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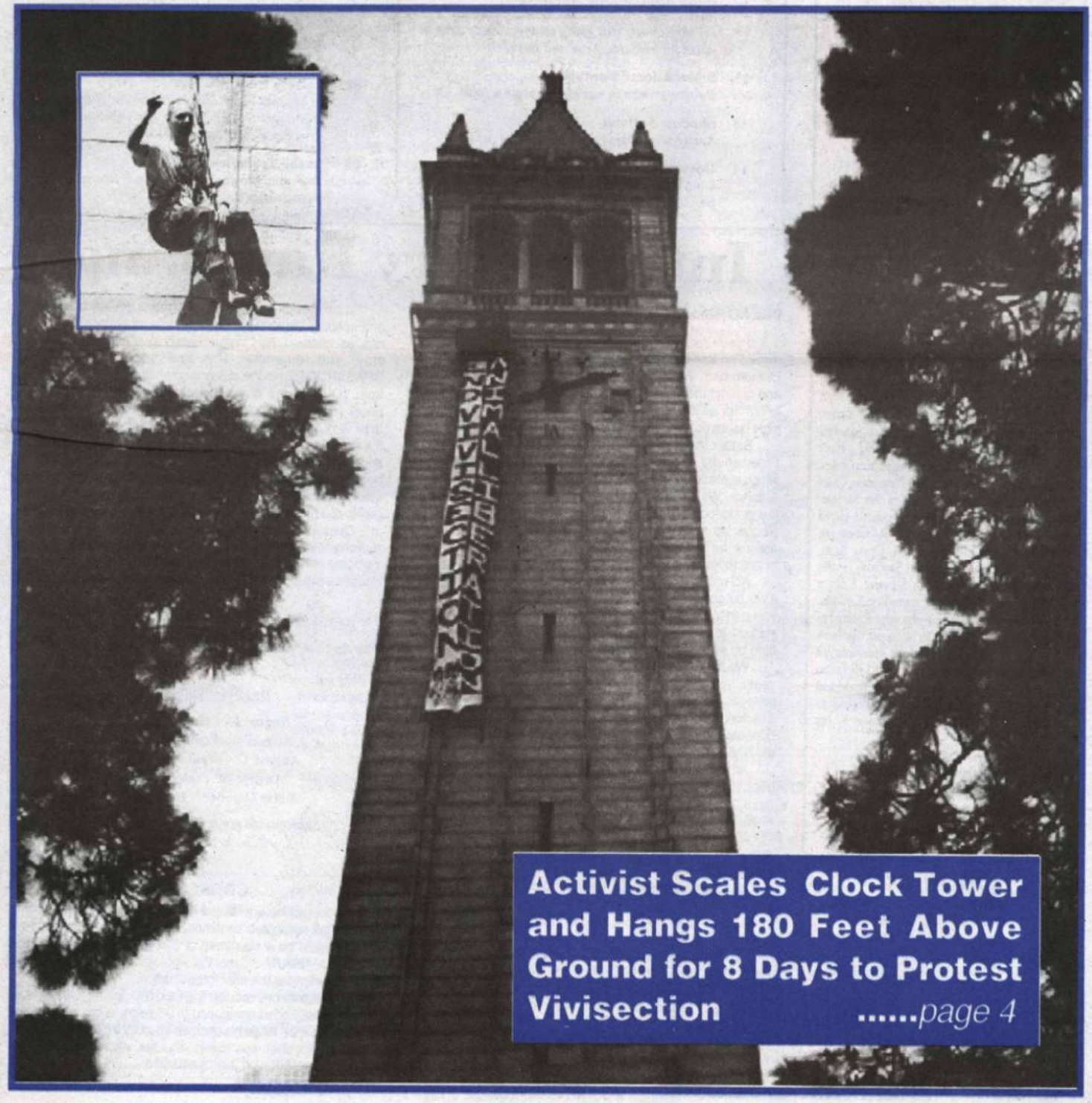
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Introductory Ramblings

Dear NC Readers!

If you read NC #8, you know that Freeman Wicklund has moved on and is no longer involved with the publication of *No Compromise*. We want to thank Freeman for having the vision and committment to launch *NC* and to extend our appreciation to him for all the time and energy he put into making the first eight issues so great. We wish him success in his new endeavors.

Rather than having one person doing all of the tasks that Freeman did, we elected to run *NC* by a steering committee, which is made up of grassroots activists from throughout North America. We have pledged to make *NC* truly representative of the grassroots, but we need your help in order to keep our pledge, so please, send us your articles and photos of your actions, let us hear your viewpoints and tell us what you'd like to see more (or less!) of.

NC will be published quarterly, so if you have a subscription, it will be good for 6 issues - 18 months! - of *No Compromise*. If you don't, please consider subscribing today. We need your support to keep publishing the 'zine that will keep you up-to-date on what's happening "in the trenches".

We think you'll like this issue. You'll see that we kept the same basic format: the "Trenches" and Direct Action sections, prisoners' addresses, news and commentary are all here. Our Shadow Activist is still with us and will continue to answer questions about underground actions. And yes, we still support the ALF!

After reviewing a new video (Breaking Free) and a new book (Rage and Reason), we were so impressed with both of them that we decided to add them to the list of merchandise available to you through *NC*. (see page 30)

We had so much great material submitted that we added 4 extra pages to this issue (and it still wasn't enough)! It's literally jam packed - we squeezed in as much as we could so we hope you don't suffer eye strain. Be sure to check out the interview with 2 Swedish ALFers, our expanded international news coverage and all the great articles in our special focus section on Strategies and Campaigns.

At a time when many in our movement are questioning how each of us can be most effective, we thought it would be interesting to take a look at different campaigns that are proving effective around the globe, and to open up a dialogue on strategic action by presenting the views of a few activists within our movement. If you'd like to add your voice on these topics beyond what we've printed in our focus section, please write us at the address below.

In conclusion, we'd just like to thank you for being patient and keeping the faith during our latest transitional period. You can rest assured, *No Compromise* is alive and well and here to stay! And remember: this newspaper belongs to the GRASSROOTS, not the steering committee. So we need to hear from **YOU**!! Please give us feedback - what do you like most about *NC*? What would you like to see more of? How do you think *No Compromise* could improve? Also, keep us posted on the activities in your area and send us articles, photos/artwork and commentary for publication! We're especially anxious to hear your comments on the first issue published by the new steering committee, so please contact us at the address in the box to the upper left.

Questions, comments, complaints, articles, subscriptions, merchandise orders/inquiries, donations, etc. are always welcome and can always be directed to this address. Whenever possible, please send submissions by e-mail or on floppy disks.

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CORRECTIONS

In the last issue's Mass 4 Update, we erroneously reported that their estimated sentence, had they taken their case to trial, would be a maximum of 6 months - this should have read a MINIMUM of 6 months. Apologies to Jamie, Alex, Grant and Warren for the misrepresentation.

It was also prematurely reported that Josh Ellerman (Utah) had already been sentenced to 35 years in prison. This was a nasty rumor. While his charges do carry a possible 35 years, he has **not** been sentenced yet. See article on page 18 for more information on Josh's situation.

INTERVIEW WITH CONFESSED MINK LIBERATORS!

Kristofer Aberg, 18, and Henrik Seger, 16, are 2 of 3 Swedish activists who were arrested for and have confessed to raiding 2 mink farms on the same night (see news story on page 9). They spent 2 weeks in jail at that time before they were released.. The 3 men had their trial on May 29 and were sentenced on June 5. Kristofer and David Zachridsson were given 4 months in jail and Henrik, because of his especially young age, will be turned over to the social authorities for "treatment". They are not in custody at this time and will likely be free while appealing to a higher court. Here is our exclusive interview with these courageous and inspirational young warriors.

NC: Tell us about the night you were arrested.

Kristofer: I guess one could say that the night started with us going by car from Karlstad. Before leaving Karlstad, we had discussed which fur farms to attack, we had gotten all maps, tools, clothes, etc. that we needed and we left the apartment at around 10 pm. In our rented car, we headed towards a mink farm in Ardala. After parking our car we went by foot to the farm and there we used our bolt cutters to get access to this huge farm. Later we found out that this farm is responsible for the death of 70,000 mink a year. We cut about four holes in the surrounding fence and then we started to open the cages in four or five sheds. Altogether I think it was around 600-700 cages that were opened.



We then ran back to our car and decided to go to another farm, located in Skyberga, around 100 miles from the first farm. The procedure was about the same at this farm. We parked our car and went by foot to the farm where we opened the main gate and cut a hole in the surrounding fence. Then we opened about 250 cages but then we had to turn around and run because we saw someone standing at the end of the shed. Later we found out that this was the farmer (who had checked on his farm at least twice a night since he was attacked in early 1997) and now we went for a three-hour-escape. Since we saw that our car was being supervised, we had to go by foot. We ran about five miles, trying to get to the nearest city but, unfortunately, we were caught by two cops with dogs and we were taken to the police station.

What inspired you to go out and risk your own freedom to let mink out of their cages?

Henrik: I started to work for animal rights in a "normal" way, but then I realized that we must take action, "direct action" to give them freedom. I was so sad to see those animals, placed in small cages and all I had to do to give them freedom and a normal life in nature was to "open the cages"! Then I began to go out to fur farms and take a look at them, just to see with my own eyes. After I had been on some fur farms, I decided to take action against this industry and rescue those animals. So I began to liberate them and letting them out of their prison by opening the cages...

Kristofer: Being aware of what is going on on the mink farms, I can't understand how anyone can stay passive and let it continue, so I just did what my instincts told me to do - to give the mink what they've been waiting for their whole life - their freedom.

How did it feel to see hundreds of mink running free for the first time?

Henrik: After liberating about 1000 mink you just want to get out of there! When the mink get out of the cage, they begin to make noise, like screaming! The noise is very disturbing and you will feel a bit nervous. When you then run away from the farm and take a look around you, you will see mink all around your feet. When releasing mink, I concentrate on opening as many cages as possible, because if I take a break and look at the mink, I will lose time and some mink will lose their freedom! When we liberate mink from fur farms, we "always" release as many as possible!

Kristofer: The sight that all three of us saw when we ran from the first farm was incredible. When we left the first farm by jumping over the fence, we saw that many of the mink we had

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LETTERS FROM THE UNDERGROUND
PART III - FUNDING YOUR ACTIONS

This is our third and final installment of one person's story of her involvement with the ALF. In part one of the series, we learned how she overcame her fear and started conducting solo actions. In part two, she told us how she found partners to help her with her actions and how they worked together as a team. In this letter, the anonymous ALF-er shares tips on saving money as well as raising funds to support a cell.

Again, No Compromise has no affiliation with the author of this article but is printing it here to reveal the truth about the character, dedication and resourcefulness of the ALF. It is printed for informational purposes only and not intended to encourage individuals to partake in illegal activities.

Your actions will, to a slight extent, be limited by your funding. Therefore, it is very important that absolutely NO money is spent frivolously. However, once you decide that you will be taking direct action, the first thing you should do is set up a fund.

Don't use your own personal bank account or ANY bank account. All financial transactions must be off the books and receipts for expenses (tools, gas, etc.) should always be destroyed. There are a few different ways of increasing your fund. If you or any of your cell mates (no pun intended) have a job, you may want to immediately put 10 percent (or more) of each paycheck directly into the fund. With three employed people, this can quickly increase the size of your fund in a short time.

Another possibility would be for someone to adopt your cell. Though this may sound far fetched, it's not. However, adopters, I feel, cannot be actively sought. In my experience, adopters have had a long history with cell members and share the same philosophy. The only thing keeping them out of the trenches themselves is something like a physical disability, a family with children, a prominent job or political position, etc.

Again, for security reasons, donors should not be "looked for" or "asked" as much as simply "found" or "known." Remember, having a long and trusted history with the person is probably the safest way to prevent leaks or infiltration. Also, donors should never make contact with the cell (only the known individual in the cell). And, of course, the donor should never know of any plans or potential targets. If the donor wants to know what their money has been up to, they can have newspaper clippings anonymously mailed to them or to a pre-arranged post office box.

Donors should be made aware of the RICO laws as well as the most current "anti-terrorism" legislation that has been passed. It's also good to know their feelings on arson, explosives and other controversial tactics before they receive clippings of such events. Remember, security precautions with donors are important and necessary to insure the safety of both the cell and the donor(s).

If you have donors asking too many questions, wanting to meet other cell members, etc., you will want to remind them of the necessity for security. If they persist, or you feel uncomfortable, it may be time to find different donors.

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Government Sanctioned Repression at All Time High - FIGHT BACK!

by Rod Coronado

As attention of the nation is on Kenneth Starr's abuse of the grand jury system and the 18 month imprisonment on contempt charges of Susan McDougal, a witness in the Whitewater investigation who has refused to testify, the animal liberation movement knows all too well what it's like to face the intense focus of a political witch hunt that can stretch on for years.

In the summer of 1991, following ALF actions in Oregon and Washington, federal grand juries began investigating not only the ALF, but the law-abiding activities of animal rights and Earth First! activists. An ex-girlfriend of one activist was used to gather information; the friend of another was offered paid tuition to the police academy he planned to attend; mothers of suspects were singled out for psychological intimidation; homes, workplaces and storage lockers were raided, physical and electronic surveillance were used against activists and their families; dozens were called to testify without attorneys present and 4 people went to jail for 6 months each rather than cooperate with grand jury inquisitors.

While President Clinton and Hillary squirm under the scrutiny usually reserved for their constituents, political commentators are quick to criticize what many agree is an abuse of the legal process in the Whitewater investigation which has kept alive the grand jury inquiry for over 4 years. Yet there was and is no rush to condemn the very same abuses when they are used against the animal liberation movement. Not that we should expect true justice from a legal system built on exploitation of others.

The federal investigation of the ALF in the early '90s failed to produce a single indictment for 3 years and only after 4 years of investigations and untold millions of taxpayer dollars wasted in the hunt, did they obtain a conviction of an ALF volunteer and then for only 4-1/2 years. This political manipulation of the legal system, which claimed only to be concerned with preventing violent crime, is even more preposterous when, in the convicted ALF volunteer's plea agreement, the U.S. government itself admits that in none of the investigated ALF actions were there any physical injuries or even a threat to humans as all the targets were unoccupied research labs, offices, fur farms and suppliers. Hardly much of a return on an investment from a justice system that is, with increasing frequency, being used to prosecute those who threaten big business and the government itself, rather than violent offenders targeting women, children and senior citizens.

Now, 7 years after that earlier grand jury began investigating the ALF for its anti-fur campaign, the Department of Justice has determined that Utah is the latest breeding ground for ALF activity. And once again, despite not one person having ever been injured or even threatened with injury as a result of ALF actions, a federal grand jury in Utah has produced another indictment that threatens to lock away 19 year-old ALF volunteer Josh Ellerman for over 30 years. To those who doubt there is a political motivation behind targeting the animal liberation movement for government harassment and prosecution, one need only look at the developments made toward fighting "domestic terrorism" since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

While the federal government's bureaucracy is supposedly its smallest size since early 1970s, according to the General Accounting Office, agencies responsible for combating terrorism have grown. The Department of Justice and the FBI (those federal agencies which have recently stated that the ALF is a serious domestic terrorist threat) have requested a record $725 million. That's four times as much money as they spent on counter-terrorism activities previous to the OKC bombing. Also the FBI now has 2,600 agents assigned to counter-terrorism, up from just 500 in 1995. This growth contradicts actual terrorist activity which in recent years has actually fallen to its lowest level since 1971 according to the State Department's reports. Then why all the hysteria about the terrorist threat in America?

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Direct Action News From North America

News Briefs

We regret that it was not reported last issue that in January, Dan Beben, 18, spent 2 weeks incarcerated at a juvenile center for "felony destruction of property" at Miller's Furs in Chevy Chase, MD. Dan's conviction stems from one of dozens of ALF attacks against the store. When asked by the judge to apologize to Manny Miller, Dan respectfully told the court that he had nothing further to say and was thus branded as "unremorseful" and "unrepentant." Dan maintained a hunger strike for the duration of his 2 weeks in custody.

Also in January, it was announced that the Cavel West horse slaughterhouse in Redmond, OR, which had been burned to the ground by underground animal and earth liberationists has been sold. According to media sources the zoning regulations prohibit *any* slaughterhouse from being built on that property. This means that the ALF, in burning down that hellhole causing $1 million in damages, shut it down completely and prevented another from being built in its place!

During January and February, activists from Norhtwest Animal Rights Network (Seattle) toured dozens of university campuses on the west coast setting up tables and educating students about animal issues. They distributed 70,000 "why vegan?" leaflets in 5 weeks.

On March 4, two protesters were arrested in Madison, WI when they attempted to block the path of a truck moving 100 rhesus monkeys from a zoo to a breeding colony in Louisiana. When federal funding for their upkeep ended, the U. of Wisconsin, which had used the monkeys for "medical experiments", decided to ship them to Tulane University where they would be subjected to breeding and/or further torture in the name of "science".

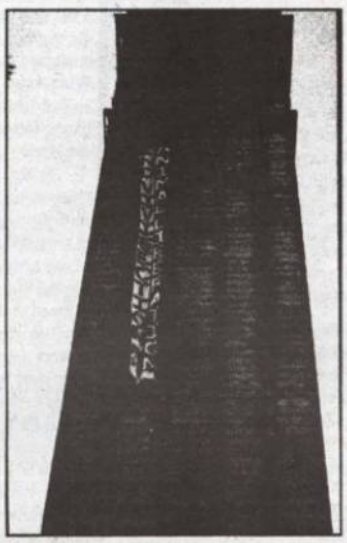
Students and Earth First!ers shut down the McDonald's at Moraine Valley College in Palos Hills, IL on March 5. During the lunch time rush, the counter gate was locked and protester Jennifer Beatty locked herself to it. Jennifer was cut from the counter by fire fighters and charged with destruction of property, released and threatened by school officials with expulsion. This action is part of an ongoing campaign to remove McDonald's from the campus.

2 activists were arrested at opening night of the Shrine Circus in Detroit on March 6, after they locked down to a car in front of the circus entrance and a third was arrested for having the key to one of the locks. Charged with "disorderly conduct", they were released that night on $100 bail.

Merle Africa died on March 13 in her 20th year as a political prisoner at SCI Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. Strong and healthy in her forties, it is believed that her death was under very suspicious circumstances and prison officials have changed their story as to the cause of death. As one of the MOVE 9, Merle was arrested in 1978 falsely accused of murdering a policeman. MOVE's mission is "to stop industry from poisoning the air, the water, the soil and to put an end to the enslavement of life - people, animals, any form of life."

Five days after Merle's tragic death, renowned political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal wrote: "After over two decades in Pennsylvania dungeons, there remains 8 MOVE men and women who we should work hard for in defense of their freedom. We should move Heaven and earth to insure that these principled revolutionaries die in their own beds, over 100 years old, after having lived most of their lives in freedom. Free the MOVE 8 now! Honor the Revolutionary spirit of Merle Africa!"

Activists Take World Week For Animals in Laboratories Protest To New Heights



by Josh Trenter

BERKELEY, CA — It was an ordinary Tuesday morning at UC Berkeley. As students made their way to classes and tourists milled about, a group of five people entered the elevator that would take them to the top of the Campanile, a 300 foot clock tower located in the heart of campus. As the elevator doors closed behind them, activists entered the observation deck and ushered tourists and students to lower levels. Doors were closed and activists immediately assembled door blockades made out of wedges and large PVC piping. Simultaneously, other activists inside the tower were at work dropping a single black rope out of a window to a lone climber waiting below.

As the rope hit the ground, the climber immediately began his ascent of the clock tower bringing with him a large duffel bag that held a portion of his supplies, the rest of which would be handed out a window to him when he reached the top. As the climber stopped to rest, police arrived on the scene.

With the activist ascending the rope safely out of reach, and the observation deck securely barricaded, there was little they could do but watch in silence as the climber stopped below a window 200 feet up to erect a hanging platform that would be his home for the next 8 days, and drop a 60 foot long banner reading "END VIVISECTION - ANIMAL LIBERATION".

With a horrific record of animal abuse, UC Berkeley has long been a target of animal liberationists. While the banner drop was a commemoration of World Week for Animals in Laboratories, it was specifically focused at the University's plans to construct a new $15 million "Center for Neuroscience". The new animal research facility would ensure that many more animals would be brought to Berkeley to be used in invasive neurological research, as well as many more vivisectors being put on Berkeley's payroll, including notorious NYU vivisectors Lynne Kiorpes and Anthony Movshon.

It was late in the day when police were finally successful in evicting the five activists who had seized control of the Campanile. They had held the observation deck as long as they could and had succeeded in putting the climber, fully supplied, on the outside of the clock tower where he would remain for the next 8 days. Over the course of the week, the protest received an incredible amount of attention, both in the media and on campus, where groups of onlookers would stop to look up at the banner, and talk to activists on the ground about the reasons behind the action.

The climber held out as long as possible, but on the eighth day of his vigil he was forced to come down after being without water for over a day. As he descended the rope, hundreds gathered at the base of the Campanile to look on. Stopping 25 feet from the ground, he addressed the media, students and other onlookers, asking them to help put an end to animal research on campus. He then finished his descent and was arrested by campus police. All of the activists were charged with trespassing, and released on their own recognizance.

Although the banner hang was incredibly successful in bringing attention to UC Berkeley's attempts to expand animal research, the fight is far from over and activists will continue in their efforts to expose the fraud known as vivisection, and to see to it that all living beings are given the opportunity to live out their lives in freedom and with dignity.

8 Arrests at Yerkes

by Jean Barnes

ATLANTA, GA — World Laboratory Animal Day was ushered in on Friday night at a symposium at Georgia State University with three dynamic speakers: Dr. Ray Greek, Michael Bellefountaine and Bobby Seale.

Dr. Greek, a former animal researcher who is currently writing a book on the fallacy of animal research, lectured on the various forms oppression has taken throughout the ages with emphasis on how society viewed and treated slaves earlier in US history and compared it to today's treatment of animals. Graphic pictures compared the suffering of both species in their slavery roles as he spoke about animal research retarding progress in human health while people suffer and die waiting for cures. He spoke particularly about Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center in Atlanta and the fact that there has been no medical breakthroughs despite years and millions of taxpayer's dollars spent.

Michael Bellefountaine of ACT UP! San Francisco, is a 32 year old man who is living with AIDS and stands in solidarity with activists opposing animal research. Bellefountaine spoke of oppression the gay community experiences and the futility of a future cure for AIDS that is dependent on using animals to that end. He states, "There is no animal model for the human immune system and the money would be better spent on feeding and housing people with AIDS."

The last speaker of the evening is an historical icon of the 1960s. Black Panther Party founder, Bobby Seale, praised Greek and Bellefountaine for their presentations and he spoke of the oppression blacks have lived through in the US, giving a brief history of the Black Panther Party and how animal activists can organize to be more effective. Seale said he supported our efforts and wants to work with us and other progressive groups in the future.

The same three speakers addressed the crowd on Saturday at the Emory/Yerkes protest. Seale said we should continue the fight and to support us further, he would add a link for us from his web site.

The protesters marched from the front entrance of Emory University to the Yerkes Primate Center and later, 6 protesters were arrested after peacefully crossing a police line. Two others were arrested as the protesters were leaving when police, in a surprise attack, grabbed the two for no apparent reason and hit another across the face with their baton.

Both days were quite successful and activists in Atlanta invite everyone here for Lab Day 1999!



Federated Stockholders' Disruption

by Seth Stevens

CINCINNATI, OH — On Friday, May 15, The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) targeted Federated Department executives during their 1998 stockholders' meeting. Federated - which includes Lazarus, Rich's, Goldsmith's, as well as Bloomingdale's and Macy's - is the single largest fur retailer in the country and is responsible for killing more fur-bearing animals than any other clothing chain, according to CAFT.

At 10:30 Friday morning, approximately 40 anti-fur demonstrators convened outside of the Federated Building, blocking access to the first floor and effectively placing executives in a state of panic. After demanding that the police remove all activists from the sidewalk area surrounding the doorway, executives warned demonstrators that they were trespassing.

Police moved in and warned that arrests would be made if activists did not comply with Federated's orders to leave. Three arrests were then made despite the fact that all protesters were in the process of moving away from the building.

All three immediately began a hunger strike in response to police misconduct and violations of their civil rights. Two activists refused to pay bail and remained in lock-up for six days, until their pretrial hearing, at which point they were released on their own recognizance.

Their jury trials are scheduled for late June and video evidence, which has been turned over to their attorneys, shows all activists complying with police orders but being arrested regardless. A civil suit is being prepared, charging the police with unlawful arrest.

Direct Action News From North America

CONTROVERSY, CONSPIRACY SURROUND NEIMAN MARCUS FUR ASSAULT

DALLAS, TX -- Assault charges against animal rights activist Lydia Nichols, which were to be tried on May 18th, were put off while the prosecution investigates the incident. These charges stem from an incident where Ms. Nichols and another animal rights activist, J.P. Goodwin, were followed by security guards from Neiman Marcus, and attacked.

At the time police chose to arrest Rod Lewis, head of security for Neiman Marcus. Lydia Nichols was transported to the Baylor Hospital emergency room after having her head smashed into the pavement, and being choked until she started to black out. Goodwin tried to defend her but was jumped from behind by yet another security guard and then assaulted by Rod Lewis as well.

Observers believe that Neiman Marcus may be pulling some strings in the Dallas police department. In a highly unusual move for a misdemeanor assault case, a grand jury was convened to determine whether or not they would follow through with charges against Rod Lewis. Instead of investigating the attack they directed 85% of their questions towards gathering information about the animal rights movement.

Charges were then dropped against Rod Lewis, a 250lbs man, and applied to 110lb Lydia Nichols. Despite the enormous size difference, and the fact that Lydia was sent to the emergency room while Rod Lewis was unscratched, Lydia was charged with assault.

Witnesses claimed that Rod Lewis initiated the attack, but police claimed they "couldn't find" the original witnesses to confirm this.

Nichols showed up for her assault trial on May 18 and the prosecution did not feel confident about their chances. The prosecutor seemed to want to drop the charges but was pressured by Rod Lewis to continue. His decision was to postpone the trial while he himself tried to find the witnesses that the police could not contact. Indications are that these charges against Lydia will be dropped.

Goodwin and Nichols have put Neiman Marcus on notice that they are going to be sued in civil court. Don Feare, attorney for the activists, has stated that he will move full speed ahead the minute the criminal case is completed; win, lose or draw.

In the meantime various animal rights groups have begun intense campaigns against Neiman Marcus. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade has started organizing groups against Neimans in various cities, and Compassion Over Killing has targeted the Neiman Marcus outside of Washington, DC for an intense campaign.

Neiman Marcus stores in San Diego, San Francisco, and Minneapolis have also seen multiple protests. CAFT is asking groups to contact them to help intensify the campaign.

Neiman Marcus is based in Dallas, and one Dallas reporter has followed the case closely. D Magazine ran a piece on the assault, but then felt considerable heat from Neiwmans management. They refuse to do any follow up stories. The reporter who wrote the story is now doing a feature article for the Dallas Observer which takes an in depth look at the conspiracy and collusion surrounding this case.

Things are about to hit the fan.

No one has made all of the connections yet, but clearly something strange is going on. Welcome to the world of activism in corporate America. Fortunately, it appears that the animal rights legal team is well prepared and justice will prevail in the end. Activists should take heed of this case. The moral of the story is to never give up, even when you are up against a corrupt corporation with considerable power.



Rod Lewis (Lydia's Attacker)

JAILED FOR THE ANIMALS

Since we published the last issue of *No Compromise*, we've seen 3 of our finest troopers locked up by a repressive system determined to destroy our spirit and maintain the status quo at any cost.

One of the most brave and dedicated pioneers of the animal liberation movement, 54 year old Sue McCrosky, turned herself in to DeKalb County Jail on March 20 to serve the remaining 26 of a 45 day jail sentence. Sue was sentenced and subsequently served 20 days in jail (on hunger strike) last September for picketing outside the home of the Yerkes Primate Center Director Thomas Insel.

Despite a serious medical condition (which the jail failed to treat her for), Sue, founder of Atlanta's Animal Abuse Watch, again maintained a hunger strike for the duration of her 26 days inside. Her refusal to eat was in protest of the conditions in the jail and her outrageous sentence as well as to call attention to the plight of the animals tortured and killed at Yerkes every day. Sue was released on April 14 and continues to fight on the frontlines of the war against primate research.

Steve Hindi, founder of Chicago Animal Rights Coalition, spent 5 weeks in jail before he was granted bond by the Illinois Supreme Court. On February 10, Steve was sentenced to 6 months on charges of contempt of court stemming from his use of an ultralight paraglider during a McHenry County hunt club bird massacre 2 years ago.

The owner of the club filed a Hunter Interference suit which, unbeknownst to Steve, prohibited him from being on the hunt grounds while the case was pending. He had no idea that he was violating a restraining order when he returned to protest the kill but was arrested for contempt anyway. After deciding that Steve would not be a danger to society, the court finally released him on March 17 pending an appeal.

Another Atlanta activist, Nicole (Nikki) Falciatano, was sent to DeKalb County jail for 30 days for violation of probation. Her arrest at Yerkes Lab Day '97 resulted in probation which was breached when she was arrested again at an anti-fur protest where cops dragged her by her hair causing chunks of it to be pulled out of her head.

Now, as much as ever, is the time to stand up for our animal brothers and sisters in the face of repression and jail. We must not allow the powers that be to discourage or intimidate us. Make sacrifices. Do what is right. Fight and never give in!

In Sue's words (from jail): "I am an animal rights activists. I cannot acquiesce to demands for me to be silent. If I did that, I'd be a traitor to everything for which this country stands; to the fine young men and women who fought and died for my rights, to Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and that 16-year-old Minuteman who fell in the woods near Lexington on the road to Concord."

Conspiracy Charges Dropped

DAVIS, CA -- The two felony conspiracy charges that resulted from an anti-vivisection protest were dropped this April by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. The conspiracy charges followed a 1997 World Week for Animals in Laboratories protest at the University of California Primate Research Facility.

Thirty-two people were arrested on April 20, 1997 on charges of trespassing, resisting arrest, vandalism, failure to disperse, interrupting the lawful operation of a campus, unlawful assembly, and rioting. The demonstration began on one side of the UC Davis campus and marched to the Primate Facility where 3500 primates are housed for biomedical research.

The 50 protesters were met at the entrance with a line of police in riot gear. 28 of the activists were arrested after crossing the entrance to the torture facility. 4 others were arrested after hanging a banner and spray painting messages on a building under construction.

Several of the protesters were charged with an additional trespassing charge for returning the next day and holding a press conference about the police brutality during the protest. During the previous day's protest, one of the cops struck a man lying on the ground and broke his elbow.

In May of 1997, search warrants were issued and served on two of the local activists. Cres Vellucci and Bhaskar Sinha were targeted as the organizers of the protest and were arrested for felony conspiracy to commit the crimes that occurred on the April 19th protest.

After the preliminary hearing and several motions regarding the case, the cases were all set for trial in April, 1998. The protesters were scheduled to be tried in several different groups. The first group consisted of those that were also arrested for returning for the press conference. The charges for that arrest were dismissed because the conference was held adjacent to a county road. The county actually owned the property, not the campus. The prosecution did not have much of a case once the judge saw the county road map and all the pictures the police had showed everyone standing next to the road.

After negotiations with the judge and the prosecution, five of the seven charges were dropped, as well as the two felony conspiracy charges. In exchange, the protesters pled no contest to "trespassing" and "failure to disperse" and received 120 hours of community service. Sinha and Vellucci received 240 hours of community service.

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Three activists were arrested at a demonstration sponsored by Animal Defense League at Macy's at the Danbury Fair Mall in CT on March 15. The protesters, who had locked themselves together at the neck with bike locks were dragged by their feet by police, choking them and causing their faces to turn red. All have been released.

As of March 15, Liberation Collective of Portland, OR had its 501(c)(3) non-profit status revoked by the Internal Revenue Service who claims that the Collective's support of and role in nonviolent civil disobedience eliminates their eligibility as a non-profit group. This latest step in the ongoing government harassment of the Collective comes after close to a year of pressure from federal authorities.

Nicole Rosmarino of Rocky Mountain Animal Defense was arrested March 25 during a protest over gassing of prairie dogs for development in Lafayette, CO. She was one of about 60 demonstrators objecting to Dunn Properties Corp. using aluminum phosphide to kill a colony of about 2000 prairie dogs. Jessica Sandler was also taken into custody when she attempted to videotape Nicole's efforts.

On March 27, five Compassion Over Killing activists delayed the performance of the Ringling Bros. Circus at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., by locking themselves together at the neck in the center ring, moments before the evening's show was to begin. The protesters were lifted up, removed from the arena floor, sawed apart, arrested and given trumped up charges including "assault of a police officer" (felony) and "destruction of property" (felony). After 24 hours in custody, they were released on their own recognizance with a single charge of misdemeanor "unlawful entry." All five activists were given 40 hours of community service.

Over 5000 people from all over North America assembled in Washington, D.C. on March 28 for Jericho '98, a day of protest in support of U.S. political prisoners. Folks gathered at Malcolm X Park and then marched to the White House. Squad cars parked along the way were stenciled with the message "Free All Political Prisoners." The event ended with a multi-hour rally in Lafayette Park.

