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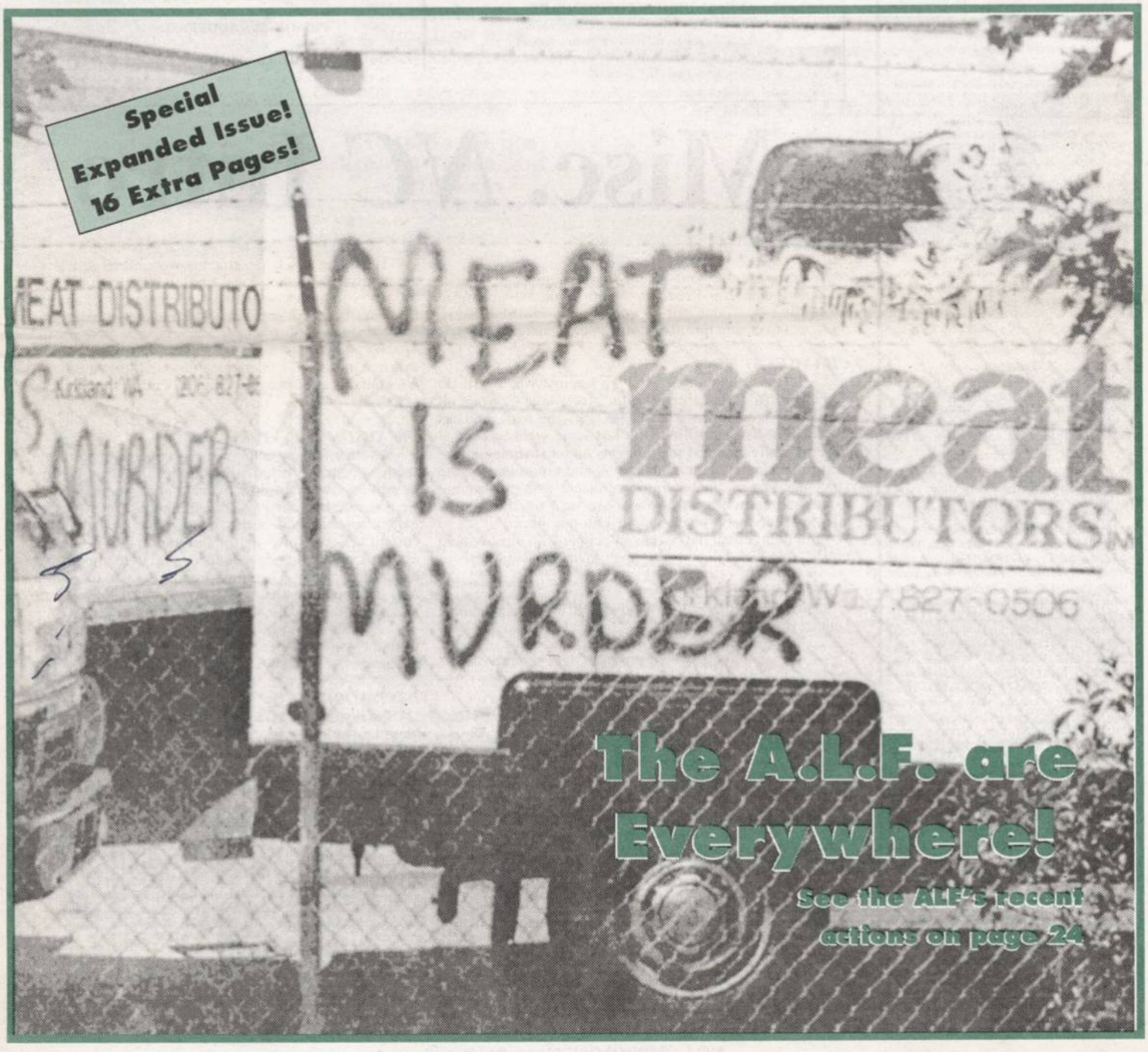
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NC Readers!

Welcome to the long-awaited issue number 8! Thanks for your patience and continued faith in us. We apologize for getting this issue out so late, and we will be taking measures to ensure this does not happen again.

CHANGES AT NC

A lot has changed at NC! To begin with, I will no longer be *NC*'s "Executive Editor" (or whatever you call the person who formats the pages, gets the mail, updates the mailing list, etc.) Since the last issue went to print, I have radically changed my thoughts on what strategies are best for achieving animal liberation, and unfortunately, the strategies I have adopted are inconsistent with me running a magazine such as *NC* (for more info on this newly adopted strategy of mine, read the pull-out insert.)

But do not fear, the dozens of people who already help put *NC* together will be taking over my responsibilities.

NC'S NEW ADDRESS

Since new folks will be in charge of *NC*, we have new contact information:

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Also, any checks for *NC* should be written out to "Animal Rights America" for the time being.

MORE CHANGES

Also, *NC* will now only be producing 4 issues a year, instead of 6. Considering *NC* is staffed entirely by volunteers who are also activists, six issues a year is simply too unrealistic for the time being.

MORE NC!

But enough about the changes at *NC*, what's in this issue? Lots and lots! First of all, this issue has an additional 16 pages, so it is totally brimming with new ideas and useful information.

This issue continues the "Letters from the Underground" series with part II, where an anonymous ALF activist tells about her personal experiences.

This issue also hopes to empower animal activists to get involved with their local Earth First! group. EF!ers diligently fight to save the wild communities of animals in their intact eco-system. Not all EF!ers are animal rights, but that should not stop us from working with them on vital campaigns that save the wilderness and the animals that live in them. To encourage this coalition building, this *NC* contains a four page section on Earth First! and their activities.

STRATEGIC NONVIOLENCE

Another feature in this issue is the 16-page pull-out section on strategic nonviolence. This booklet explains how to maximize the effectiveness of all our actions. Considering the massive scope of the booklet's subject matter, some aspects of this strategy may challenge your current beliefs. However, the full importance of these aspects can only be seen when viewed in relationship to the entire strategy. Therefore, I encourage all of you to read the booklet with an open mind and a sincere desire for understanding, *before* actively critiquing it.

(Additional copies of this booklet can be obtained from the Animal Liberation League, PO Box 7245, Minneapolis, MN 55407 • phone 612-872-0488).

LAST WORDS

Finally, I want to say it has been an honor and a pleasure working with *No Compromise*'s "staff" of dedicated and selfless people. Your devotion and sacrifice has been an inspiration to me. Your insights, support, feedback--and occasional prodding--have encouraged me to become a better warrior for the animals, and for that I am eternally grateful. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! I wish the best for both you and your efforts on behalf of animal liberation.

With Love and Hope for Total and Lasting Animal Liberation,

Freeman Wicklund

Letters from the Underground

PART II - Finding a Partner (or Two)

The following article is one person's story of her involvement with the A.L.F. This is the second letter in a three part series. In part one, she explained how she overcame her fear and excuses, and started conducting solo A.L.F. actions. In part II, she tells us of how she found partners to help her with her actions, and how they worked together as a team.

No Compromise *anonymously received these letters and we re-print them here to, once again, reveal the truth about the character, dedication, and resourcefulness of the A.L.F. This letter is printed for informational purposes only, and is not intended to encourage people to partake in any illegal activities.*

LOOKING FOR PARTNERS

It is really very difficult to explain to someone how they can find close, trust-worthy partners who are willing to take the same risks and are knowledgeable and strong enough to withstand heavy bouts of police interrogation, intimidation, and harassment. Though you never plan to be faced with this situation, it is a realistic risk and you and anyone you work with should understand with a firm knowledge that if this situation arises, no one will cooperate at all with any law enforcement agencies!

There is no cut and dry pattern or formula for choosing or finding partners. THIS IS GOOD. If there was a pattern or formula, it would open the door for infiltration of law enforcement and corporate agents.

However, by executing the fast food action by myself, it lead me to a second person whom I later hooked up with.

FRIENDS AND COMRADES

Another member of our current cell really was not "chosen." We had merely known and trusted each other since high school when we used to forge passes out of study hall so we could skip school and go swimming in the river.

We had both been vegetarians (and outcasts) in high school and I taught him about animal rights as he shared with me his views of deep ecology. It wasn't long before we started working together. My point here is that there was no formula with which to evaluate my friend. Merely, I had spent years with him as a best friend and we pretty much knew each other inside and out.

These are the best kind of partners to have since you already have an established relationship and friendship that no law enforcement agent would be able to make up. So I'd like to emphasize that this is the best way of "finding" a partner: working with someone you have a history with. And, always trust your intuition. If some-one doesn't feel right or you get "weird vibes" from him or her, DON'T work with that person! The opposite is true here also, but I don't need to explain that since, when you find that true connection, the feeling is pretty much unmistakable.

The other partner I connected with after the fast food restaurant action had a long history in the environmental movement. I only shared my interest in illegal direct action with her after she had complained to me consistently about a billboard advertising animal products and how someone should correct the billboard so consumers would know exactly what suffering that product really hid.

After hearing repeated complaints from my friend (was she checking me out, too?), we went for a walk. Here I told her that the billboard she hated so much appeared to be easily accessible (I had already re-conned it) and that if she wanted to



help redecorate it, that would be jolly.

Needless to say, she thought this was a grand idea and, within a matter of days, the billboard had been corrected. Red paint bombs made from Christmas ornaments also gave the appearance of blood running down the advertisement.

CRITIQUING THE ACTION

The day after the billboard action, my friend and I went on another walk (we NEVER talked in a house or car!) to discuss and critique our action. This may seem silly to some, but it is the best way to learn from your mistakes and make improvements for further actions.

Meetings like this--restricted to only those involved with the action--are great to learn from. Other than that they should never be discussed again. In this case, we realized that the warning system we had set up to warn of cops (a loud whistle) didn't work. I had been warned twice of police in the area by her whistle, but I was never sure when to resume work on the billboard. Also, the whistling merely attracted attention to my partner rather than to me.

Because of this, we ended up putting together our savings and buying a police scanner, frequency book, and a cheap pair of two-way radio headsets. Because of the headset's low price ($49.95 for the pair), I knew they would not be reliable for an action where the lookout is a long distance away. Nevertheless, they would suit our needs for more billboard, fast food restaurant, and fur shop actions.

BUILDING TRUST AND SOLIDARITY

These are the actions that should be done most often to build up confidence, unity, and comradeship. The more of these types of actions done, the more competent, confident, and experienced you and your cell will become, and you can soon "move up" to bigger and better actions. (Bigger and better being defined here as larger actions with more severe amounts of damage being done to the target. This, of course, includes arson attacks.)

These actions will come in time if you and your partners stay active and build up a unity and confidence that becomes almost intuitive. Myself and the two individuals I currently work with have almost a psychic connection in which we usually always know what the other two people are thinking. This will not happen overnight and, if you expect it to, you will be let down. That is why I must emphasize motivation and persistence.

It took me about two years of actions like this and now I currently work regularly with two separate cells and a handful of other people who occasionally seek my assistance. Through persistence and perseverance you will build up a network of resources including tools, money, people, and experience.

If you tell yourself that there are no suitable targets to strike, you should stop and ask yourself if this is what you really want to be doing. If it is, just go to the nearest phone book and let your fingers do the walking. The yellow pages will give you the names, phone numbers, and addresses (and a map of the local area) of countless animal exploiters. This is an invaluable and easily accessible resource, available 24-hours a day in any city or town you may find yourself in.

In one instance, our cell drove two states away to "remodel" an establishment profiting off of animals' deaths. Once there however, we realized this would not be possible. Instead of going home disappointed, we simply went to the nearest pay phone and let our fingers do the walking. Before we left that state, one animal abuse establishment had been completely destroyed!

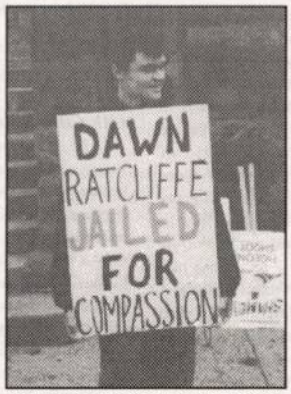
Don't miss the next issue, where the underground activist explains how she hooked up with other like-minded individuals to partake in much grander actions.

NEWS BRIEFS

A clothes shop on Kings Rd in **Chelsea, London** called **Steinberg & Tolkein** was selling a lot of second hand furs. There have been a few demos there, and on Saturday, June 12, 1997 the owner came out and said he would stop selling fur. The store put a large notice up saying **"We do not sell fur any more"** and even offered to give the activists all of their fur coats for nothing to use in their anti-fur campaigns.

This past **Fur Free Friday** yielded brilliant actions from coast to coast which resulted in **95 arrests**. Activists in San Francisco scaled and occupied a crane, attracting much attention with a huge banner. In Beverly Hills, 6 protesters (including 2 medical doctors) were jailed for 6 days during which one doctor was beat his jailers (lawsuit pending). Minneapolis, Dallas, Atlanta, Long Island, Albany, Eatonville, Philadelphia and New York City also saw dramatic protests and civil disobedience.

Dawn Ratcliffe was charged with disorderly conduct at the **Hegins Pigeon Shoot** in 1996 and served a 45-day sentence on hungerstrike in the Schuylkill county prison in Pottsville, PA during October-November 1997. *›› more ››*



Activists protest outside the jail to support hunger-striker, Dawn Ratcliffe, and condemn hunts.

State Rep. Sara Steelman (D-Indiana County) has introduced a bill to ban live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania. Dawn vowed not to eat until this bill was brought to the floor for a vote.

Dawn's courageous sacrifice brought lots of media coverage and a new awareness to canned hunts before she was finally freed

Six activists were arrested on October 1, 1997 after they blockaded both entrances to a huge **veal slaughterhouse** in **Petaluma, California.** The action kicked off **"World Farm Animals Day"** worldwide.

An estimated 30 activists surrounded, and closed down the facility. No trucks could get in or out because of a predawn raid that began at about 5:30 a.m. They kept the slaughterhouse closed by locking to eight 1000-pound barrels in the middle of both entrances for about 10 hours.

A 24 year old female researcher at the **Yerkes Regional Primate Center** died in Atlanta, GA. She had suffered for six weeks after contracting the herpes B virus from a rhesus monkey. The researcher reportedly contracted the virus about six weeks prior when a macaque monkey threw feces into her right eye.

News Briefs

Five animal rights activists in **Orimattila, Finland** were **shot by a fur farmer** in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 6. Reportedly, at least 10 shots were fired hitting 3 of the 5 adults several times in their legs, arms and backs.

All 5 activists were placed under arrest and taken into custody. At least one male was taken to the hospital where he was treated for 9 separate gunshot wounds. Its been reported that the AR-office in Tampere has been raided by the police and so have the activists' homes. The farmer, Markku Kuisma, was also arrested, questioned by police for about 1 hour and then released.

Shocked supporters in Finland and Sweden organized several solidarity demonstrations at the jail in Lahti, at the fur farm and at Finnish embassies and consulates demanding true justice. These protests have drawn crowds of up to 150 people!

California Congressman Frank Riggs' office was the target of a sit-in on October 16, 1997. Riggs says deputies did nothing wrong when they dabbed pepper spray on the eyes of **Earth First!ers** to break up an anti-logging demonstration.

A videotape released shows protesters sitting around a tree stump in Riggs' office in Eureka and screaming as deputies pulled back their heads, opened their eyes and applied the burning material to their eyeballs.

A federal lawsuit against the involved law enforcement agencies seeks damages for pain and suffering, punitive damages and a court order forbidding the use of liquid pepper spray by Humboldt County sheriffs and Eureka police on "peaceful, nonviolent protesters who pose no threat to the safety of any person."

On January 8, 1998, **Richard Chipperfield**, 24, an animal trainer with the Chipperfield circus family suffered serious head injuries after being attacked by a tiger while warming up for a photo shoot for the **Barnum & Bailey Circus** in St. Petersburg, Florida.

His brother and other tiger trainers rescued him and then his brother Graham Chipperfield shot and killed the tiger with five blasts from a shotgun. This was reportedly done after they were clear of any danger.

Companies in **Britain** have **voluntarily stopped testing cosmetics on animals** at the request of the Labor government, but animals will still be used in medical research tests.

Home Office Minister Lord Williams also announced that Britain would seek to tighten the laws on scientific research and ban experimentation on great apes such as chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans.

A **dog was liberated** from a Physiology lab in Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, in **Brazil**. The action happend on the morning of November 17. Three biology students walked into the lab and rescued a dog that was waiting to be killed. The three students confessed their action and have invasion and theft charges.

