelt and the destruction of thousands of eggs.

SOSTEGNO A SERGIO (SUPPORT SERGIO)

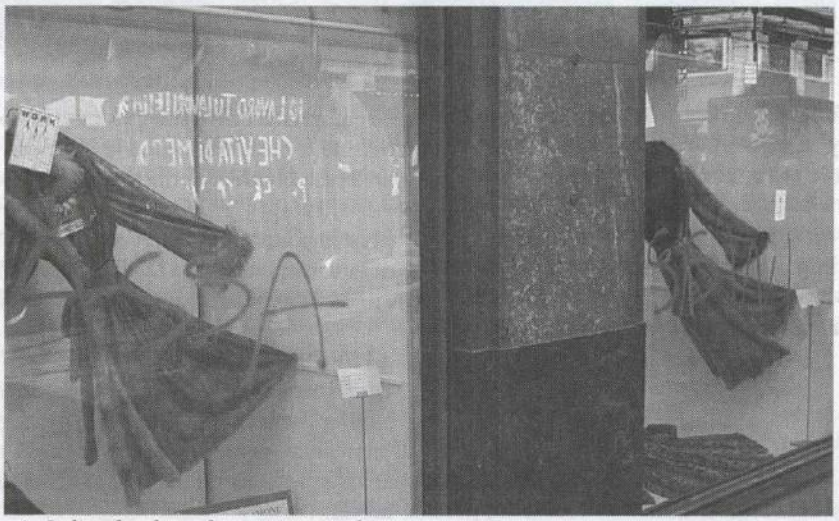
By Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network

On the 7th of March, 2005, Italian Animal Rights prisoner Sergio Maria Stefani will go to trial for allegedly causing criminal damage to the windows of 19 butchers and furriers shops. Sergio is also accused of leaving an incendiary device outside a butchers shop.

Sergio is a well-known animal rights activist, and ELP is encouraging people around the world to "Sostegno a Sergio" (Support Sergio). And Sergio is indeed in need of our support because besides the animal rights charges, authorities are also trying to link him to a letter bombing campaign carried out by the anarchist group Federazione Anarchica Informale (FAInformale).

In early 2004, while Sergio was under house arrest for the charges related to the damage done to the butchers' and furriers' shops, the Italian authorities carried out a large number of raids against known political activists as part of their investigation of a series of letter bombings carried out by the FAInformale.

Because he was already under house arrest for allegedly leaving an incendiary device outside a butcher's shop, Sergio was one of those targeted.



An Italian fur shop after a paint attack.

Following these raids four men, including Sergio, were charged with involvement with the letter bombings and were remanded into custody. All four maintain their innocence, and it is widely believed that they were targeted because they are known activists rather than there being any serious evidence against them.

Italy has a long history of arresting innocent people for bombing campaigns. One of the most famous cases is that of Giuseppe Pinelli who was immortalized in the play "The Accidental Death of an Anarchist." Giuseppe was arrested because he was a known anarchist. Following his arrest, Giuseppe "fell" from a fourth floor window of the police headquarters where he was being interrogated. His death was officially noted as suicide. It was later proven that the bombs had been planted by neo-fascists.

As if to demonstrate the innocence of Sergio and his co-defendants, and to reinforce the political nature of the charges against them, the FAInformale exploded a number of bombs in Milan in November 2004. The authorities' response was to raid the prison cells of Sergio and his co-defendants looking for evidence of their involvement with the bombs!

The authorities are really trying to crack down on the radical movement in Italy, and ELP is receiving regular reports of house raids against known animal rights and environmental campaigners, as well as ongoing harassment of the alternative media.

At the start of 2004, the eco-anarchist group Il Silvestre was raided after it published a press release from left wing group COR, claiming responsibility for a series of actions. The police have accused Il Silvestre of being linked to COR and have remanded two of its activists, while others have been placed under house arrest. One of the Il Silvestre defendants has been accused of being the leader of COR and is being held in a high security prison.

The situation in Italy is very serious, as the Italian authorities are using any political bombings, for any cause, to try to attack Italy's radical movements as well as known animal rights and environmental activists. (It's important to note that neither COR nor FAInformale are animal rights/environmental groups.)

JUST ANOTHER BRICK ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS...
SMALL SCALE ACTIONS=BIG EFFECTS

Looking back over activist successes in shutting down centers of abuse, it's easy to recall the campaign highlights that made them such fun: the Little Rock national demo, the media images of Seattle's business district being evacuated after a smoke-bomb attack on an HLS client, or (insert another example here). But "glamorous" actions like these are just one brick in the road to success.