On March 31, a multi-million dollar civil rights suit was filed in federal court on behalf of the Animal Defense League, charging the Syracuse police department with multiple violations of their constitutionally protected rights. For more than 2 years, police have deliberately and systematically interfered with the activists' ability to protest animal abuse by harassing them, subjecting them to unreasonable search and seizure, false arrest and denying them their rights to free speech and due process. To help defer the legal financial burden, please send contributions to Animal Rights America (found in our Trenches section) earmarked for the "Syracuse Lawsuit."

Despite global outrage and water borne protests, the U.S. Navy concluded an experiment of its Low Frequency Active Sonar (LFAS) on the Humpback whale population off the coast of the Big Island of Hawaii in April. The test involved projecting high intensity sound waves known to be harmful to marine mammals and was in violation of environmental law. The navy conducted the test for 30 days, 9 of which were disrupted by protesters who took to the water to stop the test (the Navy was required to cease testing whenever people were in the water near the research vessel).

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The Sterling and Reid Brothers Circus was charged with cruelty to animals and had 8 horses confiscated in San Bernardino, CA on April 4. The horses were reportedly malnourished. The USDA has also reportedly cited the circus for noncompliance with the federal Animal Welfare Act which sets minimal standards for animals in exhibition.

Thirty-six people were arrested at a peaceful protest at Sea World in Orlando, FL on April 5. The 2 hour demonstration had come to an end and activists were making their way back to their vehicles when a late arriving newspaper photographer asked them to step back in front of the park's sign for a picture. At this time, police, who had otherwise not interfered with the event, arrested the entire crowd for "unlawful assembly". All were released by the following evening.

On April 6, ADL-NJ announced that the local Oriel Furs of Freehold has gone out of business. This news came only weeks after it was discovered that Seymore Furs of Hoboken had closed.

A state appeals court in St. Paul, Minnesota ruled on April 7 that anti-fur protesters were not entitled to hold signs inside the Mall of America even though public money was used to build it. The ruling reverses a lower court decision that said the activists' free speech rights had been violated in 1996 when they were arrested at a demonstration against Macy's.

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade reported on April 16 that Evans Furs, the nations largest fur company, is in financial trouble. Evans has turned a loss for all but a few years in the last decade and it appears that 1997 wasn't any better for them. The company couldn't pay their wholesale vendors in February and weren't able to make their March installment payments either. Rumors have spread about a pending bankruptcy and their stock price has dropped to less than $1 a share. So much for the great fur comeback!

UC Davis (CA) canceled the fistulated cow event, scheduled as part of the April 18 Picnic Day festivities, for the second year in a row. The display allows attendants to put their hands inside the stomach of a live cow. An event organizer blamed animal rights protests for both cancellations and reported that the fistulated cow would not be a part of Picnic Day as long as there is a threat of interference from pro-animal folk.

Thirty-one animals died at Disney's new "Animal Kingdom" wild animal park in the months leading up to it's opening on April 22 in Buena Vista, FL. This is more than twice the dozen which had been previously reported. According to the USDA's 24 page inspection report, the 31 animals died from September through April because of accidents, poisonings, fighting and other unnatural causes yet they cleared Disney of any wrongdoing.

In May, Knott's Berry Farm (Buena Park, CA), under new management announced that they would permanently close their dolphin and sea lion show within 6 months. Knott's has been the target of a 7 year campaign by local animal rights activists which included protests, letter writing, meetings with management and 5 arrests when protesters chained themselves to the dolphin tank.

Forty activists from ADL - Los Angeles and Animal Emancipation were denied the right to protest outside the entrance to the Pierce College Rodeo on May first in Woodland Hills, California. The police were called and forty officers arrived in full riot gear. The riot-cops arrested an adult and a minor on trespassing charges. The juvenile was released immediately but the adult was held over the weekend until Monday. All charges were subsequently dropped.

RESTRAINED ACTIVIST PEPPER SPRAYED BY SECURITY, 3 ARRESTED

PORTLAND, OR — During a protest at the Oregon Health & Sciences University, Chris Ruth, an activist from southern Oregon, was thrown to the ground, handcuffed, and then blasted with pepper-spray at point blank range by security guards. The protest, which occurred on Friday, May 8, was organized as a part of the conference to end the use of animals in biomedical and scientific research. The protest was peaceful until OHSU security officers grabbed the demonstrator who had walked up a couple of stairs to take a break from picketing.

As the group of protesters came closer to the incident to monitor what was occurring, a second activist, Dave Bemel from Seattle, was arrested for trespassing. Portland Police officers soon arrived on the scene and the two in custody began to be hauled down to the police vehicles. Some of the demonstrators began walking next to the activists in custody and were immediately thrown out of the way by OHSU security. A third individual, and Collective volunteer, Cain Allen was arrested at this time after he was thrown up against a wall and held by his neck. Cain was later charged with harassment. Pretty ironic.

The three protesters in custody were taken to the "Justice Center" and were processed out in 7-10 hours. Witnesses say that the arrests were both unlawful and abusive. The OHSU security forces used pepper spray which is considered deadly and lethal force on a non-violent activist who was already in restraints. Attorneys are looking into legal measures against OHSU for this incident.

The protest was part of "Against Animal Testing," a 5 day conference, organized by Portland's Liberation Collective. The conference was designed to build an effective and successful anti-vivisectionist movement for the year 2000 and drew participants from across North America, including Calgary, New York, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Boston, New Jersey, Madison, Ohio, Arizona, California, Washington and Oregon.



HEGINS 7 UPDATE

HEGINS, PA — On Labor Day, 1997, seven activists protested the slaughter and cruel maiming of countless pigeons at the annual Hegins Pigeon Shoot. The activists formed a human roadblock by lying in a circle with their arms outstretched and locked inside of concrete-filled barrels, each weighing close to 250 pounds. They stopped traffic from traveling on the most direct route to the pigeon shoot for nearly 12 hours and diverted many spectators away from the shoot to watch the activists.

The seven were eventually cut out and charged with three felonies and six misdemeanors. Their bail was set at $75,000 each, the highest amount ever set for an act of civil disobedience. The activists have refused to plea bargain. Their trial date - which has been postponed twice - is now scheduled for September 14, with jury selection five days earlier.

Although surprised by the recent date change, activists are confident that this could give The Fund for Animals' new legislative strategy a boost, as the legislature will be in session at the time of the trial.

Representative Sara Steelman (D-Indiana County) and 50 co-sponsors have just introduced House Bill 2473. If approved by the legislature, this bill will place a question on the statewide ballot in November and Pennsylvania voters will have the opportunity to decide whether live pigeon shoots should be banned. If you have relatives or friends in Pennsylvania, please ask them to write or call their state representative and state senator in Harrisburg (not their federal legislators) and tell them to support House Bill 2473. Also ask them to contact the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and the Speaker of the House. Tell Chairman Gannon to release House Bill 2473 and tell Speaker Ryan to allow House Bill 2473 on the House floor for a vote.

We have more momentum now than ever before! Even if representatives and senators do not want to take a stand for or against the pigeon shoots, they should support democracy and the right of Pennsylvania citizens to vote on this issue. Please call The Fund at (301) 585-2591 for more information on this vital campaign.

The delay will also give everyone more time to raise funds for the defense to fight these ridiculous charges. Although fundraising efforts to date have raised 75 percent of what is needed, the activists are still several thousand dollars behind.

Please support this crucial defense fund:
Hegins Legal Defense Fund c/o NJARA
P.O. Box 174, Englishtown, NJ 07726
(Checks payable to "NJARA" and marked "Hegins.")

As *NC* went to press, a motion by the defendants' attorney to drop the three felony charges was granted based on the lack of evidence to support the charges. The activists will be tried on the six remaining misdemeanors.

Public Warning Leads to Grand Jury Investigation

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Since December 1997, a grand jury investigation has been ongoing in Philadelphia. It began after the Philadelphia-based Vegan Resistance for Liberation (VRL) received an anonymous communiqué from a group called the "Justice Department" stating that they had poisoned turkeys in supermarkets before the "holocaust" of Thanksgiving. After receiving the communiqué, VRL issued a news release to warn consumers of the alleged poisoning before someone was injured. The media did not take an interest in the poisoning, but the FBI did.

Two days after issuing the release, the FBI began questioning VRL members. After learning that the communiqué had been passed to VRL member Brett Wyker to write the news release, the FBI tried to question him. Brett received a call from Agent John Chesson but promptly told him that he had nothing to say and that the agent should call his lawyer (to ensure that he would not falsely incriminate himself), and then hung up. The agent tried calling again and even contacted another VRL member, who was a close friend of Brett's, trying to get him to encourage Brett to talk to the FBI. Still, he refused to comment and things were quiet for about two weeks.

On December 18, 1997, the silence was broken. Agent Chesson, frustrated that Brett knew and asserted his right to remain silent, came to his door with a subpoena to testify before the grand jury. Brett was also commanded to bring the original communiqué, which had already been disposed of. After postponing the session for three weeks, the grand jury was held on January 29, 1998. Instead of entering, Brett, along with other VRL members and activists from New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, D.C., held a protest outside of the courthouse where the grand jury was being held.

After spending about one week hunting him down, the FBI served Brett with another subpoena. He was given "another chance." This time, the session was postponed several times for a period of about five weeks. Again, he refused to cooperate, did not enter the courthouse, and once again was given "another chance." Brett was told that the U.S. Attorney would arrange another date and time. For three weeks he heard nothing.

Then, his attorney contacted him and asked if he was going to appear if another date was set. Brett told his lawyer that he had not changed his mind and that he was not going to cooperate with an abusive grand jury. (Of course, Brett never said, "No, I am not going to appear," because that would be conspiracy to commit contempt of court.)

Several months later, Brett still has not heard from his federally-appointed attorney or the prosecutor. Either they are setting up a contempt trial with immunity already in place or they have finally realized Brett is never going to aid the government in labeling political activists as terrorists.

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Direct Action News From North America

Designers Confronted at Fur Fashion 'Week' in NYC

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NEW YORK, NY -- By the time I had arrived at the Manhattan Center at 9:30 a.m., there were anti-fur stickers everywhere. Pay phones, buildings, windows, trees - virtually every surface was well-decorated with those little round stickers with that simple message: "No Fur." You couldn't walk five feet without seeing them everywhere. It was time for the first of what would be a series of protests that would last until 8:30 p.m.

The occasion? Fur Fashion Week in New York City.

Fur Fashion *Week*, once the brilliant gem of the fur fashion industry, has now shrunk to a two-day series of events. Highlighted by much pomp and glitz in the past, Fur Fashion Week now struggles to generate any media coverage whatsoever.

Knowing this, activists from as far away as Syracuse and Virginia converged upon Manhattan to mark the beginning of the end of this sad display of cruelty and bad taste. These demonstrations, masterminded by the combined efforts of ADL-NJ, NJARA and ADL-NY, were the beginning of a busy two-day series of anti-fur events.

As the designers, models and death merchants filed into the Manhattan Center, they were greeted by more than two dozen activists and videos of fur farms playing to pedestrians. The abusers were approached and attempts were made to engage them in conversation. Their reactions ranged from ignoring us to giving us the finger along with a "fuck you" to spitting on us. They were clearly uncomfortable with being put on the spot and having to defend their indefensible industry.

The demonstrations at this location lasted until 4:30 p.m. when the last fashion show of the day ended. When leaving the Manhattan Center, corpse show participants were again confronted by activists and with the images and sounds of animals being killed and tortured by neck breaking, trapping and genital or anal electrocution. We made it very clear that their industry is not wanted in New York.

After a break in the action, the activists made the voyage uptown to Central Park. Actions were scheduled at the world famous Tavern on the Green restaurant in Central Park, the site of a fundraiser for FICA. While the fur world got ready for their high-brow event, 60 activists were present to make sure everyone attending the dinner dance was given a warm New York welcome!

At the end of a round of fashion shows on the second day, the furriers thought their troubles were over, as that evening, a private, invitation-only party at the Spy Bar was believed to have been kept secret. Much to their surprise, they were greeted by two dozen very angry and very loud activists. One furrier was heard to say, "How did they find out about this? It was supposed to be a secret!"

New York police officers ordered the protesters to move across the street and down half a block. After some confrontation, the activists refused to move, maintaining their position in front of the building next to the Spy Bar. When the demonstrators moved closer to the Spy Bar entrance, police forcibly pushed activists down the block and across the street, throwing many to the ground in the process. Three ADL-NJ members were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The officers' actions were caught on videotape, and legal action is being considered.

The two days of action ended on a positive note: the new owner of the Spy Bar informed activists that he agrees with their anti-fur stance and will not welcome the furriers back for the next Fur Fashion Week...if there is one.

Canadian Activists Charged in Continuing Campaign of Government Harassment

VANCOUVER, BC — David Barbarash and Darren Thurston are two of the strongest and most committed activists in Canada and have therefore been singled out by authorities for an intense campaign of government harassment for the past 3 years. Because they have both spent time in prison for 'underground' direct action taken on behalf of animals suffering institutionalized abuse, they are easy targets for the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) looking for suspects for just about everything illegal and politically motivated that's happened in the country.

Since the last issue of NC, the unscrupulous thugs have continued their attempts to destroy these freedom fighters with every legal weapon they have. In January, Darren was visiting his fiancee in California and was arrested by around 15 officers (with guns drawn) from the FBI, INS and the Anaheim Police Department. He was immediately taken to the Anaheim Public Library where they had a "command center" set up and about 20 more federal agents. His regular cuffs were removed and he was placed in wrist, ankle and waist shackles then transported via caravan to the Federal Building in Downtown LA. There he was placed in isolation and not allowed phone calls (he later learned that orders were given that he was not to have contact with anyone, including a lawyer) until almost 24 hours later.

He finally got to court after 2 weeks in custody where the judge and defense attorney were very anxious to hear about why so much fuss was made to arrest one person. All the US Attorney could come up with was that the FBI was investigating him because he is considered to be "a threat to national security" but she had no background as to why. When she couldn't come up with anything more substantial than that, the judge ordered a voluntary departure (rather than deportation) based on his criminal record in Canada and Darren was escorted to a plane 72 hours later.

Shortly after the one year anniversary of the police raids on their homes, bogus charges were brought against Darren and David relating to letters booby trapped with razor blades sent to hunting guides throughout British Columbia. They are jointly charged with 27 counts of "sending an explosive or dangerous thing in the mail". David faces 2 additional counts of "possession of an explosive substance" and "possession of a prohibited weapon" and Darren faces an additional count of "impersonation."

Both are free with strict bail conditions while awaiting a preliminary hearing which is slated for April-May of next year. David is proceeding with a Motion to Quash the search warrants though a date has not yet been set. Both are additionally filing suit for contempt of court against two Vancouver dailies and BC Report (magazine), who have continued their smear campaign against them.

In a statement made to the media on May 11, 1998, David urged the media to focus on the real news rather than printing misleading and prejudicial information and that which is prohibited by court orders: "There is currently a massacre taking place in wilderness areas and on logging roads across this province. Every Spring, hunters from Canada, the U.S. and European countries, together with guide outfitters, slaughter magnificent animals such as the black bear and grizzly bear, for fun and for profit.... As much as I am opposed to trophy hunting and the guide outfitting industry, as are the majority of British Columbians, and as hard as I will fight to end this barbarity, I will only use means which are non-violent. My deep-felt concerns about animals and wildlife in our society are not criminal.

Make no mistake about it, David and Darren are innocent of these charges. Understand that arrests had to be made for political reasons. It doesn't matter who was arrested and charged and much less whether they are guilty or not - it only matters that the RCMP has something to justify the overwhelming amount of money and resources they have wasted at tax payers' expense. Both will be pleading not guilty and fully expect to be exonerated through acquittals.

The increasingly uphill battle just got a little steeper. But Darren and David are not your everyday activists - they are lifelong soldiers, they are tough, and they will march on and overcome whatever ordeal is put before them. That is just one of the many qualities that makes them special to those who know and love them and invaluable as advocates for the animals and environment.

Please support our fellow warriors during this most trying time.

Send letters of support and/or donations for their legal defense (earmarked "for Darren and David") to:

North American A.L.F. Supporters Group
Box 69597, 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ontario, M2M 4K3 CANADA

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Native political prisoner Leonard Peltier, jailed since 1976, was again denied parole on May 4. The American Indian Movement warrior is serving two consecutive life sentences in federal prison despite a mountain of evidence proving that he was framed by the US government for the shooting deaths of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in SD. Supporters are asked to mobilize in Washington D.C. on June 27 for a demonstration against his continued imprisonment.

On May 12, activists from throughout the Northeast joined Boston CAFT to protest Ekco's shareholders meeting. Ten CAFT activists, all owning shares of Ekco stock, attempted to attend the shareholders meeting, but were forcefully turned away by Ekco employees. Please boycott all Ekco products, write or call in your disgust and explain to them the brutality of the steel leghold and conibear traps. For more information on this campaign, see page 20.

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On May 20, Earth First! activists occupied the US Forest Service Headquarters in Warren, PA. The protesters locked themselves together with steel tubes in the supervisor's office demanding recreation, lasting jobs and a sound environment for the Allegheny National Forest. Despite a federal judge's halting of the resident timber sale in October 1997, the "East Side Project" is doubling its planned logging, threatening entire ecosystems including protected old-growth areas. 4 people were arrested, charged with "disorderly conduct" and "defiant trespassing" and released on $500 bail.

On June 10 Julia Butterfly's record breaking tree sit in Humboldt County, CA reached 6 months. The 24 year old Earth First! activist has been perched 180 feet up a 1000 year old redwood tree known as Luna since December 10, 1997. Stay on top of this incredible story by checking out the Luna website at: **www.humboldt1.com/~lunanews**.

The trial and corresponding hunger strike of the Chatham 3 (accused mink liberators) previously announced for June has been postponed. Their trial is now set for September 8.

In other court news, San Diego activists Lindsay Parme, 15, and Kyle Bryan, 16, are the first known juveniles to represent themselves in a court case in California. Lindsay and Kyle will be conducting their own defense against 4 and 8 charges respectively (ranging from "disturbing the peace" and "trespassing" to "resisting arrest") stemming from 4 different protests in Los Angeles and San Diego. They are setting a profound example for adults and minors alike as they file motions to obtain police personnel files and psychiatric evaluations as well as motions to have their case heard by a jury and in public (usually denied for juveniles). Watch for a full article by Lindsay and Kyle in *No Compromise* when their cases are resolved.

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Due to space restrictions, some of the articles here and elsewhere in the newspaper have regrettably had to be cut down considerably. You can find the UNEDITED versions with MORE PHOTOS on our web site at:

www.envirolink.org/orgs/nocompromise/

Direct Action News From Around the World

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Hackers claiming to be hunt saboteurs "hi-jacked" a London radio station on March 1 to broadcast their own message. Listeners heard music and a voice announcing that they were tuned in to "the Hunt Saboteur's Broadcasting Corporation."

All shops and businesses were closed in Ahaus, Germany while 5-10,000 people demonstrated against a controversial shipment of radioactive waste from two nuclear power plants on March 20. The protest lasted throughout the day and night with many clashes instigated by police as they reportedly punched demonstrators in the face, knocked them down and used water cannons to remove them from the railroad tracks.

Two huntsmen were injured and 18 protesters arrested after clashes between hunt saboteurs (numbered around 50) and riders at a meeting of the Vale of Aylesbury Hunt in Buckinghamshire, England on March 21. Police say that hunt saboteurs ambushed the hunters wielding iron bars and wooden clubs.

On March 29, Edoardo Massari, a jailed Italian activist accused with 2 others of sabotage against the High Velocity Train in Val SUSA, hung himself in his jail cell. Following the early March arrests of the 3 activists, the eviction of 2 squats and police brutality against supporters, riots broke out in the streets of Italy. 40 store windows were smashed, 18 people detained and 6 arrested. 5 days after Massari took his life, 8000 people took to the streets to express their outrage. A local prison and the Palace of "Justice" were showered with rocks, stones, bottles, etc.

On April 23 and 24, 2000 people were jailed in Mandaleshwar, India protesting the construction of a 400 megawatt dam which would be an environmental hazard and displace village residents. Thousands of people marched to and occupied the Maheshwar Dam two days in a row with 2000 arrests. Activists were reportedly assaulted and beaten with batons and rifle butts and stampeded by horse-mounted police. At least 25 were hospitalized.

Activists from New Zealand's SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation) were ejected from an Auckland supermarket where they were clearing the shelves of Procter & Gamble and other products tested on animals. All involved were given trespass notices banning them from that particular supermarket. The April 24th action received widespread, favorable media coverage.

A 53 year old woman was awarded 10,000 pounds by Kent police (UK) on May 14. While protesting live exports, Angela Petro was unlawfully arrested and imprisoned 3 times, strip searched and had her wrists damaged by police. The police have already paid out smaller sums to 3 animal rights activists and face at least 12 more claims.

Two shareholding campaigners crossed the Atlantic Ocean (from England) to join local shareholders in confronting officials of Huntington Life Sciences at their Annual General Meeting in Boston, MA on May 15. Meanwhile back in the UK, shareholders at the company's headquarters in Cambridge were refused their rightful entry and arrested when the company illegally closed their doors. HLS have come under fire in the past year as 2 separate undercover investigations exposed horrific cruelty and abuse to beagles used for "research," resulting in criminal convictions of staff members as well as USDA citations. The company has since reported pre-tax losses of 4 million pounds for the first quarter of 1998 due to bad publicity.

PROTESTERS TEST LAW AT LONDON FUR SHOP

LONDON, UK -- Three fur picketers tasted sweet victory on March 30 when they were acquitted of charges of Obstruction of the Public Highway stemming from a protest at Philip Hockley's fur shop. The arrests were caught on video and the footage, which clearly showed that they were not obstructing passers-by, was shown in court. Not only did the video aid in exonerating the activists, but public ridicule was directed towards the 5 police officers involved in the arrest for their lack of discretion.

Despite this humiliating defeat in court, the police arrested people outside the same fur shop shortly after, this time using the excuse that they were 'Preventing a Breach of the Peace.' This is a very old and obscure law which is not actually a criminal offense, but gives the police power to detain anyone if they consider their presence at a location likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

On May 9, activists planned to test the law by peacefully protesting again at Philip Hockley's. A dozen people gathered in a nearby pub while a noisy demo was held outside the fur shop. One by one, activists came out of the pub and began handing out leaflets to passers-by and one by one, they were arrested. After 8 arrests ('Preventing a Breach of the Peace'), the fur shop closed for the day and the protesters were released without charge.

Two days later, 2 more leafletters were arrested in front of Hockley's and charged with Obstruction even though one of them had been cleared of this charge previously. The police attempted to impose bail conditions that they could not go near the fur shop again, which they refused to accept and were kept overnight.

In court the following morning, the magistrate imposed the bail condition anyway, not giving the defendants a choice. The same woman, who had been earlier acquitted and arrested on the most recent round, returned to Hockley's AGAIN a few days later and proceeded to distribute leaflets in breach of her release conditions and was arrested yet again. When she returned to court, her bail conditions were extended to a larger exclusion zone around the shop and she was warned that if she violated them again, she would be remanded in custody until trial. She is free for now.

There is a long history of activists being denied their right to protest at Philip Hockley's fur shop: demonstrators have been physically attacked by the former manager, the Harassment Act (designed to prevent stalking) has been misused by authorities to prevent peaceful pickets and police have abused their power on every level in an effort to squelch the efforts of the anti-fur campaigners.

Legal action will be taken against the police for false arrest and false imprisonment. And, on another note, in an anonymous message passed on to London Animal Action, the ALF warned that protests against the fur shop could get more violent if the police did not cease to deny the right to peaceful protest.

AS WE GO TO PRESS:

On Sat 30 May, eight more people were arrested "to prevent a breach of the peace", held in custody until the shop had closed and then released without charge. That night, the windows of Hockley's fur shop were smashed out.

Austria Live Transports Blockaded

VIENNA -- A few years ago, after intensive campaigning by AR groups, Austria passed what may be the strictest live animal transport law there is. However, the passage of this law did not see the end of intensely cruel animal transport here. With our joining of the EC, foreign animal transport lorries can now pass through the country according to EC regulations - rather than Austrian law. To combat this, activists have been blockading foreign lorries from traveling across the border and contravening our stricter laws.

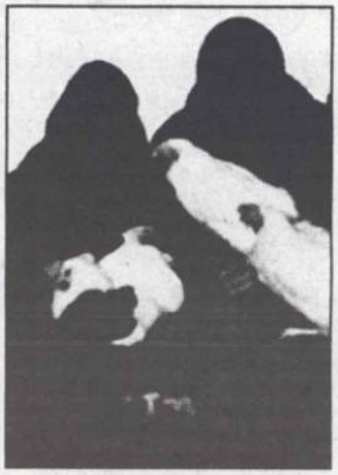
Up to 40 live animal transporters cross Austrian borders each day. Most lorries come from Germany, Holland or Denmark and head for the coast of Italy, Slovenia or Croatia where they are loaded onto ships for transport to the Middle East or Africa. The trip takes several days and the stress, disease and inherent cruelty inolved eventually leads to many animals dying along the way.

On 21 March 1998, activists executed the ninth blockade of live transport lorries entering Austria. Activists successfully forced the lorry to turn around and followed it through Germany, blocking its every attempt to cross the border. Several arrests were made in the process and after many hours of standoff, the lorry was allowed to cross in order to let the animals unload and rest. However, the animals were *not* unloaded so activists built barricades and demanded that the animals be allowed to rest for 24 hours. Their demands were met and the barricade was ended when it was ensured that the animals were off the lorry. Encouraged by this success, a weekend of action throughout Austria - to become the tenth blockade - was planned.



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ANIMAL LIBERATION It's happening NOW in Sweden!



During 1997 and '98 there has been an upswing of activities against animal abuse in Sweden. Large raids on vivisection breeders, arson attacks, mink liberations and smashing up fur shops is happening all the time. There is a new movement being born, consisting of grassroots activists determined to achieve the liberation of animals. In late 1997, a new group targeting vivisection called Animal Rights Militia made themselves known.

In November, they broke into a vivisection rabbit breeder in Enkoping and found 40 rabbits. They liberated 13 of them and destroyed the breeding cards for the others. They continued their excellent work in December when they carried out a raid in solidarity with English activist Barry Horne, who was recently given an 18 year sentence. They raided another breeder of rats and mice for labs owned by the Eklund Brothers. ARM liberated 48 rats and 9 mice from that hellhole and placed them all in loving homes.

In '98 the successful work of ARM continued when they raided another animal breeder, BioJet Services, outside Uppsala. They went into the premises through open doors to liberate 50 guinea pigs but when they only found 92 there, they emptied the place. According to media, the owner is thinking about closing it down.

And to mark World Day for Animals in Labs, ARM raided the Eklund brothers a second time on April 23rd and managed to liberate 121 rats from their breeding units. Also in April, a new group called the "Real Djurens Befrielse Front" (ALF) (see commentary) made themselves known when they liberated a beagle named Angel (on the cover) from the veterinary school in Uppsala.

The new DBF carried out their second raid on May 2nd when they liberated 28 hens from a battery unit in Kil. Earlier, in March, 23 hens were liberated from their cages by a group calling themselves "Commando Astrid Lindgren." (photo above). Astrid Lindgren is a famous author opposed to battery caging of hens and the group named after him claimed that their acts would continue until all animal abuse was gone.

Also, in February, 2 mice decided to move from a vivisection lab in Stockholm to a new friendly person that would never harm them.

Since the beginning of 1997, a total of 35 raids have been carried out against fur farms and thousands of mink and fox have been released, empty farms burned or trashed, breeding cards stolen and machines destroyed. Most of those actions have been carried out by a group calling themselves "The Wild Minks"

which has really had an impact on the Swedish fur industry. No one can deny that!

The first national weekend for animal liberation was organised, called "April 24-26, 3 Days of Actions Against Vivisection." About 250 people from all over Sweden met up in Stockholm and had several civil disobedience actions and large demonstrations against vivisection laboratories where windows were smashed and fences torn down.

Grassroots activists are carrying out civil disobedience actions against local fur shops all the time and more and more people in Sweden are turning vegans. There are two main groups for local activists. There is "Animal Rights Alliance," that works on all issues and there is "Eliminate the Fur Industry," a group helping local activists fighting the fur trade by assisting and giving them leaflets. "Eliminate the Fur Industry" is an organisation that will be remembered in the history for being the first group in Sweden to openly support direct actions for the animals. *(Contact information can be found on page 11)*

The words "Animal liberation" have a new meaning. They are not just empty words anymore, it is happening... all the time, for hundreds and hundreds of animals... for them, animal liberation comes overnight in Sweden.

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Swedish Fur Wars Escalate with Arrest of Three Mink Liberators

KUMLA — Early in the morning of March 8, three animal liberation activists are spotted by the fur farmer at Skyberga Mink Farm after they had already released 230 mink from that farm. After being chased for eight kilometers by both police and the farmer, Henrik Seger, Kristofer Aberg and David Zachridsson are arrested and remanded at the police station. They are charged with raiding that farm as well as one in Skara where 800 mink were released earlier that night.

Immediately after the three activists' arrest, the Mink Liberators Support Campaign was set up to help them. Four days after the arrests, 40 friends and supporters made their way to Kumla for the first court hearing. They first stopped to hold a noisy protest at the farm where the trio had been arrested.

The supporters then traveled to the court and sat in on Kristofer's hearing. Noisy in allegiance with their comrade, they were thrown out of court. Not deterred, the support demo continued outside the courthouse for several hours. Support protests were also held in Gothenburg, Boras and Karlstad.

Additionally, in support of the three, the ALF raided a fox farm in Brunflo and released 70 fox and the Wild Minks raided a mink farm in Forsheda and liberated 300 mink. In Stockholm, the Avengers of the Fur-Bearing Animals, attacked 11 fur shops in one night, smashing many windows, spray-painting slogans and gluing locks.

All three confessed to their involvement in the raids and were released within 2 weeks. While in custody, Henrik began a hunger strike demanding the abolition of the fur trade and the release of Kristofer and himself (David had already been released).

Fortunately, for the animals, the arrests did not scare people - it made them even more determined to destroy the fur trade!

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

The 3 men had their trial on May 29 and were sentenced on June 5. Kristofer and David were given 4 months in jail and 16 year old Henrik will be turned over to the social authorities for "treatment". They are not in custody now and will likely be free while appealing to a higher court. For a more in-depth story, check out our Interview with Kristofer and Henrik on page 2. We'll be sure to stay on top of this situation in the next issue and on our web site.

18th Hen Rescue Down Under Activist Imprisoned For 10 Days

by Diana Simpson

VICTORIA — The Happy Hens Egg World, located outside of Melbourne, is the largest battery egg farm in Victoria with nearly 200,000 battery hens crammed in tiny cages stacked four tiers high, in nine huge sheds. The Action Animal Rescue Team led by Patty Mark has carried out 18 undercover rescues there in the past four years. During this time, almost 300 hens have been saved. We have accumulated more than 25 hours of video footage documenting horrendous cruelty and violations to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Yet, the RSPCA, Department of Agriculture and police refuse to prosecute.

Happy Hens was a major tourist attraction where the public was invited to see the "happy hens at lay." This tourist venture closed down after the first two years of negative publicity following numerous rescues of hens in shocking conditions. After the seventeenth rescue on August 26, 1997, the owners erected an 11-foot-high electric fence in an expensive bid to keep out the rescue team. The property now clearly resembles the huge concentration camp that it is.

EIGHTEENTH RESCUE AT HAPPY HENS

The eighteenth rescue took place in the early hours of May 9, 1998, with "prior arrangements" confirmed with the RSPCA. RSPCA CEO Richard Hunter had given Patty his home phone number and asked her to ring him "at any hour" with evidence of violations. The rescue team clearly marked cages with sick, dead and/or overstocked numbers for inspectors. It was incredibly hard for the rescue team to leave the sick and injured hens behind and to leave rotting corpses in the cages with live hens. This was done only in the desperate hope that the RSPCA would finally act on behalf of the birds there.

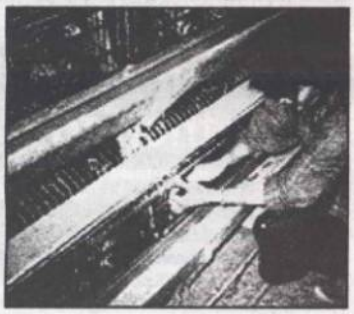
The team met inspector Guy Gorman outside the property. Owners Vince and Guido Colla would not let members of the rescue team accompany the inspector. So, we waited on the public road outside the farm. After an hour, the inspector and owner finished with the first five sheds and headed towards the remaining four sheds, passing the eagerly waiting rescue team. Patty asked the inspector if he found all the sick hens in Shed 4. He replied that they hadn't found anything wrong. As soon as they disappeared, Patty, Debra Tranter and I ran back into Shed 4 to help the hens. We had witnessed many trapped in manure pits below the cages along with swarms of rats. Patty went straight to the cage in Shed 4 where she knew a sick hen was struggling. She was stopped but refused to leave the property until someone helped the hens. She was arrested for trespass.