Never Surrender!

One courageous man's attempt to single-handedly stop Newfoundland's seal slaughter.

BY FRANK ARNOLD

This is the somewhat belated account of my extended adventures in Newfoundland, Canada during 1996. Why a person from Victoria, British Columbia would choose the other side of Canada to go adventuring, I will explain...

SEAL SLAUGHTER

Until 1983 over a quarter million seals were clubbed, gaffed, drowned, shot and "sculped" off Newfoundland each and every spring. Most of these seals were "whitecoat" pups of less than three weeks in age. Due to the relentless onslaught, the seal population slipped below 1 million from an original population of over 10 million. Finally the massive slaughter collapsed due to the herculean efforts of animal rights and environmental groups such as the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, International Fund for Animal Welfare, International Wildlife Coalition, and Greenpeace.

The Newfoundland and Canadian governments quietly set about rebuilding the industry. They established the Canadian Sealers Association to promote and enhance the seal carcass industry. Extensive marketing was undertaken in the Far East, particularly with the much publicized "seal penis" aphrodisiac. The government set up a $.30/lb subsidy for seal meat, most of which ends up as feed on fur farms. The seal herds, which had recovered from a low of under 1 million to about 4.5 million were falsely blamed for the collapse of the cod stocks and the sole barrier to their recovery. In truth, if the government seeks the reasons behind the demise of the cod, they need only listen to their own scientists and look no further than their own two hands. Instead, the Federal Fisheries Minister increased the quota to 250,000 seals in 1996. A renewed slaughter of the seals was in the making, with proportions rivaling the holocausts of the past.

IN DEFENSE OF SEALS

It is at this juncture that my involvement in the story begins. I knew that unless I took action, the old war-machine would grind back to life. I devised a plan. I knew who the targets were and where they were. I waited until the end of February, just weeks before the mass-killings were set to begin. I purchased false identification and gathered some of the necessary equipment: gloves, tire puncture devices made of soldered nails in jack-like configurations in case the police gave chase, thermal blanket in case of emergency (Newfoundland is usually quite cold) etc. I bought a plane ticket using my false ID from Victoria, B.C. to St. John's, Nfld. Upon arrival, I purchased my remaining tools (crowbar, boltcutters, wirecutters) and constructed 12 incendiary devices (2 litre pop bottles filled with 2/3 gasoline and 1/3 dish soap - napalm, with several fuses made of incense sticks and matches attached to the bottom). Initially, I had planned to use a more elaborate incendiary device but decided against it as the more complex it is the greater the chance it can foul up.

I purchased a car using my false ID and attached plates from another car to it. At nightfall, I left St. John's with all of my gear and traveled west to Dildo where the Carino plant is located. This plant has been the primary buyer of seal pelts for the past thirty years. As such, it is the linchpin of the entire industry. Indeed, it is used for this sole purpose and is closed from July to March. It was my belief that if Carino could be taken out, the hunt would essentially be over before it started, at least for this season and maybe for good, as the industry was rebuilding and financially vulnerable. My intention was to survey the plant and ensure that nobody was inside or around (this is a MUST), infiltrate the perimeter, place the lighted incendiary devices in each building (I had discovered there are six main buildings) and make my escape to St. John's and catch the first flight off the rock.



An innocent and defenseless "whitecoat" seal pup. What would you do to save his life?

BUSTED!

However, rarely do plans exactly work out. Ten minutes before reaching the Carino seal plant, I pulled the car over to assemble both my gear and myself. With a stroke of unbelievably bad luck a police car was parked down the street from where I turned off. He flashed his red and blue and pulled up beside me. With a ditch in front of me, my engine turned off and a very temperamental beaten old car, I deemed my tire puncture devices to be useless. I had carelessly placed myself in a compromising position. I got out of my car and asked the police officer what he wanted, to which he replied "license and registration" - both of which I obviously could not provide. After some time, he asked me to step into the back of his car until he could sort this out.

THE CHASE BEGINS

At this point, I thought it would be best for me to leave, so I ran into the nearest bushes. Instinctively, our police officer yelled "runner" even though he was by himself (upon reflection later I got a small laugh at this, but only a small one). It turned out that my nearest bushes were actually a recently thawed bog. I stayed low, in waist high water for about ten minutes while the police officer screamed around the area in his car. I exited the bog and my legs were almost numb. Mercifully, it was an abnormally warm winter. In the ensuing moments, police cars converged on the area from every direction.

I escaped and decided to make my way south into Whitbourne as the police would expect me to go back east to St. John's or maybe north to complete my mission in Dildo with my soggy lighter. I planned to take the long way around, back to St. John's. I was careful to leave as little tracks as possible on the soggy ground. Ironically, the fog that caused me to pull over was a saviour while on foot. Not only was I well hidden in the thick fog, but I could see cars coming long before they could see me (whenever this happened I jumped off the road into the ditch or forest and kept my face to the ground). I plodded through Whitbourne that night, past the police station, into Markland 10 miles further when dawn was approaching.

I found a greenhouse nursery closed down for the winter where I did my best to sleep during the day. There was plenty of snow to melt for water. When night approached, I took to the road again and continued south. Many hours later, on a desolate dirt highway, I found myself getting quite weak from a lack of food. I hadn't eaten much for some days before or during my arrival in Newfoundland. I also carelessly forgot to pack the trail mix in my bag, bought especially for such an occurrence. Not realizing how close I was to the next town Colinet - 15 miles south of Markland - I tried hitching a ride when two vehicles approached from behind. These two cars were the first I had seen in hours. The ride I received from the second vehicle was actually quite short as I was already close to Colinet.

APPREHENDED

I went into the small grocery store in Colinet and stocked up on food. Unknown to me, the driver of the first vehicle had been stopped the night before in a roadblock and was given a description of me. He later called the police who came rushing to the area. Meanwhile, I had made my way to Salmonier Line, a town ten miles east of Colinet. The police swarmed upon the area and subsequently swarmed upon me. I was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit arson.

The police knew what I was planning to do. When the officer found my bottles and fuses, he remembered what had happened the previous year at the Carino plant. They said an individual resembling myself had smashed up this same seal plant in 1995. That year, coincidentally, was supposed to be the comeback year with a full 186,000 quota. I never heard about any sabotage at Carino in the news. The dismal results of 1995's hunt were instead attributed to "poor ice conditions."

The police wanted to know who I was working for. "Was I a member of the Animal Liberation Front or Earth Liberation Front?" I could see the interrogators shifting angles to try different approaches. They never offered a "deal" but instead carried on with: "I want to be your friend"; "You are going to take the fall for those who put you up to this"; casual swearing to try to fit in and put me at ease;

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35 Year Sentence for ALF Activist

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH--Joshua Ellerman, age 19, will start a 35 year long prison sentence on May 6, 1998 for the million dollar bombing of the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-op last March. Josh was charged with 16 different federal charges--which if convicted of them--could have resulted in a175 year prison sentence. Considering the detailed evidence against him, a plea bargain was determined to be the best option. Josh plead guilty to three of the 17 charges: using explosives to damage property used in interstate commerce, making a pipe bomb, and using a pipe bomb.

Josh's severe sentence directly resulted, in part, from his refusal to testify against other ALF activists.

Recently, Josh's 21-year-old brother Colby started a two year prison sentence for his involvement in a mink raid.

A fund has been started to help these two brothers (see ad on this page). Letters of support to Josh should be sent to the Ellerman Brothers' Trust Fund's address until he is incarcerated. Letters of support to Colby should be sent to: Clinton Ellerman, c/o Salt Lake County Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207

Prairie Dog Hunt Sabotage

We were a small yet determined group on the day following our country's celebration of independence. The celebration for the "Varmint Militia" was in the tradition of our colonialist ancestors, that of annihilation of peaceful beings. Being the intelligent and thought-provoking (insert caustic sarcasm here) individuals that they are, they decided to blow off the heads of prairie dogs.

Before we went out to the hunting fields with the knowledge of what would happen, one amongst our ranks made a very poignant statement that I will never forget. He said to us that we are all nervous or scared about getting arrested or getting shot, but that we should keep one thing in mind---that we are right.

There were ten activists made up of three groups: two of direct action and one of support. Two of the county roads surrounding the hunters were blocked by the fellow "good old boy" police force in an attempt to blatantly disregard our First Amendment rights. As usual, the law is on the wrong side of the moral and ethical ground and sided with the propagators of the butchery. Seven arrests were made that day with the first group of four locking down in front of the masochistic and contemptible hunters. The second group was not able to get in front of the hunters, as the cops swarmed the field after the first group was dispatched. We were able to stop the massacre for at least one to two hours and tie up the fascist police force for the whole weekend.

Our incarceration and hunger strikes lasted for four days until the end of the holiday weekend, at which point we all entered "not guilty" pleas. As pointed out before in this publication, it is hard to be in jail and it is completely frustrating. But to know that you have a loving and protective and dogged support group, that makes all the difference. I would venture that this is the most important ingredient to the momentum of the movement--support, unity, and solidarity amongst every different and unique personality, issue, and group.

Help Support the Ellerman Brothers

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

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

War Declared Against Swedish Fur Trade

The Swedish fur trade is not as big as In Finland, but still, there is a fur trade in Sweden. There is around 200 fur farms in Sweden, most of them are mink farms, but there is also around 15 fox farms and a few chinchilla farms.

The fur industry has not been in the searchlight by animal rights activists very much before the autumn 1996 when animal rights activists mainly in Malmö, Stockholm and Göteborg decided to use civil disobedience against some fur shops. The protests continued during the winter and In December lots of fur shops lost their windows, had slogans painted and locks glued. Fur-wearers out shopping for Christmas were also attacked with red spray-paint. On March the 1st all fur farmers had a meeting in Scara where they got the skins from the skinned animals valued.

About 100 animal rights activists from Stockholm, Boras, Umea, Lulea, Vänaraborgo Göteborg and Finland decided to join the meeting and arrived In the early hours of March the 1st to be welcomed by lots of police.

At first, the activists were very peaceful, but when the fur farmers opened the windows at the hotel and waved, activists could take no more! Rocks and snow-balls were thrown at them and several windows at the hotel were smashed. There was a small riot and the police arrested 6 people.

In 1996 there was only one action carried out against a fur farm in Sweden. It was carried out against Obbola mink farm Just outside Umea.

Several empty sheds were burned and the damage was valued at 1 million SEK.

In February 1997 the main building at an empty fur farm in Eksjö was burned and lots of equipment was destroyed.



The "Wild Minks" rescue a fox.

A new group, "The Wild Minks" claims responsibility and writes in their press release: "... All involved in the fur trade--from fur farmers to furriers to fur shop owners to fur wearers--our are targets and no one is safe!"

In March, Tranbyns fur farm just outside Uppsala is visited by animal rights activist during the daylight and the activists find 6 foxes on the farm, all breeding stock. Two of those foxes are red foxes and are in "good" condition so the activists decided to release them into the wild. Let's hope they now live a happy life!

Another fur farm is raided in March. Hornäs mink farm in Bodafors, Smaland (the south of Sweden) is attacked by "The Wild Minks".

They break into the main building and destroy as much as they can and spray slogans such as "Murderers" and "Scum". Ten mink traps are destroyed and all food is destroyed. The locking system to 550 cages are destroyed and all the breeding cards (around 500) are destroyed.

The third action carried out by the Wild Minks is carried out on the night of April 19. The target is Ugglekärr mink farm, a farm well known internationally for its good breeding work and the winner for most of the prizes at the fur meeting in Skara on March the 1st.

The office at the mink farm is destroyed and all paper is taken. A feeding truck is destroyed and holes are cut in the fence around the farm. 300 breeding cards are destroyed. Slogans such as "Scum", "Die" and "40 lives rescued" are sprayed as activists watch 46 released black breeding males scream in happiness as they leave the farms for the forest.

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On the night of May 1st the Wild Minks raids another fur farm in Kolmarden, just outside Norrköping. All breeding cards are destroyed, holes are cut in the fence and slogans such as "die fucking scum" and "smash the fur trade" are sprayed. Eight breeding males are released from their cages.

In Oskarshamn there is one specific fox farm that is well known for its mistreatment of animals and the foxes are kept in small cages. It had been closed in July, after animal rights activists visited the farm on May 4th and released 50 foxes. Sadly, 35 of the foxes were recaptured. Breeding cards were destroyed and killing devices were stolen.



Destroying the fences that prevent liberation.

On the night of May 10th the Wild Minks struck again. This time a fur farm outside Eskilstuna, Trangas mink farm, is attacked and 600 breeding cards are destroyed! Slogans are sprayed and then 70 breeding males are released into the wild.

Only a few days after that action, Skyberga mink farm outside Kumla is attacked. The Wild Minks destroys 1000 breeding cards and slogans such as "Auschwitz", "Stop the torture now" and "the Wild Minks" are sprayed and when the fence around the fur farm was taken down, 68 breeding males are released.

On the night to May 19th the Wild Minks decides to re-visit Hornäs mink farm in the south of Sweden--30 mink are released and "Hello again bloody murder!" is painted on the freshly-painted walls.

At the end of June, Sweden's largest fox farm is raided by some compassionate activists. Engboms fox farm in Hofors is attacked and 1,200 breeding cards stolen, a car re-decorates the inside in a way that sucm like them deserve, slogans are sprayed, and damage is done to the building and equipment.

On August 13, Scandinavia's largest farm raid happens. Horsnäs fur farm in Smaland is attacked for the third time and 1,200 mink are released into the wild.

The fur industry in Sweden will be destroyed; it is just a question of when. The Wild Minks and their like-minded friends seems determined to get the animals out and let the fur industry feel the heat.

In 1997, three farms had already closed down and two fur shops (one admits it was because of direct action!) had also closed.

The struggle against fur will soon be over and we will win!

Halting Hegins

The story of seven heroic activists who risked injury and imprisonment to expose violence and save lives.

The Hegins Labor Day Pigeon Shoot is arguably the most blatant example of cruelty towards animals in modern history. Every year, hundreds of shooters come from across the country to the small, rural town of Hegins, Pennsylvania, for the sole purpose of shooting pigeons. After paying a fee, they take aim at the helpless birds as they are released from cages. Some of the birds are killed instantly, but most are wounded by the shots, and fall to the ground (this year, the crippling rate was estimated at 78 percent). Here they are picked up by local children, called "trapper boys" and "trapper girls," who kill them by ripping off their heads, banging them against garbage cans, stomping on them, or throwing them--still alive--into the cans full of dead birds, to suffocate as more are piled atop them.

THE BATTLEGROUND

For more than a dozen years, Hegins has served as a battleground for animal rights activists, with the Washington, D.C.-based Fund for Animals holding major demonstrations--in past years drawing thousands of protesters from all over the country. Unfortunately, for many years, Hegins has also served as the movement's Achilles' Heel. Despite all the time, energy, money, and effort put into stopping the shoot, the protests have had the reverse effect. Activists coming to town, running onto the field and getting arrested, or trying to save wounded birds--often getting physically attacked by spectators--provided "entertainment" for the shoot-goers, changing a small, local pigeon shoot into a major regional event that draws thousands upon thousands of paying customers to watch the spectacle. However, since the Hegins pigeon shoot is open to the public, our presence there draws critical attention to the issue and the fact that private clubs hold live bird shoots throughout Pennsylvania.

Last year, a dozen people from both grassroots and national organizations linked together using bicycles locks, into two groups, each on separate shooting fields. They remained in place for almost three hours, impeding if not stopping the shoot.



THE ROAD IS CLOSED! A few tons of activits and concrete block the main road to the violent bird slaughter, known as the Hegins Pigeon Shoot.

UPPING THE ANTE: THE LOCKDOWN

This year brought an action from the militant grassroots, the likes of which Hegins could not have anticipated, given that for the past few years, efforts have focused on rescuing wounded birds and documenting the cruelty. At 6 a.m., numerous activists from across the country converged on a spot, not at the shoot itself, but a quarter of a mile away, along Route 25, the main road into Hegins. There, seven 200-pound concrete-encased lockboxes rolled off trucks and were moved into a circle stretching across the road. Seven activists locked into the concrete behemoths and prepared for a long stay. Pillows were placed under their backs, arms, necks, and heads, to keep circulation from being cut off due to the sheer size and weight of the lockboxes. Gallon jugs of water were readied for the long, hot day ahead.

As the sun came up over the hills, they waited and waited for police to arrive. Traffic was initially routed through a series of driveways, back roads, and backyards, but this was brought to an end as the residents realized that it was primarily protesters going in. This created a massive traffic jam, the likes of which would make midtown Manhattan proud. Finally, well over an hour later, the Hegins police appeared.