Just as crucial - and often forgotten - are the hours of slogging behind the scenes and the many small-scale actions that were just as vital to victory. These smaller actions are the real bread and butter of any campaign. More often than not, victory is won not by spectacular, singular events, but by physically wearing down an opponent. Many victories in the HLS campaign, for example, can be directly attributed to a continuous stream of minor actions against individual employees.

The big actions are important, but only if they are followed by other activities. While a mixture of both small and large scale actions are essential, I would personally argue that persistent low-level actions are overall more important than the large scale ones. The worst scenario is when only big actions happen and only occasionally, as that rarely sees long-term success.



Demonstration at the home of an animal abuser in NY

Big actions work best against the bigger targets, as they demonstrate the power of the animal rights movement to people who might otherwise dismiss us. Also, when people take that amount of risk, they create opportunities to be followed up on; what they have achieved should be acknowledged by others. A picket following a big action will naturally have much more effect, as the fear still will be strong in the mind of your target.

We cannot understate the importance of persistence for low-level activity. The nature of low-level actions does not matter as much as the fact that they are happening on a regular basis, and that no peace or quarter is given.

HOW IT WORKS

The key to the success of low-level tactics is the fact that animal abusers don't determine an action's seriousness in the same way that we might. From where they stand, the fact that a demo has happened is far more important than the number of people who attended it. On the whole, they actually treat every event - be it a sedate, mid-day picket line or a spectacular midnight raid - with the same degree of seriousness.

An animal abuser's understanding of the animal rights campaign against him is largely shaped by scare-mongering rhetoric from members of the press, police and security firms. Luckily, this works in our favor, as the targeted person will accord every action the status of an "event." And the more events that happen, the more the targeted individual or business will feel under siege.

The reason that numbers do not matter so much is that as soon as a few protestors turn up, the targeted person will act as if a lot more activists are also going to arrive, as they just do not know what is going to happen. The effect is the same as if a lot more people had turned up, freeing up resources for the activists to attend more regularly and thus be more effective. This is not to downplay the importance of a large number of people turning up every now and again, just to re-enforce the image of the few protestors.

Small-scale actions are cost-effective methods of utilizing the weapons of fear and personal disruption to their maximum advantage. To the target in question, a small-scale action carries the implicit threat that things could escalate into something far more serious, as that is what they have been led to expect by the press and security seminars.

One employee of an animal abuser in the United Kingdom speaks of the anxiety she felt after a small group of activists knocked on her door and announced that they knew who she was and where she lived. When a brick went through her window a few months later, she actually felt relieved the attack had finally happened. It shows how simple, smaller actions can pack all the punch of a major assault.

WHAT TO DO?

Being a committed animal liberation activist is not just about doing raids and large-scale property damage. If activists are really determined to shut down an animal abuser, low-level actions occurring on a regular basis are crucial. What exactly is meant by "low level"? Low-level actions can be comprised of anything from visits with spray paint to regular picketing outside a business to phone jamming by repeated dialing. The range of underused but very effective tactics available to activists is vast.

Most important, though, is consistency. Your target must deal with the effects of your campaign on a DAILY basis. They must never be allowed peace of mind or the belief that they can hold out against us.

AFFECTING THE INDIVIDUAL

One surprisingly effective tactic in the activist arsenal is social embarrassment. People are extremely sensitive to how others in their immediate peer group or social class view them, so actions that make them an object of discussion or a focus of anger by other residents can be very useful.

This is why nearby spray painting, banner drops and home demos on Sunday afternoons are well worth the effort. Even if the neighborhood comes out publicly on the animal abuser's side, behind-the-scenes gossiping will ensue, along with worries that such disruptive activities are affecting things like property values. The last thing a prospective home-buyer wants to see is a lot of graffiti and noisy protestors. Also, regular rounds of night-time fireworks going off, with no visible activists to retaliate against, will soon have the neighbors turning their ire towards and pressuring the animal abuser.

Activists can extend these tactics to include a target's social network as well. For example, bands of boisterous protestors turning up at meetings of organizations an animal abuser is involved in or at sporting events s/he attends can be another form of acute social embarrassment that's hard to shrug off.