10 DAYS IN JAIL, 7 ON HUNGER STRIKE

The police put a bail condition on Patty's charge that she not return within 200 metres of the property until her court date on June 18. Knowing that the trapped hens would be eaten by the rats in the manure pits, she refused to sign this condition. Patty told the police that she could not honestly and faithfully sign that condition unless the police or the RSPCA did their jobs and looked after the welfare of the animals. Thus, on Saturday, May 9, Patty was locked up in the Geelong Police Cells (Remand).

Her son visited her on Sunday and told her that the hens' plight was posted all over the Internet and hundreds of people were calling, faxing and e-mailing the RSPCA from around the world. All of the efforts paid off as the RSPCA was scheduled to conduct an inspection the next day. Patty was overjoyed. That

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Patty struggles to help bird caught in wire

GANDALF THREE FREED!

(Reprinted from SchNews)

LONDON, UK — In a shock move on 27 March the GandALF 3 - Saxon Wood, Noel Molland and Steve Booth - were told they could pack their bags and were free to go.

Their lawyers had put in a standard bail application to push for an appeal date [still unknown]. Mr. Justice Sedley signed the papers for their immediate release after they'd served four and a half months of a three year sentence.

The three UK editors were jailed for reporting the facts of direct action protests. They were sentenced under a catch-all 'conspiracy' law and found guilty of inciting 'persons unknown' by disseminating environmental and animal rights literature over a five year period - akin to a gag order on journalists working in similar fields. This clear case of denial of free speech was not lost on Index on Censorship which reprints samples of the 'offending' copy, from the radical journal Green Anarchist (GA) and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) supporters newsletter, on its website.

The move has led to hope that their convictions may be quashed.

Steve Booth told SchNEWS: "When I was told I could go, the lads in the cells were cheering. People inside have a defeatist attitude - but this time it was like 'Yes! You've fought the system!' I'm completely shocked and stunned by the whole thing. The guard said he'd never heard of this happening before. We've heard a rumour that the reason we've been let out was Amnesty (International) in the US was about to list us as political prisoners."

The judge indicated that there are grounds to appeal the conviction, but not grounds to appeal the sentence. If they uphold the conviction on appeal the activists could go back to prison.

The activists credit the pressure brought to bear by their supporters for their release and would like to thank everyone who worked on their behalf or helped keep their spirits up while they were imprisoned.

Contact information for the GandALF Support Campaign can be found on page 11. Also, check out the SchNEWS GandALF Web Pages at:
http://www.cbuzz.co.uk/SchNEWS/

News Briefs

Environmental groups accused Japan on May 18 of bombing vessels used to monitor the country's whale massacre, creating an uproar at an international conference on whaling in Muscat, Oman. The groups also claim that Japan is trying to buy support for its campaign to force the International Whaling Commission to lift a 12-year ban on commercial whaling.

Helen Steel, one of the McLibel 2, made a court challenge to the government (at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Germany) on May 18 over its 600 year old Breach of the Peace legislation. She and 6 others are claiming that the law, which they were arrested and detained for violating when they attempted to disrupt a grouse shoot, is being used by police to deny people their right to freedom of expression and assembly.

Campaigners opposing the testing of genetically engineered crops occupied a genetic deliberate release site at Kirby Bedon in Norfolk near Norwich on May 23. More than 60 protesters moved onto the site, licensed by Novartis, in the early hours of the morning and established a camp and gardens. The occupation, which will last a month, will be a colourful, vivid and uncompromising rejection of agricultural genetic engineering. It is the first of its kind in the UK.

On the night of May 26, 50 activists stormed the loading section of a Dutch airline at Linz airport (Austria) in an attempt to stop the move of 20,000 turkey chicks from airplane to truck (for further transportation). The chicks, only a few days old, had been traveling for 46 hours without food or water. The blockade included the inspection of the animals (finding about 10% dead on arrival), an octopus-style lockdown and 19 of the chicks joining the protest and finding their way to loving homes.

Occidental Petroleum (Oxy) and partner British Petroleum confirmed on May 27 that they will not explore for oil on lands claimed by the U'wa indigenous people of Columbia, South America. The 5000 U'wa have threatened to commit mass suicide by jumping off a tall cliff if oil exploration is allowed to take place on reservation lands. In April, Los Angeles activists staged a dramatic protest in support of the U'wa demands at the Oxy corporate headquarters where they inserted an enormous oil pipeline into the lobby and splashed it with fake blood.

On May 28 the entrance to John Lewis' Watford (UK) warehouse was blockaded to protest the massacre of tens of thousands of pheasants and other birds in company shoots every year. Gates were shut and a minibus placed in front with a demonstrator D-locked to the steering wheel by neck and to the seat by foot. The activist was cut loose by the fire brigade 4 hours later and released without arrest.

The dissection of frogs in biology laboratories in Rajasthan, India has been banned as of May 29 due to a sustained campaign by Mahajanam, a group advocating nonviolence. The banning order was issued by the state Education Minister after several meetings with representatives from the organization. About 100 million frogs will be spared.

Direct Action News From Around the World

FINLAND UPDATE

ORIMATTILA - The 5 activists shot at by a fur farmer here will face trial for Aggravated Breach of Domestic Peace in August. All are recovered, in good health and continue to fight for the animals. It is unknown how or if the farmer will be charged.

HELSINKI - On the weekend of May 23-25, people gathered at the international Fur Center Auction for the biggest annual anti-fur demonstration. There were several arrests when activists attempted to block the auction guest busses. At one point, the demo moved to the city center where a fur store was trashed.

On May 25, a protest was held at a toxicology conference in a suburb of Helsinki. 60-70 activists attempted to cross police lines, while others entered the building from the rear. Some conference goers were tricked into leaving, a couple of windows were broken, 26 people were arrested and one activist was bitten by a police dog.

KARTTULA - June 1 saw the start of Finland's first animal rights protest camp, set up to protest against the only dog breeder here (also breeds rabbits). All dogs are sold for vivisection. The camp is known as Jekku-Leire (or Camp Jekku in English) and is so named in memory of the beagle, Jekku, who was one of 3 beagles liberated (and later recovered) last year.

The camp will run through the summer and is part of an intensive campaign called Pelastakaa Karttulan Koirat (Free Karttula's Dogs) which aims to close this hellhole for good. Contact us at the address found on the opposite page for more info.

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THREE DAYS OF ACTION

The blockading of lorries began at 9 p.m. on Friday, April 24 with police, present in large numbers, arresting 2 demonstrators right off the bat. One lorry was occupied at the Salzburg, Austria/German border by 50 activists who gave the animals food and water. Protesters refused a compromise which pledged that the animals would be rested for 24 hours - they demanded vet attention as they'd witnessed two animals bleeding.

Tensions soon rose when an activist was beaten and arrested as he tried to lock himself onto the lorry. The protesters were warned to disperse and when they didn't, police charged the crowd, pulling hair and beating activists with batons — actions caught on film by Austrian and German TV crews. Soon the lorry was able to pass. Seventeen activists were arrested, putting the number of arrests up to 20. After two hours at the police station, everyone was released and charged with two minor offenses.

The next day, as activists regrouped and prepared for the second night of blockading, several media outlets featured the protesters' efforts. Interviews aired on radio and TV, all major newspapers reported on the actions and scenes of police aggression were shown on national news.

On Saturday evening, activists avoided the heavily guarded borders and went to the lairage (which is also a slaughterhouse) where the successfully blocked lorry from the day before was scheduled to leave at 3 a.m. (after the animals had been rested for 24 hours). The exit of the lairage was blocked by six vehicles with protesters locked on underneath with concrete pipes. About 15 people built a barricade with whatever was lying around, from iron bars to wooden planks and big oil cans, until it was two metres high and occupied by the activists.



At 8 a.m., 17 activists on the barricade were arrested, taking the arrest total to 37. A bulldozer arrived and dug a path through bushes to the lairage, allowing the loaded animal transporter to pass despite the blockade. As the traffic could easily pass through this new gap, the remaining activists unlocked.

On Monday morning, Mr. Fischler - the Austrian EC Agricultural Commissioner who is ultimately responsible for EC animal transport laws and subsidies - was scheduled to give a speech at the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. Several activists snuck into the hall and, at a prime moment, jumped up holding a banner reading: "Stop bloody EC animal transports, Mr. Fischler!" Others waited until the end of the talk to swamp him with questions relating to animal transports. Outside, more activists staged a protest, distributing leaflets, holding banners and showing live animal transport videos on a TV screen.

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As *No Compromise* goes to press, we learned that 50 Austrian activists executed another night of action. Protesters were attacked and beaten by police and run over by transport trucks. Lorries crossed the borders only with heavy police escort.

RECLAIM THE STREETS!

Global Days of Action

Cars are reportedly the second leading killer of animals (next to the food industry); they are also the leading cause of death for endangered species such as the mountain lion in southern California. These statistics don't even begin to touch on such key issues as pollution (both from the manufacture and use of cars) and the habitat lost to roads and the resulting development.

Reclaim the Streets! is a direct action network committed to ending the rule of the car. To bring attention to the auto issue, RTS groups put on parties. But these aren't your typical run of the mill unproductive affairs. One of the key differences is location. RTS Street Parties are, well, in the street. Activists take to the streets and take over the streets - shutting down major highways for their festivities. The size of these parties often makes it extremely difficult for them to be stopped once they get going, but tripods, sand and other deterrents are also used to ensure the party will go on. The actions are usually big because... who doesn't love a party?

Taking this concept a step further, RTS groups decided to make their next street party an international affair. Thus the week beginning May 16th saw parties in 37 cities in 22 countries including: Turkey, Germany, USA, UK, Columbia, Australia, Ireland, Switzerland, Sweden, Slovenia, France, Spain, France, the Czech Republic, Israel, Italy, Finland, the Netherlands, Canada and Croatia. Total protester turn out for the week was estimated to be well over 120,000.

The date for these global street parties just happened to coincide with the G8 Global Summit meeting of the heads of the world's eight most industrialized nations and the 50th anniversary meeting of the World Trade Organization. These two events brought increased attendance to the parties from groups like People's Global Action, helped lend an increased degree of enthusiasm and energy to the festivities, and expanded the focus of the events to include free market globalization as well as car culture.

The week's events ranged from a symbolic march of bound and gagged protesters, a 100 person Gandhian act of civil disobedience and 70,000 person-strong protest, to the over-turning of the Mercedes belonging to the Director of the WTO and out-and-out rioting (of the politically conscientious variety, of course). Cars, a McDonald's and a Pizza Hut, banks and corporate offices were trashed in Geneva, three McDonald's' destroyed in Prague and hundreds upon hundreds arrested, beaten and pepper sprayed by police and hospitalized.

The next meeting of People's Global Action will take place from April 1st 1999 in Bangalore, India. See http://www.agp.org/ .

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Australia *continued*

Monday in court, Patty signed her bail document. Animal Liberation in New South Wales has generously offered to fund a barrister to represent Patty in court against her trespass charge; she is pleading not guilty.

INSPECTED AGAIN - NO PROSECUTION

The RSPCA did another inspection on May 18. This time they found evidence of all the violations the rescue team had reported to them. They witnessed 18 live hens trapped in the manure pits, 18 dead and rotting bodies left in cages with live hens, sick birds and overstocked cages. Even with all this evidence, the RSPCA refuses to prosecute. They stated they gave the owners of Happy Hens a "formal warning" and that if conditions don't improve, prosecution will be much easier in the future. Action should have come four years prior when, in June 1994, the rescue team first appealed to them for help!

Please keep pressure on the RSPCA to prosecute:
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PATTY'S THANKS

Patty sends heartfelt thanks to all the concerned and committed activists who wrote to the RSPCA and to her while in prison. Although she wasn't given much mail while incarcerated, she read every letter when released and they brought tears to her eyes and joy to her soul that so many people cared.

For more information, contact the Action Animal Rescue Team (address on opposite page).

International Animal Rights Gathering Rocks Holland

LEIDEN — The week of April 9 - 16 saw nearly 200 animal rights activists swarm the Eurodusnie squatted school in the tiny city of Leiden, Holland. This first ever international animal rights gathering brought together activists for a week of actions and workshops and succeeded in attracting intense media interest, culminating in a 30 minute segment on a prime time TV chatshow on the closing day.

The gathering kicked off on Saturday with a day of action against McDonald's. Activists from Holland, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Norway, England, Germany, Poland and Spain marched through the streets and entered the first McDonald's, shouting slogans in different languages and disrupting business. One Swedish activist was arrested when he broke a window and was deported after spending four days in custody. Meanwhile, a mobile kitchen outside made vegan pancakes for the public as the march continued towards the next McDonald's. Police had already blocked the front entrance and even closed it down for several hours!

Other actions (including a peaceful protest outside of Holland's last remaining, massive dolphinarium) were spread out through the week. On Wednesday, there was a demo at Pharming (who recently cloned two calves and continue to conduct biotechnological animal research in conjunction with Belgium, the U.S. and Finland). Confrontations with police arose as activists attempted to block Pharming workers from entering and an activist got bitten by a police dog. Then the group leafleted through the city, stopping a poultry lorry on the way.

Also on Wednesday, there were clashes with police at a second protest, this time outside the largest research and breeding establishment in Holland, called TNO. TNO houses the Bio-Primate Research Centre (BPRC)- our main target - which owns the largest European primate colony. When activists pulled a gate down, police retaliated by hitting activists with batons. One demonstrator was injured when an officer hit him in the face with a phone. The cop's colleagues had to forcibly remove him from the protest when he began to attack others.

Thursday's event was a peaceful civil disobedience demo at an Amsterdam calf and sheep slaughterhouse. Demonstrators ensured that the slaughterhouse was closed for the afternoon by blocking the entrance; four activists locked on for hours, without being removed despite a large, and this time peaceful, police presence.

While we were thoroughly overwhelmed by press attention, we were more overwhelmed by the number of people who took part in this event. The organisers weren't the ones who made the week such a success; it was all the dedicated activists who participated. We hope that these gatherings will become bigger and more inspirational than these humble beginnings. Next time we hope there will be some representation from countries outside of Europe!

Throughout the week, a wide variety of workshops were offered. Some included: hunt sabbing discussion groups, a "Liberation Workshop," uniting the Earth and Animal Liberation movements, action technique workshops on climbing and building tripods and one on animal rights camps presented by those involved with U.K. action camps to name a few. Representatives presented their own country's efforts by showing videos and/or talking about their specific animal rights campaigns. One of the highlights was the viewing of the excellent Finnish ALF video.

The International Animal Rights Gathering's week of actions were inspiring to most who attended. The provisional plan is to continue the gatherings, next year in Stockholm, Sweden.

SHADOW ACTIVIST

Ever wondered how those crazy ALF activists liberate animals without getting caught, shatter windows in the blink of an eye and leap tall buildings in a single bound? The Shadow Activist knows! and in each action packed issue of *NC* will answer questions about how intrepid activists on the frontlines are making direct action work for the animals.

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What is the best way to disable a vehicle?

It depends on the vehicle, but your standard diesel engine semi-truck or van can be crippled with a few basic tools. First, it is important to realize that the most obvious forms of sabotage (i.e. breaking windows, slashing tires, etc.) will be immediately noticed limiting the damage to only the exterior of the vehicle. If your target is only one or a few trucks, its worth considering internal engine sabotage which could ruin the whole engine.

To do this you won't want to leave any signs of vandalism but instead, hope that the operator starts the vehicle's engine. If time and cover allows, it is best to infiltrate the oil system which lubricates the crank case. Forget sugar or other items in the gas tank as these will more than likely only clog the fuel filter preventing more extensive damage as fuel filters are easily replaced. Most engines have an oil filler cap at the top of the engine which is where you'll want to add sand or an equally abrasive substance.

If your target is a larger truck, it is worth referencing an engine manual to learn the location of the oil filter in advance so you can easily find it on the engine. Under ideal circumstances, you'll want to have a pair of vise-grips which are adjustable pliers and a crescent wrench (adjustable wrench) to loosen the single bolt that holds the oil filter and cover in place. Be careful as the cover will more than likely be filled with oil. Remove the filter and discard it in a place where it is not visible and fill the cover with any abrasive finely granulated substance and replace the cover and try to leave no trace of your handiwork.

When the operator starts the engine, the abrasive will be injected into the crank case where it will cause major damage to the finely lubricated pistons, cylinders and crank. By the time the operator notices oil pressure dropping, the damage will be done. Its advisable to carry a quart of your own motor oil with you in case you need to wash down any visible abrasive if you're filling from the cap on top of the engine.

There are commercially available products that can be purchased from auto parts stores like valve grinding compound, which is an abrasive paste that can be effectively used to destroy an engine.

The best way to destroy a machine is first, to know how it operates. Then you will learn its most vulnerable mechanisms. While there exists less immediate gratification, covert engine tampering could cost thousands more in damages than just a couple tires and windows. For a comprehensive guide to sabotaging heavy equipment and engines try to find a copy of Dave Foreman's "Eco-Defense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching" by Ned Ludd Books. Happy Hunting!

Slashing tires can be awkward in daylight due to the noise generated and sight of a vehicle losing its inflated tires - are there any alternatives?

Try taking a leather awl or shortened ice pick or any equally sharp, yet thin metal tool and puncture the sidewall of the tire. The damage to the sidewall is unrepairable and the air will be released more slowly. A favorite tactic when a crowd is surrounding police vehicles containing captured comrades arrested at demos or cars and trucks in crowded parking lots.

In the movie "Beverly Hill's Cop", Eddie Murphy stuffs a banana up the tailpipe of a cop car thereby disabling it - is this possible or just more Hollywood high-jinx?

All combustible engines require air flow. An exhaust pipe is the out take discharge for air that has been generated from the ignition of gasoline combined with, of course, carbon. Any object blocking the flow will prevent the engine from firing. I once read in "the Poor Man's James Bond" that a single shotgun shell could be pushed up the tailpipe with any long thin object such as a broomstick until it drops into the muffler which is usually located less than 3 feet from the end of the tailpipe. As the vehicle's engine heats up the muffler, it will eventually ignite the gunpowder in the shotgun shell and blow the muffler off the vehicle. This sounds dangerous, but I'd love to see the face of Joe Fur Farmer when it happens!

Paint stripper can be a suspicious item to carry around in one's vehicle to improve on an animal abuser's vehicle's paint job - is there anything else that is less suspicious yet equally effective in stripping paint?

Yes, try brake fluid. Not only is it less suspicious in one's vehicle, but its cheaper too.



Using Shareholders' Meetings to Benefit the Animals

by Bryan Hall, CAFT/ADL Boston

As the grassroots animal liberation movement grows and matures, so does the wide array of tactics that we have at our side to achieve animal liberation. There are situations, however, when the normal tactics of protest and civil disobedience fail to gain any needed momentum toward ending an animal abusing practice. One such occasion is attempting to tackle the animal abusing practice of a large corporation that has its operations spread out over many states or countries. Tactics often used to confront a local animal abuser may prove insufficient when applied toward a larger target. Therefore, a change in tactics are needed to try and apply as much pressure to the most sensitive pressure points within a company.

One tactic that has been used in the past and most recently in protests against the EKCO Group Corporation and Huntington Life Sciences has been attending Annual General Meetings (AGMs) or stockholders' meetings of animal abusing corporations.

Attending a stockholders' meeting can provide the activists with many benefits:

• If done properly, the risk of arrest is drastically reduced. You have legal permission to be there, and it is illegal for them to kick you out (with obvious exceptions). Without threat of trespass, it allows much more time to interact with company officials and other stockholders. Also, often times there are activists willing to get directly involved but not get arrested. With the threat of arrest greatly reduced, it allows many more to participate who normally wouldn't participate in such an action.

• Attending a shareholders' meeting allows you direct connection with prominent and powerful company officials including CEOs, financial advisors and marketing officials.

• Attending a shareholders' meeting allows you direct connection with some of the companies most prized and honored shareholders. These individuals often have a lot of money, time and energy invested in a company so they are often most open to threats to the profitability of the company.

• Attending a shareholders' meeting allows you to directly vote in both company resolutions and board of director elections. Often times, both of these allow question and answer periods.

• If done far enough ahead of time, shareholding allows you to draft up resolutions for vote at the shareholders' meeting.

• It allows you direct access to important and often sensitive financial information about a company.

To make a shareholders' meeting protest successful, there is a lot of planning and organizing that has to be done before the meeting. The following are a few steps to help organize such a protest:

1. **Do your homework!** Make sure you know when the meeting is. Next, make sure you know where it is being held. Most importantly, make sure you know the cutoff date to buy stock so that you can attend the meeting and speak at it. Often times, in order to vote and speak at a meeting, a company will set a date (often many months) for ownership in a company. If you purchase the stock after that date, you often can still attend a meeting, but vocal participation is drastically limited. Even if you just plan to attend a meeting, make sure it is done at least a week before the meeting. **Never buy the stock a day before the meeting as it often takes days for the stock purchase to register with the corporation and the company will often not let you attend the meeting.** This is the only way that a company can legally prevent you from attending the meeting. All of this information can be acquired from the company itself.

2. Buy the stock. Often times, big name stock brokers require large amounts of money to set up an account. Your best bet is to approach a discount broker or a deep discount broker which will often sell small amounts of stock at discounted prices. Other fees are often applied at places such as these so prepare to lose some money (it will not go to the abusing company, just to the broker).

3. When buying the stock, there are many options one can choose. Every participating member can open up their own account, but that is often time consuming. Your best bet is to open up either an investment club (many owners under one name and account) or have one person buy a large amount of stock and then have it transferred to participating individuals. This often takes time and paperwork, so prepare enough time so that transfer is done properly and effectively.

4. Finally, prepare a plan. Find out, if possible, the schedule of the meeting so you know what is happening when. Have enough literature for the attending shareholders and visual aids if necessary. These meetings are mostly made up of question and answer periods, so prepare large numbers of questions for the company officials. Make sure that there is an outside demonstration for press opportunities and questions and also to distribute informational flyers to the passing public.

Attending a shareholders' meeting brings risks, as one often doesn't know what is going to go on at the meeting until one gets there. If the company is used to animal activist protests and pressure, prepare for security checks, x-ray machines, frisking, etc. Also, you are guaranteed to encounter resistance and confrontation, possibly even physical confrontation, so prepare and expect both. The most important point in attending a shareholders' meeting is continued participation in the meeting. Officials may attempt to cut off microphones, limit speaking times and topics, or fail to recognize your desire to participate. This is all an attempt to silence your views so make sure you keep vocal, even if it means disrupting the meeting.

One suggestion to spice up the meeting has been for the activists to divide up into groups. One "activist" group who confronts the group and then another dummy group of "concerned investors" who are actual activists but who are pretending to be concerned non-activist shareholders. Because company officials will often try to silence activist voices, make sure that this dummy group stands up for the activist group and their right to speak their voice. Finally, dressing up is important, as it not only enhances your professionalism but also limits the visible threat of animal activist disruption.

Shareholders' meetings are important meetings for companies. Some of the most important business goes on here and it allows the best and most effective access to important company officials and investors. Remember, if you have purchased the stock in the time needed to properly own stock, you are legally allowed to attend the meeting. Any attempt to kick you out is illegal. Once in the meeting, be persistent, be prepared for anything to happen and stay vocal throughout the meeting, even if it means disruption.

Government Wages War on Coyote Nation

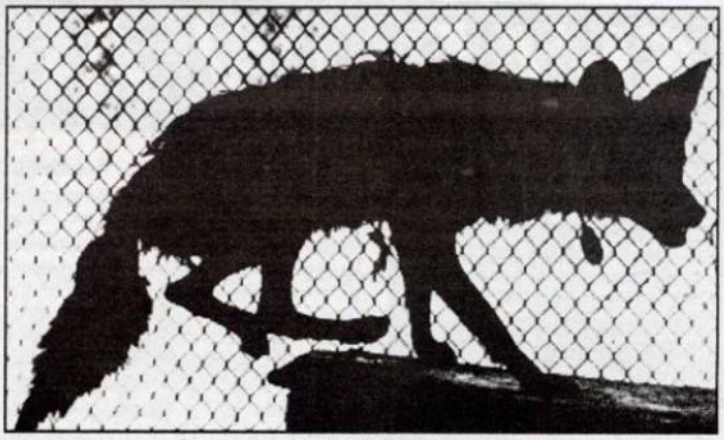
The 1997 bombing of the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-operative and other recent ALF actions in Utah are not the first to target institutional animal abuse in this nation's fur farm capital. In October 1992 an ALF unit raided Utah State University in Logan and the USDA's Predator Research Facility in nearby Millville. ALF volunteers fire bombed the offices of the federal government's Denver Wildlife Research Center (DWRC) head researcher Frederick Knowlton on the USU campus, the DWRC's Predator Research Facility (PRF) itself and liberated 28 coyotes used in animal experiments at the research station which is leased from USU by the USDA's DWRC which is the federal agency that conducts all vivisection on behalf of the USDA's notorious Animal Damage Control (ADC) program.

Six years later, the reconstructed PRF continues to be the DWRC's primary research facility to develop new traps, poisons, baits and other tools and techniques employed by ADC and other ranchers and trappers in their war against coyotes and other predators. At the time of the ALF's raid, ADC was killing 100,000 coyotes a year. In 1996, ADC killed over 85,000 coyotes and tens of thousands of other animals the USDA claims threaten livestock in the U.S. when they are grazed on public and private lands.

The Predator Research Facility is located in rural Millville and comprises a laboratory and office building, groundskeepers house, approximately 12 wedge-shaped, 1/2 acre pens with attached kennels and elevated observation posts and a large kennel where over 80 coyotes are housed in concrete cells 3 feet wide their entire lives except when they are transferred to pens for experimental trials. Some coyote pups at the PRF are separated from their mothers at 8 days of age and hand-raised by researchers who will use them in various lethal and non-lethal experiments. Some coyotes at the PRF are live-trapped from the wild for particular experiments that require the full instincts of a wild animal.

The PRF does not claim to conduct experiments that will benefit humankind in anyway. Their sole purpose is to develop ever new and more efficient means of controlling and killing native wildlife that allegedly threaten cattle and sheep raised for human consumption. While many of the experiments at the PRF appear to be minimally intrusive and sometimes lack the pain and suffering more common in other animal research, it is the intent and purpose of the research that proves to be extremely deadly to coyotes and other predators as a whole. Still, PRF researchers frequently starve captive coyotes prior to experimentation to ensure they will be forced to eat tainted food baits, investigate experimental traps or attack sheep released into the wedge shaped pens. The experiments often result in the coyotes taking hours to die after ingesting poison or becoming violently ill.

The findings of PRF experiments are extrapolated for the benefit of the wild animal control industry as new management techniques and tools where federal or private sector manufacturers develop and produce the experimentally proven baits, poisons and traps to be sold to ranchers and trappers through rancher supply stores or the USDA's Pocatello Supply Depot in Pocatello, Idaho. The Depot supplies predacides, rodenticides and other toxic weapons used by ADC, such as the M-44 cyanide cartridge used in its war against predators. Animal control advances achieved through PRF research are seen in prairies, forest and desert lands across America where hundreds of thousands of coyotes, other predators and non-target animals such as domestic pets will suffer and die when captured, maimed or killed by the traps, poisons and aerial gunning campaigns used by ADC field agents, ranchers and trappers to protect cattle and sheep.



Coyote at Utah's Predator Research Facility

Some of the materials tested in recent years at the PRF on coyotes and funded by DWRC include the Livestock Protection Collar (LPC) which is a collar (now sold by Rancher's Supply in Alpine, Texas) worn by sheep under the throat packed with the deadly compound 1080, a highly toxic chemical poison intended to kill coyotes who prey on sheep grazed in their habitat. In the early '90s PRF researchers experimented with LPC's loaded with radioactive isotopes intended to mark coyotes radioactively who then can be tracked with Geiger counters back to their dens where the entire family unit can be exterminated. In other LPC trials, coyotes were starved prior to having sheep with LPC's released into their pens. Coyotes who attacked the sheep took hours to die from the 1080 poison.

Other experiments at the PRF involving coyotes include trials in the wedge-shaped pens where a coyote's vulnerability to various trapping and poisoning methods are determined through observation of behavioral responses to baits and other objects. The result of which is used to aid trappers and ADC hired killers in developing more efficient trapping techniques.

Many DWRC researchers who work with the PRF (yet operate out of the University of Utah and other campuses) also conduct their experiments in the field on free-roaming coyotes. In one recent experiment, trappers were hired to test various leg-hold traps to determine the variance of leg injuries caused by these cruel and indiscriminate weapons in the ADC arsenal. The results of these experiments? Fractures, amputations, lacerations and other injuries result as trapped coyotes struggle to escape the steel jaws of leg-hold traps while some coyotes attempted to chew off their own trapped feet. Such experiments are the government and fur industry's response to animal welfare concerns and will serve as the official solution to lessen the suffering experienced by animals in leg-hold traps. Currently, the European Economic Community is considering a ban on furs obtained from leg-hold traps in the U.S. which the U.S. has so far been able to avoid by arguing that research such as these experiments is necessary to "improve" leg-hold traps.

Listed in the box to the right are just a few of DWRC's wildlife vivisectionists who, with your tax dollars, finance research that serves as the basis of the USDA's Animal Damage Control program research and development division. All for the benefit of the livestock industry so they might not incur financial losses as a consequence of grazing cattle and sheep on our public lands. The Predator Research Facility operated by the Denver Wildlife Research Center in Utah is the USDA's only research station that caters specifically to developing coyote control methods to protect the U.S. rancher's profits. Its only purpose is to control, kill and manipulate wildlife for one of the industries most responsible for "taming" the West and driving many races of animals to the edge of extinction.

The ALF may have been the first to drag this publicly funded torture chamber for America's wildlife into the light, but now it is the animal liberation and environmental movement's job to campaign against ADC and the PRF until all animal control vivisection laboratories are shut down once and for all. Only then will the U.S. government's terrorist war against the coyote nation and other wildlife on behalf of the livestock industry be stopped.

Major Players

Besides **Frederick Knowlton**, the Director of the PRF who has dedicated the last 30 years to developing the weapons used in the federal government's war against the coyote nation, some of DWRC's other researchers who conduct experiments at the PRF and in the field include **Richard Burns**, a Research Wildlife Biologist who has studied coyotes for over 20 years for ADC.

Others include **Doris Zemlicka** who is a wildlife biologist with DWRC's Predator Ecological and Behavioral Applications Project and whose field of expertise is in reproductive inhibition in wildlife such as coyotes. DWRC with Zemlicka's help is investigating the potential to sterilize ecologically important predators who occasionally prey on livestock.

Peter Savarie is a Research Pharmacologist in the Product Development Section of DWRC and whose research in "vertebrae pest management" has led to the proliferation of rodenticides and predacides and the continued use of fumigants and biomarkers - that is, the toxic poisons, gasses and chemicals used to kill, burn and exterminate native wildlife that occupy the public and private lands grazed by cattle and sheep.

Robert Phillip is another hired killer for DWRC who, as a Wildlife Research Biologist, serves as Project Leader for the agency's Depravation Control Techniques. His current research at the PRF and in the field focuses on the development and "improvement" of tools and techniques used for killing coyotes and other predators.

Ray Sterner is a DWRC researcher whose recent experiments at the PRF have necessitated coyotes being trapped in the wild and transferred to the PRF where they were half-starved and then forced to feed on sheep carcasses tainted with poisons that make them violently ill.

Many DWRC researchers like **Kenneth Gruver** were once government trappers. Previous to his DWRC employment, Gruver worked as an ADC "specialist" in Texas where he was responsible for killing tens of thousands of coyotes, prairie dogs, foxes, badgers and other wildlife to protect that state's politically and economically powerful livestock industry.

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STRATEGIES & CAMPAIGNS
For A More Effective Movement

What do we want? Animal Liberation! When do we want it? NOW!!! How are we going to get it??? That is the question that we must answer if we are to achieve our goals. At a time when many of us are re-evaluating our tactics, we decided to spotlight some effective campaigns from around the globe and present the views of a few among us, in an effort to open up a dialogue on strategic action.

Making Our Actions Count

by Dari Fullmer

THIS IS IT

It's about 2:00 AM, at least as close as you can figure, since you left your watch back at the apartment. Regardless, cars going by are few and far between, so it must be late enough. As you turn the corner reality hits you. "This is it" rings in your head with such clarity you almost say it out loud. Seeing the store at the opposite end of the block - it all looks so different. Save only the pale orange glow of the street lights, inky blackness covers everything. Yet in your head, it's all clear - everything's clear. Tiny drops of freezing rain, barely more than mist, sift down through the air. The thunderstorm you had been hoping for never materialized, but this was good enough. It had to be good enough.

Quickly, you eye the block, counting the number of storefronts you'll have to pass. "Five. Just five more to go." As you pass the first, a stiff wind blows the droplets, illuminated by the streetlights, into perfect formation. The cold cuts through you and your knees begin to shake. Unsure of whether it's the cold or your fear, you take a deep breath and steady yourself. At the second, paranoia hits. "Did I prepare enough for this?" "Is it late enough?" "Am I ready?" The questions come so quick there is no time for answers. A quick glance behind reveals no movement, except a plastic bag, caught in a gust of wind, sliding across the street.