The officer approached the lockdown, tapped a barrel with his foot, and returned to his car. This was the last that would be seen of the Hegins police. Shortly thereafter the Pennsylvania State Police arrived and stood by watching, baffled as to what to do. After some time, based on the Sergeant's misconception that the activists could unlock whenever they wanted, they made their move--clearing the street of everyone not locked down and taking away the water jugs and supportive pillows.

For hours the activists remained in the searing heat with the police responding to requests for water by telling them they could "get up and get it [themselves]." Without the pillows, many sank into uncomfortable positions, circulation now cut off from the sharp angle of the lockboxes. Help finally came when the police were forced to call the Hegins EMTs after one activist fell unconscious due to lack of circulation because of the way her arm had been bent.

Eventually, after the activists had been locked down for about five hours, the police finally realized they could not get out even if they had wanted to. There was only one option: to cut them out. Using 3 rescue trucks and 43 rescue workers, they began using a variety of large saws, drills, and chisels to break through the cement. Two activists fell unconscious and had to be put on oxygen. Throughout the process the seven endured not only the heat and lack of water, but hot oil from the saws dripping on their skin, rescue workers stepping on their arms and faces, cement flying into their faces, and, for one activist, having a finger sliced open during the sawing.

Around 3:30 p.m., the first three activists were removed and taken to the hospital to be treated for heat exhaustion, dehydration and hypertension. An hour later, the last were taken away, after passing the ten-hour point in the lockdown. A small dump truck and front-end loader had to be brought in to remove the debris. The clean-up took at least another hour, further delaying the re-opening of the highway to traffic.



Activists were immobilized for hours.

DIRECT ACTION

The lockdown wasn't the only action taken against the abusers at this year's shoot. Hegins also experienced its first taste of direct action since the days when activists dropped smoke bombs onto the killing fields or liberated whole crates full of birds in full view of the spectators. (An unforgettable ALF action took place last year, when over 500 birds were released before the shoot).

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Support the Hegins 7! Expose the Brutal Bloodbath!

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Vegan info on the web

By Jason Jordan, Founder of VeganWorld

More and more people are seeing the many flaws of a flesh-based diet. It can be seen almost everywhere, from the tainted flesh recalls on the news to major grocery chains carrying more vegan-friendly products. We as vegans not only save lives by not contributing to the cycle of death the flesh industry brings us, but we set an amazing example to others that living without animal products is possible and that such a lifestyle is healthy.

This is where the Internet comes in. We can get an incredible amount of information out to very diverse groups of people. We can provide information and guidance that might just be that extra push someone out there who has been thinking about going vegan needs to go all the way. Additionally, along with setting examples and giving information, those of us who are already vegans can get an incredible amount of new information on products and ingredients. There are also vegan news and discussion groups out there in cyberland.

Here is a small list of some of the sites:

- VeganWorld(www.geocities.com/rainforest/7444)
- Vegan Action (www.vegan.org)
- Vegan News (www.bury-rd.demon.co.uk)
- Vegan Outreach (www.vegsource.com/vo)
- Vegan Society (www.vegansociety.com)
- Vegan Standards and Certification (www.veganstandards.org)

The Internet is yet another tool in our activist toolbox. Use it wisely and we can help bring in the next generations of vegan warriors.

Grand Jury Targets Oregon Activists

By Gina Lynn, No Compromise Staff

PORTLAND, ORE. -- The Oregon grand jury is continuing to harass peaceful activists in Portland. Craig Rosebraugh received two more subpoenas on December 12, 1997, regarding the recent actions of the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front which recently have caused more than $1.5 million in damages in the Northwest. One subpoena was for his personal materials, objects, and documents, as well as for him to testify. The second one was for materials, objects, and documents belonging to the Liberation Collective, a group founded by Craig.

Craig attempted without success to have his appearance delayed. A demonstration against the federal witch hunt was held on December 17, the day he was commanded to appear. After being approached by an ATF agent and asked if he would be going in to testify, Craig declined and the agent returned with a US Marshal who placed Craig in handcuffs and escorted him upstairs to a large, empty room. He was asked by a judge for his reasons for refusing to cooperate. The judge found his responses inadequate and ordered Craig into the grand jury room.

The judge declared that Craig would only be questioned for one hour due to a health condition. So, Craig spent the next hour taking the 5th Amendment and then was released. Questions focused on the Liberation Collective and whether or not he knows various individuals around the country. He was also accused by the U.S. Attorney of lying when references were made to Craig's private e-mail communications.

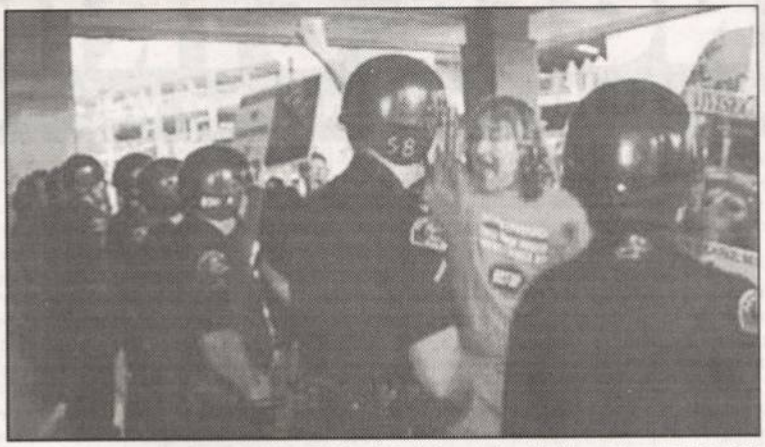
News Briefs

Sixteen students at **New York University** took over the office of the **President, L. Jay Oliva**. The protesters entered the office with 2 demands: the immediate retirement of the remaining LEMSIP chimps; and a SEAL member appointed to the committee that oversees animal research on campus.

The students occupied the office for around 24 hours before their demands were met! The president agreed to: retire 17 chimps by December 31, 1997; the remaining 13 chimps (who could not be legally retired) would be retired as soon as the current tests are over (about 2 years); meetings will begin to allow students on the oversight committee.

On September 27, 1997 in **Dallas, TX**, Rod Lewis, a **Neiman Marcus** security guard was arrested and jailed for assault and battery(later released on $5,000 bail) when he and another security guard choked and beat two peaceful animal protection advocates after having followed them for nearly a mile.

Lydia Nichols, founder of **Animal Liberation Texas** (ALT) was sent to the emergency room with a concussion, blurry vision, ongoing black outs and various scrapes and bruises. She did nothing but distribute flyers identifying Neiman Marcus as a fur seller. **J.P. Goodwin**, founder of the **Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade** (CAFT) was also attacked and hospitalized.



ACT UP-San Francisco activist, Michael Bellefountaine (fist in air), who has full blown AIDS, joined animal liberationist protesters in Anaheim to expose the oppression and medical fraudulence of animal research.

Los Angeles Conference and National Anti-vivsection Protest

A Report on the 1997 Southern California Animal Liberation Activist Gathering By David Hayden and Gina Lynn, Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition

On the weekend of November 15th and 16th ARDAC-LA hosted a gathering of animal liberation activists which featured a variety of informative and inspiring workshops and presentations. This was followed by a major protest on Monday November 17th at a vivisection conference with smaller protests throughout the week.

The goal of our conference was to bring together activists from all over the west coast and the US to share ideas and learn from one another's experiences, inspire one another and to encourage unity and respect in order to foster a stronger, more effective movement.

One highlight of the conference was the presentation on Supporting the Animal Liberation Front by Alison Frost and JP Goodwin. This workshop showed the continuing increases in ALF activity, and emphasized the important role these acts play in the struggle for animal liberation. Other highlights included great, inspiring talks from Jeff Watkins, Sue McCrosky, Tony Wong, Ben White and Michael Bellefountaine from ACT-

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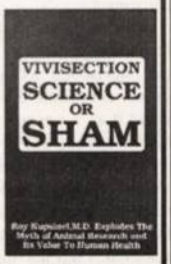
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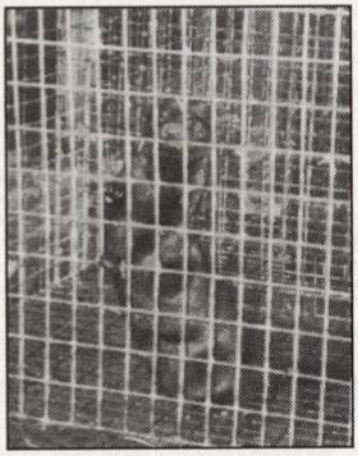
A First Hand Account of Activists Giving Mink a Fighting Chance

The following is the story of just one of the many mink farm raids that have taken place in North America in the past year and one-half.

Late one night, I sat on a small patch of grass under the stars, listening to the dried leaves rustle in the wind. A few moments had passed when I saw the headlights of a small vehicle turn the corner and head towards me. After loading my gear into the trunk, I climbed into the front seat and exchanged anxious smiles with the driver. She gave my hand a quick squeeze before steering the car (rented in an untraceable manner) back onto the road. We were on our way.

As we drove, the sun came up. Stopping only to eat and refuel the car, we continued driving all day. A few hours after the sun had disappeared, we met up with another man, well known to us and trusted wholeheartedly. Together we headed to a dark clearing near a small lake and sat and discussed our plans.

Afterwards, taking special care to be sure we didn't have unwelcome company, we hit the road and headed for our final destination. Using detailed maps, we made many, many turns off the main road. We found the address we were looking for and quickly found some thick brush where we hid the car from sight.



The unjustly imprisoned

We had brought with us a radio scanner which had already been programmed to monitor all the local and state law enforcement frequencies. One of my comrades double-checked that it was working and that the controls were set appropriately, secured it in her jacket pocket, and inserted the small earphone in her left ear, leaving the other ear unobstructed. Throughout the reconnaissance and the raid, she would listen carefully in case the farmer or a neighbor reported any suspicious activity or in case an undetected alarm caused an officer to be dispatched to the farm.

We also made sure that no one was carrying any loose articles, wearing jewelry or anything else that could inadvertently be left behind. The last thing we did was hide the door key near the car so no one person would be carrying it. (If that person should run into trouble, the others would have no mode of transportation.) Our pockets were empty except for the scanner, flashlight, and gloves. We were ready to go.

RECONNAISSANCE

Our team knew how important it was to be familiar with the area, so we scouted around on foot for about an hour. Of course, while on or near roads, anytime we saw or heard a car in the distance we hit the ground or bush and made ourselves invisible. We

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HUNGER STRIKE

A historical example of this tactic, and what we can learn from it.

On February 5, 1981, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) embarked on a hunger strike that would gain international attention. After almost ten years of a resurrected armed struggle, more than 3,000 Irish Nationalists were imprisoned throughout Northern Ireland. This article is meant to be a short commentary on the hunger-strikers' demand for political prisoner status that had been stripped away in 1976. Its intent is to educate the animal liberation community on the use of this tactic by a movement that, like our own, is fighting against a system that has criminalized the actions of its most radical participants.

In a parallel to the fight for Irish Independence, animal liberationists are now evoking one of the only tactics left for the imprisoned activist, the hunger strike. Clearly we have grown comfortable with the hunger strike, but if we are to wield it as a weapon we expect our opposition to recognize, then we must use it selectively in those cases where our movement is prepared and organized to support strikers wholeheartedly. And the strikers themselves must recognize the serious physical damage they might inflict upon themselves, including death, sometimes without their objective having been achieved. I am not suggesting that we adopt all the tactics of the IRA, but am merely using their struggle as a lesson for our own radical movement which is still in its embryonic stages as a revolutionary resistance.

Though animal rights has been recognized as a movement for nearly 20 years, the animal liberation movement which proudly recognizes the ALF as its militant wing, is relatively young in this country. With the federal conviction and imprisonment in 1995 of one of the ALF's U.S. operatives and the pending court cases of other alleged warriors in the U.S. and Canada, we as a movement have an obligation to establish the same structure and framework as that of the IRA to allow us not only to support our prisoners, but also sustain the underground resistance. It will not be long before, like the ALF and IRA in Britain, our own warriors begin to find themselves in prison for years instead of months.

THE FIVE DEMANDS

In Ireland, the criminalization of the IRA's armed struggle in 1976 and the resulting removal of political status for IRA prisoners was an attempt to break the 800-year-old resistance to British occupation by transforming the IRA's reputation as modern day warriors in an ancient struggle to being perceived by the courts and public as nothing more than armed thugs and terrorists. With the subsequent lengthy prison sentences dealt out as the result of reduced civil rights and expanded police power, the IRA was forced to extreme action in an attempt to preserve prisoner of war status for their growing prison population.

The five demands of the hunger strike were: 1. the right to not wear prison uniforms, 2. no forced labor, 3. freedom of association amongst IRA POWs, 4. special exceptions regarding mail, parcels, and visits, 5. and the restoration of "time-off" their sentences that had been lost as a result of blanket protests.

The blanket protest preceded the 1981 hunger strike and consisted of prisoners who refused to wear their prison uniforms, wrapping themselves in blankets instead. The protest had lasted more than four years. Once the hunger strike began, Britain attempted to convince the world that the IRA had little or no support in their home country.

WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR HUNGER-STRIKERS

This was an attempt to stifle growing sympathy in the international community for the hunger-strikers, as, already, marches of tens of thousands of people were turning out in Ireland as a show of support for the hunger-strikers and their five demands. The IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, responded by nominating 27-year-old striker Bobby Sands to Minister of Parliament for the Fermanaugh-South Tyrone district. In less than one month Sinn Fein campaigned for their imprisoned comrade and on April 10, 30,000 voters registered their support for the hunger strike and elected Sands as their minister of Parliament shattering Britain's claim that the IRA was not supported. Throughout his hunger strike, Sands' family played an integral part of the campaign. Knowing the press would exploit any family's lack of support for the hunger strike, the IRA and the prisoners themselves accepted Sands as a volunteer, due in part to his family's long support for Irish Independence.

FAMILY SUPPORT CRUCIAL

Likewise, if the animal liberation movement was to instigate a long-term hunger strike that could end in death, the families must be given consideration and inclusion. Though a striker's commitment might be rock solid, if a mother or father is critical of the hunger strike, the media would be sure to capitalize on that and portray our movement as one that cares more for martyrdom than for the lives of its own members.



When word got out that Bobby Sands, age 23, died from hunger strike, riots erupted and retaliation was carried out against the British forces. His coffin is carried here by masked Irish Republican Army supporters.

The Irish Republican movement enjoys a close-knit structure that our movement has yet to achieve. Many have a spiritual common ground through the Roman Catholic church and are related, and share the same communities and economic conditions. They have grown up together and throughout their lives witnessed the oppression of their people--not to mention the history many share of near ancestors who have died for the cause of Irish Independence. All these factors make necessary support for prisoners more possible than for our movement, which does not have as much family and community support for our cause. Therefore it is an obstacle we must overcome that when hunger-striking, support from family members is included to show that we are simply supporting a hunger-striker's wishes rather than influencing or pressuring them to martyrdom.

During the 1981 hunger strikes, the Irish Republican movement organized support group meetings for the families of strikers and coordinated communications with the prisoners through visits. The IRA even provided financial support for families and offered child care for the offspring of imprisoned members. The strength of the Irish Republican movement was reflected in how they treated their prisoners.

SICKNESS AND DEATH

At around the 40-day mark of the hunger strikes, the prisoners entered the sickness phase. The strikers would attempt to drink five pints of water a day supplemented with salt (though many would have difficulty keeping it down, vomiting it up with green bile) as hunger-strikers must drink plenty of water to prevent accumulated poisons in the kidneys from being flushed out into the bloodstream where they reach the brain, causing permanent brain damage and death to the striker. Their bones began to ache and they began to lose their hearing and vision -- loss of sight being a sign that the body is beginning to feed on brain protein. Many of the strikers were overcome with nausea, developed a thick scum in their mouths, vomited blood, and sometimes suffered heart attacks before slipping into a coma, in some cases after only six weeks on strike.