Then there is the tactic of putting pressure on the family structure. Home demos or sabotaging an abuser's credit ratings are a great way to achieve this. Simple things like regular subscriptions to unwanted services, inundation with junk mail and orders from "buy-now-pay-later" services can cause serious disruption. Why not give an abuser's phone number to telesales companies or make a few phone calls on his behalf? Late night phone calls are also incredibly disruptive, and if a family has to continually change its phone number, it can be quite a hassle.

Or how about ringing up an abuser's friends and family to have a chat with them about his shady activities? It is much harder for your target to deal with hysterical family members who believe they are going to be invaded by an army of A.L.F. activists than to face down a few activists at the front door.

All these actions can precipitate a huge amount of mental pressure that compels a target to either give in to your demands or to resign altogether. None of them requires much planning or cost. In many cases, they are either entirely legal or they are so low on the scale of crimes that they do not warrant serious investigation or police efforts. But this does not mean they are any less effective than those actions that do get loads of law enforcement attention.

"And when you wake up tomorrow morning, ask yourself, 'What am I going to do today to make an animal abuser's life hell?'"

What's more, often these small-scale actions can be carried out by single individuals working by themselves. It only takes one person to drop off that empty box on a doorstep or to make that 3a.m. phone call. Meanwhile, your target has to regularly be responsible for cleaning off graffiti or making trips in paint-strippered cars to the local garage - stress he can well do without while worrying what will happen next.

AFFECTING THE BUSINESS

The same tactics that can break individuals can also be applied to businesses. What wears a company down is not so much having 100 people turn up once a month to protest. Rather, it's the daily phone blockades that disrupt offices and prevent clients from getting through. It's opening up the email to find hundreds of animal rights messages to sort through. It's passing through a small group of people holding gruesome pictures on the way in and out of work every day.

Every time a business has to invoke security, both its finances and its company morale take a hit. Losing important staff members is problematic and costly. A company feeling under siege becomes less profitable.

For example, a restaurant selling foie gras will feel much more pressure if it is picketed by just one or two people every day than if it sees a large-scale demonstration once a month. Likewise, a restaurant constantly having to deal with false reservations will see a much greater financial loss than if it only happens one or two times. For the price of a few phone calls per activist, a great deal of financial damage can be levied.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

This is not to argue that the single "big" action does not have its place. They are just as important for generating a climate of anxiety. They reinforce the perception of our "threat capability." However, to be very effective, the large-scale action has to be followed up with the persistent pressure of small-scale actions.

Large-scale action lets the target know the worst they can expect, while small-scale actions on a regular basis remind them of this, simultaneously generating the stress of having to deal with all the attendant inconveniences, social pressures, financial costs and lack of sleep. Stressed-out employees are also very bad for business.

All it takes is a few people each day taking the time to do something in order to generate a huge amount of pressure on a target. You don't have to wait for the next big, organized action to participate in a campaign. It's simple to make a quick phone call on the way home from work or to organize a small get together for a quick home visit. Don't surf the Internet idly when on your lunch break; research suitable sites and locate more information on your target so that someone else can make that phone call or email on your behalf. The best part is that no one has to take great risks in the process.

Never think that because you cannot take part in the big events, you do not have a role to play. There are many small, powerful actions you can perform that will make a big difference. Indeed, one phone call was alleged to have cost the Bank of New York over £100,000 in lost business!

So forget about scale; start thinking about being effective and remember: It doesn't take long for a lot of small actions to amount to something very powerful. The important thing is that something is happening all the time and that the pressure is always on.

And when you wake up tomorrow morning, ask yourself, "What am I going to do today to make an animal abuser's life hell?"

Sergio Support *(continued from pg. 27)*

ELP encourages everyone to support Sergio and all the Italian prisoners. Please write to them and let them know they are not alone. Also, please help raise awareness of what is happening in Italy. For more information, contact either ELP4321@hotmail.com or info@italianelp.net.

The addresses of all the prisoners mentioned in this article are as follows:

Sergio Maria Stefani (see pg. 25 for more details)
William Frediani, Casa di Reclusione, Via Maiano 10, 06049 Spoleto (PG), Italy. Il Silvestre defendant accused of promoting sabotage and participating in COR direct action. Also accused of being the leader of COR.

Alessio Perondi, Via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino, Italy. Il Silvestre defendant on remand, accused of promoting sabotage and participating in COR direct action.

Marco Ferruzzi, c.c. "Poggioreale", via Nuova Poggioreale, 170 sezione Venezia, 80143 Napoli, Italy. Co-defendant of Sergio Maria Stefani. Accused of involvement with the FAInformale bombing campaign.