All questions asked at the second find their answer at the third, as a flood of images invade your head. Downer cows, chickens' throats being sliced by an unrelenting machine... The films play over and over again. You couldn't stop them if you wanted to. Reality comes crashing back at the fourth.

Some deep rooted sense of self preservation hits you with all the doubt it can find. The blow lands, and sends you sideways a step, convincing you to go around the block once, to think things over. Before the next step in that direction falls, the despairing black eyes of the downer cow set you back to your course.

One away, and another nervous glance behind reveals nothing. "This is it." You find a certain sense of relief in this. Things could still go very wrong, but there's nothing you can do about it anymore. It's been set into motion, and there's no stopping. All is in fate's hands now.

As you reach your target, the voices that had been warring in your head are switched off, and you become a machine of singularity and purpose. You quickly slip a brick out of the front pouch of your sweatshirt. Like an Olympic athlete approaching the long jump, your steps become carefully measured. As you bring your arm back, your body tenses, preparing for the horrible and beautiful sound of a thousand dollars worth of glass shattering under the weight of your convictions. This is the last time in your life you would want to hesitate. But wait...

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THE FINAL GOAL

This is war. Of that there is no questioning. Yet all too often we do not look at it as such.

Winning a war requires well thought out and long term strategies, all directed at one final goal. Only once these are understood can specific tactics and actions, functioning within within those strategies, be brought into motion. If such a hierarchy of strategy is followed, those specific tactics and actions will fall into place to take their part in the overall strategy, and thus into victory. Successful actions build into successful battles. Successful battles build into a successful war

But most often we are unable to see past the broken window. It is set, understood and accepted that broken windows means lives saved. Glued locks means lives saved. Burned buildings means lives saved. Rarely do we look beyond the lowest levels of strategy, actions and tactics to see how what we are doing affects overall strategy and our final goal.

The result is random, and often meaningless actions. When used in combination with other tactics, and following a linear path to our final goal, these actions become devastating. Direct action, by it's very nature, is powerful. Whether its full power is realized depends on whether it is used randomly, or within a strategy. Direct action without strategy is as useless as a bullet without a gun. The first step of any strategy is a goal - a final goal, which every action will be building directly towards. Without this final goal, regardless of how powerful you may be or how hard you fight, you will lose. Our final goal is obvious - animal liberation.

Every action we undertake, whether above or below ground, small or large, must be directly aimed towards this final goal. Moreover, we need a clear understanding of how that action will function within the larger strategies to move us towards that goal. Very few of us today played a part in the initial building of this movement. Thus, we came in at a point when lower level strategies and specific tactics had already been put into place. It is only natural that we accept them as effective.

Yet times change, situations change, people change. As well, simply because something already has been done, does not mean it is perfect, or even correct. We must not be afraid to completely re-evaluate our actions by examining the entire strategy employed towards animal liberation, and moreover, to change it as we see fit. Without constant questioning and rethinking we will be unable to adapt. Nowhere is this more true than in the world of direct action.

ROAD TO VICTORY

We know what we want - animal liberation. But first we need to define what that is. An even handed definition might be: the abolition of all industries, businesses, customs and practices that utilize animals, and the realization, on the part of all humanity, that all animals deserve rights to freedom and protection from exploitation equal to that which we would grant ourselves.

This definition is based in two parts: the first involving the demise of abusive industries, and the second involving the education of the masses. Though separate, these two goals are complexly intertwined, and even codependent. Achieving either completely on it's own will result in the other. If the concept of animal liberation is accepted by the masses, they will no longer patronize abusive industries and thus, those industries will no longer exist. Conversely, if the abusive industries cease to exist, there will be no products of abuse to consume.

If we choose to use direct action as part of our strategy towards animal liberation, we must objectively and honestly look at how direct action is effective and equally important, how it is not effective. First we must consider why we employ direct action and what it is we hope to accomplish with it. There are numerous secondary and incidental benefits of direct action, such as instances in which an action gives a platform to educate the public. For instance, media coverage from a fur farm raid may include images of animals at that farm or a similar one being killed, serving to educate the public. However, such opportunities are not regularly under the control of those carrying out actions and therefore can not be taken into strategic consideration. What is under the control of those carrying out an action is the physical effect to the abusive establishment.

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STRATEGICALLY COORDINATING CAMPAIGNS

by David Hayden

THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-STRATEGIC ACTION

Examining the role strategy can play in achieving animal liberation should in no way be taken as a condemnation of non-strategic action. It too, has its place. We can not always take the time to do all the background research and planning we would like - but we must not use that as an excuse for failing to act.

Neither can we, nor should we, always react to every situation with level-headed analysis. The torture and killing of billions of animals each year is not something to be taken lightly. Moral outrage and direct re-action to these atrocities should not be considered an 'embarrassment' to be swept under the rug. These reactions merely show we're not unfeeling machines.

Rational long-term strategies with well thought out tactics should have a very important place in our movement, but we must not forget what we're fighting for. An effective movement will not entirely be ruled by impulsive and reactive responses to the exploitation, abuse and murder of our comrade species, but neither will it be as effective if we completely sacrifice our moral outrage to detached rationality and analytical planning.

EMERGENT STRATEGIES

At times when we take action for the animals without any set strategy in mind we may find, in retrospect, that our actions appear as if they had been strategically planned. Furthermore, we may discover that, although we had not previously coordinated with other individuals or groups who were also working on the same issue, our actions have complemented each other's thereby enabling us to achieve victory.

For example, the animal liberation movement's campaign against the fur industry has met with much success, yet to a large extent this is due to the actions of autonomous groups focusing their time and energy on different areas of the anti-fur wars in what is largely an uncoordinated manner. While mainstream and national animal protection groups have focused on educating the public, militant grassroots activists have set their sites on point of sale industries with disruptions and civil disobedience actions and the ALF has targeted the supply side of the industry by liberating mink and targeting fur industry research and feed co-ops.

To a great extent, the degree of effectiveness we have achieved is the result of different groups recognizing niches that have not yet been filled within the anti-fur movement, then acting to fill them. Given the autonomous nature of most animal liberation groups this becomes extremely important. Unfortunately, when we fail to develop strategically coordinated campaigns, or sufficiently take into account existing work being done by other groups, we may also find that much of our work has been redundant, that resources have been inefficiently allocated or simply that we could have achieved our goals much more quickly if we'd approached them in a more coordinated manner.

STRATEGIC GOAL SETTING

We must first identify the general scope of the issue we will address. Are we attempting to achieve the eradication of all forms of dominionism, total animal liberation or simply an end to the fur trade?

Once we have that high level goal in mind we can begin to analyze what it would mean to actually achieve that goal. What would a world in which there was no exploitation and abuse of animals be like? What sorts of changes would need to occur before this could happen, or is it even possible to achieve such a goal?

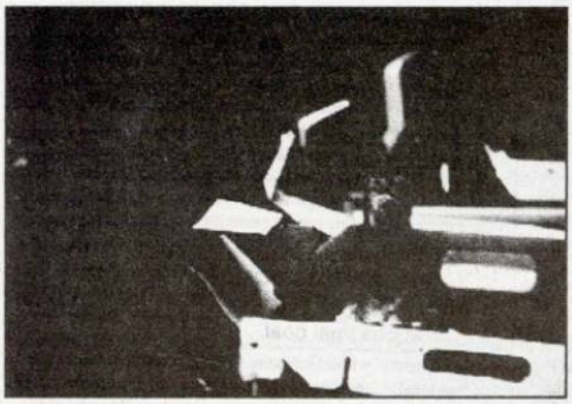
Given the goal of achieving animal liberation, we may work towards achieving this at a macro and/or a micro-level. The

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The Gentle Revolution: Direct Action In Australia

by Coral Hull

Direct action and nonviolent civil disobedience on behalf of animals are effective forms of political protest and public education. At its best, direct action on behalf of animals in Australia is a well-orchestrated event, closely associated with public education. At its worst, it's a few disorganized people wandering around on paddocks after dark just for the adrenaline rush. Direct action where animal rescue is the primary motivation, helps an animal by saving his or her life.



A successful rescue operation is a significant victory for animals that can literally occur overnight. In its less immediate form, direct action saves lives through public education when media exposure of video footage or other documentation obtained from the animal farm occurs. After viewing the undercover footage as part of the nightly news or a current affairs program, the public will be confronted with the animal suffering originally only witnessed by the animal rights activist.

Civil disobedience on behalf of animals in Australia is still in its infancy. Apart from the Melbourne-based Coalition Against Duck Shooting, which runs a large-scale rescue operation every year during duck season, there is no effectively organized group involved in a large-scale direct action campaign. Yet, many activists—both as individuals and with various groups—have expended enormous amounts of time and energy in an effort to rescue sick and dying animals and to attain video footage of conditions inside battery hen farms, puppy factories and intensive piggeries in Australia.

Much of this video evidence has been used by the media and, if capitalized on correctly, can also be used to educate the public and school students during presentations or sold as an educational product. Activists will often participate in these actions using their own financial resources, and, due to the illegal nature of the activities, with the risk of arrest. It is, in many ways, a leaderless resistance with participants coming and going at whim. The generally disorganized nature of the operations means that activists are often not properly utilized.

EXPOSING ANIMAL CRUELTY

Animal rights activists in Australia generally adopt the role of inspectors, placing properties under surveillance and looking for specific forms of cruelty that may lead to a prosecution of the animal farmer. They have often tried to work within the law by reporting cases of animal cruelty to the police and have regularly reported findings to welfare organizations such as the RSPCA.

In 1996, a number of activists took 50 featherless battery hens to the RSPCA headquarters in Melbourne, demanding that the farmer responsible be prosecuted. No prosecution occurred but the action received wide media coverage. Some of the hens were in such bad condition that they had to be euthanized. The ones who could be saved went to loving homes. In this way, direct action is good for the animals themselves. Even if no documentary evidence is used by the media, the lives of animals who are fortunate enough to be rescued are changed forever.

THE GENTLE REVOLUTION

At its core, animal rights is about stopping the extreme cruelty that is inflicted upon animals within the context of our changing moral culture. One way of ensuring that this happens is by legally abolishing the property status of all non-human animals. Another is by public education and by moving abused animals to a place where their right to physical security is upheld and respected. Whether rescuing an injured duck from the wetlands during duck shooting season or a dying piglet from an intensive piggery, those animals' lives are at the centre of the direct action rescue operation. Direct action on behalf of animals in Australia is the gentle revolution.

As a general rule, it is fairly easy to access intensive animal farms in Australia. Yet, the successful employment of any direct action is hard work, expensive, time consuming and takes a lot of organization. Additionally, the media isn't always looking for that kind of story and becomes disinterested quickly. When engaging in any form of illegal direct action or civil disobedience on behalf of animals, there is always the chance of detection with the occurrence of actual arrests and convictions of activists.

Once sheds are accessed, activists come face-to-face with animals in the most appalling situations. To say that this is a grueling emotional experience is an understatement.

Furthermore, intensive animal farms are risky places in which to work if the activists are unfamiliar with the layout. They are unpleasant environments to be in at the best of times. And, in the middle of the night they take on an even more foreboding atmosphere with the hum of machinery, sensor lights, electric fences, alarm systems and the intermittent cries of agonized animals penetrating the darkness. Add to this unknown chemicals, effluent canals, foreign machinery and sharp industrial materials, and there may be a considerable risk involved for any activists attempting to rescue animals and document horrendous conditions existing for animals inside.

Once sheds are accessed, activists come face-to-face with animals in the most appalling situations. To say that this is a grueling emotional experience is an understatement. Every person who has ever been involved in a rescue operation or an on-site protest on behalf of animals in Australia has a personal horror story. There is no easy emotional path to the nightmarish world of the intensive animal factory farm.

If the animal rights movement intends to expose the suffering inflicted upon animals inside intensive farms, someone has got to do the dirty work; the animal farmers aren't about to show the public what they are doing to animals. Fortunately, the Australian media and the public have been very supportive of direct action on behalf of animals. The TV networks will often rely on undercover footage obtained by activists inside intensive factory farms and many reporters and journalists have attended animal farms with activists, actually going inside to experience the cruelty for themselves.

Animals are being rescued, the media is running the story and showing the undercover video footage and, most importantly, the activists have public support for their work...

The Australian animal rights movement continues to have its share of undercover investigations and small rescue operations occurring at various animal industries at any given time. Direct action in Australia is basically an educational operation. It does not occur with the aim to damage property and imprisoned animals are not released en masse, as is the case with the mink releases of the northern hemisphere. Instead activists take photographic equipment, video cameras and dictaphones inside intensive farms. They will also record their experience in notepads. With documentary evidence of animal cruelty obtained, public education continues years after the farm has been accessed and exposed.

DIRECT ACTION TACTICS: AUSTRALIA AND THE U.S.

There are significant differences between the tactical approach of two countries, such as Australia and the U.S., in regards to direct action taken on location at animal farms. While Australian activists attempt to expose the cruelty by surprising the animal abusers, the overall operation is more overt with the aim of obtaining media footage and rescuing injured and distressed animals.



Also, activists here often attempt to work with the authorities. By contrast, the U.S. activist avoids the authorities and covertly aims to permanently disable the animal industry. In Australia there are no political prisoners in relation to illegal animal rights activities and very few arrests and convictions occur, even when it is obvious that activists are breaking the law, whereas activists in the U.S. and the U.K. may end up spending many years in jail for the cause.

It would be interesting to see how authorities supporting these cruel industries would increase their diligence if the animal rights movement began to apply specific pressure to a particular animal industry by the employment of large-scale nonviolent civil disobedience, with the sole intention of closing down that industry. Direct action in Australia in its present form is basically non-threatening. It is used as a form of animal rights education rather than as an end in itself.

Yet in its present state, it still remains an effective tactic on behalf of animal rights. Animals are being rescued, the media is running the story and showing the undercover video footage and, most importantly, the activists have public support for their work. Activists also promote their activities and media coverage appears to be the ultimate aim of any action undertaken. As to whether this kind of overt direct action would be as successfully implemented in a country such as the U.S. is open to discussion. At present, the type of tactics employed by activists on behalf of animals in Australia seem to be a form of protest unique to this country alone.

There is no doubt that the Australian animal rights movement should nurture its direct action activists and political protesters. The larger, more conservative animal welfare organizations need people to go inside and obtain evidence of the cruelty that is being inflicted upon farmed animals, without prior knowledge by the authorities. The truth about the intensive animal farming industry is to be found out on the farms themselves. At the same time, the public needs to be educated.

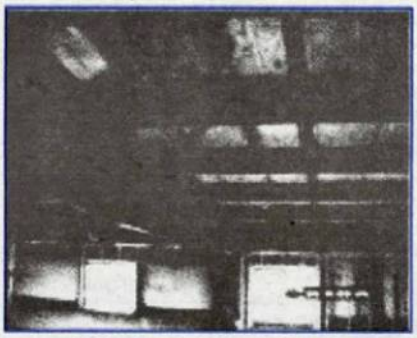
It is therefore the responsibility of the grassroots activists to be focused, organized and professional in their approach to rescue operations and non-violent civil disobedience. Activists need to strengthen their position with regards to the distribution of invaluable documentation obtained on farms. Sanctuaries need to be administered and maintained for rescued ex-farm animals. And, most importantly, legal support for activists needs to be in place.

Factors such as these have to be seriously considered if direct action activists are to make a significant contribution to the animal rights movement. In Australia, we are fortunate in that the media is presently supportive of animal issues and the public are keen to receive knowledge about the animal industries. Unfortunately, there is still a rift existing between the professional animal welfare organizations and the underfunded, disorganized activists in this country. When the two separate groups meet in order to resolve their differences and assist each other, it will be the animals who stand to benefit.

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Bite Back Against Fur!

The fur trade is possibly the oldest commercial enterprise in North America. While millions of wild furbearing animals are still trapped in the United States for their fur, the popularity and demand for primarily shorter length fur has led to the reliance on the captive-bred mink industry to provide the international fur market's demand. Approximately 400,000 wild mink are trapped annually in the U.S. alone with another approximately 2,700,000 mink slaughtered on the U.S.'s approximately 450 mink farms making the U.S. second only to Denmark and Holland for fur farmed mink pelt production. The U.S. fur farm industry is composed of a network of less than 500 fur farms including less than 50 fox farms, chinchilla farms and a small handful of farms which breed bobcat and lynx for their fur.



Inside the gutted fur feed Co-Op

Supporting these fur farms are feed manufacturers that are in turn supplied by poultry producers, fish processors and grainaries which provide the protein-rich diet necessary for predators such as mink and fox. Other supporting players in the fur farm industry are researchers studying diseases and the nutritional requirements that affect the pelt quality of captive-raised mink and fox. There are also pelt processors who prepare the skins for auction and the buyers and auction houses themselves who market fur-farmed and wild-trapped pelts to designers and clothing manufacturers in the garment industry who transform the proverbial 40 mink into a fur coat, more if they are female mink. The total revenue of the U.S. fur trade is estimated at just over $1 billion.

Vying with Wisconsin as the nation's number one state for the production of fur-farmed mink pelts, Utah represents a major spoke in what is the wheel of the U.S. fur farm industry. In 1995, Utah boasted 130 fur farms, annually slaughtering approximately 400,000 captive mink and 4,000 captive fox. Integral to Utah's fur farm industry is the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative whose 200 fur farmer and trapper members support the Co-op's feed production, research, promotion, marketing, legislative and educational efforts. The U.S.'s second largest fur farm feed producer, UFBAC headquarters is located just south of Salt Lake City in Sandy, Utah and serves members and customers in Utah and Idaho not only with feed, but also with fur farm equipment such as mesh wire, drying drums, feed mixers, skinning machines and pelting supplies necessary to fur farm operations.

Fur Breeders employs approximately 50 people and besides its' Sandy location, owns and operates a fish rendering plant and chicken processing plant in California and a processing plant in Logan, Utah. All operations are directed from the Sandy headquarters where Fur Breeders maintains a feed processing plant, laboratory and experimental fur farm, a dispatch and administrative office and a fleet of long-haul semi-tractor trailers used to transport pelts for processing and sales as well as for the transportation of feed, equipment and supplies to its' members and other customers. In addition, Fur Breeders headquarters also houses maintenance and storage facilities and a small retail store that sells specialized fur farm products from the U.S., U.K. and Scandinavia to Co-op members. Twice a year, fur-farmed mink and fox pelts from Utah's fur farms are transported by Fur Breeders to the Seattle Fur Exchange and North American Fur Auctions annual sales in Washington and New Jersey.

According to investigators, Fur Breeders supplies approximately 20% of the national demand for fur or about 2% of the international market. This translates into the lives of over half a million mink and fox killed by Fur Breeder members and customers. A service of Fur Breeders that is im-perative to the world's entire fur farm in-dustry is the research conducted by Fur Breeder-financed vivisectors.

Only a few experimental fur farms remain in this country such as those located at Washington State University in Pullman, Michigan State University in East Lansing, a farm operated by National Foods in Wisconsin and the Fur Breeders farm at its Sandy location. A few other mink researchers from Utah State University, Idaho State University and the University of Minnesota conduct their experiments on-site at local fur farms.

Much of the vivisection centers on either controlling diseases mink contract as a result of their intensive confinement and in-breeding or researching the effects on fur quality and breeding of various dietary ingredients, additives and implants. Other experiments involve using artificial light to manipulate the length of time it takes a mink to breed, give birth and grow to the present average age of 7 months when mink are slaughtered. The successful application of findings obtained through the kind of research conducted at Fur Breeders and other experimental fur farms will result in the continued growth in the commercial exploitation and slaughter of what was, just 100 years ago, a fully-wild North American predator.

THE ACTION:

With galvanized pipe, screws and bits of metal purchased from Home Depot, smokeless powder from a sports store and fuses from a hobby and toy store, 6 pipe bombs were constructed with 5 minute fuses. Early in the morning on March 11, 1997 an Animal Liberation Front (ALF) active service unit entered the grounds of Fur Breeders headquarters in Sandy, Utah. While an ALF volunteer entered the administrative and dispatch office through a broken window, other ALF volunteers placed 5 of the 6 pipe bombs beneath the semi-tractor trailer trucks on the south side of the building.

Meanwhile the ALF volunteer in the offices poured a mixture of gasoline and motor oil onto the office's second floor and planted the sixth pipebomb before igniting it and exiting the building. At approximately 2 a.m. all 6 pipebombs exploded causing zero causalities but heavily damaging 7 trucks and igniting a fire which burned nearly all the second floor of the administrative offices and causing considerable damage in the retail store located on the ground floor below the offices.

The financial loss to Fur Breeders was rivaled only by the actual disruption of business the ALF operation caused to the Utah fur industry. The summer months are an important time for fur farmers as the nutritional needs of captive mink must be maintained by a strict diet supplied by Fur Breeders if they are to promote the growth of high quality fur. Monetary damage to the Fur Breeders offices was $350,000 with another $340,000 in damage to the contents of the building including the damaged inventory of fur farm equipment and pelting supplies in the retail store. The total property loss including damage done to 7 trucks was approximately $1 million.

But the initial damage caused by the ALF's action was just the beginning. According to Dale Christensen, chief financial officer for Fur Breeders, prior to the ALF action, $125,000 was annually paid for insurance. Following the raid, the Fur Breeders insurers, Mutual Services Insurance of Minnesota paid out $700,000 in claims to the Co-op and then quickly dropped Fur Breeders as high-risk clients. As a result, Fur Breeders was forced to find less coverage from 4 different insurance companies and now pays $250,000 every year in insurance costs. The increased costs to Fur Breeders that resulted from the ALF's actions ($125,000 annually) are passed down to each of the Co-op's 200 members and increases the costs to operate their fur concentration camps, not to mention reducing the profits each member can expect to realize at the auction houses.

The Fur Breeders was targeted because it is a vital link in the Utah fur farm industry. The successful raid was one of the most effective operations in the ALF's anti-fur farm campaign "Operation Bite Back" which was resumed after a short hiatus in 1995. Utah has seen more than a few large-scale mink liberations at its farms including one at the Fur Breeders itself in 1996 that resulted in 75 mink from the experimental fur farm being released from their cages.



$1 million to Utah's fur feed Co-Op

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RUN JOSH RUN!

The ALF's campaign of economic sabotage and animal liberations is a necessary element in the struggle to regain the respect and appreciation for beings the fur trade sees only as a resource to be ruthlessly exploited. Joshua Ellerman has exercised his right to refuse the injustice the federal government reserves for non-violent revolutionaries and has gone underground. Now what is necessary for the greater animal liberation movement is for us to recognize that our struggle has now been fully criminalized.

ALF volunteers must now face a criminal justice system that identifies them as terrorists who pose a greater threat than those who intentionally target human beings for violent attacks. ALF volunteers who have for years only targeted the machines and buildings designed for the destruction of sentient beings will now be seen by federal prosecutors in the same light as those with a total disregard for all life. Such is the reality any movement must face once they employ the tactics of a true revolutionary movement like the one we have become as we stand alone between the abuser and the abused.

If we are to not only survive this latest escalation of government repression, but also grow despite it, we must not only build the physical support necessary to sustain such a resistance, but also take more personal steps in becoming the ALF. Do not leave a struggle as important as ours, the one that most represents the voice of other-than-human lives we share the planet with, to others. This is your generation's greatest responsibility to not only animals, but also to the earth. Take an active part in it. We all have our part to play.

We must also remember the lessons learned in our own movement's past. In 1993, when the federal government indicted ALF volunteer Rod Coronado who also went underground, the Feds responded with grand jury subpoenas served on many of his friends and associates. Physical and electronic surveillance was also increased on the A/R and EF! movements as federal law enforcement agencies stepped up their hunt for an ALF fugitive. We must expect this and much more as the federal government begins to recognize that the ALF is a resistance that cannot be easily broken.

Do not speculate openly over the phone or on e-mail about Ellerman's whereabouts or speak of anything that the Feds might benefit from through electronic surveillance. A recent Department of Justice report reveals that court-sanctioned wire taps on telephones, e-mail, faxes and cellular phones are at a 30 year high. The report further details the skyrocketing number of criminal prosecutions that depend heavily on such evidence. Electronic surveillance can be the primary source of information a federal grand jury uses to determine which activist to pressure for information on the ALF and its volunteers. Do not say anything over the phone or computer you wouldn't say to a federal agent.

Remember, Josh is out there. He has joined his animal relations who themselves are hunted and imprisoned by those who would hunt and imprison him. If he is to remain free we must not take his charges lightly. Josh's freedom and that of the ALF is at stake just as is the freedom of the millions of animals hunted and imprisoned by the fur trade. Let's show the animal and earth abusers and those who sanction their life-destroying industries that the ALF's campaign against the fur trade and our support for it will not end until the last fur farm cage and trap is empty.

SHUTTING DOWN UK LAB BREEDERS Act II: Hillgrove Farm

Inside the large rambling house cowers a man and his wife; and not for the first time. He jumps as the window to his side is struck and crashes inward, sending glass fragments spraying across the room and ricocheting from walls. A hail of stones and bricks follows, some larger and more cumbersome, others smaller and aimed with an accuracy and precision reserved for fine bullets. He wedges himself even further into the corner and clasps his ears as a rattle from above indicates the tell-tale sounds of tiles falling, slipping from the angular roof and collecting more tiles on the way as masonry and rocks slam onto their surface. Smashing and breaking and crashing to the floor leaving behind faint patches of daytime sky hovering through the roof like a critical eye. It begins to rain.



Outside, the masses have gathered. Over one thousand of them. From every corner of the UK and Europe they have traveled; and not for the first time. They circle the width and length of the property; anonymous figures in army fatigues, masked, ageless, genderless; slipping through the trees on one side or standing motionless on the dirt fields on the other. Mingling with them are other concerned citizens - members of the local community, children, the disabled, priests and pensioners. People from all backgrounds, from all classes, people of all colour. People with different religions, different diets, different politics; people who would never normally have met. Only one thing unites them all - a communal abhorrence and disgust at a trade that sends kittens to the cutting tables of labs around the world.

Between the masses and the man who cowers inside are reels of barbed wire, huge metal fencing and temporary barricades erected for the occasion surrounding what appears to be an innocuous farmhouse on its own acreage and converting it to a house under siege. Behind the barricades are row upon row of riot police, men and womyn drafted in from neighbouring forces to provide personal security to one of the most hated men in Britain.

Welcome to Hillgrove Farm! 'Farmer' Chris Brown has been operating his sordid business for 28 years on the outskirts of Oxfordshire, UK, with little or no interference until now. In that period he has sentenced over 20,000 cats and kittens to their deaths, boxing them up at 12 weeks old and delivering them to an unimaginable fate in the hands of surgical butchers. Brown's chosen function in life is to bring creatures into this world, to intentionally encourage the creation of life in order to abuse it, to desecrate it, to ultimately destroy it at their most needy, at the most vulnerable stage of their lives for what amounts to trinkets, for 'things', for personal financial gain, for material betterment, for status. Chris Brown is a nasty little capitalist whose empire of useless objects is built on the premise that in a world of property vs. lives, it is ultimately property which wins and lives are trod underfoot in the stampede for individual wealth.

The Hillgrove Campaign developed and evolved for many fundamental reasons and its success so far can be attributed to a variety of factors not normally present in their entirety during one-off demonstrations. But long before this, a period of stagnation had occurred. With many people in prison on technically serious charges and looking at long sentences, it also extended the gulf between those who believed in non- violent direct action and those who didn't, and what ensured were unpublicised smaller acts of illegal action on the one hand and the purely legal campaigning efforts of others on the other. An air of despondency and lack of direction followed, helped along by the advent of a National general election in which opposition leader Tony Blair promised anti-cruelty reforms. A large part of the movement, it appeared, was holding its hypothetical breath and was prepared to clutch at the proverbial straw, allowing internal but hesitant optimism to replace the usual suspicion of parliamentary reform.

It took a hunger strike by ALF prisoner Barry Horne, currently serving an 18 year sentence that triggered a series of sustained and spontaneous campaigns against vivisection and in particular against a beagle breeding facility called Consort Ltd. Fueled by the prospect of a man unable to vent his own anger against a cause so dear to his heart and stoked even further by the cries of the dogs themselves only a stones throw away from the clearly visible protesters, the campaign to close down Consort provided a platform which, amongst other things, bridged a gap between the legal and illegal and fused the two into one solid and ongoing action for the animals and in particular for pen after pen of beagles who bonded with the activists during nighttime sojourns and daytime demos.

Like Hillgrove, which was to follow, the campaign incorporated a whole range of diverse tactics, each of which would undoubtedly have been futile in isolation. From peaceful picketing to harassment, from criminal damage to liberations and all this by people as diverse as the strategies. With the political gap bridged however, and with people crossing the line between legal and illegal, the police were not able to identify and criminalise those they suspected of being ringleaders because the fluidity of actions were being committed by all, with schoolchildren and pensioners playing as big a part as long serving activists. The police were still heavy handed in their approach but they suffered a blow, knowing that suddenly the usually close-knit sub- culture of Animal Rights had the floodgates opened and was welcoming ordinary members of the public whose only contact with A/R had been negative press coverage.

The concept of taking personal responsibility for animal liberation was spreading and, frighteningly enough for the police, the usually disempowered masses were raising themselves off their knees to stand brave and proud before police lines furiously demanding an end to vivisection. Added to this was the Channel 4 documentary which revealed an infiltration of the notorious Huntingdon Life Sciences laboratory where employees were filmed punching and kicking a beagle during and after an injection. Consort was a supplier to HLS and this whipped up a frenzy of activity which proved a constant financial and psychological nightmare for them and in the end, as was predicted, hoped and prayed for, they closed having sold some of their dogs to HLS and with the remaining being bought by animal welfare campaigners and rehomed.

This proved a huge morale boosting operation and emotions and intent were high. People became aware of the inherent power of collective action and the frustrations of fruitless years of campaigning beforehand dissolved with the acknowledgment that with solidarity and commitment and a resolve to win - we can and we will. The positive energy that infected everyone was redirected to Hillgrove Farm and has amassed support and numbers ever since.

Strategically, Hillgrove is a viable target. Firstly, it is financially isolated in that it has no parent, sister or subsidiary company upon which to draw funds. Secondly, it is geographically isolated allowing room for large scale numbers of people and actions. Thirdly, he and his secondary business - a bed & breakfast service is also on site and fourthly, he is the last remaining cat breeder for vivisection in the UK. His closure will effectively force labs to either import or to extend their own facilities and which can be fought at the planning stage easier than a business already up and running. So this far, Brown doesn't have a great deal going for him! But then neither do the cats in his charge.

Historically, cats haven't fared too well in Europe, especially during the middle ages when thousands were burnt or drowned alongside women pagans and healers of local villages. We don't burn 'witches' anymore but, what we, in all our glorified civilization, do still to cats is far far worse. No-one, least of all Brown knows exactly what will happen to the kittens he ships around the world, but we can hazard a guess. Cats are used in pain experiments, blindness experiments, neurological experiments. They are used in sleep deprivation, electric shock testing, disability and psychological impairment experiments. Every evil and painful sadistic act that has ever been thought up has been used on cats; and Brown is a man who traded in his very soul the day he first saw a kitten and saw a sack of silver in its place.

And so the campaign began in earnest. Co-ordination up and down the UK ensured that numbers were available and Oxfordshire being just southwest of Central meant that it was a fairly convenient location to travel to as part of a national effort. Thousands of leaflets were designed and distributed to homes, shops, libraries and businesses in Oxfordshire by activists walking day and night to see every inch of the area covered. Every home had details of Hillgrove Farm and the business conducted there pushed through their letter boxes, in an effort to win local community support. Posters depicting Farmer Brown's face and his phone number suddenly appeared on lamp-posts and letters appeared in local papers each week generating opinion and debate among the local populace. Farmer Brown became a household name, a topic of conversation, a figure of disgust. The local council were approached, journalists befriended, local town meetings organised which ordinary families in Oxford attended. People who would never have even questioned the ethics of vivisection now found themselves at the forefront of demonstrations and far more open to the whole arena of animal abuse.

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Hillgrove Actions
Since the Time of this Writing

March 19, 1998 - Billy Butler (Farmer Brown's right hand man) was treated to a home visit he night that Kievan Hickey was sentenced to 12 months for handling a stolen cat following a protest at Hillgrove Farm (see " A Liberator's Story" page 28). Rocks were thrown through the windows of the house occupied by this man who, activists remember all too well, smashed in the window of a car holding 2 female protesters and a child during a previous demonstration at the breeding farm.

April 18, 1998 - Protesters stormed the Hillgrove cat farm as part of a World Day for Animals in Laboratories demonstration. Ten people were arrested as riot police attempted to stop the 800 strong crowd from breaking into the farm. Security fencing was breached and the farmhouse (as well as the 300+ police cordon) came under a hail of stones and missiles. Many have reported injuries and several were hospitalized.

May 10, 1998 - During this week, three of the remaining workers had their houses and cars attacked in a co-ordinated campaign and within minutes of each other. No arrests.

May 26, 1998 - A van was driven across the driveway leading to the farm, a woman attached herself to the steering wheel and the van's tyres were slashed. Three were arrested.