For Bobby Sands and the IRA, the day of reckoning came after 66 days when on May 5, he died. The other hunger-strikers had decided that the strike would not be called off until all demands were met and with a list of over fifty volunteers, Sands' death galvanized the Republican's commitment while also triggering riots and retaliatory actions against British forces in Northern Ireland and abroad. Before the hunger strike was called off in October, Francis Hughes, 25; Raymond McCreesh, 24; Patsy O'Hara, 25; Kevin Lynch, 25; Joe McDonnell, 30; Tom McElwee, 23; Martin Hurson, 26; Kieran Doherty, 25; and Mickey Devine, 27, would all die. The shortest death came after 43 days, the longest after 72 days. Though the British Foreign Office had conducted secret negotiations offering concessions on three demands, no settlement was reached. Publicly the British made no effort to negotiate with the hunger-strikers, who until the very end, had refused to compromise the five demands.

In the end, it was the families who contributed most to the ending of the strike. Pat McGeown had lost consciousness and his family intervened and pulled him off. Then Matt Devlin and Paddy McQuinn were pulled off by their families, and finally Laurence McKeown after 70 days on strike. The law allows for the next of kin to be responsible for a family member hospitalized once they lose consciousness. All along Prime Minister Thatcher--while still referring to them as "murderers"--had accused the IRA of manipulating its prisoners into sacrificing their lives. A documentary on the hunger strike was censored and prevented from airing on T.V., and interviews with Republican prisoners were similarly prohibited due to anti-terrorism laws in the U.K. After six deaths, Sinn Fein representative Gerry Adams had been allowed to meet with the hunger-strikers and, representing the Republican movement, reminded them of the support that would exist for any who would call off the strike individually. They were also told it was their decision should they want to compromise the demands or continue as they did. Whatever the case, the hunger-strikers would have their movement's support.

What deserves recognition is that the hunger-strikers who died in 1981 were all young men. Most of them had joined the armed struggle while still in their teens and had already been imprisoned for years, some on the blanket protest from their first day in prison, where they were brutally beaten and abused by prison guards for refusing to conform. Entire wings of the H Block prison had to be set aside for Republican prisoners under 21 who were on the blanket and totaled close to 400 by 1980. These same men had witnessed the Gandhian principal of non-violence practice by their communities in the late '60s and early '70s met with extreme violence as evidenced by Bloody Sunday when, in 1972, 13 civil rights marchers were gunned down by British troops during a peaceful march. What was working in America with Dr. Martin Luther King, and what had worked in India with Mahatma Gandhi against the same British colonial power, was failing miserably in Northern Ireland.

THE STRENGTH OF YOUNG WARRIORS

For those young people who witnessed the failure of passive resistance and were forced down the path of armed resistance leading to death or imprisonment, there was a saying: "Children of '68' prisoners of '81." The strength exhibited by such young warriors is not unusual to revolutionary movements. Like any nation of people in struggle, it is the youth who are expected to be the defenders and protectors of the defenseless. In the animal liberation movement, this is also plainly evident as is seen by the growing number of youth in our ranks who chose resistance to animal and earth abuse rather than an obsession with the lifestyles and values of a material-based society.

Far from being a failure, the 1981 IRA hunger strike gave the Republican movement international attention and allowed the Irish struggle to prove its support, even politically by electing Bobby Sands to Parliament. While saving face by refusing to negotiate with the IRA, the British government eventually met nearly all of the demands. All prisoners were allowed their own clothes, the label of "criminal" was somewhat removed from political prisoners, freedom of association was granted, improved mail, parcels, and visits were also awarded, and half of the time-off sentences lost as a result of the blanket protests were reinstated for "good

behavior" once both protests were called off. After incidents of worker sabotage, forced labor was also rescinded. As the years passed, those hunger-strikers who survived the campaign were released from prison, bringing home the harsh reality that all of those who died with the exception of Francis Hughes, would have lived to fight another day by 1987.

The implementation of hunger-striking is only one parallel the animal liberation movement shares with the fight for Irish Independence. Just as the IRA hunger strike was in response to the criminalization of their long-standing armed struggle, so must our movement be prepared for the repercussions of supporting the "illegal" activities of the ALF.

THE GROWING ASSAULT ON THE ALF

In much the same way as Britain's criminalization process of the Irish armed struggle in 1976, the U.S. government is presently engaged in efforts that would convince the American public and lawmakers that the ALF is no different from those who blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City. In March of this year, Director of the FBI Louis Freeh testified to a House Appropriations Committee in Washington D.C., that the ALF was a prime example of the domestic threat of "special interest terrorism." While we have yet to experience the political and judicial persecution that the Irish Republican movement has endured in Ireland, like many other movements, we can soon expect it. Restrictions on our civil liberties as a result of ever-increasing "anti-terrorism" legislation prevents us from supporting groups like the ALF and drives a wedge between the aboveground and underground movements by preventing open public exposure and education on their activities. In a two-pronged attack, the media first serves to form public opinion against the rise in "domestic terrorism" by any who challenge the status quo, especially industry and government. We are already seeing this attack in editorials, political columns, and commentaries by journalists eager to vilify direct action warriors in the mainstream press.

The second phase of institutional assault comes with legislation specifically designed to protect special interest from the public who are forced to subsidize them, such as the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (AEPA) which was passed in 1992 as a direct result of ALF activities. Citing of the AEPA in follow-up media reports of recent ALF mink liberations is an indication that the federal government is preparing to prosecute us under the Act just as soon as the test case presents itself where a conviction is almost certain. Whether the animal liberation movement responds to these judicial attacks with hunger strikes, legal defense networks, prison support groups, or whatever, is open to those willing to devote the time and energy that will give our movement strength into the new millennium. Like the Irish Republican movement, we are a minority opposition striving to overcome the oppression perpetuated by a larger and stronger majority.

The IRA's struggle in Northern Ireland is the only armed resistance in a "First World" country to sustain massive police and governmental repression. As a result, it serves as evidence that such a level of resistance can indeed survive in a political and judicial climate such as the one in the U.S. today. For the Irish Republicans, this has not been brought about by thousands of well-financed, armed and trained guerrillas such as those found in British and U.S. law enforcement, but by a small force that is estimated to have no more than 400 active IRA operatives--a dedicated force made up of men and women, many of whom are in their teens and twenties, and prepared to sacrifice their lives and freedom to achieve victory.

WE MUST STAND STRONG

If we as a movement intend to overcome some of the most entrenched industries in this country and those with the full force of the law on their side, then we must meet our opposition with that same level of fortitude. If we are to remain uncompromising in our battle for earth and animal liberation,



The traditional 3-gun salute given to every IRA soldier killed during battle.

then we must be willing to sacrifice as much as Bobby Sands and his nine comrades did for what they believed. Equally, we must choose our battles carefully and know when it is better to retreat from our strategy in order to fight another day on our own terms. Dying for the cause of peace and justice is noble, but in any movement as small as ours with the bravest of our people willing to make the supreme sacrifice, such actions cost us dearly when we pay the price with our precious few warriors. We must also prove to our beleaguered forces, the ALF and other direct action warriors, that no amount of grand juries, informants, infiltrators, or other such governmental repression will break us. And when our warriors are captured on the front lines of our resistance, we must prove to them that they are still a part of the struggle and not forgotten. Like the IRA, we must also prove to our critics and to ourselves that we are more than common criminals.

NON-VIOLENCE AND SOLIDARITY

Though society's laws will attempt to label us as domestic terrorists, we must remain adherent to laws greater than those legislated by governments determined to maintain their wealth and power. We have the advantage of the moral high ground, simply because there is no blood on our hands like there is on those of the fur farmers, trappers, vivisectors, police, and military. No matter how great their attempts to criminalize us, we must remain true to our non-violent philosophy, because our respect for all life, even that of our enemies, is our greatest weapon.

As human civilization spirals further towards the point of its own destruction, history and the seekers of truth shall recognize who the real criminals and terrorists were. We may not be a nation of indigenous rebels fighting for freedom, but we sure as hell are a movement that must resist with full force the evil powers that are destroying planet earth and all life upon her. And like the IRA, if we are to remain active in that resistance then we must mature to the degree where we are beyond the sort of behavior that will destroy any movement: rumor-spreading, in-fighting, irresponsibility towards personal security, and fear of what our opposition can do to us. And like the aboveground Irish Republican movement, we must never shy away from recognizing our militant wing, the ALF, and act responsibly when they need us. Whether it's supporting a prisoner's decision to hunger-strike or his/her decision to accept a plea bargain so as to return to the struggle as soon as possible, we must prioritize our own participation in direct action resistance and prisoner support just as much we do protests and civil disobedience. Only by doing this can we survive governmental repression and remain a thorn in the side of our opposition.

The animal liberation movement must be better prepared than the generation of activists before us. We must always leave a clear path to follow for the generation that shall come after us. Only then will we guarantee our movement an indomitable future like that of the cause for Irish Independence.

Suggested Reading on the IRA and Their Hunger Strikes:

- ***Rebel Hearts: A Journey within the IRA's Soul*** **by Kevin Toolis**
- ***Ten Men Dead*** **by David Beresford**
- ***Towards the Dawn*** **by Gerry Adams**

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UP San Francisco.

On Monday about 20-30 protesters greeted vivisectors and lab technicians as they entered the AALAS convention at 7:30 am asking them to engage in a discussion/debate about vivisection. The vivisectors' unwillingness to engage us in discussion showed their inability to defend their profession or name even one cure obtained through animal research. Our peaceful attempts at dialogue were observed and videotaped by a squad of local police and a counter-sniper team stationed on neighboring rooftops

The crowd swelled to around 100 (with attire ranging from black block and gas masks to "professional attire") by about 10 am and things started to heat up. We started chanting and closing in around the line of cops who were blocking the entrance to the conference. They called in for reinforcements who hurried out of the building in full riot gear: gas masks, shields, pepper spray canisters, batons and CS/tear gas grenade launchers. As one would expect, tensions mounted and before we knew it, 2 protesters were thrown to the ground and arrested.

It wasn't too long before the next round of arrests occurred. Reportedly, a female vivisector was surrounded by angry activists when a cop ran up and began randomly pepper spraying protesters including shooting it right down the throat of a 14 year old demonstrator who was then arrested along with 2 others.

Three more people were arrested at the main entrance attempting to cross the line of cops to rescue the animals that were to be butchered inside.

Soon thereafter Amanda (from Atlanta) was silently standing vigil, facing the police line with her eyes closed, when she was shoved to the ground by an overzealous riot cop. She hit the ground with a resounding thud, banging her head against the pavement. She was taken to the hospital in an ambulance and released with a concussion several hours later.

A crowd of about 30 greeted the arestees with dinner when they were released from the Orange County Jail at around 11pm. 7 of the 8 jailed activists were charged with assault and battery (assaulting an officer's fist with their stomachs?) while the 8th was being charged with malicious mischief (graffiti with chalk???).

From those who had been arrested we found out that the police had made even more preparations for us than we'd known. Their gym-sized command center inside the convention center held ambulances, prisoner buses, a haz-mat team, another SWAT team with AK47s loaded with rubber bullets and an urban assault vehicle (a small tank).

Looking back over the day's events we certainly had our highs and lows. On the positive side, throughout the course of the day a number of officers present had been deeply touched by our cause and our dedication. Several activists reported spotting tears in riot cops' eyes, witnessing them ask to be relieved of duty for the remainder of the day, etc. It was also very moving when a group of young children joined in our protest.

Ultimately, the bottom line is we accomplished our most basic goal for the day which was to let the vivisectors know that we will not allow them to continue to operate behind a veil of secrecy. We WILL be watching and we WILL push keeping pushing the envelope until the suffering ends and we will NOT back down!

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- Driving into town, many noticed that the Hegins signs along the highway had been splashed with red paint.
- The next action occurred around 8:30 a.m. It was reported that a number of people swarmed the offices of Bob Tobash, the main organizer of the shoot. Several windows were broken, costing him approximately $1500.
- Shortly thereafter an American flag was pulled down and ripped apart.
- Throughout the afternoon, vehicles in the parking lot were damaged: forty or so were keyed, tires were slashed, windshields were smashed, and others were doused in paint or paint thinner.
- The day came to an explosive end with two or possibly three vehicles set on fire. One had a smoke bomb thrown through the window, burning the upholstery and interior. Another pickup was completely burned.

CHARGES AGAINST THE ACTIVISTS

The seven who locked down were placed under arrest, and their bail was set at $75,000--possibly the highest bail ever set for an act of civil disobedience. They were charged with four counts of felony conspiracy, two counts of felony riot, and various misdemeanors, including resisting arrest, blocking a highway, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, and failure to disperse.

Another activist was arrested separately and charged with criminal mischief, criminal conspiracy, and disorderly conduct, in relation to the direct action, despite the fact that the police have absolutely no evidence linking him to these events other than the fact that he wore a bandanna, like dozens of others there that day. This arrest is a ploy to try to get him to inform on others, but this is pretty stupid, as he doesn't know anything about the actions for which he is charged.

It is obvious that the people of Hegins want to make an example of these activists, and are pushing for the maximum sentences to be imposed. If convicted, they are facing serious jail time. A defense fund has been set up to help with their legal costs. Please help them, even if it is only a dollar or two. Send donations to:

Hegins Legal Defense Fund
c/o NJARA
PO Box 174
Englishtown, NJ 07726

Criminal Conspiracy

What it is & How to Avoid it

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In several recent cases, defendants have been charged with "conspiracy." The purpose of this article is to explain both the legal elements of a conspiracy charge and how to realistically assess the charge that you have committed a "conspiracy" by being part of a demonstration for animal rights.

WHAT IS CONSPIRACY?

First of all, it's important to know that the charge of conspiracy is separate from and additional to the other things that you're charged with doing in a criminal complaint. Let's take the example of trespass. If you're charged with "trespass," you can also be charged with the additional crime of "conspiring to trespass" and possibly be convicted of (and sentenced for) doing both. Or, you may be convicted of one but not the other. In the most common case, you may be convicted of the trespass itself, but acquitted of conspiracy to commit the trespass. Or, you may be convicted of a conspiracy to commit the trespass but acquitted of the trespass itself. This might occur, for example, if you are sick the day of the demo and don't take part in the actual protest, but the prosecution can prove that you helped to plan the trespass and poured the cement or knowingly provided the car that carried the people who trespassed. You could also be convicted of the trespass itself on an accessory theory, but that is another subject.

Secondly, you should know that *a conspiracy to do something is, for historical reasons, generally more serious than the charge of doing the thing itself.* Thus, the penalty for a conspiracy to trespass is generally higher than the trespass itself. In all states, conspiracy to commit a felony is an additional felony. *In many states, conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor (for example, trespass, obstruction of a road, or refusal to disperse) may be charged as a felony* or as a misdemeanor. This may sound odd, and it is. It arose, I believe, out of the governmental fear of mass or concerted movements. The government always felt that it could successfully contain the acts of any one individual, but it was afraid of mass, concerted movements that could seriously challenge its authority.

THE ELEMENTS OF A CONSPIRACY

This is by necessity a general discussion, and I do not know the law of your particular state. However, in general, the elements of a conspiracy are as follows:

1. A common plan to commit an illegal act in which there is a "meeting of the minds." This means that multiple parties have decided together to do the illegal act. There must be general agreement to which several parties, including that particular defendant, assent. If there is just one person who decides to do something, then it cannot be a conspiracy.

2. One or more overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy. This means that the agreement, or meeting of the minds, cannot stay on the philosophical or theoretical level, but that one or more of the people who have so agreed have taken specific actions to put the plan into effect. For example, if there is a conspiracy to commit a trespass, people may have bought the cement, constructed the cement barrels, transported the barrels in a pickup truck to the site of the protest, bought bicycle locks, or brought bicycle locks to the protest. These may be the overt acts. States vary as to how many overt acts are required. Most states--I'm not sure if this applies to all states--require at least one overt act to turn a philosophical discussion into a conspiracy. In states that require overt acts, it is important to realize that you don't have to be the one to perform the overt act in order to be convicted. It is enough if there was a meeting of the minds and that someone (who might be either one or several people) performed the required number of overt acts.

THE STATES LEGAL LEVERAGE

Why are states charging conspiracy lately? First of all, that charge is often the only way that they can hold you for several days and prevent you from being cited out or released on your own recognizance. Conspiracy, generally being a felony charge, may require high bail. So, if they want for you to stay in jail for a few days, they will come up with a felony charge, and conspiracy may well fill the bill. Often it will be dropped and not even charged in the complaint at the arraignment. In those instances, it may have been added on to intimidate you and make you stay in jail or pay high bail.

Sometimes the conspiracy is charged in the complaint and kept as a "throw away" charge. This means that it will be used as leverage to make you take a deal on the lesser charge. They will tell you that you are facing a felony if you go to trial and offer to drop it if you plea to the misdemeanor on their terms.