Simone del Moro, cc Regina Coeli, via della Lungara, 29- 00165 Roma, Italy. Co-defendant of Sergio Maria Stefani. Accused of involvement with the FAInformale bombing campaign.

David Santini, c.c. "Le Vallette", via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino, Italy. Co-defendant of Sergio Maria Stefani. Accused of involvement with the FAInformale bombing campaign.

HUGS FOR PUPPIES: TAKING A BITE OUT OF HLS

The name "Hugs for Puppies" might conjure images of sentimental animal lovers petting beagles in the basement of your local shelter, but the Philadelphia animal rights group goes above and beyond this, fighting for animals in the most strategic and effective ways available. The group subscribes to the "every tool in the toolbox" view of activism, involving itself in everything from grassroots community outreach to pursuing animal-abusing institutions with no mercy, and everything in between.

The group started up in the early 00s in the wake of an increasingly moribund fur campaign and just as the international campaign against HLS first hit U.S. shores. It has since become one of the most visible and active groups in the region, covered in many mainstream news articles and striking fear in the hearts of many an animal-abusing corporate executive. (When CEOs curse your group's name in the back rooms of strip clubs, you know you're having an impact.)



Hugs for Puppies activists heading for the home of GlaxoSmithKline CEO Jean-Pierre Garnier

One of Hugs' key targets has been notorious animal testing lab HLS and those corporations and individuals that keep them in business. In the last year, H4P has knocked out close to a dozen companies that did business with HLS, including vital associates like their software and phone/internet providers, as well as several customers and market makers. Hugs for Puppies has also dragged the name of HLS into the mainstream media over a dozen times, letting the pharmaceutical industry know, "if you do business with Huntingdon, you will have to reckon with us (and who knows who else)! From large U.K. dailies like *The Telegraph*, to several articles in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, to half a dozen appearances in other local papers, we have made animal rights an acknowledged issue throughout the area.

Capitalizing on the liberation of 50 lab animals from WB Saul Agricultural High School, Hugs leapt into action. After the school refused to improve conditions for animals, we began a campaign on behalf of the rabbits locked in barren cages, the rodents gassed to death, and the baby calves sold to veal farms. After a massive home demonstration against the school's principal, and additional home demos, a visit to the school, and meetings with the CEO of the school district, Saul began changing its act.

All lab animals now have bedding and enrichment material, gassing has been stopped, puppies are no longer housed individually, and a number of other changes are still being negotiated. In the spring of 2004, Hugs members organized the first annual Vegan Congress, which brought prominent activists from around the country together to discuss effective ways of battling factory farming. With our eye on maximizing participation, we offered the event as a free resource to the local community and over 100 people attended.

Members have also taken their pro-vegan messages to the streets, doing everything from marching in the 4th of July parade while giving out stickers and literature, to tabling at local concerts (big and small), to maintaining newspaper boxes of veg brochures (with over 13,000 distributed in under a year), to leafleting on the streets. And currently, we've starting fundraising to put pro-veg commercials on the air in Philly.

Hugs has also run humane education classes in a local high school, showing videos and using "Why Vegan?" pamphlets as a source of class discussions. We have organized a number of benefit concerts and speaking events to aid in the legal defense of the SHAC 7, as well as conducting a workshop to teach college students how to be more effective animal and environmental advocates at the COOL/Idealist.org conference.

In their spare time, Hugs members have rescued kittens trapped beneath sewer grates and abandoned by dumpsters when the ASPCA refused to help. To improve the visibility of the animal rights community in Philadelphia as a whole, we have helped form a coalition of over 20 animal advocacy groups in the region.

Our hard work on behalf of animals has not been without recognition in the self-described "law enforcement community." Activists have been arrested multiple times at peaceful home and office demonstrations on public property, and sued by SLAPP suit-happy companies who have taken offense at animal advocates naive enough to act as though there is still a first amendment and to try to exercise the right to legal protest.

Additionally, a number of us have been detained, searched, and questioned by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security as we've re-entered the country from abroad. Most outrageously, a member's house was raided by the JTTF and FBI who managed to steal fellow non-animal activist housemate's possessions as well.

None of this has stopped us so far, and none of it will. We've started campaigns against two new HLS customers and anticipate that 2005 will be our most active year yet!

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IN THE TRENCHES: GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS

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RESOURCE GROUPS

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