Whilst this was going on, a related protest was taking place at Par Air (who reportedly tranport animals for Hillgrove) with about 20 noisy protesters. The police were there in plenty, over 30 police officers with others mounted on horseback. There were no arrests and the press coverage was good at both demos.

May 28, 1998 - Four 6 week old kittens were rescued from the farm during the day. They were reportedly boxed up for dispatch to a lab when an intrepid activist(s) entered, undetected and rescued them from certain torture and death.

May 31, 1998 - Hundreds of campaigners gathered at the farm to call for its closure. Farmer Brown, piled manure alongside the perimeter fence to keep the demonstrators at bay. There were 33 arrests - 24 in relation to the April 18 protest, who were identified from police video.

There is a video available at five pounds in the UK and eight pounds for addresses outside the UK highlighting the plight of laboratory cats and showing recent demo footage from:

Save the Hillgrove Cats Campaign
Box CB 111 Magdelen Rd., Oxford OX4 1RQ

Finishing the Fur Trade: A Strategy for the End of the 20th Century

by JP Goodwin

I became involved in animal rights activism in 1989. At that time, anti-fur protests were a national media story, and the Fur Free Friday march in New York City drew 2,000 people. Fur sales had been cut in half, and it seemed like the whole industry was about to collapse. Popular opinion was that the animal rights movement was going to abolish the fur industry, and soon.

It is now 1998, and the fur industry is still here. Forty million animals are still being slaughtered each year just for their fur. That number doesn't even include non-target animals caught in traps, animals on fur farms who die before pelting season, or the millions of breeder animals kept in tiny cages so their offspring can be raised and killed for fur.

The animal rights movement lost a lot of ground in the early 1990s. Grand juries and state indictments were neutralizing key organizers and causing rifts in the movement. At the same time, many in the movement became overconfident, and prematurely labeled the fur industry as dead. Both of these factors led to a decline in anti-fur activism.

In 1994 the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) was formed with the purpose of getting the movement back on track and finishing off the fur industry completely. Since that time, activism has surged. In the winter of 1997 a full frontal assault by the fur industry's best PR people generated 700 news stories claiming that "fur was back." The new, energized anti-fur movement held them at bay and stopped the momentum the industry was trying to generate. As a result fur sales actually declined. Here we will examine the strategies CAFT has developed and provide a model for successful campaigns.

For too long many groups chose to protest against small mom and pop fur stores, as opposed to a major fur retailer such as Macy's or Neiman Marcus. That defied any sense of strategy, except in the rare areas without fur-selling department stores. As a result, CAFT began a campaign against the largest department store chain in the nation: Federated Department Stores, Inc., the parent company of Macy's, Bloomingdales, Lazarus and other regional chains. CAFT suggested targeting department stores such as Federated for several reasons:

1. The majority of the fur marketing efforts were generated by these department stores. If these stores were pushed out of the trade, then those marketing efforts would be discontinued. This would negatively affect the entire fur industry.
2. Department stores generate fur sales that otherwise wouldn't happen. Many women might not think to buy a fur until they browsed through a fur salon while shopping for dresses or pants. If fur was pushed into small specialty stores, then the industry would lose that business.
3. Department stores generate sales that a consumer couldn't otherwise afford by providing store charge cards.
4. Department stores can easily leave the fur trade without bringing economic hardship upon themselves.
5. A victory against a department store chain means the closing of multiple fur salons, whereas a victory against a small fur store means the closing of only one salon.



Anit-fur activists invade Macy's West executive meeting in San Francisco

Many people talk about stopping the fur industry by eliminating the demand for the product. Our approach has gone farther than simply eliminating demand. CAFT's philosophy is to destroy their marketing efforts before the demand can be created in the first place. The key to this is to stop the companies that do the most fur advertising. In most cases, they are the department stores, whether they are promoting fur through mass advertising or by simply having a salon open to their everyday customers who otherwise would never go to a specialty fur store.

Macy's is one Federated division that has felt the heat of the CAFT-sponsored protests. Now, many grassroots animal rights groups have adopted local Macy's campaigns. Tactics have ranged from takeovers of their corporate offices to persistent picketing campaigns to demonstrations outside of the store managers' homes. On many occasions, activists have carried out acts of civil disobedience against Macy's stores. These actions have traumatized store officials, energized local activists and generated story after story in the local media. Macy's officials have even alerted their security staff to search stores for incendiary devices both before and after protests and to look for mail bombs directed at executives.

Here in Dallas, activists continual-ly held in-store disruptions until Macy's stopped selling fur locally. Activists would march into the store, begin chanting and continue to chant as they were escorted out. The Dallas Macy's was one of the first of the Macy's West stores to close their fur department. During that same period, activists in San Francisco were doing near daily protests outside of their local Macy's. That Macy's also decided to close their fur department. As a result of these protests, the Macy's stores that still sell fur have reported poor sales for two years straight.

This constant flurry of activity did more than hurt fur sales; it also motivated activists who in turn began doing a variety of actions on behalf of many different animals. And, as aboveground activists targeted their efforts at the larger fur retailers, hoping to destroy the largest parts of the industry, the underground activists broke into fur farms and released mink and foxes.

Fur farms had been making money with sales to developing nations. The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) broke into scores of fur farms and liberated tens of thousands of animals. The campaign is ongoing and has cost the fur industry millions and millions of dollars. Many farms have closed as a result. At the beginning of the decade, there were 665 mink farms in the U.S. Now there are about 400, and the number continues to drop as direct actions increase.

After many of these raids, we spoke to the media about why we supported these actions. In several cities, the media excitement sparked by these raids led to fur farm footage being shown on the evening news. Millions have now seen what the inside of these hellholes looks like, thanks to the ALF and the interest that they have inspired.

With both the department store campaigns and the animal liberation campaigns thriving, CAFT has targeted another component of the fur trade by launching a campaign against Ekco Housewares, the manufacturers of Victor leghold traps and Conibear body grip traps. We've employed the same tactics of hitting them hard and hitting them persistently. Also, activists are working on legislation that would kick trapping out of existence. While some states have banned trapping through the ballot initiative process, many activists feel that the rate of one state per year is too slow. These activists, including many CAFT organizers, believe that it's time we showed politicians that they vote for the animals or we run them out of office!

We have a movement that is hitting the fur trade from many different angles, and this approach is working. But how quickly it works will all depend on us and how active we become.

Please contact CAFT so we can help you organize an effective fur campaign in your community. The strength of any social justice movement comes from its grassroots supporters. We will win on issue after issue only after we mobilize in all areas of the country.

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We want to help you get organized to stop the fur trade!

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At the same time a daily presence of activists kept up the pressure at the farm itself welcoming in the workers through a loudhailer in the mornings and bidding them goodnight when they left. Car registrations were noted, vehicles followed home and so began a series of 'home visits', impromptu noisy demonstrations outside the homes of Hillgrove workers; the workers whose job it was to fatten the cats, to breed them, to take out the dying, to destroy the dried up mothers, to box the babies, to send them on their way for thousands of miles to be cut and bled and blinded in the name of 'science'. As guilty as sin, they were shouted at, pleaded with, argued with, cajoled; their vehicles damaged.

Neighbours also applied indirect pressure and eventually, as the sick-leaves extended, one by one they dropped like flies. Peace and psychological well-being superseding the blood money which could be earned elsewhere. Susan O'Shea, a worker for 4 years and head of Unit 4. despite pressure to the contrary, withheld her position at work and maintained her 'love' for the cats as such that after a break-in during which several cats were taken, she apparently "cried" as to their "welfare." O'Shea finally cracked and left Hillgrove after the police's Tactical Support Unit left mud on her carpets. Granted - it's a tactic I never would have thought of - thank you TSU wherever you are.

Farmer Brown was subjected to nightly assaults upon his home, his range rover was torched, his windows smashed and 4 Insurance firms have refused his custom. Financially, he was becoming a liability! Local pubs and shops held notices forbidding him entry and angry local residents assaulted him as he attempted to remove a poster of himself from a post at night. Forced also to employ outside animal technicians to keep his farm ticking over, Brown was a man going downhill fast.

The psychological effects of a sustained intimidation campaign can be phenomenal. Anyone who torments a vulnerable being, be they a weaker person, a child or an animal is a coward who receives power and economic status by imposing their will on the defenceless. And in Brown's case, he does it because he knows he's legally entitled to. By seizing ultimate power from him and by subjecting him to the same type of fear and torment that the animal nations only suffer in part, we are one step closer to forcing his retreat. Most abusers accept protests as part and parcel of the job they do, but it never outweighs the benefits they receive because at the end of the day they leave work and go home and there they have their privacy to unwind and relax and to shrug off the day's protests.

But with home visits becoming more popular and successful than lab visits or with people, like Brown, living on site - there is no escape, there is no let-up from the telephone calls, the knocks on the door, the thrown stones, the people creeping around at night, the constant threat of something 'more' happening. Even the Ramblers Association have removed his B&B service from their publication and Trading Standards have told him to drop the phrase 'friendly atmosphere' from his adverts; even the council are appealing for his closure. The net is closing in and yet, at a cost of more than 1/4 million pounds, the state is intent on protecting him.

Chris Brown is not a politician, not army brass, he's not royalty nor ambassador for anything or anyone important. He's just a cat killer. So why the protection? Why, when most of the police who guard him are morally opposed to his business, are huge contingents of riot and mounted police available for months on end to protect someone so unimportant? Why, when household burglaries, rapes and racial attacks go unchallenged by the authorities can one man command hundreds of personal bodyguards at a phenomenal cost to unsuspecting and unsupportive taxpayers?

The police on one documentary were seen to have herded Brown into an office to tell him that, in the future, he would have to financially contribute to the growing security costs that the police themselves could no longer afford from their budget; and now all of a sudden the police have, as one man put it, 'a bottomless well of money'.

The truth is the matter has gone beyond Brown. The momentum of the movement has escalated into a genuine threat in such a way that Brown is now a mere pawn in a larger political game, financed and supported by the home Office responsible for issuing vivisectors their licenses and by the research defence apologists who stand much to lose if the Animal Rights movement claim yet another battle. Brown no longer has the option, it's out of his hands and is being fought instead by the combined weight of the vivisection fraternity and their political cronies and executed by the puppet police.

If they have an infinite well of finance as their armament, we have an even greater well of resolve inexhaustible because it comes from within and is stoked by passion and a love stronger than anything money can buy. Hillgrove WILL be forced to close and we will, as the authorities are so scared of, move on to the next target and we will close that too. The fact remains that they can either change their ways or be forced to. The choice, unlike that of the animal nations, is entirely up to them.

Behind a Successful Campaign

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Militant grassroots animal rights activists have quite a reputation with members of the general public who are not familiar with our movement. They may see us as loud and obnoxious, violent and boisterous, or as passionate and compassionate, committed and dedicated. Where do they get these impressions? People form their opinions from what they see in the newspapers, on T.V. and in person.

Whatever their opinion of us is, one thing is certain: most of us are not fighting every day for animal liberation because it happens to be the latest fad or because it will make us popular. Instead of being "weekend activists," most of us are in this fight for justice for what will most likely be the rest of our lives. I am proud to say that I am one of these "lifers," and because of this, the campaigns I work on are designed to last long after individual campaign actions have been completed. These campaigns have a solid foundation of facts and logic behind them. This foundation is always there to strengthen and reinforce whatever actions will be taken.

STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

When a campaign is launched, what are the necessary steps to ensure that it will withstand the pressure from the animal abusers, the police, the press and sometimes even the public?

The most visual part of a campaign is the protest. This is where people most often learn about the animal rights movement. A successful demo, whether a traditional protest or an action of civil disobedience, is not formed overnight. It is not organized on the spur of the moment by a group of people who want to raise hell. A successful demo is the end result of a lot of hard work and much behind-the-scenes sweat and strain generally hidden to the public. I believe that taking part in all that goes into putting together a successful demo, rather than just participating in the demo itself, makes all subsequent actions taken within the campaign more satisfying and more meaningful.

Choose Your Target

• The first step in putting together a campaign is recognizing the problem that you want to address. Is the problem a deer slaughter, a fur shop, an animal abusing circus, an area of animal research? This is always the easiest step of the project due to the outrageous amount of animal abuse taking place every day in every city in every state in every country.

• Next, you want to have an objective. Do you want to prevent your city from holding a rodeo? Do you want to expose a vivisector and the atrocities that he/she is committing? Do you want to block the proposed construction of an intensive-confinement animal torture facility? The options as well as the targets are endless. Look at your goals objectively. Are they realistic?

It is quite possible that your campaign will bring about a quick victory if your objective is to eliminate the sale of glue traps in your city. If your campaign steers you in the direction of where you are tackling a more formidable foe, such as wanting to close down an established lab that tortures animals, you should be prepared to enlist your services in an ongoing battle that may last many years, if not most of your life.

Research And Educate

• Once you have recognized the problem you wish to address and have determined what your goals are, you will have to begin the unglamorous "dirty work" that will build the foundation upon which your campaign will rest. If you are tackling a slaughterhouse, you should do some hard-core, nose-to-the-grindstone research on the industry. What types of animals are killed at your target site? How are the animals raised? How often are they fed? What are they fed? How often do they receive veterinary care? At what age are they slaughtered? What slaughtering methods are used at your particular site? What physical and psychological stresses are brought upon the animals raised or killed there? Has your target complied with all the required local, state, and federal regulations governing its existence? Regarding the animals who are being tortured at the facility, what is their natural diet? Their natural lifespan? Their natural habitat? How do they interact with their young? Are these animals social animals like dogs or independent animals like cats? How are their needs being stifled where they are kept? What are the inhumane husbandry techniques used on them? Have their bodies been genetically altered?

• Your research should be thorough and meticulous. Make notes of the sources that you consulted; having journal citations handy is enough to shut up most of the people who will attempt to debate your position.

• Once you have compiled enough information to make you practically an expert in the chosen field, try to assemble the information into literature to be used for educating the masses to the realities of the animal abuse that is so much a part of today's world.

• Make your information public. Write letters to the editors of all the newspapers that cover the area. If there are local T.V. stations, inquire about producing a public service announcement dealing with the issues you want to address. Call your local newspapers and try to find a reporter who would be interested in your campaign. A friendly newspaper reporter can be worth his/her weight in gold. Do not underestimate the power of phone calls and letter writing. NJARA recently helped to close down a zoo and arranged for the animals to be relocated to better homes. This was due entirely to letter writing, phone calls and very quiet and subdued demos. You need not always lock down to something to win a battle.

• Once you have done your research and have undertaken the task of informing the populace of the issue you are tackling, a good way to start a campaign is by leafletting. Get your information into the hands of as many people as possible. Leaflet at fairs, shopping malls, supermarkets, anywhere that you can reach a lot of people. Make sure that you leaflet in front of the target of your campaign if it is accessible to the public (make sure you never do this alone, though). As you leaflet, flood the newspapers, the abusers and everyone else connected with your target with letters and phone calls.

Protest

• Should you find yourself needing to escalate your efforts, begin by holding traditional protests. Make banners, posters, signs, etc. At this stage, it may also be a good idea to purchase several billboard ads if your budget allows. The message on a billboard should be short and to the point: "Boycott Bill's Meats," "Fur Is Worn by Beautiful Animals and Ugly People," "Stop the Slaughter of Our Wildlife." These are all effective examples. Include a phone number on your ad where people can reach you for more information. Be prepared to be the target of some negativity from the hands of those whose toes you are stepping on. It helps to have the phone line connected to an answering machine with the ringer turned off during the evening hours.

• Recruit as many people for your protests as you can. Develop a phone tree so people can be mobilized on short notice. While at your demo, try to determine what kind of tactics will best be used against your target. If, for instance, your target is across the street from a children's day care center, it may not be in your best interest to begin your demo chanting, "2 - 4 - 6 - 8, f*ck this police state!" Think about the community where you will be demonstrating. What kind of action will encourage others to want to learn from you and hear what you have to say?

College towns are ideal for noisy, "in your face" types of actions, while smaller, quieter towns with mostly older residents may respond better to quieter demos. Use your discretion. I always like to err on the side of prudence, since that way it becomes easier to escalate your actions should the situation call for it. If you start out too big, it is very difficult to scale down your actions and still maintain the same amount of support you had at the beginning of the campaign.

• During your demos, make sure there is someone on site who will be the group spokesperson. If any press shows up, they should be directed to this spokesperson. This person should be eloquent, properly dressed, serious, knowledgeable and, above all, should have the ability to remain calm and cool in front of a camera.

Even if all hell breaks loose, the media contact should always know how to keep the focus on the animals, not on whatever is taking place. All too often the media will want to pick up on the action if it gets unruly. The media contact should be adroit at dealing with cameras and microphones. Having a good spokesperson is invaluable.

• In addition to the media spokesperson, there should be people at the demo whose sole job is to act as peace-keepers. These peace-keepers should be able to return a sense of order to a situation that may be on the verge of losing control. If tensions are running high and things look like they are about to turn ugly, it is the job of the peace-keepers to make sure that no one blows his/her top.

The number of peace-keepers needed at a demo will vary with its size. You would naturally need far more peace-keepers at a demo such as the ones that take place in Hegins every Labor Day than you would at a donkey basketball protest at your town's elementary school. Continue your peaceful, non-violent protests for a reasonable amount of time to be determined by the target you are attacking. You can exercise more patience at a McDonald's than you can at a week-long high school science fair.

• Make it a habit to capture all your demos on videotape. These tapes can be used to exonerate members of your group should they be arrested under false pretenses. The police tend to act in a more professional manner when they know they are on camera. The videos can also be used for instructional and educational purposes.

Meet Your Targeted Animal Exploiter

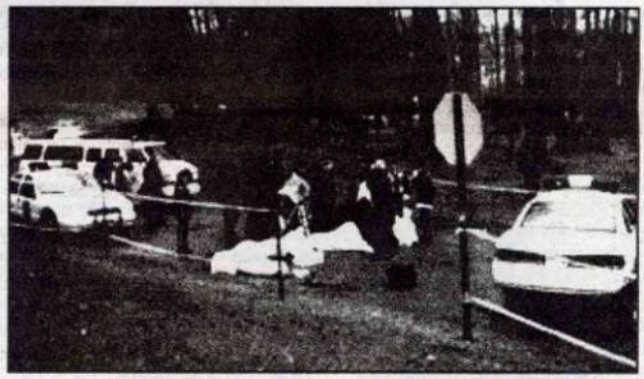
• Once you have shown that you are willing to work peacefully within the boundaries of the law, and you have shown that your group of activists is indeed serious about your ideals and are not just doing things to be cool and get your pictures in the paper, the exploiters may want to meet with you to discuss your campaign. Always enter into these meetings with a professional attitude and with your objectives clearly and astutely organized. Be ready to be offered a deal of some sort so the abusers can get you off their backs. Their deals are usually a feeble attempt at shutting down your campaign. Remember, since they are responsible for horrific animal abuse, there is no reason to take them at their word.

Increase The Pressure

• Should nothing but rhetoric come from the meeting (which is usually the case), it may become necessary to discuss among your affinity group the possibility of further action. Are CDs an option? If so, what kinds of CDs lend themselves to the situation? Do you really want to demonstrate naked to protest fur? Do you really want to prance around in a giant goose costume to protest a goose slaughter? These actions will certainly get you media attention and you may even find yourself on the evening news, but tactics such as these will have you looking stupid in the end.

If CDs are an option, consider those that have the potential to shut the animal abusing target down, at least temporarily. Sitting down on the sidewalk in front of a butcher shop is effective, but U-locking their doors closed with your neck between them is more effective still. Making an "octopus" and blocking a road leading to an animal torture facility is also effective.

Please remember: CDs should not be your first line of attack. All too often when they are, they happen to be a one-time action with no prolonged campaign behind them. Since you cannot CD every day you have to have a stable foundation to fall back upon after your group does participate in an act of civil disobedience. At a deer slaughter last year, NJARA blocked the entrance to the park where the killing was taking place. This stopped the killing for that day, as the activists were locked down for hours before the police were able to cut them loose. The next day we had even more people on the scene to continue with our around-the-clock demos. Activism spurs on more activism.



NJARA activists blockade road to deer massacre

• Most importantly, be sure to maintain the pressure. Your target may or may not collapse after a round of CDs. Even some illegal direct action taken against your target by people who are not involved at all in the campaign may not be enough to close down the abusers for good. If this is the case be prepared to dig in your heels and continue the fight for as long as it takes to win a victory for the animals.

Be sure to maintain consistent pressure, never letting too much time go by between actions. During a long campaign, the number of people who support your ideals and who will join forces with you, will swell and shrink. This is normal. You will have your core of people who will be there all the time, but most will come and go. Be sure to weather the storms because, at times, your campaigns will not be pretty. There may be power struggles, a lack of participation and intense harassment. In order to succeed, you must bounce back from these blows. Whatever does not kill you only serves to make you stronger.

Keep focused and stay dedicated and you will be one of those who will be standing arm in arm with our other-than-human brothers and sisters in victory when the war is finally won. We may not see it all in our lifetimes, but we will certainly pave the way for our children and grandchildren to finally see a world where all life is given respect and where all animals can live in peace.

ONE STRUGGLE, ONE FIGHT...

Effective Protest Signs and Chants

By Anne and Ben Crimaudo

When protesting, the most important thing to remember is that, in most cases, we only have a few minutes (sometimes only seconds) to get our message out to passersby. Nobody driving past you in a vehicle has the time nor inclination to read War and Peace, so keep messages on your signs short and to the point. You don't want people leaving wondering why you are protesting. Slogans like "Fur Is Dead, " "Meat Is Murder" and "Stop the Hunt" make it clear.

There are, however, some issues that can't be simply stated in three or four words, so you might want to have a couple of messages on different signs that together spell out the story. For example, "In Chains They Live, In Chains They Die" can appear on one sign, "Boycott Animal Circuses" can be written on another, with "Circuses: No Fun for Animals" on a third. Someone reading those signs will then understand what you are protesting and, also, what it is that they can do to support your position.

Sometimes we are so immersed in animal abuse and exploitation issues that we tend to forget that members of the general public are unaware of much of the cruelty involved in institutions and practices they have known all their lives. So, with the possible exception of the fur issue, never assume that everyone understands what the controversy is.

Once you decide what slogans you want on your signs, use large, bold, block letters so they can be easily read from a distance. Light-colored letters don't show up well.

Pictures are worth a thousand words and can have a lot of emotional impact, so try to use them whenever possible. Photos can be blown up and even laminated at places like Kinko's. This costs about $75 but is well worth the money as these signs can be used for years in all kinds of weather. Groups like IDA also have graphic signs available, sometimes for a small donation, sometimes free of charge.

Chanting can be an effective way of energizing activists. First, make sure that chanting is appropriate in the situation. You might not want to chant if you are in a position to converse with people, particularly if you are also leafleting, as your target audience may be intimidated by the chanting and afraid to approach you. However, if chanting is appropriate, make sure your chants fit the occasion.

Try to stick to the issue. Chants about a police state don't make much sense if the police are not interfering with the protest. There are plenty of "generic" chants that are applicable to any animal liberation demonstration.

SAMPLE CHANTS

One Struggle, One Fight:
Human Freedom, Animal Rights!

What Do We Want? Animal Liberation!
When Do We Want It? Now!

Fur Trade: Death Trade!

Innocent Animals Are Under Attack:
What Do We Do? Act Up, Fight Back!

This Is Torture, This Is Death!
Free The Animals: A.L.F. !

The Fur Is On Your Back:
The Blood Is On Your Hands!

40 Dead Animals! One Fur Coat!

No More Cages! No More Traps!
No More Fur On Human Backs!

How Did You Kill Your Fur Today?
Gassing? Trapping? Or Anal Electrocution?

Be creative! All of these chants can be customized to your demo by interchanging words like fur and meat; "innocent animals" can be replaced with animals in labs, circuses, etc. Space only allows us to include a very brief list. For a complete list, of chants, send a SASE to ***Animal Rights America, P.O. Box 469, Caldwell, NJ 07006.***

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Two ALF volunteers are currently imprisoned for mink liberation activities in Utah. Because Fur Breeders is involved in Interstate commerce and because "unregistered explosive devices" were used in the action, a federal grand jury was convened to investigate the raid and returned a 16-count indictment in June, 1997 against 19-year old activist Douglas Joshua Ellerman who allegedly constructed the pipebombs and participated in the raid. Josh's brother Colby is currently serving a 2 year sentence in a Utah prison for releasing thousands of mink from a fur farm. Josh, who prosecutors and the federal judge agree is not a threat to the community, has pled guilty to 3 counts in the indictment and now faces as much as 35 years in prison. Meanwhile, federal and state prosecutors in the task force formed to investigate ALF actions in Utah say their investigations are continuing.

What you Can Do

Contact Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-Operative. Tell them politely what you think about their bloody business:

8700 South 700 West, Sandy, UT 84070
(801) 255-4228 • Fax (801)255-4678

Support the Ellerman Brothers
Funds will help these activists endure and recover from their state-imposed sacrifices. Send donations to:

Ellerman Brothers' Trust Fund
PO Box 374840, Sandy, UT 84091

Checks and money orders should be written out to Sommer Densley. Donations will ***NOT*** *go towards paying restitution.*

Coordinating Campaigns

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macro-level requires changing the way people think and relate to other animals at a very basic level. At the micro-level we target more manageable sub-issues upon which we can make more immediate headway. It is important that, to the extent possible, we engage in our struggle at both these levels; working on the personal level to re-sensitize those around us to the feelings of their animal sisters and brothers, while placing most of our time and energy into taking action to destroy abusive industries such as the fur trade.

Clearly if there is one issue we should focus on it is fur, but there are a wide range of other issues the public has already been sensitized to. These include product testing, veal, hunting, marine mammals in captivity, sealing, dissection, companion animal issues and, to a certain extent, vivisection. Taking, for example, the micro-level goal of getting P&G to stop product testing, we may drill down to define lower level sub-goals such as convincing P&G that (1) we're creating a bad public image for them, (2) we're costing them too much money, and (3) it's just not worth it at a personal level. Along with these goals targeting Procter & Gamble specifically, we may also utilize political action against product testing in general.

As the background variables which affect the issue are gathered and analyzed, these goals and sub-goals can be refined and modified to fit the individual circumstances, and to allow the individual to determine what role s/he can most effectively play in such a campaign.

PREPARING FOR ACTION

Strategic planning does not take place in a void. We must attempt to understand the existing situation as thoroughly as possible before we can expect to change it. It is very important to have a good understanding of (1) existing relationships between groups and individuals, (2) the skills and knowledge that may be brought to bear, (3) the material resources that may be used, and (4) any existing limitations.

Existing relationships between groups and individuals may include recognition of who falls into the following categories: Allies, Sympathizers, The Unaligned (those who have no position on the specific issue, nor on the groups involved), Enforcers (who enforce laws, morals or social norms), Opponents and your opponents' sympathizers.

In analyzing the potential impact each of these groups and individuals may have on a given issue it is important to assess the skills and knowledge and material resources you and they bring to bear on the issue. In order to maximize the efficiency of the utilization of both human and material resources we must first recognize what our available resources are and what resources are amassed against us, as well as what resources may be turned to our advantage or to the advantage of our opponent.

Similarly, not having a sufficient understanding of both your own existing limitations and those of other parties can be very damaging. How far will you and your allies be willing to go? What sacrifices are you genuinely prepared to make? How set in their position are your opponents? What will it take to make them change their position? How far from their original position may each group and individual be moved either toward your position or away from it?

Our understanding of these sorts of variables will always be incomplete, and at least partially flawed. Thus we must always expect the unexpected, be sensitive to how these variables are changing, and not be so set in our strategy that we can not dynamically adapt it to fit our new understandings of the circumstances.

PRAXIS: PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

With this understanding of the background variables established, one can further refine one's goals to the point that they become actionable. Let's revisit the breakdown made previously of an anti-Procter & Gamble campaign into (1) P&G's Image, (2) P&G's Finances, (3) P&G Decision Makers' Personal Preferences and (4) Political Action. We can list a variety of tactics that may be used in these areas, then select the ones that each of us will be most effective using. Let's take a hypothetical look at how people with different backgrounds might decide to contribute to such a campaign:

After examining the situation, Cathy decides that her background organizing, motivating others and networking with groups around the country can best be put to use by starting a broad-based anti-product-testing coalition. She's quickly joined by her friends: Doug, whose strength is as a communicator; doing press releases, interviews and getting media interest in stories, and Cindy, who knows Proctor & Gamble inside and out and is great at digging up all the dirt on any company.

Greg is a big fan of alternative media, has some time on his hands and decides to spend some of that time with a bunch of his buddies plastering the sides of stores that carry P&G products with anti-product testing posters and the P&G products inside the stores with similar stickers.

Chris decides to put her years of experience as a political campaigner to work getting legislation passed to ban the Draize and LD50 tests.

Fred believes corporate executives should be held responsible for their company's actions and recognizes that he has the advantage of location because he works with an animal rights group based in Cincinnati which also happens to be P&G's home. Soon Mr. Pepper's house becomes one of the group's primary targets for protests, and a takeover of their corporate offices is being planned.

Melissa, on the other hand, feels she's at her best when playing with fire. She considers starting an incendiary campaign against P&G facilities, but decides to stick with fur and target stores owned by Federated and Neiman Marcus for now. She figures if P&G is still at it in another year when fur is no longer being sold in these department store chains, she'll start targeting P&G facilities.

Meanwhile, everyone refuses to buy P&G products and talks to their friends, family and anyone else they can get a few minutes with about why they should do the same, and writes, phones, faxes and e-mails the folks at P&G demanding they change their evil ways!

Victories for the animals are within our grasp on many fronts. Strategically coordinated campaigns will play a vital role in achieving these victories. But each of us must find our own role to play. For some that may mean organizing long-term campaigns, for others it will be getting out there and yelling at fur designers, and for still others it will mean just doing letter writing. All can be important; none should be dismissed. There is no single path to achieving animal liberation and no strategies or tactics that are appropriate for everyone.

*[**NOTE:** The examples used in this article are purely hypothetical and not intended to encourage anyone to actually* ***do*** *anything]*



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FUR FARMS BANNED IN AUSTRIA!

In the 1970s, there were a couple hundred fur farms in Austria. As no one needed a license and basically everything was allowed as long as practices and actions did not infringe on the general animal cruelty laws, animal abuse abounded. It was even easier for people to exploit animals since there was no AR movement to monitor the scene.

In August 1990, the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Behavioural Research (an institution which worked in field observations and non-invasive research) published a very damaging report on fur farming. The report essentially concluded that fur-bearing animals *cannot* be kept 'humanely' and still be financially viable.

In light of this report, the AR movement showed an increased interest in fur farming in Austria and conducted a survey. But, as no farms had licenses, many might have been easily missed. Nevertheless, the survey suggested that there were 43 fur farms in existence, with mink, foxes, nutrias and chinchillas. There was even one so-called 'free-range' chinchilla farm.

FUR ATTACK

It was at that stage that a concerted campaign was launched. One fur farm after another was inspected and its state documented. The resulting video footage and stills were presented to the media who took some notice. A little later, when interest began to wane, a few farms were occupied by rooftop protests and blockaded, gathering more needed media attention. Some farmers reacted very violently and a video was shown on TV with a farmer shooting his gun in the air threatening activists on the roof. Police were present to prevent anything worse from happening.

When public awareness was rising, a new strategy was adopted. The legal situation was investigated and it revealed that the farms operated in a legal vacuum. That is, there were no specific laws regulating fur farming. However, there *were* laws regulating the keeping of 'wild animals' (as opposed to domestic ones), with exceptions for zoos and circuses. Those laws were then used in conjunction with the footage from inspections to take quite a few farms to court, as they were definitely violating those regulations.

Successes first emerged when some farms were fined and others were closed down. The animals who had been kept on these farms were taken in by different sanctuaries and AR groups. Many are still alive and videos of their new lives, free of cruelty and exploitation, are shown to school children. Other farms won their cases, and it was found by the courts that the provincial governments should be releasing their own regulations regarding fur farming. (Austria is a federal state with different animal laws in the different provinces.)

The provincial governments reacted to these rulings by introducing new laws regarding fur farming in each separate province. Five of the nine Austrian provinces - mainly those already without fur farms - outlawed fur farming outright. Three of the remaining four made the new fur farming regulations so restrictive (demanding that fur-bearing animals not be kept in cages and/or that mink had water to swim in) that all of their existing farms had to close down. And, the few license applications in those provinces were all rejected.

THE LAST TWO FUR FARMS

At this stage there were only two fur farms - both mink farms - left in the remaining province. In 1996, one farm was raided by the ALF and some mink were released. A video of this liberation was anonymously sent to the Verein gegen Tierfabriken (VgT) and was released to the media. Very positive media coverage was obtained.

When a German TV crew came to interview the fur farm owner, he refused to speak with them, and an employee came out with a pistol. He shot into the air and then again from 10 meters distance or so onto the running TV cameraperson. This footage was shown on German TV. The farmer and his employee were *not* prosecuted, although the threats of violence were clearly seen.

Shortly after, there was a bomb threat with a hoax device on the farm. Police responded seriously, and there was some minor media backlash. It was still obvious that the powers-that-be preferred a media blackout on the issue - even to pro-fur farming propaganda. [Incidentally, the fur farmer was said to have strong links to the conservative party ruling this province.]