However, once in a while, they are serious about the conspiracy charge, and, in that situation, you will have to go to trial on that charge. That's where the above discussion concerning "meeting of the minds" and "overt acts" comes in, so that you can realistically assess the case against you.

AVOIDING CONSPIRACY CHARGES

1. It is unwise to state to the police or the press that there has been any preplanning before a demonstration. Preplanning makes it easier for the prosecution to prove a conspiracy. Make them prove the case, but don't help them.

2. It is unwise to visibly carry bicycle locks or other items that are then used for "illegal" purposes. Carrying items that are later used for an illegal purpose (for example, to lock down) may make you part of a conspiracy to do an illegal act.

3. It is unwise to state on e-mail that you are going to do thus and so. Your presence at a protest is perfectly legal, and saying that you will be attending a demonstration or asking about housing, is legal. But agreeing in advance to trespass, to lock down, or to block a road, may be a conspiracy. It should be obvious by now that e-mail--and most phone lines--are not secure.

Remember that many conspiracy charges are bogus and later dismissed. Conspiracy is a very hard crime to prove. So don't despair just because you are charged with something. Charging it and proving it are two different things.

Campaign for a Supportive Movement

BY THE ANIMAL LIBERATION LEAGUE

Our struggle is a vehicle that will hopefully take us to animal liberation. But like all vehicles, it needs periodic maintenance and tune ups to function efficiently. Consider this article our annual check-up.

The burdens of activism dramatically increase within a hostile, judgmental, and intolerant activist community. In such an environment, activists show little or no respect for each other--especially where there are philosophical or ideological differences regarding strategy and organizing. E-mail "flame wars" and verbal personal attacks are likely. Activists who make honest mistakes, often face a barrage of bitter condemnation and ostracism by other activists. Harsh rumors and destructive gossip flourishes. Support between activists often comes with strings attached. Such an environment only discourages activists to ask questions or make suggestions, because they fear the reprisals from their "comrades."

A hostile, judgmental, intolerant, and fearful environment destroys communication and prevents the growth and empowerment of activists. It destroys our creativity and places us in a rut. It scares away new recruits, disempowers current activists, and even encourages organizers to drop out or reduce their involvement with the struggle. Many activists who entered this movement because of their heightened sensitivities, and feel devastated, hurt, and betrayed by the personal attacks common in such an environment. These sensitive warriors often drop out of activism or become less vocal, creating a "survival of the fittest" environment where only the most vicious and intolerant activists thrive.

A hostile environment also increases fear among activists. Many activists will simply not ask questions because they fear being judged stupid or facing condescending remarks from other activists who see their question as an opportunity to assert their superior knowledge. Some timid activists don't ask questions and simply do what is expected of them without understanding why they are doing it, or how to apply the strategy in different circumstances. Without an understanding of why they should do it, they are less certain of the tactic's effectiveness, and therefore are fearful that it will not work, and more likely to not follow through with their commitment. Furthermore, they fear applying the tactic incorrectly because of the barrage of criticism they will receive. An oppressive environment encourages activists to lie in an effort to avoid criticism and ostracism. This dishonesty--motivated by self-preservation--only destroys the trust and solidarity between activists.

Finally, in regions where a judgmental and hostile environment exist, there is a greater likelihood of infestation by *pseudo-militants*. Pseudo-militants are people who are involved with the militant animal liberation struggle for selfish reasons. They often vehemently follow (or at least talk as though they do) and defend the militant "dogma"in an effort to upstage other activists, impress their friends, and improve their social status within the movement. They offer vicious and spiteful criticism against hard-working activists as a way to assert their supposed moral and tactical authority. Such hostility and judgmentalism is how they assert "I'm better than you." Instead of doing effective action, they attend protests to pick fights with the cops, out-scream other activists, and get arrested for trivial reasons in an attempt to impress others with their "militancy." It is typical for pseudo-militants to only engage in activities that will bring them glory and a feeling of self-worth such as random and unstrategic arrests, yelling at the cops, and talking tough. However, they avoid any of the tedious and mundane, yet crucial organizing work--such as conducting research and investigations, fundraising, tabling, leafletting, postering, producing literature, presenting talks, etc. They claim these actions are ineffective, weak, and welfarist. The truth is more likely that they can't brag about doing them to their friends.

Within a hostile environment, many activists adopt the behaviors of pseudo-militants just to survive. New activists adopt pseudo-militant behaviors because they learn from the bad examples set by other pseudo-militants and assume that such posturing and behavior is necessary to achieve animal liberation. As a result, numerous good activists have the appearance of this minority population, and it is hard to sort out who are active because they really care about the cause, and who are in it for personal gain.

(This fact that good activists sometimes do bad things makes it imperative that those of us who seek to remove hostility from our movement only address other individual's behaviors, and not their intent. Calling an activist a pseudo-militant (or selfish, stupid, egomaniac, etc.) is judging them, and will do nothing to help solve the problem. Instead, people with these behaviors should be shown in a non-threatening manner how their hostile behavior hurts the movement, while being encouraged to treat all activists with respect.

WHY HOSTILITY FLOURISHES

Considering how harmful a hostile environment is, one might wonder how such a problem develops. It usually develops from a misguided notion that encourages short-term gains at the expense of long-term results, sustainability, and the ultimate achievement of our goals. In hostile activist environments, it is common to find activists who seeks short-term obedience at the expense of a strong, disciplined, diverse, unified and supportive struggle that has the power to create real gains for the animals.

Some activists within the movement seek obedience and conformity from other activists. However they often lack the patience or credibility to win people over with reasoned arguments and dialogue. It is more expedient--and possibly more effective in a short-term sense--to gain compliance by punishing those who disobey or disagree with harsh criticism and personal attacks. In this way, these activists maintain control and obedience through a reign of terror. Groups of like-minded and hostile activists can effectively use this method to enforce their wishes and silence any opposition.

This system of "leadership" increases compliance and subservience--possibly more so than a respectful environment would--because many who disagree still follow orders

not because of loyalty to the beliefs, but to avoid the repression by the supporters of those beliefs. This explains why such hostility might flourish within a struggle.

However, this leadership style results in "drone-ism" and "zombie-ism"--meaning the followers are encouraged to conform and accept orders without thinking. Another danger of this system is that if the logic and reasoning of the hostile group is faulty, there are few followers who will be willing to risk punishment to point out the faults, so they may be addressed. Furthermore, orders that might harm the movement and the activists obeying them are more likely to be followed without question.

But besides drone-ism, and the possibility of misleading the movement, a bitter and hateful environment also results in the variety of problems listed above that could drive a struggle to the brink of disaster. Unfortunately, such hostility can flourish because it is easy, self-serving, and requires no self-discipline.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ACTIVISTS

It is time that we face reality. If there are any hateful and destructive values within our struggle, it is only because we allow them to be here. This is our movement. The way it operates--or does not operate--is our total responsibility. If we don't like what we see, it is our responsibility to fix it. Too often, those activists who work in a hostile environment allow their assumptions about other activists to intimidate and disempower them into not taking action to improve our movement. Meanwhile things worsen, and the cancer of hatred and intolerance continues to spread.

If we allow hostile actions to remain unchallenged, it tells people both within and outside of our ranks that such behavior meets our movement's approval. It is a reflection on all of us. We must confront this cancer of *inter-movement hostility before it spreads* and kills our struggle.

OUR VISION

We have discussed a lot about what is harmful to the movement. So now we paint a picture of the movement we seek.

We must seek a nonjudgmental, respectful environment among activists that will foster the tolerance needed for a creative movement where people are not afraid to speak their opinion, ask questions, make mistakes, and suggest new ways of doing things. Diversity of thought and tolerance for that diversity is important if we hope to grow as a movement and become the strongest possible force for liberation. A respectful and supportive environment where people can agree-to-disagree is crucial if we hope to build solidarity, trust, and unity within the movement. Such a warm and respectful environment also makes our movement more attractive to its current organizers and potential new activists--aiding our recruitment efforts. Criticism, when needed, should be done out of a sincere interest and desire to help the criticized. It should never be done out of hatred and anger, or as an attempt to upstage them, or in an effort to destroy their self-worth. We must seek to be nurturers of each other--not destroyers.

THE PLEDGE

To help create this vision, the Animal Liberation League has created a pledge detailing the rights and responsibilities of activists. Because hostility can only thrive among a disempowered and fearful movement, we list the rights of activists to assert their authority to think for themselves and act in accordance with their conscience.

The Activists' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Activists' Bill of Rights

All activists have a right to:

1. Think for themselves, respectfully express their opinions, make their own decisions, and follow their own conscience.

2. Respectfully disagree with the ideas or behavior of fellow activists.

3. Make honest mistakes.

4. Be treated with respect and dignity as an animal.

5. Ask questions.

6. Be creative.

7. Respectfully refuse the advice and assistance of other activists.

8. Refuse to work with activists who psychologically, mentally, or physically hurt and injure them or violate their rights or those of their comrades.

9. Politely assert their rights to those activists who are violating or trying to violate them.

Activists' Responsibilities

As an activist who seeks to establish the "Activists' Bill of Rights," I recognize that I must strive to respect other activists' rights by upholding the following responsibilities:

1. Recognize Other's Rights. I will respect the rights of other activists to think for themselves, disagree with me, make honest mistakes, ask questions, be creative, refuse my help and assistance, refuse to work with me, assert their rights, and be given the dignity they deserve as animals. I recognize that these rights extend not only to my friends, but also to those activists who I dislike and who are hostile to me.

2. Foster Selflessness I recognize that selfishness, and misplaced priorities cause most of the hostility between activists. I will strive to place the issue of animal rights first, and my selfish desires second. This does not mean I will be subservient to the demands of hostile activists, but that I will return their hostility with compassion, while reasserting my own beliefs, for the benefit of a strong movement and the animals.

3. Be Honest and Reliable. I will be honest and truthful with all activists. I will not distort the facts or try to deny responsibility for my mistakes. I will be reliable. If I make a commitment to other activists, or members of my affinity group, I will follow through with that commitment, unless they agree to absolve me of the commitment because of unexpected events.

4. Develop Inner Strength. I will develop the inner strength, courage, and discipline to respect other's rights, respectfully stand up to hostile people, not get angered by their attacks, remain courteous with those I disagree with, share my opinions, assert my rights with hostile activists, admit my mistakes, and ask questions when I don't understand--even though I might suffer personal attacks and condemnation for doing so.

5. Respect Everyone. I will respect cultural and religious diversity within the movement, and challenge the speciesism, sexism, racism, heterosexism and ageism within myself and others. All animals have inherent worth and dignity, and I will strive to understand and apply this principle by offering goodwill and respect to all activists--especially those I dislike or disagree with. I recognize that none of us were born with the political awareness we hold today. I will be understanding of activists who are at different levels of awareness and recognize that someone is most willing to change their ways based on a respectful discussion that presents facts without passing judgement. To those who verbally attack or condemn me, I will not retaliate with hostility, but rather respect.

- **Disagreements:** Diversity of thought and opinion exist within our movement, and these differences are healthy and important for its growth and adaptability. When engaged in conversations with those who disagree with me, I will communicate with them in an open, honest, respectful and courteous manner, regardless of the hostility they might direct at me. If we are unable to reach an agreement or understanding through dialogue, I will have the good sense to agree to disagree with them and end the conversation.
- **Reprimanding others:** People sometimes make mistakes or need guidance. When reprimanding or constructively criticizing others, I will do so with a sincere desire to help them grow as a person and activist. My criticism will be supportive and nurturing--not hostile. I will not condemn them as a person, but rebuke their *behavior* while recognizing their importance and self-worth as an individual. I will not engage in hostile name calling or personal attacks. These actions are motivated with the intent to hurt the individual or bolster the attacker's ego.
- **Assumptions:** Because most rumors begin from damaging and erroneous assumptions about others, I will not assume the worst about people. Instead, until I can respectfully confront the activist about their questionable behavior, I will give them the benefit of the doubt that their behavior is motivated from the purest of intentions and has a reasonable explanation.

6. Encourage Others. I will teach respect by setting a good example. I will also encourage others to respect each others rights, defend and support those activists who are personally attacked, and nurture all activists into becoming respectful, disciplined activists who have the power to help achieve animal liberation. If however, activists continually violate activists' rights and make no attempt to change their behavior despite polite rebukes, I recognize my right to not work with them.

7. Review My Rights and Responsibilities. In my attempts to follow the above-listed responsibilities, I will review them on a weekly basis so that I keep these concepts fresh in my mind and can work on actively applying these principles in my daily life.

I have read the above rights and responsibilities of activists, and I pledge to foster the self-discipline and inner strength needed to follow the above responsibilities and respect my rights and those of other activists. I take this action voluntarily because I sincerely believe in its importance for the sustainability and betterment of the movement.

Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

I will review this document every _____ **(Put a day of the week here).**

However, follow-up responsibilities are needed to ensure that we do not abuse our rights by hurting the rights of others. ALL encourages those people who read and agree with the pledge to sign it, commit to the creation of a respectful movement, and set a good example for others to follow. Signing the pledge is a completely personal decision, and, therefore, entirely voluntary. It is boxed on the side.

If you signed the pledge, please fill out this form and mail it to the Animal Liberation League so we can measure the success of this campaign, and add you to our mailing list. Thank you!

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone number: (_____)_____ Tax deductible donation: _____

Send completed form to: **ALL, PO Box 7245, Minneapolis, MN 55407**

Animal Rights Commentary

The Tie That Binds

by Julia Wilczynski

Whether it be Adolf Hitler or Earl Carmel, Chinese internment camps or Ringling Bros.' circus, the ethics are the same. A modern day holocaust is on our hands.

The Animal Liberation Front can easily be compared to the abolitionists of the 1800s and the underground railroad in this country. While slaves--who were considered property--were smuggled out of the plantations to lives of freedom, the ALF "smuggles" animals out of their cages and chains to live lives of freedom. But, still, all over the world, not only is there animal suffering but human suffering, too. Take Tibet, for instance, where pregnant women are forced to have abortions because China doesn't want any more Tibetan people. Yet Clinton is trying to improve relations between the U.S. and China!

Is there really any difference once you get past the surface of the struggles we all engage in? The Black Panthers, MOVE, Refuse and Resist, the American Indian Movement, and the Animal Liberation Front are all struggling for liberation and recognize that life is worth more than money and property, that every life, no matter what form it takes, deserves the basic right of freedom. Every single one of these groups puts pressure on the government which most often takes the form of the oppressor. That pressure may only be a stitch in the side of an enormous money-making machine, a force which the government believes it can easily get rid of by sending out the troops to tear gas us, search our homes, or arrest us for no apparent reason. But, we as the animal liberation movement know such tactics will never work. Just imagine: all of us, 20,000 strong, maybe even more, taking over the streets, the fur shops, the sweat shops, the slaughterhouses, the White House. A common thread runs through all of our blood, the need for liberty and justice, just like the Pledge of Allegiance says, right? (Sense my sarcasm?) These aren't several different struggles and movements; it is one! The freedom movement.

Imagine how scared the government would be if the Black Panthers showed up at a McDonald's demo or, for that matter, if the next Mumia march was like Atlanta. If all the movements united as one we could all be 500 times stronger, with more resources, more impact, and MORE POWER!!! And that is the exact thing the government does not want. Already they have been trying to break apart the animal liberation movement by ensuing petty fights between activists. But, with this common bond and same struggle I challenge anyone to tear us apart.

Don't allow another Anti-Nike demo to go by without being there, table at Mumia protests, call your local gay/lesbian/bi organization or EF! chapter. Be ON THE MOVE with other movements for freedom.

This is the section of the magazine where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we receive provided it is to do with Animal Liberation, and is not intended to further some other aim - political or otherwise. The articles here do not necessarily represent the views of No Compromise. Submissions should be sent to the No Compromise PO Box, or via e-mail to: NoComp@waste.org

Gov. & Co. to Blame for Eco-Problems

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The issue of overpopulation has been discussed in the last couple of issues of *No Compromise*. I've read people's points, arguments, discussions, and I understand why people assert the need for womyn to limit the number of children they have. But, such a suggestion of action is restrictive to the lives of womyn and ignores the real root, the source of the many problems plaguing the earth. Problems like deforestation, ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect, and air and water pollution are said to be the negative consequences of overpopulation, but such a misguided belief ignores the real destroyers of the planet. Who is causing the problems mentioned above? Who is cutting down groves of forests like Headwaters? Who is destroying rain forests to create pastures for grazing cattle who will eventually be slaughtered? The corporations and governments. Who is spewing chemicals into the air? Who is dumping toxins into the oceans? Who is working to repeal all clean air and water legislation in this country? The corporations and governments. The problems that are killing the planet and putting her survival in our hands are not due to population, but to companies and governments that are driven solely by profit and thus put that profit before any consideration for the earth, for animals, for humyns.