This last province, nevertheless, introduced a new law regulating fur farming in July 1997. Originally, it stated that the animals should not be kept on a wire mesh floor and the mink must have access to swimming water. In a concerted effort by the fur lobby, this regulation was watered down at the last minute. The language was changed to read that the animals need to be kept in a way so that they "can satisfy their species' needs for movement, "they need to feel comfortable" and so forth.

Two local veterinarians were appointed to report to the government to determine whether those remaining two fur farms would satisfy the new laws. Two months later, the vets stepped down and said they were incapable of making that decision. So, another veterinarian - this time a state vet - was appointed to the task.

CLOSE THEM DOWN!

In the meantime, 50,000 postcards were mailed to sympathetic people asking them to lobby the government against the fur farms by sending those postcards on. About 2000 fur information folders were distributed in the underground services and another 5000 paid adverts were put up all over Vienna. Banners were put up over night on all major roads in and out of Vienna repeatedly, measuring 5 times 5 metres, reading "fur is animal abuse" or "fur is murder".



AR groups toured through schools and did public talks, distributing petitions and collecting 35,000 signatures. Additionally, activists were present almost daily in Vienna's city centre during the last month before Christmas, collecting signatures and donations. On average, they collected one signature every ten seconds and received almost 4,000 Austrian schillings every day!

Direct action pressure also mounted on the farms. A lorry on one of the farms had been damaged in the night and the last two fur farms were raided another two times, with up to 600 mink released in one raid (each farm only housed approximately 5,000 mink). The countryside surrounding the farms is prime mink habitat, but the local European mink had been exterminated by fur trappers decades earlier.

The mink on the fur farms were American mink. And, although it was said that mink won't survive liberation, the hunting and fishing fraternity still offered bounties for each mink's head, dead or alive, obviously fearing for their game animals. Just a few weeks ago, a World Wildlife Fund survey on a lake area 100 kilometers away from the farms revealed the presence of mink—seven months after the raids!

All these direct actions got rather negative media coverage but, nevertheless, highlighted the issue of Austrian fur farming. Hot debates were commonplace on the streets during protests and demonstrations, which continued throughout January and February outside fur shops despite police harassment.

ONE LAST FUR FARM

In January 1998, the district government announced that one of the last two farms had succumbed to the pressure and would not restock the mink this year. As such, their license application was withdrawn.

The provincial government was further lobbied. Two additional scientific reports on the keeping of mink on fur farms were published and financed by AR groups. Also, pressure mounted on the government as new elections were approaching and the fur issue, as was shown through all the street protests, was obviously of importance to the public. And, as the provincial governor refused to meet activists and receive the 35,000 signatures, activists decided to step up the protest.

On Tuesday, February 10, 18 activists took over the office of the governor of the Lower Austria province. Five people used bicycle locks to lock themselves together by their necks in an octopus position. Others unfolded two large banners illustrating their demand of the closure of Austria's last fur farm. TV as well as a number of newspapers were present.

The activists demanded a meeting between two of their representatives with the provincial governor to discuss the closure of the last fur farm. Further, they wanted to hand over the 35,000 signatures they had collected against the fur farm in front of the media. After a couple of hours of stand-off, the demands were met; the governor indeed allowed two activists to talk with him inside his besieged office and received the 35,000 signatures in front of the media. He was very sympathetic and said he had always wanted fur farming banned.

When he was shown pictures of the farm, he was offended by the sights and found it outrageous and disgusting. He was surprisingly little informed on the whole issue. After five hours of blockading and talking with the governor and the minister for environment and animal protection, the provincial government agreed to have a vote on fur farming in the province a week later.

With this positive result, protesters decided to end the siege. Although loads of police officers were present, activists didn't even get their IDs checked at the end and could leave without any charge or any arrest.

Newspapers revealed later that police had been aware of the plans for the office blockade (surely by telephone tapping). Nevertheless, activists had managed to get into the office undisturbed by the authorities, despite heavy police presence and the stopping of the lift in attempts to block protesters.

The headlines of a number of newspaper articles said that the police seriously worry about the safety of the governor, as activists had so easily succeeded in getting into his office. The success of the office take-over was reportedly a real embarrassment for police and security.

FUR FARMING BANNED

The provincial government indeed voted on fur farming one week later. It was unanimously decided that this province too, would ban fur farming altogether. It is being discussed at the moment what is to happen to those remaining mink at the farm. After this success, suddenly, the media was interested in the issue again. All of the major newspapers heralded very positive reports of the office occupation and activists were interviewed for the news on TV, even on other animal rights campaigns.

In this way, Austria became completely fur farm-free within five years! And, as trapping fur-bearing animals for fur production had been outlawed decades earlier, basically any "production" of fur in Austria is now illegal.

ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE!

Unfortunately, there still is the right to trade in fur and to stop that will be nigh impossible if other countries, especially in the EC, do not follow suit and abolish their fur farming. Trapping fur animals has been illegal in the EC since 1995.

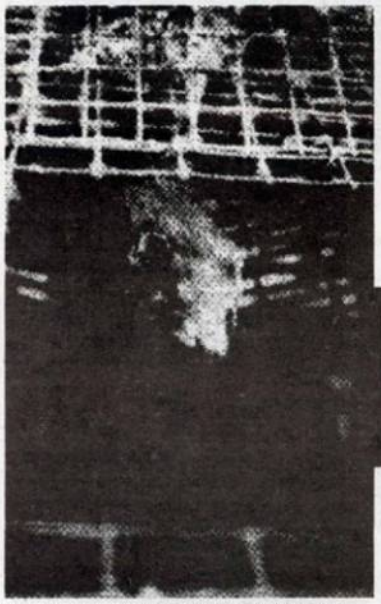
However, people have been active against the fur trade as well. In addition to the many protests and pickets outside of fur shops, reports have been made of fur wearers being sprayed. Also nearly all 60 fur shops in Vienna have had their locks glued at one time and many shops have had their display windows broken with sling shots.

Additionally, in December 1997, there was a coordinated day of action against Kleider Bauer, the only Austrian department store with a fur department (in which 60 percent of the garments were fake fur!). On this day of action, activists blockaded this fur department south of Vienna by chaining themselves across it, dressing up activists as mink in a cage and fox in a trap and having ten people (eight men and two women) with a "We'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" banner (something for everyone's taste). Other groups picketed Kleider Bauer outlets elsewhere at the same time. Four activists were arrested after they were removed from the store and two were charged.

On January 15, 1998, Kleider Bauer announced publicly that they will close down their fur department for good!

Activists also have been holding anti-fur demonstrations in the city centre of Vienna for more than eight hours each day, picketing a fur shop, using loud hailers and posters. Activists protested outside of a particular shop from opening to closing time, forcing it to stay closed for all four Christmas shopping Saturdays. And, such protesting and picketing was carried through all the way till the end of February.

At the end of the fur season, it was said in the news that the big losers this Christmas trade in Austria were the fur shops with a 12.9 percent decline in sales compared to last year!



CROSSING THE LINE

DIRECT ACTION FOR THE EARTH & ANIMALS

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

No Compromise **would like to thank the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group for compiling and laying out this direct action listing for us and we would especially like to thank the heroic and compassionate activists who make this list possible.**

Listed actions start where the last issue left off (11/30/97). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue. Starting this issue, we are also reporting on actions from countries around the world.

AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND

5/18/98-Christchurch; A meat and seafood wholesalers building was destroyed by fire early on Monday morning. According to firefighters who attended, 60% of the Lichfield St. building was destroyed and all stock (meat) is unusable. No one was hurt and police are investigating to determine the cause of the fire. **-Unclaimed**

AUSTRIA

2/-/98-The locks of 3 fur shops in the Mariahilfer Street and Foggensteiner Furs Ring were superglued. **-A.L.F.**

2/17/98-Vienna; The locks of 4 fur shops were glued up. **-A.L.F.**

2/19/98-Vienna, Danube City; A fur shop had their locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

2/24/98-Vienna; Numerous locks of the 7 fur shops and one butcher were glued with superglue. **-A.L.F.**

2/24-25/98-Near Alland; 17 hunting platforms were cut down North of the A1. **-Unclaimed**

3/26/98-Vienna; Numerous animal-exploiting businesses had their locks glued shut including, several fur shops, several butchers, a chicken restaurant and a McDonalds. **-A.L.F.**

4/3/98-Vienna; The display windows of four fur shops were smashed with the use of a catapult. **-A.L.F.**

4/16-17/98-Vienna; Windows of a Schnitzel (pork) fast food restaurant and the windows of a chicken fast food place were smashed with the help of a catapult. **-A.L.F.**

5/1/98-Vienna; Numerous shops had their locks glued shut including 2 furriers, a fur & leather shop and a slaughterhouse. **-A.L.F.**

5/5/98-Vienna; Numerous shops had their locks glued shut including 3 furriers, 2 butchers, a hotdog shop and a slaughterhouse. **-A.L.F.**

5/21/98-Gfoehl; Six chickens liberated from a chicken factory. **-A.L.F.**

5/24/98-Vienna; The locks of seven shops in the Viennese Market were injected with super glue. **-A.L.F.**

5/25/98-Vienna; The display windows were shot out with a sling-shot of 16 shops (15 furriers and 1 chicken restaurant). "We'll be back" from the communique. **-A.L.F.**

5/26/98-The locks of two shops were glued.**-A.L.F.**

CANADA

2/-/97-Guelph, ON; Vase, an expensive restaurant selling veal, etc. has huge side windows broken on several occasions. **-Unclaimed**

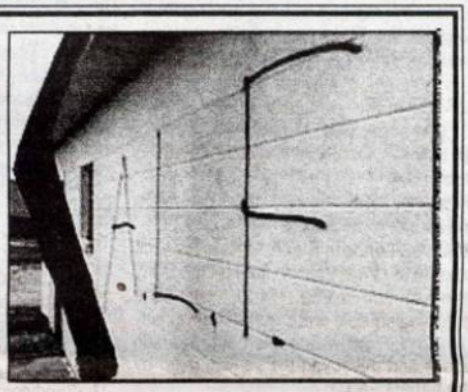
3/8/97-Clayoquot Sound, BC; Activists cut nets and released about 50,000 farmed fish into the wild, at the Pacific National Group in Cypress Bay. The fish were healthy, early juvenile chinook [salmon]. The lost 500-gram chinooks would have fetched the farmer an estimated $1.2 million at maturity in about 18 months. The Ahousaht native bands claim the farm had threatened wild salmon stocks and shellfish and herring habitats in their traditional territories. **-Unclaimed**

11/24/97-Montreal, QU; Four bombs exploded at buildings owned by the company that invented a popular anti-AIDS drug. No injuries were reported and damage was minor. Two bombs rocked the headquarters of BioChem Pharma Inc. in Laval, just north of Montreal and two more blasts went off at the company's plant in Montreal. The bombs exploded within 70 minutes of each other. Police defused two other bombs at the headquarters building. The blasts there were preceded by a telephone warning but authorities provided no details. Spokespeople confirmed that the company conducts tests on animals. A further bomb threat was called in to the pharmaceutical plant the next morning and the plant was evacuated by police, but no further devices were found. CTV News reports later stated that Laval police believe the Animal Liberation Front was responsible for the four bombs. Police said an anonymous call had been placed to a Quebec newspaper, claiming the bombs were planted by members of the A.L.F.'s Quebec cell. Quebec police are probing a possible link between these explosions & two bombings in Alberta, in which one blast destroyed $5 million worth of equipment at a logging camp. The other, a month earlier, damaged the concrete base of a public waterslide, leading Calgary police to believe the bomber "was practicing." The RCMP in Alberta are working on the assumption that "eco-terrorists" destroyed logging machines at the Water Valley timber project, 90 kilometres northwest of Calgary.

2/24/98-Abbotsford, BC; A fire at a mink farm destroyed a house - the residents were unharmed and the mink on the farm also were unharmed. Twenty-four firefighters were dispatched to the blaze at the 28300-block Townshipline Road. Damage from fire, smoke and water is estimated at $49,500. **-Unclaimed**

3/6/98-Montreal, PQ; The Quebec headquarters of Canadian AIDS drug maker BioChem Pharma Inc., near Montreal was evacuated as bomb disposal experts inspected a "suspicious package" found

A.L.F. Florida Communiqué



The A.L.F. claims responsibility for the May 4 arson attack at Florida Veal Processors Inc. (6712 State Rd. 674), a slaughterhouse in Wimauma, FL.

The action was done on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of calves every year in the American veal industry who are kept in isolation, denied freedom of movement and fed a deliberately unhealthy diet for the entirity of their short lives until they are slaughtered at a hell like Florida Veal Processors.

The A.L.F. also claims responsibility for the October 97 arson at Palm Coast Veal Corp. (3698 NW 16th St) in Lauderhill, FL.

REPORTING ACTIONS

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

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

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

outside the vivisection complex. Bomb experts later determined it was an explosive device. The pharmaceutical company, which was rocked by four small bomb blasts last November, had not received any threatening message or warning, police said. Trading in BioChem Pharma's stock was halted on Nasdaq and the Toronto Stock Exchange shortly after 11a.m. **-Unclaimed**

5/-/98-Edmonton, AB; Dareks Furs is spraypainted with slogans including "Animal Liberation Front". **-A.L.F.**

ENGLAND

1/6/98-Carterton; Masked animal rights raiders targeted the home of a breeding farm worker by daubing paint on the walls. In the latest in a series of attacks on the homes of employees at Hillgrove Farm, corrosive liquid was also poured over the employee's car and the windows smashed.

1/9/98-Dorset; 50 mink were liberated from a UK fur farm. **-A.L.F.**

2/9/98-London; The North London Angling Centre in Finsbury Park had all its front windows smashed by A.L.F. activists, before it was even able to open for business. The shop had signs up but the inside was not yet fitted out. A few days later a heavy duty security shutter was installed. **-A.L.F.**

2/11/98-Stevenage; Activists broke into the John Lewis Partnership (pro-bloodsports) storage depot and caused $20,000 damage to several trucks. **-A.L.F.**

2/mid/98-London; Stall holders at car boot sales in the West London area had recently been spotted selling new fur coats. The coats being sold were apparently mostly mink. A.L.F. activists carried out an arson attack and destroyed the vehicle used by the furriers. **-A.L.F.**

2/16/98-London; Activists smashed several windows of the Waitrose supermarket on Holloway Rd. Waitrose are owned by the department store chain John Lewis plc, currently the target of a campaign by the National Anti-Hunt Campaign. John Lewis own a pheasant shooting estate in Hampshire where their staff go on weekend killing sprees. **-A.L.F.**

3/-/98-Berkshire; The Vine & Craven foxhunt held their annual hunt ball at Greenham, near Newbury. Whilst the blood junkies were inside enjoying themselves, Activists did several thousand pounds worth of damage to their vehicles. Paint-stripper was liberally applied to the bodywork and tires were slashed, as well as windscreen wipers being snapped off. **-A.L.F.**

3/19/98-Oxfordshire; Billy Butler (employee of Hillgrove Cat Farm) had his windows smashed, in response to Kievan Hickey's 12 month sentence.

5/early/98-London; Smith's Butchers of Hoe St., Walthamstow had their windows smashed. **-A.L.F.**

6/1/98-Bruton, Somerset; At least 3 incendiary devices - placed under lorries at livestock hauler A. E. George & Sons went off. Forty incendiary devices were uncovered by firefighters tackling the blaze in the yard and immediately alerted the police. A spokesman for the firm concerned, no-one had been hurt in the fires. **-A.L.F.**

PROVISIONAL ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SENDS HOAX DEVICES

Communique:

FEBRUARY 17/98: UK - The Provisional Animal Liberation Front announces its launch by sending out 20 hoax devices to animal abuse targets while clearly showing that it could easily have assembled viable anti-personnel letter bombs.

Packages were sent to:

VIVISECTION
•Roslin Institute, Edinburgh
Dolly the sheep and similar obscenities
•Huntingdon Life Sciences, Suffolk
Contract testing laboratory
•L Powell, Cambridgeshire
Rodent studies director
at HLS, Huntingdon
•D Cameron, Cambridgeshire
Small shareholder in HLS
•C Brown, Oxfordshire
Breeds cats for vivisection

MEAT INDUSTRY
•Meat City, London
Dead Animals City!
•Bernard Matthews, Norfolk
Major animal murderers
•Crawshaw Pigs, Humberside
Breeds pigs
•Sandyford Hides & Skins, Strathclyde
By-products of murder

LIVE EXPORTS AND THE DAIRY INDUSTRY
•Gilders Transport, Gloucestershire
Long a target for protests
•Dover Harbour Board, Kent
Refuses to stop live exports
•Wensleydale Creameries, North Yorkshire
No dairy industry no veal calves

FISHING INDUSTRY
•Midland Fish, Lancashire
Left to drown slowly in alien atmosphere

FUR TRADE
•Peter Ley, Dorset
Part of the obscene fur industry

CAPTIVE ANIMALS
•Colchester Zoo, Essex
Life imprisonment without trial

INFILTRATORS, ETC
•M. Jennings, West Sussex
Pro-vivisectors' lackey at RSPCA HQ
•D. Hammond, West Sussex
Stole from animal lib PoW's defence fund

"PET" TRADE
•Sengora Toy Poodles, Mid Glamorgan
Breeds for profit while strays are killed

BLOODSPORTS
•County Down Stag Hounds Properties, Belfast
Even the National Trust have seen sense!
•Leckford Abbas Estate, Hampshire
Pheasant shoots for John Lewis employees

Attached is our introductory statement and the message/diagram which was enclosed with each hoax device. Please check out whether it's a viable design!

Had the devices been genuine then stronger cassette boxes would have been used to avoid detonation by the contacts meeting if the box were crushed in the post.

ATTACHED DIAGRAM:

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE PROVISIONAL A.L.F. - IT COULD SO EASILY HAVE BEEN FOR REAL!! YOU'VE BEEN LUCKY THIS TIME -

[Diagram drawn showing: Sodium Chlorate weedkiller / sugar mixture, car bulb or maroon, battery, (PP3), contact inside lid, contact inside body of cassette box]

CIRCUIT COMPLETED AS CONTACTS ENGAGE WHEN CASSETTE BOX IS OPENED - - - BOOM!! Bye-bye!

Also attached was a list of addresses to animal abusers.

FINLAND

1/27/98-Helsinki; Two meat trucks were burned. According to media sources, a third one was also targeted, but the fire failed to ignite.

2/-/98; The locks of 3 fur shops in the Mariahilfer Street and Foggensteiner Furs Ring were superglued.

4/-/98-Timo Nevalainen, a headman of Karttula beagle breeding centre, received a letter which included two bullets. The message said: "A month time to give the beagles back (three liberated beagles that were taken from their new homes and returned to the breeder by the police), two months time to close the place or..." **-Eläinten Tuomioistuin (Animals Court of Justice)**

GREECE

2/4/98-Athens; Activists struck at two McDonald's restaurants in a northern suburb of the Greek capital. What police said were home-made devices went off outside the fast-food outlets in the suburb of Halandri within two miles and ten minutes of each other. Both branches suffered damage, but nobody was injured as they were closed. No organization took responsibility for the blasts, which shattered windows in nearby flats. **-Unclaimed.**

HOLLAND

1/4/98-Barneveldt; Nine meat lorries at a poultry slaughterhouse were burned to the ground, causing 4 million guilders damage (1.5 million pounds or so). Their communique stated the action was "a good start for 1998". The media reported extensively on the arson. **-A.L.F. Rode Haan (Red Rooster) cell**

POLAND

2/-/98-Bialystok; "Eco-punx" paint-bombed three McDonald's billboards.

SPAIN

2/1/98-Bilbao (Bizkaia, Basque Country); Three shops run by animal abusers were targeted by activists, resulting in windows and walls being severely hit with red paint-bombs. The targets were Peleterias Delmar (Furrier), Caza Y Pesca Ollagorra (Ollagorra Hunting and Fishing), and an important bullfighting bar called La Taberna. The actions were in protest of any activity that harms the dignity and life of any animal and to show solidarity with all A.L.F. prisoners, as well as those killed for defending the earth and all its creatures. The communique states more actions will be forthcoming! **-ACCION Y JUSTICIA POR LA LIBERACION ANIMAL Y ECOLOGICA (Justice and Action for Animal and Ecological Liberation)**

SWITZERLAND

12/31/97-Bellruzoue; Activists attacked several fur and butcher shops, smashing windows and doors and spraying slogans. **-A.L.F.**

SWEDEN

1/-/98-Umea; The animal house at Umea university has slogans sprayed several times, fur shop and McDonald's in Ystad slogans sprayed and glued locks.

1/-/98-Sundsvall; A painting at a hotel with pictures of animals with cut off heads disappears and are replaced with a leaflet about animal rights.

1/1/98-Umea; Vivisectors Biopol was attacked one more time during the first hours of '98. 15 windows and electronic instruments were smashed and according to a local newspaper a large amount of damage was done.

1/3/98-Pitea; A hunting shop has signs destroyed.

1/5/98-Karlstad; A fur shop has a window smashed.

1/5/98-Lund; A meat shop has 2 windows smashed.

1/9/98-Umea; Biopol and Zoophysiologic institution had bomb threats called in.

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Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

http://host.envirolink.org/ALFIS/

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service is an Internet web site. Their goal is to provide up-to-date and current information dedicated to the activities of the animal liberation movement in Europe, North America and worldwide. It is an uncensored clearinghouse for information about animal liberation activities and activists.

SUPPORT
ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

North America

Frank Allen CDC#K89699-Z
PO Box 441, Gym, Bed 69
Chino, CA 91708, USA
Jailed for the attempted arson of a high school slaughterhouse in Southern California, he has been transferred to Chino State Prison. Currently undergoing a 90 day psychiatric review and has requested that during that time he be sent letters but not be sent activist publications.

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

Ryan Z. Durfee - Released, May 27
Ryan has been released on probation conditions that include non-association with anyone from the "Vegan, Straight Edge or A.L.F. gangs" and a 7pm curfew.

Clinton Colby Ellerman
c/o Salt Lake County Jail, 450 S. 300 E.
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207, USA
Colby Ellerman, was jailed December 16 on charges of burglary and theft for freeing thousands of mink from the Holt Fur Farm in Utah. Sentenced to two years for mink releases. Also sentenced for $300,000 arson damage caused to Tandy Leather store in June '95.

Jacob Kenison #06329-081
Yuma Unit, 37900 N. 45th Ave., Dept. 1700
Phoenix, AZ 85027-7004, USA
On Dec. 15, '97, Jake was sentenced to another year in jail and ordered to pay more than $30,000 in restitution. Convicted of an arson attack on a Tandy Leather store in Utah in June, 1995. Jake is already serving a 16 month sentence for violating federal firearms laws. He failed to mention a previous conviction on a federal firearms purchase form when buying a rifle he later gave as a gift to a friend.

Mark S. Klein AA45
c/o Oxbow Jail, Inmate Mail, 3148 S. 1100 W.
Salt Lake City, UT 84119, USA
Convicted of 2nd degree felony arson (McDonald's), sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 1 year in jail. He also has to pay the restitution with the other co-defendants and has community service but no fine. Mark is due to be released July 28.(Do not send news clippings or other items or letters will be returned to sender.)

Trev Poulson - Released April 17
Trev was released on probation after serving several months for attempted arson in Utah. Probation includes the condition he not go to any animal rights meetings or associate with animal rights activists. Trev is attempting to have those conditions changed now that he is free.

Jason Troff - Released May 18
Jason has been released on probation conditions that include non-association with anyone from the "Vegan, Straight Edge or A.L.F. gangs" and a 7pm curfew.

United Kingdom

Darren Cole CX4137
HMP Longport, Canterbury
Kent, CT11PJ, England
Currently on Hungerstrike (as of May 1). On remand, charged with sending 7 bomb hoaxes to protest the live export of animals used in ritual slaughter at Dover Docks.

Michael Green - Released Jan. '98
Sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson on a slaughterhouse and attempted arson to cattle transporters.

Kievan Hickey AP7904
HMP Springhill, Grendon,
Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks., England
Kievan has now been moved to an open prison and will stay there for the rest of his sentence (the next six months) unless he gets out on appeal. Sentenced to 12 months for receiving stolen property (a cat) in connection with a demonstration in January 1997 when activists broke into Hillgrove Farm vivisection breeders and attempted to rescue some cats.

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane,
York, YO41PS, England
Recently moved to HMP Full Sutton after he was found guilty of charges relating to the attempted incendiary devices in Bristol and the successful incendiary devices on the Isle of Wight. Sentenced to 18 years. He is in the process of appealing both sentences.

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Long Lartin, South Littleton, Evesham,
Worcestershire, WR11 5TZ, England,
Sentenced (Dec. 11, '94) to 11 years for criminal damage, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from custody.

Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Winchester, Romsey Rd.
Winchester, SO22 5HY, England
Recently moved after being sentenced in late Feb. to 6 years, 9 months - 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson plus 21 months for being in breach of a previous suspended sentence.

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

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

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

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1/15/98-Uppsala; Activists raided labs belonging to Bio Jet Service rescuing 92 guinea pigs. Bio Jet is owned by Ghote Olofsson, a vivisector at Uppsala University and breeds guinea pigs for vivisection. The activists went in through open doors and had planned to liberate about 50 guinea pigs, but when there was "only" 92 guinea pigs in the premises, it was decided to rescue them all. They have now been placed in good homes after being checked by a vet. Several of the females were pregnant, so an estimated 120 guinea pigs were rescued. One minute after the activists' disappearance, a security car drove up to the labs. The owner of Bio Jet Services told the newspapers that he will probably close down after this attack. Djurrattsmilisen will continue it's action until all animal abuse is only a memory in the past. **-Djurrattsmilisen (Animal Rights Militia)**
1/23/98-Jonkoping; Meat shop has slogans sprayed and smelly acid poured outside.
1/late/98-Umea; Bisam Institute has been spray painted with slogans a couple of times the past few weeks.
2/-/98-Stockholm; Two mice liberated from a vivisection lab and placed in a good home. **-Djurrattsmilisen (Animal Rights Militia)**
2/2/98-Umea; A lecture-hall at the University of Umea was torched and damages of approx. 1.7 million SKR ($200,000) were inflicted. It´s unclear if the arson was performed in relation to the campaign against the University's animal experiments, although "militant vegans could be responsible", a radio station proclaimed. **-Unclaimed**
2/4/98-Umea; A hot dog bar located on the University area was burned out. The fire, which according to the police was set off by a firebomb. Witnesses saw a "dark-clothed man" run from bar as it was burning. The bar was totally destroyed inside. **-Unclaimed**
2/6/98-Karlstad; During the night a meat factory just outside Karlstad was set on fire. Unfortunately, the activists were seen and the fire department was called, but the building was on fire at 3 places and suffered some small damage by fire and lots by the smoke. **-Djurens Hamnare (Animal Avengers)**


3 of 13 rabbits liberated from a Swedish lab breeder in November '97 - DRM

2/13/98; Several bomb hoaxes phoned in to the Fashion hall where lots of furs are displayed.
2/14/98; Two mink farms raided on Valentine's day. 400 mink are released from farm in Bredared and another 250 minks are released from Alvesta mink farm. **-The Wild Minks**
2/14/98-Jonkoping; Perssons meat factory had several vehicles' locks glued, slogans sprayed and windows smashed.
2/14/98-Bredared; Activists visited the Segerstorps mink farm. Damages unknown. **-The Wild Minks**
2/14/98-Boras; A fur farm was raided by activists and all 300 breeding mink on the farm were set free.
2/21/98; A fishing company had a vehicle damaged, windows smashed, slogans such as "Go Vegan" were painted and the interior of the car was damaged.
2/25/98; Activists made a second visit to Ugglekarrs mink farm, a place well known for its breeding work. The farm was attacked in April '97 so this time the farmer was prepared. In the woods and on small roads around the farm he had placed barbwire at stumbling height. Also, several scarecrows had been made to look like farmers with sticks in their hands that should look like guns. On the farm the activists was met by a sign reading "WARNING! Mines!" Activists checked it out and found that the gate had been rigged with some kind of explosive crackers that would have made a lot of noise if they were set off, so the activists decided on another way in. Several holes were cut in the fence around the farm and after that all 650 mink (breedinganimals) on the farm were freed. **-The Wild Minks**
2/26/98-Hagshult; Another mink farm visited, holes were cut in the fence and 550 black mink (breeding animals) were released from their cages. **-The Wild Minks**
2/28/98-Bredared; Activists attempted to free some mink from the Segerstorps farm. "The Wild Minks" had been sprayed on a building and the activists went in the farm, triggering a motion detector and spotlights went on. A few minutes later, cars arrived at the farm. Fortunately, the activists from The Wild Minks made a quick escape and no one was arrested. This is the same farm that was attacked on 2/14/98. **-The Wild Minks**
3/3/98; Vivisector Viktor Mutt that tortures cats and guinea pigs have a visit by animal liberationists. They filled his letter box with red paint as well as the front door and write "Cat abuser" on his door.
3/8/98-Skara; 800 minks released from Halla Mink mink farm.
3/8/98-Skyberga; 230 minks released from a fur farm. Unfortunately 3 activists were arrested in connection with that raid.

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

Announcing the formation of the:

North American ALF PRESS OFFICE



What does the Press Office Do?

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

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

The Press Officer, as a public face for the A.L.F., is available for interviews, phone-ins, news reports, etc. The group is 100% volunteer run. Any reporters or interested parties may contact the NA-A.L.F. Press Office at:

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The NA-A.L.F. Press Office is an independent, pro-A.L.F. organization working closely with the NA-A.L.F.SG and other above-ground, animal liberation groups.

May 4, 1998 - A.L.F. Press Office Report

Since the recent formation of the North American A.L.F. Press Office, things have been quite busy! The latest A.L.F. action the Press Office supported happened May 4, 1998.

In the early morning hours in the town of Wimauma, Florida, outside of Tampa, a veal processing plant was burned down. The Fire Marshall is declaring the fire to be arson after finding the initials "A.L.F." on the building.

The plant employs 18 people and claims $2.5 million profit annually. Estimated damages are half a million dollars. Witnesses say the plant is completely destroyed! Interviews were conducted with WHNZ radio and WFLA television (NBC affiliate). A television interview via satellite was done with Fox News.

The Press Officer went live via satellite on "Your Turn with Kathy Fountain," Monday, May 11 from Minneapolis, MN. This appeared on the noon news on WTBT Fox 13. The show is described as a call in show similar to "Larry King Live."

The first media interview by the Press Office was to explain a bomb hoax in Rochester, New York. Channel 9 (24 hour cable news show) and channel 13 conducted phone interviews. The bomb hoax was a pipe bomb with the initials "A.L.F." spray painted on it and left in a county park. A warning was also sent to the County Park Supervisor. The park is considering a deer bait and shoot massacre. The Press Officer highlighted the fact that no one was injured (or even close to being injured) in the hoax and therefore fell within A.L.F. guidelines

Many students and reporters have been in contact for general A.L.F. information and future news stories, because word is spreading fast about the Press Office. You can certainly help by passing on our address etc. to everyone you know. Also, check out our web page at the always exciting Frontline Information Service!

Remember that you are the eyes and ears of the movement, so whenever you see the Press Officer speaking, be sure to tape any interviews and send any news clippings to the Press Office, (don't worry, you will be reimbursed for expenses).

Currently, a Press Office leaflet is in the works and we are raising funds to buy a computer (in preparation for all those wonderful actions taking place in North America!) Much, much more to come as the Press Officer is on call 24 hours a day.

Finally, this is the time to renew your support of direct action for the animals. Remember that the animals, A.L.F. and prisoners are counting on each of us to stay strong in support of direct action, especially when it's easier not to. You know that the A.L.F. works, you know it's the right thing to do.

Katie Fedor
North American - A.L.F. Press Officer

More Diary of Actions!!!

3/15/98-Ostersund; Activists raided the Brunflo fox farm. The cages to the foxes (70) were opened and every breeding card taken. The activists carried out as many foxes as possible from their cages. Some of the foxes ran out in the woods without looking back once. Slogans such as "A.L.F.", "Treblinka", "Close down" and "Freedom" were sprayed on some of the sheds. All of the animals released were breeding animals. The action was dedicated to the 3 activists on remand in Sweden. **-A.L.F.**

3/17/97-Stockholm; 11 fur shops attacked, several windows was smashed at every store, slogans sprayed, paint poured over walls and locks glued. Actions claimed in support of the 3 activists on remand in Sweden and say this was to show the abusers that nothing will stop them and that this is nothing of what they are capable of doing.
-The Avengers of Fur-Bearing Animals

3/22/98; 300 breeding minks released from Forsheda mink farm. The action is dedicated to Kristofer Aberg, on remand for releasing minks. **-The Wild Minks**

3/25/98; Activists break in to a battery hen unit and liberate 23 hens. All are now placed in good homes. **-Commando Astrid Lindgren**

3/29/98; Vivisection vet Krister Iwarsson had his car repainted and the locks on the car glued.

3/30/98-Stockholm; Two windows smashed and a paint bomb thrown at Vastertorp fur shop.