Instead of restricting womyn's reproductive rights, we should be taking the effective action of holding the real earth and animal abusers/destroyers--the companies, corporations, industries, and governments--accountable. We should be targeting them, restricting their movements, stopping them in their tracks. As an ardent pro-choice environmentalist, feminist, animal rights activist, I see all oppressions as connected. It bothers me how womyn are not given autonomy over their bodies and how womyn's bodies--and thus womyn's lives--are put under the control of governments, religious groups, and now indirectly by environmental/animal rights groups. I am a fighter for earth and animal liberation, but the liberation of womyn is also intricately intertwined in these struggles. I call on all members of the animal rights/liberation community to think about all oppressions and to open their minds to the connections. Speciesism, sexism, heterosexism, racism, the destruction of the earth--all of these oppressions are maintained and reinforced by the same system: patriarchy.

So, when PeTA commodities womyn by turning us into dehumanized objects to send out the "fur free" message, I angrily ask how they can be so blind and so unconcerned, when objectifying womyn in pornographic ways encourages violence, aggression, and contempt against womyn, and harms womyn through dehumanization, sexual exploitation, and attitudes of inferiority. This is just one incident of many instances in which I have seen disregard for the lives of womyn, people of color, and lesbians/gays/bisexuals in the animal rights movement. I feel anger and disconnection because I expect more from our movement, a movement of liberation. Think, open your minds, see the connections. The bridging of struggles, the unification of different social movements is the key to total liberation--for the animals, for the earth, for humyns...for no one is free when others are oppressed.

Less Humans, Less Exploitation

By Denise M. Violetta

This is something I wrote after committing myself to being a Voluntary Human Extinction Movement volunteer.

I used to be one of those people who always said, "I can't wait to have kids someday," but at the same time, in the back of my mind, I always sought for good reasons why I should have any children at all. Being a straight edge vegan who questions all tradition, I thought about this quite a bit. Every time I saw a mother and her children, I always searched for a satisfactory answer to my question: Why do we really *need* to have kids?

After some thought, I came to the conclusion that people have children because they *don't* think about why they need to have them. It is just an accepted practice, one that has lost any connection with conscious decision. If child conception *did* involve such thought, those actively breeding would probably feel as uneasy about the subject as I did. I think that what having children all comes down to is satisfying an outdated instinct to procreate, one that once had a place in humanity, but is now no longer needed as the population has exploded. It is a practice and tradition that should become as unaccepted as consuming animal products.

I first heard of VHEMT last June while talking to other animal rights activists. The whole concept was partially presented to me after telling them that when I had children, they were going to be vegan. Both immediately said, "You're going to have children???" and I was totally caught off guard. I, of course, responded defensively and told them that I was only going to have one or two. At the time I felt attacked for no reason.

Now, as I sit here writing this, I think how ridiculous having "just one or two" really is. Now I realize that if everyone keeps having "one or two," the earth we all love is going to eventually collapse from lack of resources and overpopulation. How do we expect to save the animals when that happens? It's only vegan to save the earth from human destruction so that the animals who we all work so hard to liberate will have a decent place on this planet to which they can be liberated. I see this movement as another tool we can use in our ultimate goal of total animal liberation: less humans, less exploitation. The idea seems promising to me.

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Large Mink Raids an Eco-Animal Disaster

by Emile E:son

A nameless, unknown group or individual released eight thousand minks from two fur farms in Svenljunga, Boras in southern Sweden on October 12 and 13, 1997.

Minks are not an indigenous Swedish animal. To release eight thousand of them is nothing more than animal abuse and an ecological disaster. Already, many of the minks have been run over and killed by cars, and, soon, in a couple of weeks, the minks won't find anything to eat.

According to ALF/DBF guidelines, "Activists must take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human"!

The people responsible for these mink releases cannot be serious animal rights activists, but people who don't care for animals and want to destroy the serious animal rights movement.

The Swedish ALF/DBF, who have more than 12 years of experience in the business, have a policy saying:

*Do not release more than 20 to 25 mink from each fur farm;

*Release only minks with dark fur;

*If the fur farm is located close to roads and traffic, take the mink to safe areas and release them there.

On many occasions in Sweden non-ALF/DBF actions have taken place, carried out by people without knowledge or respect for animals and who cowardly have used the ALFs/DBFs name.

The Swedish ALF/DBF strongly condemn these kinds of actions!

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Love Those Mink Raids

by D. H.

I have the unfortunate circumstance of living around at least four fur farms in my immediate area.

I wanted to put a flyer in the paper as a regular news ad and the paper wouldn't let me. I wanted to let people know that they are right here around us, and incognito. So, as fall neared and I knew that I didn't have very much time, that the mink would be killed very shortly--I sat and worried and stewed and didn't know where to turn. I didn't even know of anyone who would help me pass out the flyers. So, obviously, they never got distributed. Not one minute has gone by, though, that I don't think about those poor animals. I drove by the place and wanted to do something so badly, but I would never endanger my young child by engaging in criminal activity.

I dreamed and dreamed and dreamed of a tornado coming down from heaven and swooping them all up and taking them some place where they could be free--away from humans. Is there such a place? I wished like hell the ALF would at least hit my state of Illinois. Everything I had ever read said that they hadn't...or, at least hadn't hit around me anyway. Then, it happened. My fiancé said out of the blue, "Well, you got your wish." I said, "What?" I had no idea what he was talking about. Then he told me that someone had hit a fur farm in our area and let loose 5,000 mink. Unfortunately, all but 500 or so were reportedly recaptured with the help of local fur farmers who rounded them up.

So, I got a copy of the paper and saw the owner on the front page with a mink in his hand--a beautiful little animal--stating how vital records were gone and how he didn't know if he would be able to make it. I knew he was lying and just asking for pity while trying to make the liberators look like nasty people.

I am so thankful to whomever had the guts to hit the Frye Fur Farm and I hope I will hear a lot more news to this effect. And, if the FBI is reading this, I have something to say to them, too. Please, stop wasting your time on liberators. They are GOOD people who know how to put themselves in the animals' place and feel their pain. They are trying to right a terrible injustice across this country. Legislators won't listen when we write letters. They don't care--very few of them even take the time to write back, and, if they do, it is always just b.s. Please, spend your time catching real criminals, *real* nasty people. Think about it for a minute. Who will know you aren't doing your job if you just can't seem to come up with any leads, but, instead, just go through the motions. Research this subject. Who are the *real* criminals here? Is it worth letting other criminals go free, because you are busy spending time trying to catch the ALF?

Capitalism Kills All Beings

by Jonathon Weintraub
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Racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, and speciesism are separate symptoms of a greater disease--a disease that spawns from our behaviors, one that will only be cured by a collective struggle to ameliorate all forms of wanton exploitation. We live in an Anglicized world of white conservative values and ideals. From an early age, we are spoon-fed a government education, learning the pledge of allegiance in conjunction with the alphabet. How is it that a culture so "advanced" necessitates the oppression of human and non-human animals?

Our society is founded on the inherent belief in false dualisms constructed to subjugate and categorize animals with respect to humans, women to men, ghetto to suburb, inferior to superior. We have come to accept the torture of animals, the suppression of minorities, and the servitude of women as human nature. Through the deconstruction of false assumptions we lay the grounds for total liberation; liberation for others and ourselves irrespective of socially-constructed biases.

As long as men beat women, minorities are inducted into prisons, and animals are bred for consumption, true freedom will be a false pretense. We live in a culture based on monetary accumulation, economically sanctioning our thought processes. Over 99 percent of the media is controlled by less than 1 percent of the population--hence the prominence of corporations such as McDonald's with regard to commercial air time. McDonald's shares lucrative contracts with many major media outlets, providing the grounds for the further monopolization of the global food industries. In a civilization based on property where so few individuals control the moral economy, the prospects for true democracy remain hindered.

For one person to succeed in a capitalist society a multitude must suffer. The basis of our government education hinges on the premise that we all buy into the capitalist mindset. Those who do not are marginalized and gagged by a conservative media, indicative of our subconscious acceptance of "The American Way."

Less than 125 years ago, Africans were stolen from their homes, forced into servitude based on the economic necessities of the enlightened world. Human beings were bred for servitude to propagate the system of chattel slavery, molding the very world in which we live. Africans were seen as less than human, validating the slave holders' gross exploitation of labor. The same "enlightened" thinking is still fostered by our culture. Modern slavery is manifest within the mass production of living beings, murdered for our entertainment and daily food source. We have been desensitized, sheltered from the suffering and waste that create the modern factory farm. We have created massive factories with one goal: to produce as many animals as scientifically possible at the lowest cost.

Similarly, parents and children visit animals in circuses--animals existing in an unnatural state, dancing, juggling, jumping through flaming hoops. These very animals who demonstrate "human" qualities are forced into tiny cages and subjected to the cruelty of a life behind bars. The forced labor of animals is not limited to the non-human species.

Human slavery still exists in many facets of our world. A marked example is the forced labor camp that is created behind prison walls. Inmates are forced to create goods for the free world with no monetary compensation. The sufferings of animals on factory farms and humans in prison are directly related. It is no mistake that these foundations of our economy have been carefully placed behind large walls--walls that shield the general populous from the cries of oppression and terror from reaching "humankind."

Our anthropocentric world view (focused on human well-being) has taught us to dominate not only animals and the environment, but women and non-heterosexuals as well. In a society permeated by patriarchy, women are seen as subordinate to their male counterparts. Popular culture, science, and media have assigned a negative value to the feminine, often denoting females as bestial. Patriarchy dictates that women have a certain place within the world, similar to that of minorities and animals. The position held by the aforementioned groups are that of the other. Through false dualism, we have constructed a system that subjugates women in a social hierarchy.

Our society qualifies ones' worth by the color of her or his skin. Women, especially women of color, have been targeted by our government as problematic. These same bureaucrats who place a liquor store on every inner city block have gained political support in their targeting of minority women. In turn, by supporting these individuals, we strengthen the aristocracy that is largely responsible for propagating the exploitation of animals. We see this "welfare mother" as purely animalistic, less than our cultured selves. According to popular belief, this licentious woman breeds indiscriminately to increase her monthly welfare stipend. Society has constructed a common enemy among this oppressed sub-class of women. In actuality, most of these women have little access to the work force beyond that of a minimum wage employee. They could possibly get a position at a slaughterhouse or perhaps at McDonald's--jobs that pay just enough to end her government support. These place her as the exploited, but also as the exploiter. This process of cyclical exploitation reassures the domination of man over women, upper over lower class, human over non-human animal.

In order to reconstruct our social conscience, we must first deconstruct the myths of false dualism. We must acknowledge that until we are able to attack all forms of wanton exploitation, we will never be free. As a culture, we suffer from mental apartheid. From our formative years we are instructed on how to be like everyone else, instructed in the ways of the capitalist system. Whether we are the exploited or the exploiter remains ambiguous. We have all been manipulated to play a certain role in the system. Introspection is key in deconstructing societal misnomers. As we question the actions of others, we must question ourselves. For, in questioning ourselves and making behavioral changes, we question the very foundations of exploitation and oppression. Animal liberation and human liberation are one and the same.

Security Thoughts

by Justin Taylor

After receiving issue #7 of *No Compromise*, I noticed that it is mostly dedicated to security--something we should always be practicing and improving. One way to improve this would be to stop "specializing" the ALF cell name (e.g., "ALF Eco-Animal Defense Unit," "Bay Area Cell of the Earth X Animal Liberation Front," etc.). By using a unique name on your communique or report letter, you are letting the cops, Feds, etc., know which cell has done what. If one gets caught for an action, the police have a string of other actions to which they can link you. All engaged in direct action should go by the name ALF--and only the ALF (provided the ALF guidelines are followed). To do otherwise greatly jeopardizes security.

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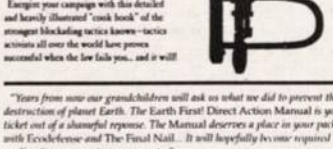
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Mass Media: Use It or Lose It?

Don't Depend on Corporate Media

Over the past ten years as a part of the animal liberation movement, I've often seen activists concern themselves more with the media's coverage of their actions than the actions themselves. In what must be a ritual for many, I, too, have come home following an action, scanning the newspapers and T.V. to see how the struggle for animal liberation is presented to the outside world. I would see scientifically-based, ecologically-sound, rational-thinking arguments, not to mention evidence of financial instability and corruption, nowhere in print, and in their place, sound bites based on emotionalism and extremism. Whether the issue was fur, vivisection, or the meat industry, the media reports not the truth, but the sensationalized story that will sell papers and boost ratings. Still, sometimes we gauge the success or failure of an action based on whether it made the 5 o'clock news and the morning papers. When it does not, we feel we've done something wrong.

While exposure to the general public is important for any movement, utilizing or attempting to utilize the media as a conduit for public education can--and often does--backfire on us. We must remember that not only are the media corporations most concerned with their ratings and circulation, but also that their reporting is heavily influenced by advertising dollars and the interests of their wealthy corporate executives--absolutely none of whom want to see animal-dependent industries offended by negative or, dare I say, truthful reporting. Though we may find the occasional sympathetic investigative journalist or receive positive coverage on some days, the power of the media and its influence on American society is so great that the truth rarely reaches the surface.

The corruption, fraud, tax-breaks, federal and state subsidies, not to mention the threats to public health caused by animal-based industries will never make the headlines of the papers owned by those who share the profits of animal abuse. If we lived in a true democracy with a free press, rather than O.J. Simpson and sports dominating the news and public psyche, we would see the real news reaching the masses. Global warming, mass species extinction, corporate control of publicly-owned natural resources, dictatorships here and abroad that stifle citizen dissent, and countless other issues would dominate the press. But the old adage, "Freedom of the press...to he who owns one," rings true in today's society. Any truth that does make it past the editors and executives of corporate media is always relegated to the last pages or minutes of broadcast and reported with heavy bias and criticism.

Rather than claim that there is no hope in working with the press, this commentary is meant to stimulate discussion on animal liberation campaigns that attempt to manipulate the media to our advantage, and to evaluate the effectiveness of such a strategy. While there will always be those in our movement who use the media to relay our message, we as the grassroots animal liberation struggle should strive for more independent forms of action. Rather than allow the media to define us as angry and fanatical youths who love to scream in the faces of families out to dinner or shopping, we should focus our actions on those industries themselves that we oppose and care only that we cut into their profit margins. Our struggle should be us against the institutions, not the innocent victims of media manipulation who have had the truth hidden from them. The media will portray our movement as they want to, not as we want them to. When we realize that fact and prevent our own stereotyping, we will be able to move forward unhindered by professional spin-doctors and become a movement that is defined by its own actions rather than negative media presentation that leads to public misconception.

Challenging the entrenched interests of animal and earth abuse will never be popular amongst the consumer-based majority whose lifestyles are dependent on such abuse. Corporate media often exacerbates the unpopularity of a socially-conscious lifestyle by presenting the critics to those lifestyles as extremist, employing aggressive tactics and irrational arguments. We all know from experience how quickly the media will capitalize on the statements of the least informed or those highly emotional.

The success of the meat industry in preventing wide-scale media exposure of America's own mad cow disease, E. coli, and salmonella threats to the food supply is proof of the collusion between the media and animal abuse interests in keeping the truth hidden. It also reveals the justification in presenting our movement as fanatical animal lovers with misguided interests--anything that will keep the general populous from giving our arguments the attention they deserve. The media has no intention of presenting us as aware and informed citizens eager to educate the public to threats posed by big business against their health and the planet's.

When we plan an action, our last objective should be catering to the media and its hidden agenda. Our priority should be affecting the chosen target, whether that be disrupting business or rescuing animals; the media should not be seen as a necessary ingredient for a successful action. Striking at the foundations of our enemies should be our only concern. The media wants a story, not necessarily the truth; the evidence we have of fraudulent abuse behind laboratory doors is not of as much interest to them as reporting on clashes with police outside of the labs--all of which fulfills its objective of portraying us as extremists with no regard for the laws of democratic society or public safety.

The media is not our friend, but rather the protector of values and practices that stabilize the economy and direct the public to purchase the goods and services that will keep its advertisers and bosses filthy rich. When we liberate ourselves from the dependency of media coverage of our actions, we erase any disorientation and influence that media portrayal may have had on our strategies and tactics. We remain focused on the real objectives: saving animal lives and costing their abusers their profits. Keeping our eyes on the prize sometimes means doing what is right but not necessarily popular.

In 1991 the ALF chose to forego its previous strategy of utilizing the media to expose animal abuse. While liberating animals gives us all a warm fuzzy feeling and is easy to argue in the media, it rarely prevents further animal suffering (fur farm liberations being one exception). Too often the rescued animals are replaced and the abuse continues. When the ALF firebombed Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm, the nation's leading fur industry research center, destroying records vital to fur farming experiments was the objective, not creating a wave of sympathy dependent on media reports of liberated animals. Choosing this strategy was an example of media independence where press coverage and public perception were not necessary objectives. While the action did stir up media interests in animal rights, it still sidelined the truth in favor of more sensationalized journalism, pitting animal lovers against science's quest for the cures to human disease. Meanwhile our movement gained a major victory that went unreported as the Experimental Fur Farm was forced to shutdown as a result of the extent of damages inflicted by the ALF.

No amount of media coverage has yet to result in the closure of an animal lab as quickly as an ALF attack. While direct action attacks circumvent the media treadmill, they are not the only alternative to a media-centered strategy. Sometimes standing outside of MuckDonald's or furriers, leafletting customers every week, accomplishes more than screaming in their faces, though it denies the media the opportunity to portray us as raving lunatics. We may sometimes successfully manipulate the media into presenting our arguments, but more often we are the ones being manipulated. Exploring the possibilities available to us through public-access T.V., community radio stations, underground press, and such tactics as wheat-pasting flyers and posters, leafletting, arranging video presentations, and tabling may not be as exciting as seeing our actions on CNN or in *USA Today*, but they ensure that our message is not distorted and the truth no longer hidden.

Without disapproving or lacking appreciation for the hard work that all activists contribute, I hope we can engage in constructive discussion that will lead to the maximum impact of our energies and actions. Only by continually questioning our tactics and strategies can we be certain that we give voice and represent to the full extent the opinions and experiences of our oldest veterans and newest recruits.

Use Mass Media *& Nonviolence*

BY FREEMAN WICKLUND
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Positive coverage generated in the mass media will further the struggle for animal liberation. Although our own alternative media gives our views a voice, such movement media does not have the potential to educate the millions of unconverted people that mass media can.

However, although positive mass media coverage is important, we must not buy into the myth that "all media is good media." This simply is not the case. Generally, most people believe what they read, hear, and see in the media. When our activities are covered, people use the information to make opinions about our character, speculate as to the motives behind our actions, and judge us. If disinterested public members see us as violent, hostile, selfish, dishonest, or arrogant, most will resent us, ignore our message before giving it a fair hearing, and even *justify* the use of greater repression against us. If however, these same disinterested public members see us as honest, sincere, courageous, self-sacrificing individuals with a lot of integrity, they will be more sympathetic to us and our message.

Some activists may argue the media portrays us as violent, hostile, selfish, untruthful and arrogant because they are biased. But before we blame the media, should we not first evaluate our own actions? Is it possible the public judge our behaviors to be these things? We must be conscious of how our actions, body language, tone of voice, and word choice are interpreted by others. *Whether our actions are justified and our intentions are pure is strategically irrelevant. People judge us by our behavior. Period.*

If we claim to be peaceful, compassionate, selfless people, the media and public will assess the truth of such statements by evaluating our behavior. People will always be looking for an excuse to write off our message--*we must not give it to them.* If we want to effectively utilize the mass media to educate the public, then we must be sure to maintain nonviolent discipline at our actions. We must be open and honest about who we are and what we represent, not lie or attend protests wearing masks which only make us look like we are ashamed of our cause, or have something to hide. We must keep the message focused on the animals' plight, and avoid redirecting this focus to the police or the tactics we choose. We must not initiate or respond to verbal abuse with swearing, name-calling, or insults that make us look hostile, petty, and juvenile. We must stand strong with dignity and courage in the face of both verbal and physical attacks, and never retaliate in kind. We must try to behave so that all our actions show dignity, honesty, fearlessness, and a commitment to nonviolence. Such behavior--that is consistent with our message of justice and respect for all beings--will dramatically increase our changes of getting positive media coverage.

Some activists may argue that media coverage must send a message to the exploiters that we will do all in our power to make their lives misery--and that nonhostile action conflicts with this and does not show our resolve. These activists further contend that our opposition will only stop abusing animals when they are scared and intimidated into doing so. Such tactics are strategically unsound. First, our movement being the tiny minority that it is, lacks the people (strength) necessary to coerce every animal abuser out of business. Secondly, such hostile actions frustrate our attempts to educate the public and recruit the activists necessary to effectively utilize coercive actions (which will hopefully be nonhostile actions). And Finally, although some opposition members may stop abusing animals, many will only respond to such tactics of intimidation by strengthening their resolve to fight us and protect their "way of life."

Besides, nonhostile action can more effectively show our resolve and determination. But instead of measuring our determination by how much suffering we are willing to inflict on our opposition, nonhostile activists measure it by *how much suffering we are willing to endure for the animals.* Actions such as nonhostile civil disobedience, hunger strikes, prison stays, etc. show our fearlessness, courage and willingness to make sacrifices for the animals. And nothing shows our resolve to the media and public better.

In conclusion, media coverage in itself can be very dangerous for our struggle if it continues to paint us as violent, hostile, fanatical terrorists. If on the other hand, we maintain nonviolent discipline, openness, and willingly endure the consequences of our actions, media coverage will help us educate millions of people on the horrors animals suffer and create a more just society for animals.

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also made note of the darkest areas for hiding and which side of the country road was least lit. We set up an emergency rendezvous point in case we were separated.

When the wind was just right, it carried the stench of the fur farm to us--an overwhelming assault on our senses. When I inhaled I could taste the blood and filth, I could hear the cries of pain, I could see the suffering, and I could feel the terror of this place. It was (and is) pure evil.

We cut across several large fields to get to the back fence of the mink farm. When walking in open spaces, we hunched over and let our arms hang down so that, if anyone was watching, we wouldn't look human. As we traveled, we often had to pull strands of barbed wire apart and squeeze through to get past perimeter fences. We made friends with the many cows and other animals we passed on our way towards the farm.

After checking for alarms, trip wires, and video cameras, we easily climbed the back fence and entered the concentration camp. Still watching carefully for alarms, etc., we hurried through the many sheds. Our presence brought the many thousands of mink to attention. They became very excited, rustling around in their tiny cages and "talking" to each other with short, high-pitched squeaks. With our small flashlights, we could see their curious little faces and inquisitive eyes--truly beautiful animals! I imagined the fate that would have awaited them if we had not come to intervene: their necks snapped or their lungs filled with gas after a few more months of enduring the psychological and physical torture of being imprisoned in this hell.

We took note of the cages: four rows in each shed. Filthy, corroded cages which provided no bedding for mink who normally nest in the wild. Simple latches held most cages shut, but some (the breeders) had a piece of heavy-gauge wire twisted around the wires of the cage, securing the doors.

Our reconnaissance told us what we needed to know and we retreated to the back of the field that ran behind this farm. We sat under an old willow tree for a few hours, watching the compound to see if anyone was aware of our intrusion. On this evening we would leave the animals behind, but we would return. We hiked through the fields and creeks, back to the vehicle, and drove for about an hour. We then camped for the remainder of the morning.

At mid-morning we rose and began to further discuss a plan of action, detailing tools we would need and delegating duties. We had brought with us a radio scanner, dark disposable clothing, flashlights, wire cutters, gloves, spray paint, and ski masks. We would need to purchase packaged envelopes, paper, and stamps (to send a communique after the action), as well as back-up batteries. We fueled up the car and drove by our target once (and only once) during the daylight to further familiarize ourselves with the surroundings.

The rest of the afternoon and evening was spent taking apart all our equipment and wiping it down inside and out. We went over every detail of the plan in our heads and prepared ourselves mentally for whatever we might encounter, including any consequences we might face.

It began to rain. We double-checked our inventory of equipment and then set out. We made our way back to the concentration camp, again making sure we were not followed. Just like the night before, we checked and secured the scanner, emptied our pockets, and hid the key to the vehicle. Again, we followed the road part way, diving to the ground with the coming of headlights, and then crept through the dark, still fields, towards the many mink awaiting their freedom.

LIBERATION!

We opened the cages. After opening roughly one dozen cages in the dark, I paused for a brief moment to shine my flashlight across them and caught sight of a shiny, sleek figure, hopping out of her hellhole. The mink scurried across the ground and out of the barn. While I wanted to focus and



A modern day concentration camp for mink.

appreciate each and every animal as he or she found the way to freedom, I knew I couldn't do so at the expense of those who would be left behind. I had to spend every moment on the farm opening cages to allow as many as possible a fighting chance at a natural life.

I continued my work, frantically unlatching and cutting wires. While I worked, several mink ran across the top of the cages while others scurried about my feet, squeaking with joy. Before long, these feisty critters were all over the place, running this way and that, playing and fighting with each other. Now and then I would briefly stop my work to separate two of the little guys and shoo them towards the outer fences where they would find their freedom. RUN LITTLE GUYS, RUN!

A SUSPICIOUS NOISE

Suddenly I heard--or thought I heard--a slamming noise. "The mink have woken the farmer," I thought. "Here he comes." I looked to the end of the barn towards the farmer's house. Struggling to adjust my focus for such a distance in the darkness, I made out a light colored, upright figure. Were my eyes playing tricks on me or was someone standing there? I grew very uneasy and almost nauseous, as I imagined "Farmer John," angry as a wasp evicted from her nest (but much more dangerous), standing in the doorway, holding a rifle. I prepared myself for the worst and tried again in vain to focus on the end of the shed.

Better safe than sorry, I reminded myself, and quickly left the shed. I looked for my partners, and, not finding them, my anxiety increased. I moved across the adjacent field and hid in some thick, dark bushes, and watched the farm for about 20 minutes. I saw nothing out of the ordinary and no lights were turned on, so I eventually crept back and cautiously re-entered the compound. I ducked into the sheds where my friends were working, to be certain that all was well. I found them working away undeterred. I went back to my shed and continued opening the cages.

The work was exhausting and I could feel my bones ache with the monotony of the routine. But I kept going--I could never live with myself if I didn't open as many cages as was humanly possible. I lost count at 500.

TIME TO MOVE ON

I finished my shed and checked on the others to see if they needed help. Finding their sheds empty, I moved on to the next one, and we finished that one off together. Sadly, we came to our pre-designated cut-off time. Though there were many more sheds full of prisoners, we had to leave--the farmers would wake soon and the rise of the sun would provide no cover for ours and the minks' escape.

We marked some of the now empty sheds with spray paint and then retreated. As we fled, we chased many mink to the holes cut in the fence. Once on the other side, we stopped for a moment to watch the many dark figures gliding and scampering through the fields towards the creek which would lead them to their new prospective homes.

Using the moon as our guide, we found our way back to our hidden vehicle. We briefly shared our experiences as we walked--one of our team had been bitten while attempting to open a cage. All of us had found several mink dead and decaying in their cages.

We piled our soaked, sore, and muddied bodies into the car. We made frustrated faces at each other as we were excited but knew we could not talk in the car. We drove silently back down the dark roads to our campsite, where we sorted out our things, throwing all clothes and shoes into the campfire, and placing tools into bags to be discarded safely and immediately.

We talked a little more about our experiences, including what we could do better next time. We made plans to meet again, and shared warm hugs before embarking on our long journey home. During the following day's drive, we heard news reports of the raid on the radio. We smiled proudly with the satisfaction that many mink had a chance at freedom that day, that the fur trade had just become a little less profitable, and that "Farmer John" just might go out of business.

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insults of prominent environmental activists to try to arouse a response; "Is there anything I can tell your parents for you?" My answer "No" to this last question was quite a shock to the interrogator. He replied that that sounds very cold, to which I answered "what my parents want most of all is to have me out of jail, and that means not jeopardizing myself to you." This ended the conversation.

COURTS AND PRISON

I remained in jail until my trial in June for the charges of "possession of incendiary materials," "possession of break-in instruments" and "possession of stolen property" (the license plate). The RCMP were extremely thorough in their investigations and my chances of beating the charges were nil. Thirty witnesses and officers would line up against me. The judge was absolutely confounded. The situation before him was this: a 22 year old, fourth year university student from across the country with virtually straight A's in school and a squeaky-clean record was found in possession of incendiary devices, break-in instruments, tire puncture devices, false ID and the like. The look on his face would have been comical if I wasn't in such deep merde. I was sentenced to one year in prison and three years of probation. The crown prosecutor offered 6-12 months so I pleaded guilty, never taking the stand nor giving any explanation of my activities to the court. Due to the hardship my family and girlfriend had already endured, I decided to let the issue die down. I still think this was the best way to go. In October, I was released on parole. Since I was captured before I could do the deed, the full quota of 250,000 seals was surpassed in 1996. It was the biggest killing in well over a decade.

After the trial, the RCMP and CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service - Canada's FBI impersonators) maintained their interest in me. I confirmed what they knew about my plans to take out Carino (I definitely don't recommend this to anyone else). They still wanted to know "who I'm in with." They just never seemed to realize that if I was involved in some group then I wouldn't even be seeing them in the first place. They also wanted me to admit to the damage that occurred in 1995 to Carino. This didn't happen.

SEALING TODAY

There have also been a number of developments to wither any prospects for peace in Newfoundland. The quota has been increased again to 283,000 of which most have already been killed. Carino is receiving large numbers of pelts to ship to Norway. The Northeast Coast Sealers Cooperative in Fleur de Lys on the Baie Verte Peninsula is taking as many seals as they can get. Coles Fisheries of Savage Cove on the Northern Peninsula has been buying tens of thousands of carcasses the past couple of years. Terra Nova Fisheries of Clarenville and St. John's, who brought the lucrative seal penis trade to fruition, is still busy. A Canadian company Natsiq Inc. in partnership with Teleos Trading of Italy have begun to construct the huge Dorset Tannery in the Baie Verte 2000 Industrial Park in Fleur de Lys. They plan to process 150,000 seal carcasses per year as well as moose, caribou and other imported skins. On top of all this, the CSA in St. John's have continued their campaign extolling the virtues of the seal butchery.

LAST THOUGHTS & ADVICE

I am often asked if it was worth it; would I do it all over again? Obviously, eight months in jail for what amounted to a non-event is not so great, but we do what we can do. My blood still boils. One has to consider if one could live with the thought of killing somebody - I don't know if I could. I knew that if I was caught I would be looking at a long sentence. I hadn't fully taken into account the anguish my family and girlfriend were to experience though. In February, 1996, I was in a state of helplessness and desparation. I simply had to stop the bloodshed. I knew that critical, immediate action was required. I knew that I could accomplish this and therefore had an obligation to do so. I would say that the crisis in Newfoundland has only worsened.

I certainly cannot recommend this line of action to anyone and everyone--it is an entirely personal decision. I will offer these bits of advice though: look at the whole picture; ensure you have a workable and dynamic plan; definitely don't make the same mistakes I did; arson is potentially very dangerous and will land you a hefty sentence--it also is hard to get paroled for arson charges; always ensure that nobody will get hurt--before, during and after; always wear gloves to avoid any fingerprints (the RCMP checked my fingerprints against those recovered from other actions including the fire at a sawmill in the B.C. interior in 1995); if you do get caught, don't answer any police questions, even if you know they are barking up the wrong tree--this will waste otherwise valuable investigation time; in this case, don't ever talk to anyone about your charges--I know some people who are doing time right now because they told too much to fellow inmates who later turned out to be RATS. I'm probably forgetting a great deal I could offer as advice and I apologize for this.

NO COMPROMISE IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER EARTH

Earth First!

Earth First!ers and Animal Liberationists are working together more and more. This section hopes to further familiarize animal liberationists with Earth First! to encourage the merging of our movements.

Frontline Forest Defense for Earth & Animal Liberation

BY ANNE ARCHY

From a purely animal rights perspective, the trauma of losing a nest, a den, or a foraging ground in one deafening roar can't be measured. From an ecological standpoint, the trauma goes even beyond animal suffering. Wild animals are dependent on the health and stability of the entire intricate web of diverse lifeforms that make up an ecosystem. As a part of that web, our kinship is even more basic than we can verbalize.