4/-/98-Roras; Circus posters removed or has cancelled because of animal abuse-signs glued over them.

4/3/98; Vivisector Viktor Mutt that tortures cats and guinea pigs have a visit by animal liberationists. They fill his letter box with red paint as well as the front door and write "Cat abuser" on his door.

4/4/98-Kil; Activists visit a empty fur far. Cages destroyed, slogans sprayed, feeding machine destroyed + lots of other damage. **-The Wild Minks**

4/5/98-Stockholm; Windows smashed, slogans sprayed, paint poured over furs at 3 shops.

4/6/98-Stockholm; 3 incendiary devices are planted in meat lorries. Unfortunately they are spotted early and cause very little damage.

4/18/98-Uppsala; One beagle dog, named Angel by it's rescuers, was liberated in a daylight raid from the Veterinary school. **-New Djurens Befrielse Front (A.L.F.)**

4/23/98-Vallentuna; 121 rats liberated from the Eklund Brothers. All the rats have now been placed in good homes. **-Djurrattsmilisen (Animal Rights Militia)**

5/2/98; Activist raid Kils battery hen unit and liberate 28 hens. They have all been placed in caring homes. **-New Djurens Befrielse Front (A.L.F.)**

5/20/98-Molndal/Gothenburg; A fur shop has been forced to close down due to a lot of devastating sabotage actions. The Activists say that their most effective weapon was a powder fire extinguisher emptied through the stores mail slot. **-A.L.F.**

6/1//98-Kallhall, Stockholm; Two lorries belonging to ARLA (a big dairy company in Sweden) were set on fire and totally destroyed by the fire. The police tried to trace the people setting it on fire, but the traces stopped at Kallhalls station. The police have found sprayed slogans such as "Murderers".

Animal Liberation Front GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Liberator's Story

by Kievan Hickey

My story is no more important than all the other actions that are taking place to free our animal friends. It all started on a spring morning outside Her Majesty's Prison Bullingdon, where Barry Horne announced that he was on a hunger strike, and a support demo was announced in solidarity.

From here, many animal libbers toured the Oxford countryside, determined that at least on this one day, some of the animals were going to see their freedom.

Hillgrove family farm has supplied cats for the vivisection industry for the past 30 years or so. For years, Mr. Brown, the owner of the farm, has had the anger of our movement upon him.

It wasn't about bravery or about who was better than whom - it was a spontaneous action fueled by anger at what this one individual is allowed to inflict on hundreds of innocent cats. Without Mr. Brown supplying these cats, the vivisection industry would have no legal supplier.

In broad daylight, with the police called to other incidents around Oxford, activists wrenched the doors off the breeding unit which had denied these animals the freedom they had so long been screaming for. All those days of pleading for justice and, at last, some of them were going to be carried away to loving, caring homes!

The cat I grabbed was a beautiful orange female who I later learned in court to be called Margaret (Mr. Brown asserted that he named all of the cats in the unit).

People were running across fields and rivers and through woods with animals in their arms. A police helicopter was called, and I, along with some others, was arrested.

I refused to hand the cat I had over to the police, and they later used that against me in my court case.

One year later, three of the nine arrested were subjected to the might of the British legal system. In court, Mr. Brown admitted that at least 20 percent of the "stock" kept at the farm died from horrific injuries such as snapped necks, broken backs, and mothers consuming their young, all indications of an extremely stressful environment.

This new evidence has resulted in the animal rights movement pressing charges against Mr. Brown for cruelty to animals.

All through the case, the police fabricated evidence. Mr. Brown, the day after testifying, was allegedly attacked and beaten in Oxford town centre. After a week and a half long trial, my two co-defendants were found not guilty. I was finishing a 6-month sentence, but the judge didn't bother to take this into account and sentenced me to another 12 months.

I later found out that the beautiful cat, Margaret, was destroyed two weeks before the trial was to start. The so-called property I "stole" was no longer wanted by Mr. Brown.



Unidentified activist with rescued cat

Even more Diary of Direct Actions!!!

UNITED STATES

6/-/97-Indianapolis, IN; Windows were broken in eight or nine different fast food restaurants. Two McDonald's (with nice, large plate glass windows with the big "M," a Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Dairy Queen, Hardy's, Burger King, and an Arby's. From the communique: "While many times more significant targets can be found, fast food restaurants will be aware that, as some of the largest abusers of the animals and the earth, they will not escape the tide of action against oppression. ANIMAL LIBERATION" **-A.L.F.**

7/16/97-West Palm Beach, FL; Locks glued at the Revillion and Valentino fur shops. **-A.L.F.**

9/-/97-Washington, DC; The A.L.F. struck Andriana Furs in Northwest Washington, in which etching-cream-filled lightbulb "bombs" exploded on two of the store's display windows. As well, "FUR HURTS" was etched in big, thick, beautiful letters in a second hit. Again, Andriana's tried to cover the message with a few leaves, but the words are still very visible. **-A.L.F.**

9/7/97-Hollywood, FL; Locks glued at Jordan's furs for the second time this summer. **-A.L.F.**

9/7/97-Pompano Beach, FL; Locks glued at the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) headquarters. **-A.L.F.**

9/12/97-Oviedo, FL; Boys Town research centre hit by activists. Damage inflicted included a resident passenger van (all 4 locks glued, body paint-stripped, all tires slashed, slogans painted, engine monkey wrenched). The facility was also hit and had 3 windows shattered by a sledgehammer, as was the front door. The A.L.F. warned, "Actions will escalate as long as kittens die at Boys Town. Time for the killer$ to pay. **-A.L.F.**

10/-/97-Lauderhill, FL; Arson at Palm Coast Veal Corp. (3698 NW 16th St) damage unknown. **-A.L.F.**

10/29/97-Neligh, NB; Activists caused over $100,000 damage to the construction site of a controversial hog farm, in an attempt to protect the local environment. **-Unclaimed**

11/5/97-Ft. Wayne,IN; The Lair Fox Farm on Shoaff Rd. was raided. From the communique: "As we approached the farm we noticed a bright flashing light and heard loud music blasting from a radio. This was an obviously weak attempt to deter liberators from breaking in and setting the prisoners free. The cover of the loud noise from the radio allowed us to cut two 8 foot long and 3 foot high holes in the surrounding fence. Once inside, we opened the cages. A total of 125 foxes were liberated. "Free the Enslaved-A.L.F." was painted on a wall. All of this was accomplished in full view of a security camera on a nearby barn. As we left, we saw many of these bluish-silver foxes run to freedom." **-A.L.F.**

11/17/97- East Coast; Warning letters were received stating that supermarket turkeys had been contaminated up and down the east coast of N. America, including Acme Shoprite, Superfresh, Pathmark Food, Stop 'N Shop. This contamination occurred when the consumption of turkey flesh is at its highest, but the group vowed the contaminations would continue long after the "Thanksgiving" holidays were over. **-Justice Department**

12/4/97-Lake Worth, FL; Locks glued, and slogans spraypainted at Intra-Coastal Packing Inc. ("Wholesale Poultry"). A truck was also spraypainted and had its windows broken. **-A.L.F.**

12/9/97-Boca Raton, FL; Slogans spraypainted at The Leather Center and the windshield of a delivery truck was broken. **-A.L.F.**

12/10/97-N.Y.C., NY; Activists raided the Astoria Live Chicken Market, releasing a dozen pigeons and four rabbits. Dozens of hens, roosters, turkeys and ducks are also housed and slaughtered at this Market. From the communique "More NYC liberations to come, and in greater numbers." **-A.L.F.**

1/?/98-Callicoon, NY; Slogan spraypainted on dairy barn in big red letters. **-A.L.F.**

1/18/98-Los Angeles County, CA; 18 rabbits, 1 duck, 3 hens, and 5 quail were liberated from a slaughterhouse which kills the animals by beheading them. From the communique. "We have also treated several animal-abusing businesses to the standard lock-gluing and slogan-painting forays. One thrift store, whom we have targeted countless times, has separated from its "parent," the City of Hope (VIVISECTION SCUM)! I guess we don't know for certain, but it seems like our ministrations (gluing and painting) could have been a factor in their "divorce"! Until our next communication, we thank all activists fighting for our brothers and sisters. We do what little we can to make this world a little better for the animals." **-A.L.F. Southland Unit**

1/25/98-Callicoon, NY; Both sides of a sign promoting the killing of fish paint-bombed. **-A.L.F.**

2/2/98-North Brunswick, NJ; Police believe that a group of environmental activists is responsible for recent damage to facilities and equipment at a construction site off. A trailer office and several work vehicles were vandalized. Extensive damage was done to property owned by Forest Gate Associates Inc., North Brunswick, and O & S Landscaping. "Eco-Defense" was written across a vandalized vehicle. Windows were smashed and tires were flattened on the same vehicle. Police also found mothballs in the fuel tank. Other writings found on vehicles include: "End this murder of all life" and "Earth Liberation."

2/11/98-Chevy Chase, MD; Miller's Furs had three windows covered with etching cream. **-A.L.F.**

2/mid/98-Lancaster, PA; Millcreek Sportsman Club where trapper meetings are held was redecorated. **-Unclaimed**

2/23/98-Rochester, NY; Durand Eastman Park was bomb-hoaxed to protest a deer-bait-and-shoot program. For at least the last 5 or 6 years the park closes early for one month and off-duty police officers shoot deer that are baited to certain areas with piles of corn. So far they've killed about 700 deer since the inception of the program. A bomb warning was painted on the pavement near the start of a hiking trail and realistic looking bombs with copper wires sticking into ground were hidden in the park. County Parks Supervisor Alan Cassidy received a suspicious envelope in his mailbox. That too turned out to be harmless but contained a note warning what might happen if deer bait and shoot program was not halted. **-A.L.F.**

3/4/98-Spencer, NY; Activists sabotaged a vehicle belonging to organizers of a "donkey basketball" game sponsored by Spencer Van Etten High School as a fundraiser. Observers at the event say students were playing basketball while riding donkeys, and they often punched, kicked and screamed at the animals to force them to "cooperate." The activists say they slashed tires and may have damaged other parts of a blue, remodelled school bus owned by Shaw Brothers, the providers of the donkeys. The animals are apparently transported in this poorly equipped, non-insulated vehicle.

3/5/98-Washington, DC; Miller's Furs two large show windows, each sporting huge "Drastic Reductions" signs, now have the following messages written in etching cream: 'MANNIE KILLS' (Manny Miller, owner of both Miller's Furs stores) and 'FUR STILL HURTS' **-A.L.F.**

4/early/98-PA; McDonalds fire bombed. Bathroom totally destroyed. McMurder spray painted on walls. **-A.L.F.**

4/mid/98-Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Three vans owned by the Shriners had windshields smashed and anti-circus slogans spray-painted, including "Circus Cruelty", "Stop Animal Abuse", "No circus!" and "A.L.F.". **-A.L.F.**

5/4/98-Wimauma, FL; Florida Veal Processors Inc. a slaughterhouse was the target of an incendiary attack. **-A.L.F.**

5/12/98-Sacramento, CA; A fur store was the target of an incendiary attack. Police reported someone threw accellerant on the front entrance set it a light and took off. It was reported to have sustained $10,000 in structural damage, $10,000 in damage to goods (not including, the story said, the money to clean the fur coats which had major smoke damage). **-Unclaimed**

5/29-30/98-Poughkeepsie, NY; The construction site of a new animal laboratory attached to the psychology building Vassar College was spraypainted with slogans including "You are building an animal torture chamber" and "A.L.F.". Numerous large walkway stones were also covered in red paint. **-A.L.F.**

6/1/98-Northern CA; The A.L.F. claims responsibility for over 100 smashed windows in the last six to eight months. "We do not wish to give locations or dates of specific events." **A.L.F.**

Animal Rights Commentary

There Is Nothing "Big" in Going to Prison

by Noel Molland

According to some friends of mine, in America there has been some criticism recently aimed at American Animal Liberation Front activists who reached plea bargains with the courts to avoid prison sentences for their ALF actions. I find the idea of criticizing someone for keeping out of prison unbelievable.

If someone wants to be a martyr for the cause, then that's their business. But, they shouldn't expect other people to go to prison just so they have someone to hero worship.

An activist outside prison can do a heck of a lot more than an activist who is inside. This does not mean to say that prisoners can't do anything at all. Barry Horne managed to give the British anti-vivisection/animal liberation movement a really good kick up the arse whilst he was on Remand by doing two high-profile hunger strikes. Other prisoners also remain highly active, behind the scenes, helping with prisoner support and other people's defense campaigns. They give encouragement to other activists. Prisoners regularly write articles, etc., etc. As a prisoner, there is a hell of a lot you can do to help the Animal/Earth Liberation movement. But, at the end of the day, despite everything a prisoner can do, an activist who is outside prison can help the animals and Earth a lot more than those who are inside.

I have heard some people say that *in court* we must make a political stand and show our principles. Why? The only people who are really going to hear what you say *in court* are twelve jury members, a judge and the lawyers (none of whom really care what you say). In the British Animal/Earth Liberation movement, it is widely accepted that people can say whatever they like within the court room, as long as they don't land someone else in the shit (i.e., grass). What you say in court has no reflection on your real views and opinions. What you say in court is done to get the shortest prison sentence possible. And, as long as you don't drop anyone else in the shit, you can say what you like in court.

I personally feel that it should be the duty of all activists to get the shortest prison sentence possible. The sooner the sentence is over, the sooner the activist is back out in the field, fucking things up for the Animal/Earth abusers.

Captain Paul Watson is one of the most highly respected Earth Liberation activists there is. Co-founder of Greenpeace, founder of Sea Shepherd and inventor of the Tree Spike, Paul Watson has been involved with Earth Liberation direct action for coming up to three decades now. He has achieved this respect through his actions and words, not by sacrificing himself to pseudo-martyr status. In fact, Paul Watson is one of the first people to tell activists to keep out of prison. In his book *Earthforce* (published by Chaco Press), he even tells you how to play the legal game whilst in court.

"Never make a fuss about swearing on the bible. It's only a book, and you do not want to prejudice your case by directly insulting or alienating the antropencentric. Go into court clean cut, well-mannered and be polite, friendly and all-American or all-whatever. Dress more establishment than the prosecutor. Always address the judge politely as "your Honor". Appeal to the emotions of the jury. Do not be cold, aloof or arrogant. If there is a jury, they must be influenced to like you. The judge should be influenced to respect you. Never be antagonistic. Remember that you are the David and you are facing the Goliath. In court, your weapons are your lawyers, your credibility, your humility and your presentability. Cultivate charisma and arm yourself with it. Cloak yourself in charm and graciousness. Be a gentle person. Most importantly - never forget that you are right, that your actions are justified and that your intent is honorable." (Cited from *Earthforce*)

As I said, I feel it is the duty of every Animal/Earth Liberation activist to do everything they can to avoid imprisonment, so that they are free to carry on the fight for Animal/Earth Liberation. If someone feels they really want to go to prison to make a political statement, then that's their own business. But, no one has the right to try to pressure anyone into taking a long prison sentence because someone else (who doesn't have to do that sentence) wants to see them make a political point. For people to criticize a Plea Bargain - which does not involve naming names, but does involve avoiding a long prison sentence - is outrageous.

There is no glory in going to prison. Prison is boring. We have enough people in prison at the moment. Just look at the prisoner list. The animals don't need more people behind bars. They need more people getting up and getting active. If you want to do some good, get the animals out of their cages. Don't willingly walk into one yourself.

This article was written by Noel Molland, A British Animal/Earth Liberation activist who, as one of the GandALF 3 (see news item on page 9), recently spent 4 1/2 months in jail for allegedly conspiring to incite direct action.

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Violence As A Force For Change *by An Ex-ALF Activist*

1) Has the Animal Liberation Movement used violence?

First of all, the animal welfare/rights/liberation movement has been using violence as a tactic almost as long as it has been around. Early BUAV (British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection) members waited at the doors of labs to attack and in some cases badly beat vivisectors. Hunts sabs have used violence in defense and retaliation at a later date after attacks from hunt thugs, more times than can be counted. The JD (Justice Department) and ARM (Animal Rights Militia) plant or send devices which are intended to cause injury and in some cases (the JD) have done just that. Policemen have been beaten to the ground on demos to get at labs/livestock vehicles/animal abusers etc. At a Hunt Ball (fund raising event) the police misjudged the amount of people turning up on the animal rights side and so the fur coated hunters had to try and get through a crowd of spitting and punching activists to get inside. Few did without at least bruises and ripped clothes.

So let's not beat about the bush; violence has been used to save animals, in self-defense and as an expression of total contempt for abusers. It is not a case of WILL the movement ever use violence, but will the use of violence escalate in the future.

2) Are the ALF violent?

The ALF has always had a policy of causing no harm to life, human or animal, and in it's 20 year history has never hurt anyone. The ALF can only be called violent if you consider the use of force against in-animate objects violent. But if you do that then the actions of the RSPCA, fire brigades and other emergency forces are also violent. They too, destroy property to save lives. It has been claimed that the use of window smashing and arson causes fear and distress to the animal abuser and so constitutes a form of mental violence, but the same charge could be leveled against any demonstration or expression of disapproval.

3) Does the use of violent struggle work to achieve social and/or economic change?

What else does?

History shows us that only two things change stable societies, Violence and technological invention. The latter in such cases as the industrial revolution. All major, long lasting changes came about due to violent struggle or outright war.

Here's a list: Alexander the Great's conquests, The Mongol Hordes invasion of just about everyone, Roman Empire, British Empire, French Revolution, American revolution, Cuban revolution, Russian revolution. America has achieved it's more recent cultural and economic superiority due to the advantage it received by not getting smashed to hell during WW2, but it keeps this position by the fear of and the use of violence. e.g. the Gulf War, Panama, Grenada, etc.

Closer to home in form are the struggles against slavery, for women's votes and civil rights. All used violence although poor old Martin Luther King tried to keep it peaceful. Some people still claim that the suffragettes in England didn't use violence to gain the vote, but they not only used arson on post boxes, buildings and trains (both empty), they also attacked the police at demonstrations and while being arrested.

There are only two contenders I can see for fairly non-violent change:

1) India - although Gandhi used, advocated and pushed nonviolence (plus a fairly large number of his supporters did too), there was also a number of violent uprisings/riots especially in the region of what became the breakaway Pakistan (of which there was a near war between the new India and Pakistan). So India is a poor contender. At one point Gandhi went on a hunger strike to stop war breaking out.

2) The end of Soviet Russia - the breakup of the old USSR and the bringing down of the Berlin wall in particular was, on the whole, fairly nonviolent, a few leaders got topped (most deserved it) and many who didn't, perhaps should have been. On the whole, it was more or less peaceful, but violence was used to some extent.

Those are the only two I can think of which come near to any great change without great violence. It also depends on what time span you use. The downfall of the USSR has meant we now have the war in former Yugoslavia, so when do you stop the clock?

Minor change within a society like the fight for the vote, rights for women, etc. is even harder to gauge, not only in it's tactics but also in its results. Have women even now achieved what they started to fight for? Many would say that the struggle still continues.

All change brings violence, small or large scale, and we just have to hope it is as small as possible. Nonviolent change on any scale may not be impossible but we just haven't seen any yet. I think the issue should be: how can we achieve our aims using the minimum of force and keep it changed with the same minimum of force. It is clear from history and personal experience that those who are animal abusers and those in power protecting them will use violence to suppress any moves to achieve change.

Remember, we all pay our taxes and obey the laws under threat of violent imprisonment if we dare to disobey. Violence is always there waiting to be used by those in power - they have no qualms over using it - nor do animal abusers.

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Reviews

Rage And Reason by Michael Tobias

The ultimate animal rights revenge novel... and much more
reviewed by Xenkidu



Rage And Reason is the tale of a man who can no longer patiently sit back and watch the horrors around him; a man whose rage finally overcomes him and drives him to strike back against those who torture and murder animals. Hunters become the hunted, furriers are skinned alive and vivisectionists are shot as their labs are engulfed in flames. The hammer of justice falls again and again.

At one level, this is just another testosterone-driven vigilante revenge novel with shoot-outs, assassinations, wild chases and mass destruction. But at a deeper level it is an exploration of the human psyche; an examination of the contradictions inherent in being a caring, compassionate person in today's heartless world.

"Where does evil become relevant to a person? In one's bedroom, certainly, when a stranger breaks through the window and threatens to kill one's children. But what about one's neighbor's children? Or children a mile away?"

"And what about a goose in the backyard, a goose you've raised from a hatchling? Along comes a homeless person whom you catch strangling it for his dinner. You try to stop him and find that he's got this piano wire, see, he's come prepared, and the only way you can stop him is to hurt him, hurt him bad, perhaps. Do you do it? Does the blood mingle from goose to child? Are the associations relevant?"

And is there more, or less, of a case for taking personal and direct action to put a stop to these kinds of evil when the perpetrators are not societal deviants struggling through life but instead are willing participants in the institutionalized torture and killing of billions of innocent creatures? Where is our moral outrage against the atrocities committed against animals every single day?

Do we care so little that we can only occasionally be bothered to stand quietly on a street corner holding a sign or write a letter of protest? Are we so indifferent and timid that the most daring and "militant" actions we are willing to take will merely land us in jail for a few days? Or is there really nothing more that any of us could be doing to help the animals?

The degree to which violence is absent from the animal liberation movement is either a tribute to our devotion to strategic action or a sign of our detachment from the cause we profess to care so much about. Or, perhaps it is both. In either case Rage And Reason reminds us that rage is a perfectly reasonable reaction to the atrocities committed against our animal sisters and brothers every day.

Note: You can purchase a copy of Rage and Reason through *No Compromise* below.

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Produced by Aquarian Productions and ADL Eugene
reviewed by Seth Stevens

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Breaking Free video magazine not only inspires new activists, but encourages older activists to keep fighting by showing us that we're not in this alone!

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Letters From Our Readers

Young At Heart

Dear *No Compromise*,

I enjoy your paper very much. When I am feeling down, upset, depressed and angry over all of the exploitation of animals and humans, I grab my *No Compromise* and read all of the wonderful things the ALF and others are doing for the animals, and the good humans.

I enjoy it so much I find myself yelling aloud "good, good, great!" It picks me right up and makes my day. I have been in the movement for 12 years now, am 60 years old and on crutches. If I were younger and able, I would probably be right out there with you!

Thank you ALF and others and thank you *No Compromise*. All of you keep up the good work!

Love You All,
Wanda McHenry

Letter from Gillian Peachey

ALF Prisoner of War

Greetings to all friends fighting for AR in the U.S.A.!

Great to hear from you and another excellent issue of *No Compromise*. News of all the effective (and imaginative) actions everywhere against the abusers certainly helps to keep your spirits high and a smile on your face in these places. All luck, love and support to those of you who continue to remind those cretins that their days of cash before compassion and of torturing our friends in the name of sport are numbered. We *will* win. But, if a lot more armchair activists were prepared to stand up and do something positive, we'd be a lot farther forward than we are now.

There is tremendous impetus in our movement again. Brilliant actions directed at the morons who perpetrate abuse remind them day after day that they will not be allowed to continue. We all know that however much we give, we can always do a bit more. *We* are the creatures who have the ability to speak and to take action for the voiceless. If only every person who pays lip service to our movement was prepared to take positive action (in whatever way their conscience allows), we would soon start to call a halt to our friends' suffering. The "authorities" cannot give any "punishment" that is a sufficient deterrent if you have enough determination for change. Look back for one moment. Change can only be achieved if we are prepared to get off our butts and take some risks and are prepared to say to those "authorities": *This will no longer be tolerated!*

There would still be slaved beings shipped and women would not have a vote if there had not been people prepared to shout "**Enough**!" But, we are not yet shouting it as loudly as we should be.

Yes, we've had some great and hard-fought successes.

Yes, we're on the verge of closing other hellholes.

Yes, many more people are becoming aware of how badly our friends are tortured and abused.

Yes, more people are adopting the vegan way of life.

No, it's not enough - not by a long way.

Until the abuse, suffering and torture - in whatever form it may take - has stopped, it will never be enough. Until all creatures are treated as sensitive, feeling beings and not as less than a crate of tomatoes, it will never be enough.

When *all* sentient beings have the right to live a natural, cruelty-free life, then - and only then - can we say that we have done enough.

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In Support of the Swedish Mink Raids

In the last issue of *No Compromise* (#8) there was a commentary written by Emilie E:son, self-confessed press officer for a direct action group in Sweden called Djurens Befrielse Front, DBF. She criticized the mink liberation raids that have occurred in Sweden lately, especially the largest raid to date in Svenljunga in October 1997, when an estimated 8,000 minks was released from 2 fur farms in that area. This article is written in support of the mink liberators and to answer some of the things Emilie E:son wrote.

She said this action was carried out by a nameless and unknown group. Well, unknown maybe to her because she is not very up to date with the Swedish animal rights movement, but for others it was clear that the group responsible was "The Wild Minks", a group that, since February 1997, has raided over 35 fur farms.

Shortly after this raid in Svenljunga, Emilie E:son was in the media condemning this liberation of minks and calling the liberators crazy people with no connection to animal rights. And those words come from a person claiming to be the Swedish ALF press officer!

Emilie E:son claims that many of the minks have been run over by cars, something she has heard from the media. But, as in the Chatham 3 case, the farmers could not show many ran over minks and the ones shown in the media were from his small road outside the farm (according to a communiqué from TWM) where you don't drive fast and the only way to kill a mink there is by intention, something which is not surprising that the farmers have done.

Emilie and other mink liberation critics also claim that soon the minks will starve to death yet at the same time they say the liberations are eco-disasters because all wild birds and other animals will be killed and eaten by the mink. Well, you have to make up your mind. Either they starve or eat everything.

Since the beginning of 1920's there have been wild minks in the Swedish countryside, at the same time as the first mink farms started in Sweden, so we do know the minks won't starve.

It is strange that Emilie argues that DBF support the liberation of 20 or 25 minks. Just because they are fewer won't they die of starvation and be a part in the eco-destruction as well?

Emilie claims in her article that the people doing these liberations of minks are crazy and not serious; that they don't care about the animals. Well, I am sure they do. At least they are doing something to destroy the fur trade. The last action carried out by DBF against the fur trade was in 1988 I think, so why doesn't Emilie do what she feels is necessary to destroy the fur trade instead of just condemning the ones doing something?

Fortunately, for the Swedish movement, animal rights activists have rightfully reclaimed the name DBF and carried out their first action in April, when a beagle was rescued from vivisection, and they urge all animal rights activists to use the name the same way it is used all over the world, with the ALF policy.

The Wild Minks and other groups that have carried out over 35 raids since 1997 against fur farms and liberated thousands of minks and hundreds of foxes and destroyed breeding cards, machines and empty farms has our support and always will. The Swedish animal rights movement is totally behind your acts of compassion!

from Anonymous Animal Liberationists
from Sweden

Tactics Questioned

Dear Editor,

Someone handed me a 1996 *No Compromise*, and I felt good about a lot of what I read. But I question a couple of the tactics reported. If the ALF's guidelines are that no living being be harmed, why are activists sticking razor blades in envelopes? Especially the activist(s) who tainted the razor blade(s) with AIDS blood. Even if it wasn't really AIDS contamination, is it ethical to cause someone to have to worry for a year about having a fatal disease?

Sure, the president of a fur company has caused plenty of animals to agonize, but does that justify activists' stooping to the same level? And let's look at who probably opens those razored letters. Not the decision-makers at a company, but the secretaries. Maybe she's only a temporary secretary who took the first thing the agency offered, not even knowing that the company tests on animals. Are activists justified in cutting her with razor blades via an envelope?

I also question graffiti that calls people things like "scum." Calling someone a murderer, an animal abuser or exploiter is just stating a fact. You're accusing someone of what they have actually done. But who are we to judge who is scum? Think back to when you used to eat meat. Were you SCUM then? And when you gave up meat, leather, etc., did your essential nature suddenly change to NON-SCUM? Are your parents SCUM because they eat meat?

I believe that no one is SCUM—we're all divine beings but some of us aren't conscious enough to appreciate who the animals are. By calling people judgmental names like SCUM, activists state untruths. Then that makes the rest of their statements—murderer, etc.—less credible.

I think it's wonderful to stand up for our nonhuman sisters and brothers, but we have to be careful not to stoop to the same unloving behavior that we are accusing others of.

Kindly,
Barbara Rosen

Editors' Note: The ALF guidelines, as you correctly state, include taking all necessary precautions to avoid causing harm to human or non-human animal life. Mailing of razor blades to animal abusers is not done by ALF cells. These types of actions are typically claimed by groups (e.g. The Justice Department) which do not abide by the same code of non-violence which the ALF does. *No Compromise* neither endorses nor condemns these sorts of actions, but we do believe we have a journalistic duty to report them.

Respecting Those Against Abortion

I recently received an e-mail from *NC* asking me to offer suggestions and comments on the magazine. While I am a big fan of *NC* (obviously), there is one issue I would like to address.

In recent past issues, there have been several items which have appeared in *NC* supporting abortion. A few examples.. in the last issue there was an article in support of abortion rights and how the author felt it was connected to the animal liberation movement. Also *NC* has, in the past, given VERY vocal support to the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement, a group which openly supports the use of abortion as a form of "population control".

I would like to point out that many of us in the animal liberation movement believe very strongly in the sanctity of ALL life, and stand very firmly against abortion. While I am not asking that *NC* come out in support of the anti-abortion position (although it would be nice), I would ask that you please recognize that many of us do not appreciate a publication such as *NC*, which is supposed to be a spokesperson of sorts for the animal liberation movement, giving support to pro abortion items. We are very dedicated activists of the type that *NC* vocally supports, and do not appreciate being made to feel isolated from the rest of the movement in this manner.

My suggestion would be to please recognize our viewpoint and respect it. Many of us feel that ending abortion is just as much a part of animal liberation as ending dairy and meat production is, and I'm sure that *NC* would never give support to any group or individual who advocated meat or dairy consumption. I would ask that you please do the same for abortion.

Again, I am not asking *NC* to publicly come out against abortion. I am just simply asking that you please distance yourself from certain things in order to avoid a conflict of ethics within the animal liberation movement.

Thank you for listening to my concern. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Liberation,
Dan Beben

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Editors' Note: *No Compromise* recognizes that there are good activists on both sides of the abortion issue and does not take a position on it. We respect both sincerely held viewpoints.

IN THE TRENCHES

YOUR GUIDE TO GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS

Here again is a listing of grassroots organizations fighting for the total liberation of all animals. All of the listed organizations meet *No Compromise*'s guidelines for inclusion which are as follows. The groups listed in our "In the Trenches" directory are grassroots, abolitionist organizations. Groups must be pro-direct action/ALF, and must not denounce other groups fighting for animal liberation. If you are not listed but would like to be, and meet our guidelines, please contact us so that we can include you in our next issue!

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE - ALBANY

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UPDATE: The Albany chapter of ADL, recently reformed, kicked off its attack on the fur industry with two protests on Fur Free Friday '97 that lead to four arrests. Since then, Albany has been focusing mainly on anti-fur action, targeting two stores in particular; Beck Furs in Guilderland and Beyer Furs in Schenectady.

Albany celebrated a victory in March when three men affiliated with Beyer Furs were arrested for harassment; they threw eggs and snowballs at peaceful demonstrators and verbally threatened several ADL activists. Albany has also been working on promoting a vegan life-style; members frequently set up information tables and served a vegan meal at a soup kitchen in honor of the Great American Meatout. Several circuses have also been the target of ADL demonstrations, most recently, the Royal Palace Circus and Ringling Brothers. With the summer coming, Albany plans to focus on awareness of food-animal issues, while continuing to put pressure on the fur industry.

RESOURCES: We can send out originals of literature to photocopy for tabling, or for groups or individuals looking to learn more about virtually any animal-related issue. We can assist with making flyers and literature, and can offer basic help with writing press releases. Additionally, we can offer advice on starting a school or community animal rights group.

ADL/CAFT - ATLANTA

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ADL/CAFT - BLOOMINGTON

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UPDATE: ADL's Bloomington chapter has been hard at work campaigning against animal research at Indiana University. Because thousands of animals are "sacrificed" every year for the benefit of research grants, ADL has begun targeting specific vivisectionists at their homes and all across campus. 2500 pamphlets were distributed regarding the work of primate researcher, Preston Garraghty, followed by a 50 person demonstration at his home. In response to our campaign, vivisectionists and graduate students have established an anti-ADL organization in hopes of defending the status quo.

ADL and CAFT chapters have published our joint newsletter, entitled *COUNTER FRICTION* to keep readers up to date on our actions and events all across the country. Send $1 to the above address for a copy.

ADL - BOCA RATON

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UPDATE: The ADL-BR has kept up campaigns against the circus and Amartins Furs. At a recent Shriners circus protest, we received extensive media coverage because of an ALF action on the Shriners vans the night before. Though we were not involved in the vandalism and breaking of windows, we voiced our support for their actions. We are mounting pressure against Amartins Furs and hope to see their last store close shortly.

The ADL-BR are planning a conference for Spring 1999. This will be a conference unifying all the liberation movements, (women's lib, homosexual lib, human lib, eco lib, animal lib, etc). Speakers are needed for a wide variety of topics. If you can help with the conference or you want to get involved with the ADL, please contact us immediately.

ADL/CAFT - BOSTON

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UPDATE: CAFT and ADL Boston continue with their protests against Macy's and the fur trade. Boston CAFT and ADL are participants in the east coast anti-Federated campaign. Boston activists have also been working to increase the pressure against Harvard University and the New England Regional Primate Center, which houses thousands of primates who are subjected to torturous and invasive drug addiction experiments. Boston activists have also increased the pressure against EKCO Group Inc., who produces the Victor leghold trap and the Conibear trap. Activists are working to expose the hypocrisy behind EKCO's production of the traps and supplies for companion animals. On May 12, activists attended EKCO's annual shareholders' meeting in Boston. After the meeting, activists plan to continue the campaign through a letter writing campaign, product stickers, and letters to kitchenware, hardware, grocery and companion animal retail stores asking them to dump their EKCO products.

RESOURCES: CAFT and ADL Boston have resources on all aspects of animal abuse such as fur, animal products, circuses, vivisection, etc. CAFT-Boston has a wide variety of resources about EKCO trapping, and plans to produce an activist pack to further encourage other national activists to continue the boycott in their city or town. CAFT and ADL are also selling 2 t-shirts through which profits go towards both organizations. One shirt says "Go Vegan You Cow-Sucking Pervert!" and the other says "Animal Liberation - Earth First!." Shirts are $13, which includes postage, are printed on unbleached cotton and come in M, L and XL.

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UPDATE: Things are heating up for Macy's in Connecticut. CT is home to 4 Macy's locations. Although none of them have an actual fur salon, they remain our target of choice. In March, three activists locked down with bicycle locks inside the Danbury Macy's while nearly 30 activists protested outside. We also continue to target small furriers and other animal abusers.

Since the beginning of 1997, the Animal Defense League has participated in an active campaign against two local fur stores in West Hartford. We also protested the Ringling Brothers circus when it came to our state. The ADL has made a commitment to educate the public wherever animals are abused.

ADL - EUGENE

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UPDATE: Animal Defense League Eugene promises to exert maximum aggression against animal abusers in our area. We have begun a militant campaign against restaurants selling dead calves (veal) and have worked with SETA against vivisection on the U of O campus. The future looks grim for the abusers and bright for the animals!

RESOURCES: ADL Eugene produces Breaking Free video magazine, a VHS periodical documenting direct action for earth and animal liberation (see page __ for *NC*'s review). The first issue is available now, 27 professionally produced minutes of direct action! Contact us for rates. We are available to speak about videography for activists, train activists to use camcorders effectively, etc. Please contact us for more information.

ADL/CAFT - INDY

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UPDATE: The ADL - INDY is now in a reorganization phase and we are concentrating on developing a long term Federated campaign and 'vegan outreach.' We are producing a new set of literature and we are looking to start regular seminars around the city dealing with health, ecology, urban sustainable living, vivisection, veganism, etc, as well as possibly working with Food Not Bombs on McVegan demos.

CAFT-Indy has continued protests at Day Furs in Carmel. Activists also planned a demo at the owners' home last month. The protest ended prematurely when police stated that there was no public easement on the road in front of the house, and that they had to leave or be arrested for trespass. However, police were called out to the store protest the weekend afterwards because it is believed that the Days are more afraid now that activists know where they live. Meanwhile, research is being done into the legalities of future home demos at the Day's residence.

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ADL - LOS ANGELES

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UPDATE: We are doing weekly demos, and lately have suffered a half dozen arrests as part of a police harassment scheme. We are responding with at least 4 lawsuits and working closely with Frank DeGiacomo, our new lawyer. The group continues to grow, with 20-30 people showing up to most demos out of 400 on the mailing list.

Current campaigns include Circus Vargas, several rodeos in the area including the upcoming Ventura County Rodeo and a restaurant serving veal called Monteleone's. They sued and won against Last Chance for Animals for protesting there, so we are planning to turn the tables and are suing them for defaming us, as they claim we called in a bomb threat.

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UPDATE: The ADL-NJ is only one part of the world wide, grassroots, animal liberation organization, the Animal Defense League. The chapter opened in the summer of 1997 with an extremely effective campaign against Oscar Loewy Designer Furs, who closed due to the pressure applied by ADL-NJ activists. Since the victory, the ADL-NJ has decided to focus on fur and plans on eliminating the fur trade in New Jersey.

In February, the ADL-NJ kicked off protests at Furs By Guarino, the new main target, with a week-long demonstration. Activists remained outside of Guarino's death shop the entire time that the pelt peddler was open for business. Weekly protests against Furs By Guarino are now a large part of ADL-NJ's schedule. The ADL-NJ has no membership fees and only asks for people to help destroy the horrors of the fur industry!

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UPDATE: The NYC/LI ADL continues to focus on the fur trade, protesting at Macy's Herald Square ("the largest store in the world"), which

reinstated its fur salon this past winter. We are also doing vegan outreach by distributing free vegan food and literature to the public in both parks and in front of fast-food restaurants. We held 3 successful demos in two days for the "Fur Fashion Two Days" (see story on page 7) events which attracted furriers from across the country and we continue to support our out-of-state comrades by attending their events. We hope to build an even stronger activist base this summer in preparation for the upcoming fur season.

The weekend of July 25-26, we will be holding a national anti-fur weekend in NYC, with speakers and strategy meetings on the 25th and one of the largest anti-fur actions EVER on the 26th. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!! For more information, please contact us!

RESOURCES: We have ADL t-shirts, stickers and patches as part of our ever expanding merchandise selection. Please look on our webpage or call us for the latest. We can also assist groups in organizing membership databases. The second issue of our newsletter, *Do Not Consider Yourself Free*, is also out with features on our February 8th Macy's lockdown, Fur Fashion Two Days and World Lab Week. For a copy, please send us $1. Please e-mail us to be added to the weekly update list of NYC/LI ADL events and other animal liberation news.

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UPDATE: The Animal Defense League of Rochester has been trying to cover a wide range of issues lately. In March, we targeted the American Heart Association walk in order to spread information about veganism. We lined the walk route with posters explaining the connection between meat eating and heart disease. We then held a protest at a local meat packing plant focusing on the same issue.

We also took part in the Global Day of Action against Procter & Gamble. We held a protest at the local P&G office, which received a good amount of media attention. It seemed like everyone in Rochester with a television saw us.

In April, members of the Rochester ADL traveled to Ithaca to take part in the lab day protest at Cornell University. We also participated in an Earth Day celebration at the University of Rochester, where we were able to distribute information about the environmental impacts of animal industries.

We've also been very successful with our outreach programs, in which we've been tabling a lot in the community. We're working on getting a more formal newsletter together, rather than the informal mailings we've been sending out lately. We are currently preparing ourselves for the Barnum & Baily circus, which will be in Rochester at the beginning of June.

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UPDATE: ALB Boston will regroup this summer to focus on area businesses that continue to ignore the rights of nonhuman animals. Our summer campaigns will begin June 20, with the 5th Annual BBQ Battle. The BBQ Battle drew close to 7,000 participants last year and will once again be the focus of vocal demonstrations and literature distribution.

We are also waiting on word from a local sponsor of the Fiesta Shows Carnival, as there is a distinct possibility that our last two summers of protest may have drawn enough opposition to keep the "petting zoo" from Lexington Massachusetts. The Fiesta Shows carnival travels throughout Mass. bringing captive animals including a bobcat, red kangaroo and camels to local fairs. Demonstration schedules will be developing in the near future. Please check our website for upcoming demos in the Boston area.

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UPDATE: Our two major campaigns are against McDonald's and New York University. During the late fall and winter ALB NYC held weekly demonstrations at one of the two NYC restaurants now serving veggie burgers, however, we encourage a complete boycott of McDonald's and their corporate affiliates. The campaign (Never Again) targets McDonald's for constructing a restaurant at the Dachau Memorial in Munich, Germany.

On Nov. 10, 16 student members of ALB, ADL and SEAL occupied NYU President L. Jay Oliva's office for twenty-one hours. In doing so we insured the release of the remaining 30 chimpanzees at the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery In Primates (LEMSIP), an NYU funded research facility in Tuxedo, NY. On Nov. 13, members of the ALB raised questions of a high level administrator at NYU, resulting in University efforts to expel Jonathon Weintraub. Weintraub was expelled for one academic semester; however such penalty is stayed until such time as he violates an NYU disciplinary guideline.

We continue to work closely with In Defense of Animals in efforts to end vivisection at New York University. This summer ALB NYC will continue to focus our energies on NYU vivisectors in efforts to block federal funding of 10.5 million dollars to create the Center for Cognition, Learning, Emotion and Memory (CLEM).

Animal Liberation Collective

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UPDATE: The Animal Liberation Collective has been highly involved in the fight to stop the commercial seal hunt in Canada. We were able to organize a bus load of activists to send to Ottawa to participate in the 2500 person strong rally against the hunt in March. As well, we have recently been involved in a program to better educate and inform students at the University of Guelph about animals used in classroom teaching, labs and research on campus. A web page on this issue should be forthcoming.

The Collective has continued to host the weekly radio show "The Voice of the Voiceless" on the campus / community radio station (http://www.tao.ca/~alc/Voice.html). We also set up a new resource library (see below).

RESOURCES: The ALC has opened up a resource library to the local public. Materials include books, videos, facts sheets, audio tapes, and a suitable / safe space for accessing these items. We are soliciting donations from any organization who can help us expand our library. All donations are welcomed! Please contact the ALC if you can help out.

Animal Liberation of Texas

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UPDATE: ALT is engaged in a campaign to shut down the federal Animal Damage Control program in TX. ADC slaughters hundreds of thousands of animals each year. Coyotes are one of the main victims, slaughtered for the benefit of cattle ranchers.

We have been holding numerous protests at ADC offices, distributing thousands of doorhangers to educate the public about this issue and pitching this story to various media outlets.

We are engaged in an intense fur campaign against Neiman Marcus. Two of our members are suing Neimans because of an incident where Neimans security assaulted them after what was a low key protest (see page 5). Neimans has seen in store disruptions and acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. ALT also burned an effigy of a Neimans credit card for local TV cameras.

ALT is also beginning a campaign against local restaurants that sell goose liver foie gras.

Animal Rights America

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UPDATE: We coordinated the filing of a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the Syracuse police dept. on behalf of the Syracuse ADL and many individual activists. The suit, which was filed in federal court on March 30, 1998, charges the police with deliberately harassing activists by denying them their constitutional rights to assemble and protest, by following them, subjecting them to illegal search and seizure and generally trying to stifle legal dissent in Syracuse. We will keep you updated as the case progresses.

RESOURCES: In addition to our updated list of groups and their campaigns, we now have available a variety of fact sheets, including how to form a group, apply for nonprofit status, fundraising, how to prepare for trial, and how to file a complaint. In unity there is strength, so if your group isn't already a member of the federation, contact us today. No membership fees.

Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - SF

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UPDATE: ARDAC-SF has been keeping busy with a number of actions and demonstrations. We continue to battle against Rancho Meats, where 6 activists locked down to concrete barrels for 10 hours, effectively shutting down the slaughterhouse for the majority of a day.

ARDAC has also been active against Procter & Gamble. Activists locked down to the top of a methyl alcohol tank at a P&G production facility and unfurled a banner. The protest resulted in extensive media coverage, as well as an estimated $15,000 worth of costs to P&G who were forced to shut down their plant to repair the damage done to railings in the removal of the activists.

We are also continuing our efforts on the Berkeley campus to dispose of vivisection and are currently battling a proposed $15 million Center for Neuroscience. The center would bring many more animals to the UC to be used in invasive research. For World Week for Animals in Laboratories, an ARDAC activist scaled a 300 foot clocktower at UCB and remained there for eight days with an enormous banner reading "END VIVISECTION - ANIMAL LIBERATION". (see story on page 4)

We have also continued with our anti-hunt campaign and effectively sabbed opening day of the deer hunting season and bear hunts along the Oregon/ California border. ARDAC has available listing of fox hunts throughout the United States. We meet in San Francisco on the first Friday of every month. For meeting information, or to obtain listings of fox hunting packs in your area, please contact us.



Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade - National Office

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UPDATE: CAFT is carrying out several very important anti fur campaigns. First, we are working to get Federated Dept. Stores, parent company of Macy's, Bloomingdales and others, to stop selling fur. We have already pressured Macy's West into closing all of their fur salons. The Lazarus division has closed a couple of their fur salons as well.

We are coordinating a national campaign against Neiman Marcus as well. A Neiman Marcus security guard was even arrested and charged with assault after beating two anti-fur campaigners. (see story on page 5)

Ekco Housewares owns a plant in Lititz, PA which manufactures leghold traps. We are involved in an ongoing campaign to force Ekco out of the fur trapping industry.

RESOURCES: CAFT will help anyone begin an anti-fur campaign in their community. We believe that a movement's power comes from strong, grassroots activism in every community.

We monitor the fur industry and have the most up to date information available on industry developments. We also have a new, fully comprehensive web site at www.banfur.com

Please contact us so that we can tie your local anti-fur campaign into the national effort to end the killing of animals for vanity.

CAFT - Chicago

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CAFT - San Diego

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UPDATE: The San Diego CAFT chapter formed in early September of 1997 and has since continued it's campaign against Neiman Carcass, Macy's and Sak's Fifth Avenue for their role in the bloody fur trade. We have continued to put pressure on these abusers by being active in protests and other disruptions. CAFT-SD has also been involved in educational awareness by

exposing the truth behind the false facade of the fur industry and addressing the public with facts about the millions of innocent fur bearing animals who are tortured, murdered, skinned and all the environmental damages caused by fur production and manufacturing. This will not be just a seasonal campaign. CAFT-SD will continue this campaign year round.

RESOURCES: CAFT-SD has a variety of literature and publications on how you can help defeat the bloody fur trade. We also carry 2 CAFT T-shirt designs. Write us for free literature and catalog.

CAFT - SAN FRANCISCO

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UPDATE: San Francisco, one of the most active anti-fur areas, finally has a CAFT chapter. CAFT-SF was kicked off when several activists took over a crane to remind San Francisco that "FUR IS MURDER", and that there will be no supposed comeback. We are now concentrating on making the city fur free. We have the support of all contacted supervisors, and we are determined to carry it through, as another step in the abolition of the fur trade. For collaboration, assistance, or support please contact us.

COMPASSION OVER KILLING

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UPDATE: In the past months, COK has been holding regular anti-fur protests at Neiman Marcus, distributing free vegan food at "feed-ins" in front of McDonald's and Boston Market, protesting the circus, demonstrating against Animal Damage Control and doing outreach and tabling events. Our World Week for Animals in Laboratories protest targeted the March of Dimes' D.C. WalkAmerica. We also helped out the PIGS sanctuary by holding the first COK Service Day of 1998.

At the end of March, COK delayed the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus... again. Five activists took over the center ring at a Friday night performance. Using bike locks, the COK members locked themselves together by their necks and delayed the show for 30 minutes.

RESOURCES: The Winter/Spring '98 double issue of COK's free newsletter, *The Abolitionist*, is now available for distribution. We also sell t-shirts ($15 post paid). One features a dog sitting on a plate accompanied by a fork and knife on either side, with a caption reading: "Why not? You eat other animals, don't you? Go vegetarian!" The other has the COK logo on the front and "No More Animal Exploitation / The Time Is Now for Liberation" on the back. Available in dark green or black.

DIRECT ACTION DEFENSE FUND

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

LAW STUDENT ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

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UPDATE: Harvard Student Animal Legal Defense Fund will soon be completing a resource guide for law students interested in animal rights. Northwestern Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is busy at work putting together the latest edition of Animal Law - a scholarly legal journal devoted to the treatment of legal issues concerning animals, as well as the animal protection community. Animal Justice at the University of Oregon is organizing the annual Land, Air, Water Conference which bring together animal rights activists along with activists from other social justice movements to educate the public about ongoing social justice struggles. Other projects have included doing research for the challenge to California's Vivisector Harassment Law, the denial of jury trials to teenage activists and the denial of vegan accommodations to imprisoned activists.

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

LIBERATION COLLECTIVE

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective just finished with the 1998 Against Animal Testing International Conference against the use of animals in biomedical and scientific experimentation. Individuals and orgs. from throughout North America took part in the conference which was aimed at building a successful anti-vivisection movement for the year 2000.

The Collective also continues to undergo government harassment which began in 1997 due to our support of the Animal Liberation Front. The most recent development came in March 1998 when the IRS revoked our 501(c)(3) non-profit status. This followed four federal grand jury subpoenas in addition to previous threats and inquiries by the Justice Department and the IRS.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective has a public office and resource center in downtown Portland which contains a lending library, free literature, videos and more. Call for office location. We are able to assist with anti-vivisection activities and campaigns nationally. The Collective also has speakers and literature available on civil disobedience, linking social justice movements, government harassment, anti-vivisection and more.

NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

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UPDATE: Fish and Game announced no bear hunt this year: Black bears protected for now. Make no mistake, our work is far from over, as Fish and Game gears up to get public support for a hunt in the future. So, NJARA is continuing full steam ahead with the legislative campaign. We need to have the bill passed into law so that we can give the educational aspects time to work. Passing feeding bans, reaching out to realtors to inform prospective home buyers in "bear country", preserving open space and educating those who live in bear country are all avenues that need to be aggressively pursued. Please continue to inform others of the need to write to the committee members listed below to urge them to vote YES! on S.514, The Black Bear Protection Bill. For more information, please contact NJARA directly.

Lewis Morris Campaign: We have heard more good news for the deer at Lewis Morris Park. While our goal in this campaign has been, and continues to be, to END hunting, we were pleased nonetheless to learn that the number of killing days has gone down to 4 for the 1998 season. This is a dramatic drop from the initially proposed plan of 108 days each year for three years. We know this certainly would not have happened had we not been a constant thorn in the side of both the Morris County Freeholders and the Morris County Park Commission.

Letters Needed: A new Macy's is scheduled to open in October of 1998 in Freehold Raceway Mall in Monmouth County. In the ongoing campaign to get Macy's to be fur-free, members are asked to write to Macy's East and let them know that you want this store (as well as the others!) to be Fur-Free! Let's see if we can close the fur salon in this store before it even opens. WRITE TO: Harold Kahn, Chairman Macy's East 151 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001

RESOURCES: NJARA has recently put together a brochure on the animal cruelty involved in the production of Premarin, an estrogen replacement drug for women. If you are contemplating taking Premarin or know someone who is, please call us for a brochure today. Included in the brochure are suggestions for natural alternatives to estrogen replacement therapy.

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

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

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NORTH AMERICAN LIBERATION PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP

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UPDATE: We would like to inform you of the formation of a new organization, The North American Liberation Prisoners Support Group. This group will focus on providing assistance for any person imprisoned for Animal or Earth Liberation activity who has not in any way jeopardized the safety of other activists by making statements against them. We intend to focus on jailed activists within North America while working to create awareness of all prisoners internationally. We will not act as a spokesgroup for any particular organization or tactical/strategic philosophy. Some of the objectives of the group are to: keep an updated list of addresses for those serving sentences, work to get prisons to provide prisoners with food, clothing and toiletries consistent with their ethical beliefs, such as vegan/vegetarian meals and cruelty-free clothing, and arrange visits with supporters close to prisons too distant from family and friends.

The rise in direct action prisoners, imprisoned for civil disobedience and underground action, is requiring our movement to pull together in support of these people. They are risking their personal freedoms for the benefit of the Earth and Animals. It is crucial, now and as always, to make their stay less lonely and isolated. Indeed, if we're not there with them, then we should be here for them.

Any contributions will be greatly appreciated and used entirely towards prisoner support.

RESOURCES: We will set up a mailing list of up-to-date prisoner addresses and additions for those seriously interested in writing letters. To be on it, please send us your postal address (stamps will save us money!) and/or e-mail.

NORTHWEST ANIMAL RIGHTS NETWORK

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UPDATE: NARN has been doing a lot of vegan outreach, distributing literature by the thousands. We also have sent activists on a 5 week long tour of west coast colleges, setting up tables on campus. We are actively helping destroy the fur industry by doing many demonstrations at operas as well as at a recently opened fur salon. We are planning to keep the pressure on at this new salon throughout the spring and summer, and also targeting individual vivisectors. We are always looking for activists as well as ideas on how to effectively protest against the Seattle Fur Exchange held in the area twice a year. Any and all help would be appreciated.

RICHMOND ANIMAL RIGHTS NETWORK

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

In February, Ringling Bros. arrived and we

protested all 11 shows. The police told us we couldn't use a megaphone, so we contacted the ACLU who threatened to sue the city. The police backed off and helped give us excellent news coverage. We passed out over 5,500 leaflets! When Ringling left town we almost caught them in a violation of state law as they kept the animals on the trains for 22 1/2 hours - 1 1/2 hours short of violating the law.

A few days after Ringling left we went inside the Royal Palace Circus. We witnessed the elephant trainer HITTING a baby elephant with a bullhook while it was performing. The place was dirty and horrible so we filed complaints with the USDA who then cited the circus for several violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

RESOURCES: We are now asking groups to videotape the unloading/loading of Ringling and contact a group in Ringling's next stop so they can do the same. We can help you organize this if Ringling comes to your town. Call or e-mail us for details.

STUDENTS FOR EDUCATION AND ANIMAL LIBERATION AT N.Y.U.

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UPDATE: SEAL, NYU's official campus organization has had a roller coaster second year. During our first semester we continued our campaign against NYU's transfer of chimpanzees to the infamous Coulston Foundation. Our frequent demonstrations made us the most talked about group on campus, culminating in the 17 hour occupation of NYU President Oliva's office by 16 NYU students. At the end of the occupation, NYU agreed to retire all chimps that were not already committed to specific research projects and to retire those that were subsequent to the termination of those projects. The occupation was covered in the NY Times for two consecutive days, a rare feat for animal activists.

Days later, NYU students publicly embarrassed NYU at an open meeting by asking embarrassing questions about NYU vivisection. As a result, NYU initiated a series of hearings on the potential expulsion of SEAL member Jon Weintraub. This backfired, resulting in a cover article in the New York Observer, a large circulation NYC weekly.

A similar attempt to forcibly disband SEAL on the grounds that the organization was holding unregistered demonstrations (NYU requires that all demos by recognized campus groups be formally registered with them and follow their rules) by NYU's Student Activities Board also backfired, resulting in several lead cover articles and editorials in NYU's campus paper.

With our second semester, we increased our commitment to educational projects, holding a highly successful Thursday night animal rights introductory forum. We also held a series of three full day seminars on animal research featuring top notch speakers from around the nation, and are campaigning to get a vegan section in the school cafeterias.

RESOURCES: We are developing the videotapes of our vivisection conferences into a series of videos for group presentation and broadcast. Call us for a complete listing of tapes.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

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UPDATE: Recently SOAR has been getting together a new fur campaign. We also organized a week of events for World Animal Lab Week, ending with a rally, march, and vigil at the University of Minnesota vivisection labs. Prior to Lab Week, activists went to the house of Marilyn Carrol, a vivisector at the U of MN, to do a home demonstration. A restraining order has been in place against members of SOAR for a year (see *NC* #5), and activists spent the night in maximum security Stillwater Prison. SOAR is still in the courts for Fur Free Friday where 18 were arrested. The majority of activists have had their charges dismissed due to the violent overreaction of the police. Others have had them lowered or have gone to trial to be found not guilty.

SOAR - ST. THOMAS

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UPDATE: St. Thomas SOAR continues to educate our campus and community about animal rights. We have been an approved organization on this conservative campus for over four years! We have been active in our usual activities: protests, tabling, speaking engagements, etc. Katie Fedor, SOAR St. Thomas's founder, recently spoke at the International Lab Day Vigil. She spokes to many activists and supporters about vivisection and the absolute necessity of direct action. This summer we will be helping the Animal Liberation Front Press Office with tabling and other activities.

STUDENTS PROMOTING ANIMAL RIGHTS AND EMANCIPATION

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UPDATE: SPARE has been continuing its campaigns against local animal abusers. Procter and Gamble, three local slaughterhouses, McDeath and Furs of Distinction have all been targeted.

TEXAS ESTABLISHMENT FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

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

VEGAN MILITANT MOVEMENT

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UPDATE: The Vegan Militant Movement is a non profit group struggling for animal liberation through means of direct action against those who exploit and murder innocent life. As a militant grassroots group, we support our fellow jailed warriors and the Animal Liberation Front in their courageous efforts to liberate all animal beings. We encourage serious, dedicated activists, living a life free from all animal products and drugs, to start VMM chapters in their areas. Please contact us for details.

Since the last update, Vegan Militant Movement has been active in protesting the animal torturing bastards in San Diego and surrounding areas. In March and April, our main campaign was directed at Circus Vargas. Activists staged demonstrations everyday for every show, resulting in a few minor arrests. During "World Week for Lab Animals," we targeted the University of San Diego, California for their active crimes in animal torture (vivisection), through demonstrations and education of the public. VMM will continue an intensive campaign against UCSD which has generated large amounts of support from students on campus.

For Mother's Day, in honor and remembrance of all the mother animal beings who have died callously in the hands of the consumer market, we staged a demonstration at a local restaurant which sells the carcasses of innocent beings. VMM again participated in the 1998 Earth Day fair at Balboa Park by setting up a booth and distributing literature and other animal liberation related items to thousands of participants. We have also reached out to local high schools through tabling, video showings and getting animal rights books and magazines into libraries.

RESOURCES: We carry ALF primers, Final Nails, Against All Odds, A Declaration Of War, Diet For A New America, Animal Ingredients A-Z and other related publications. We also have a variety of animal lib and vegan shirts. Please write for a free catalog and militant grassroots literature.

VEGAN RESISTANCE FOR LIBERATION/ CAFT - PHILLY

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UPDATE: Vegan Resistance for Liberation (VRL) is not just an animal rights group centered in the Philadelphia area. While working to free animals from the traditional inhumane position into which our society has forced them, we also realize that this heartless treatment of animals is a symptom of a larger problem in our contemporary culture. Destruction of the Earth, exploitation of human labor, bigotry left over from a history of violent racism and other forms of oppression seem to plague our world today as much as in the past. Because individuals are generally well-intended and compassionate, education is our best tool for change. Through demonstrations, the belief in direct action and support of other groups that fight similar forms of oppression, we hope to put an end to all forms of oppression.

WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISM CENTER

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UPDATE: In February we protested at the Canadian consulate to express our outrage about the killing of baby seals, who are clubbed to death for their fur and so that their penises can be ground into an aphrodisiac used in the far east. This demonstration received major international news coverage.

In March we challenged the sincerity of the Eco-Expo, an event held in the World Trade Center's New York Power Authority, which runs Indian Point II nuclear power plant and Port Authority of new York and New Jersey, which uses the wood of tropical hardwoods to build its railroad ties and piers.

In April, we continued the war against Greenwash, where environmental enemies masquerade as environmental friends by protesting the Electric car parade preceding the New York Auto Show. Later that day, we protested Mitsubishi at the New York Auto Show. Some activists entered the show wearing anti-Mitsubishi t-shirts, entered display cars and stuffed them with anti-Mitsubishi flyers, leafleted attendees and debated Mitsubishi reps.

On May 1st, we demonstrated at Mitsubishi's corporate office as part of a national day of action in support of the Super Rubin 7, rainforest activists who are facing felony charges for a simple CD against Mitsubishi. The same day, we co-sponsored a demonstration against maternal deprivation experiments on monkeys at the SUNY Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn.

WILDLIFE WATCH

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UPDATE: We won a town board vote to stop the killing of 700 Canada geese in Clarkstown this year. Method: We engaged a doctor to make the appeal (written by us) to community leaders to sign her letter imploring the board to vote against killing and employ non-lethal methods of dissuading geese from where they aren't wanted. The doctor goes to Africa to help children and wildlife and is like Mother Theresa. It was hard for "the leaders" (chosen by us) to say no and most signed on (32 signatories including Alec Baldwin, NYS Assembly members and county legislators). The letter was hand delivered to the town board members a few days prior to the vote (which we arranged to have happen) accompanied by publicity (a press release we put out with the names of the signatories) and we won the vote 3-2. Moral: The "larger" community has to be involved - they couldn't say it was just the AR guys acting up again.

Given the publicity that had swirled around the goose issue in Rockland - the Rockland legislature has become very animal friendly. They voted UNANIMOUSLY TO BAN ALL TRAPPING IN ROCKLAND (with the exception of have-a-hearts). This is being challenged now by the NYS DEC in NYS Supreme Court and the case is still pending. We have promises that should we lose, there will be an appeal. Simultaneously, the local assembly member has co-sponsored a bill (A 8901) to give homerule to municipalities (lower levels of government under the state) to make their own trapping decisions. It is still in the Environment and Conservation Committee. (While it's a great step forward toward taking away state level control overwildlife, we would like to see the bill amended to give greater protection to wildlife than the state affords and will be working toward ensuring that.)

We don't know if it's permanent but the goose hunt was called off for Sally's Pond this past winter where we had been protesting and sabbing hunts for about 6 seasons. Thanks to all the folks who came to make noise (sirens, clarinet mouthpieces, airhorns) most geese that would have flown into hunters' bullets stayed away making for very frustrated hunters and very happy geese and AR folks.

We have just begun a campaign to get the Mohonk Preserve (New Paltz, NY) to discontinue hunting. Mohonk attracts rock climbers and nature lovers from around the world and they put out glossies talking about this natural paradise. No one knows the hell it is for deer during hunting season. Now they will.

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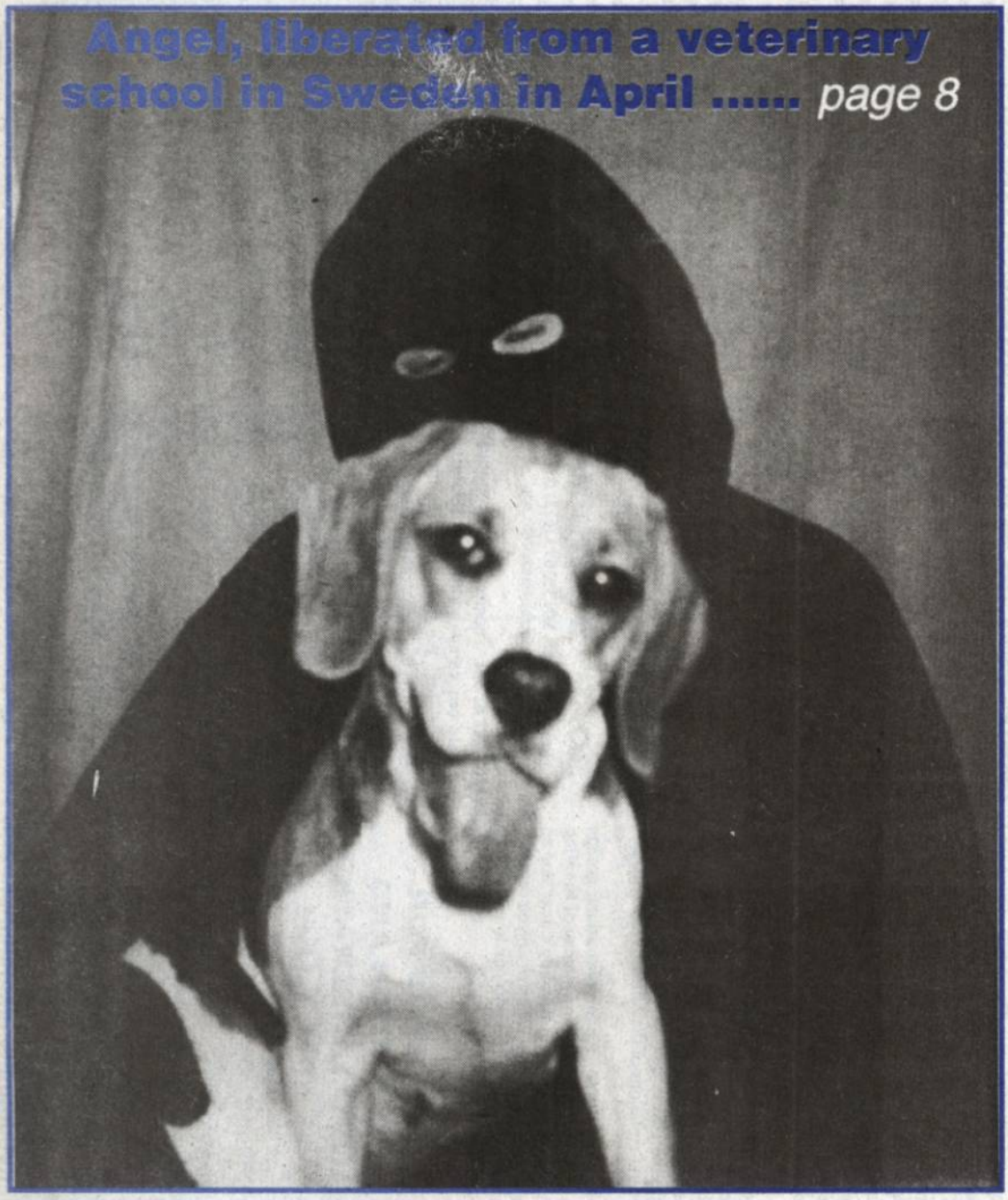
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