Ecological revolution means challenging the way the human species relates to the rest of the planet. The deep alienation of modern society has produced relationships of exploitation and greed. Ecological resistance is the defense of the web of life. When we take a stand for the prisoners of war, whether they are redwood trees, laboratory rabbits, Indonesian workers, or the salmon, we honor our connections to all of life.

The feeling of seeing a forest mowed down to line some corporado's pockets is indescribable--the urge to speak out, resist, and protest outweighs any socially-constructed rationale. It's a struggle for survival. It's in our guts, and it can't be compromised.

WAR ON THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S FORESTS

The forests of the Pacific Northwest are a war zone, with many centers of resistance. Our actions focus on two different fronts--public (National Forests and Bureau of Land Management) and "private" (HA!) lands. On public land, the agencies plan timber sales and then auction the trees off to corporations who log them and move on. Activists in the Northwest have been battling the Forest Service's corporate servitude for years, using direct action alongside a variety of legislative campaigns, including the listing of the Northern Spotted Owl on the Endangered Species List (ESL). ESL listings give us legal ammunition to challenge the destruction of a species' habitat, which in the case of the owl, is the mature and ancient (pristine) Northwest forest.



Owl Creek tree villager prepares to defend an ancient redwood tree in Headwaters Forest, CA.

In the summer of 1995, the timber pimps in Congress attached a *rider* onto a budget bill that created a loophole through which trees could be sold without any citizen appeal or litigation--exempted from all environmental laws! For all of 1996, scores of fire scarred, and recovering green forests were sold under the rider. But the real target were the pristine chunks of public old growth that had been off-limits for so long, yet now were exempt from Federal laws using the justification that the ancient trees were in danger of death!

FIGHTING BACK

In the case of the Warner Creek Salvage Sale in Oregon, the rider itself elicited such strong protest that the campaign became its poster child. The opportunity was enormous! "Public land" meant we could be left alone indefinitely to reclaim the road and build the blockade that would steadily evolve over 11 months into Cascadia Free State--a wilderness autonomous zone and secessionist encampment. From September 1995 to August 1996, Cascadians prepared to lockdown onto the road and gates to defend an ancient forest from fire salvage. Amazingly, in the wake of the Free State's bust, the Clinton camp quietly stepped in and bought the entire sale back from the company.

Two other Free States rose last summer, in a similar style to the Cascadian occupation. In the Cove/Mallard roadless area of Idaho (the largest unroaded forest in the lower 48 states), roadwork and blockade building during the National EF! Rendezvous became the Wild Rockies Free State. Sucker Creek Free State in Southern Oregon halted salvage logging for over a month at the China Left Timber Sale in the Siskiyou National Forest. Forest warriors continued resistance at Sucker Creek this summer by engaging the loggers in non-violent, face-to-face confrontation and general disruption of operations.

Direct action campaigns continue to rage all over Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and California's public lands, many in response to the rider. In early 1996, an elder southern Oregon woman krypto-locked her neck to a log truck to protest the Hoxie-Griffin BLM sale, supported by black-clad, masked eco-

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What is Earth First?

This excerpt is reprinted from the *Earth First! Introductory Primer*-- available free of charge from the *Earth First! Journal* office.

Are you tired of namby-pamby environmental groups? Are you sick of overpaid corporate environmentalists who suck up to bureaucrats and industry? Have you become disempowered by the reductionist approach of environmental professionals and scientists?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Earth First! is for you. Earth First! is effective. Our front-line, direct action approach to protecting wildlands gets results. We have succeeded in cases where other environmental groups have given up, and have drawn public attention to the crises facing the natural world.

Earth First! was founded in 1979 in response to a lethargic, compromising, and increasingly corporate environmental community. Earth First! takes a decidedly different tack towards environmental issues. We believe in using all the tools in the tool box, ranging from grassroots organizing and involvement in the legal process to civil disobedience and monkeywrenching.

Earth First! is different from other environmental groups. Here are some things to keep in mind about Earth First! and some suggestions for being an effective Earth First!er:

First of all, Earth First! is not an organization, but a movement. There are no "members" of Earth First!, only Earth First!ers. It is a belief in biocentrism, that life--the Earth--comes first, and a practice of putting our beliefs into action.

While there is broad diversity within Earth First!--from animal rights vegans to wilderness hunting guides, from monkeywrenchers to careful followers of Gandhi, from whiskey-drinking backwoods riffraff to thoughtful philosophers, from misanthropes to humanists--there is agreement on one thing, the need for action!

Interviews with Activists

Interview with a Warner Creek Base Camp Organizer, Lupine

***No Compromise* contacted Lupine and asked her numerous questions about her activist involvement, organizing a base camp, and working within multiple movements. Here is her response to those questions:**

Just to understand my perspective better, I want to tell you that I am an activist (animal, forest, art, feminist, human, EARTH). My activism started with animal rights: tabling, demos, etc., and then turned into protest arrests and jail time. Exciting. A year later, I was involved in the very specific world of forest activism.

ORGANIZING A BASE CAMP

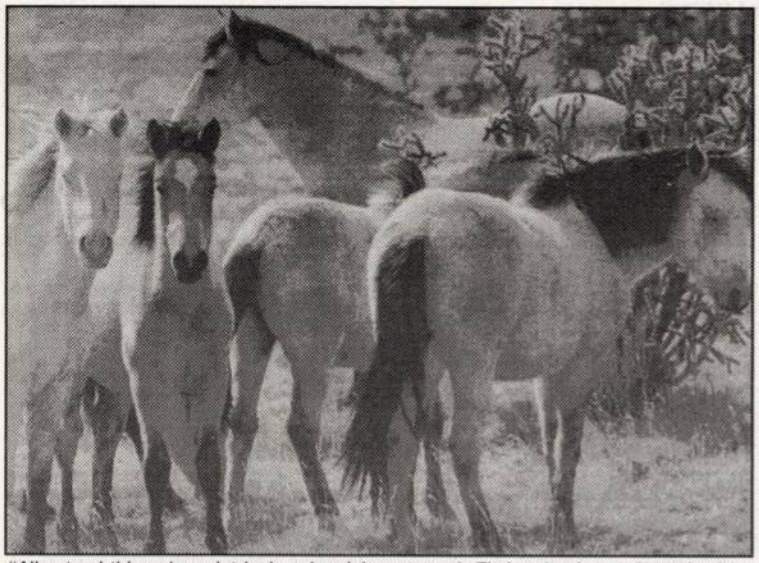
Two months after arriving in Eugene, Oregon, I was helping to set up a base camp for a salvage rider timber sale named Warner Creek in the Willamette National Forest outside of Eugene. The total vigil lasted 11 months, breaking strides for the American forest movement.

There were so many reasons why Warner was a success. First off, the place was magical, it instilled a protective calm...a hesitation in the haze. People were drawn to this particular forest because it was unusual for a reason other than natural diversity: this forest had been arson-burned in 1991 and had since become a lush ecosystem--picas burrowed into the fallen trees and hawks sailed over the beds of black and green. In 1995, Clinton signed a bill in congress giving



The Warner Creek road blockade that activists maintained for over 11 months before the Forest Service finally withdrew the timber sale.

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"All natural things have intrinsic value, inherent worth. **Their value is not determined by what they will ring up on the cash register, nor by whether or not they are *good*. They are. They exist. For their own sake. Without consideration for any real or imagined value to human civilization." -from the *Earth First! Introductory Primer***

The Federal Eradication of Wild Horses

On July 21, 1997, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) struck the Cavel West Slaughterhouse in Redmond, Oregon, igniting a $1 million fire that destroyed the 25,000 square foot building. The slaughterhouse operated as one of the nation's largest processors of wild horse meat for export to Europe and Asia. A recent investigation by the Associated Press (AP) revealed that the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was in extreme negligence for selling recently captured wild horses to unscrupulous owners and BLM employees who then in turn sold them to slaughterhouses, including Cavel West, for as much as $700 each.

The BLM has long argued that wild horses overgraze public lands and compete with native wildlife, but fail to address the same concern towards the cattle industry's monopoly on over 70 percent of public grazing lands in the U.S. Wild horses constitute less than 5 percent of all grazing animals on public lands (with native wildlife

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Animal liberationists and eco-activists team up to blockade Mitsubishi's offices.

Mitsubishi "Stumped"

BY ADAM WEISSMAN

New York City Earth First! and Wetlands' Rainforest Action Group daringly blockaded Mitsubishi's offices using cement barrels, lockboxes and a wooden door, demanding an end to their worldwide forest and ocean life destruction.

First, two scouts did reconnaissance for security guards and then signaled that the coast was clear on the south entrance. An activist with a megaphone taped to his hand entered through the north doors, drawing attention by shouting about Mitsubishi's oppression of human and nonhuman animals and their environments. A second activist entered with a lockbox disguised as a package and locked down to a banister in the north lobby.

Meanwhile, activists at the south entrance brought two large cardboard boxes on U-Haul

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BISON ACTION

On March 23, 1997, Delyla Wilson of the Bison Action Group (BAG) was arrested in Gardiner, Montana, after dumping a bucket of bison entrails on a table in front of two U.S. senators and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman at a public hearing over the slaughter of bison from Yellowstone National Park. Wilson was immediately arrested following her non-violent direct action protest and charged by the state of Montana with one count of disorderly conduct and one count of misdemeanor assault for splashing a little bit of the guts on their governor, Marc Racicot.

Wilson is a founding members of BAG which with the help of others has successfully pushed the bison slaughter into the public spotlight and forced embarrassed state and federal officials to defend their programs which slaughter bison on behalf of the livestock industry. Wilson has been active against the slaughter since 1989 when she was first arrested for interfering with the shooting of bison in Montana to protect cattle grazed on public lands near Yellowstone. Since then, over 3,000 wild bison have been slaughtered.

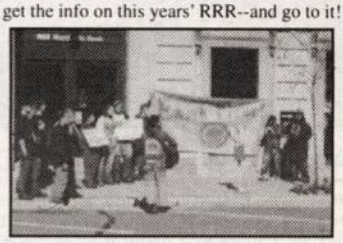
Wilson's actions have now led to her being targeted by federal law enforcement and on July 13, 1997, a federal grand jury handed down an indictment charging Wilson with two felony counts of assault on a congressional, cabinet or Supreme Court member. The federal jurisdiction of her targeting stems from the fact that two senators and the head of the U.S.D.A. were subjects of her protest. If convicted, Wilson faces one year in prison, fines, and federal probation.

In the last year alone over 1,100 bison have been slaughtered in Montana by federal- and state-hired gunmen while others have been captured and shipped to slaughterhouses such as C&C Meats in Sheridan, Montana,

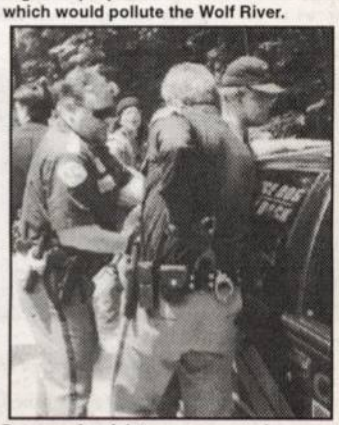
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Go to R.R.R.!

Round River Rendezvous is the annual Earth First! week-long summer gathering where activsts network, share info, and party! Contact the *Earth First! Journal* to get the info on this years' RRR--and go to it!



At last summer's RRR in Wisconsin Earth First!ers demonstrated against Exxon/Rio Algom's proposed metallic sulfide mine which would pollute the Wolf River.



Dozens of activists were arrested.



And Exxon was exposed!

What's Wrong with Mitsubishi?

Mitsubishi is not one single entity but rather a tightly knit network of interlocking corporations known as a *kieretsu*. This kieretsu is the world's tenth largest economy, the largest business entity, and is involved in an unbelievably wide range of industries - from petrochemicals to atomic power, including ironically, cement.

Mitsubishi is the world's largest corporate destroyer of forests, funding, supplying, and trading with timber operations worldwide. Mitsubishi Oil's use of shoddy, single-hull oil tankers resulted in the largest oil spill in Japanese history, ravaging ocean life. Mitsubishi's *Three Diamond Tuna* kills millions of fish and thousands of dolphins. To allegedly smuggle cocaine into the U.S., Mitsubishi is building a salt refinery in the San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja, California, which the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and others say endangers the most vital and pristine breeding and birthing areas for the California gray whale.

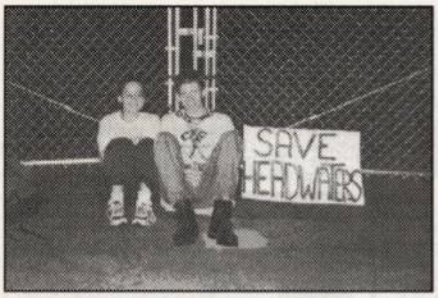
Mitsubishi's respect for humans is illustrated by their dealings with the brutal military dictatorship that rules Burma. San Francisco passed a selective purchasing resolution banning those companies who do business in Burma from holding city contracts. This cost Mitsubishi a $147 million contract for the San Francisco airport people-mover. A similar resolution was recently passed in New York City.

Take Action!

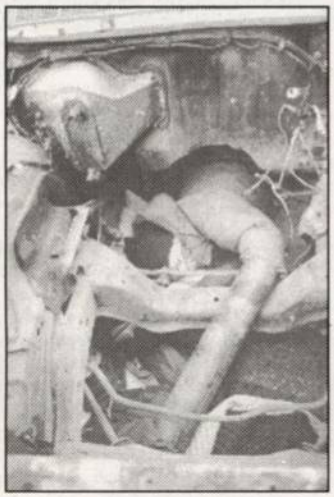
1. Boycott all Mitsubishi products, including Kirin Beer, Nikon cameras and equipment, Mitsubishi fax machines, computers, film, art markers, TVs, VCR's, cars, trucks, Mitsubishi Bank, and the Bank of California!

2. Write to Minoru Makihara, president of Mitsubishi Corporation c/o Mitsubishi International Corporation, 520 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022; Phone: 212-605-2000; Fax: 212-605-2597.

3. Start a Rainforest Action Group, an affiliate of the Rainforest Action Network (RAN). Or, affiliate your pre-existing group with RAN. Contact: RAN, 221 Pine St., San Francisco, CA 94109; Phone: 415-398-4404; E-mail: Boycottmc@ran.org. Order the Mitsubishi Boycott Organizer's Manual and raise hell!







Clockwise from top: Earth First!er locks down and blockades the gates of Canton Lumber, a Minnesota distributor of old growth redwood from Headwaters. The New York Bike Locks prevent police's bolt cutter from removing this Earth First!er who is blocking another entrance to the lumberyard. Two activists lock down under a junked car on an Oregon state highway, blocking access to the Umpqua salvage sales. Banners help spread the word: Earth First!



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freaks. In Oregon's Umpqua National Forest, activists locked down under two junker cars parked across a state highway in February, and Washington's Olympic National Forest was the scene of a sofa lockdown where the Feds forced an activist out by removing her warm clothes in freezing rain.

Despite the fact that the Salvage Rider was the most compromising act of law that's hit the National Forests since they first started selling off trees 100 years ago, it did wonders for morale. A flurry of action has attracted folks from many levels of society, with the radical fringe element constantly pushing the boundaries of the Forest Service and keeping the issues in the news.

Our major private lands campaign is in the redwoods of Northern California, where Charles Hurwitz, a corporate raider and Savings and Loan scammer from Texas, is terrorizing this endangered ecosystem. After a century of heavy logging, only 3 percent of the redwood ecosystem's ancient forest remains.

Our battleground is Pacific Lumber's (PL's) 60,000-acre holding known as Headwaters Forest. In 1986, Hurwitz bought the locally-owned company and began liquidating its ancient redwood forestland to pay off his S&L bailout debt. Over ten years, an incredible mass movement has grown into a political bargaining chip. Last fall, California Senator Dianne Feinstein, along with Hurwitz and the Clinton Administration, negotiated a "deal" to pay Hurwitz $380 million of federal money plus a bunch of state lands for two of the six isolated ancient groves (7,500 acres). As for the rest of the 60,000 acres, activists are demanding full protection in the hopes of restoring and reconnecting these tattered lands.



"Salvaged" old growth trees in Olympic Nationall Forest, Washington.

In September of 1996, forest defenders erected a ten-person tree village in Headwaters, complete with traverse line "walkways," a cargo net, hammocks, and platforms. One by one, the "Ewoks" were threatened out of their sits by county sheriffs who hired a PL climber to confiscate sitters' platforms and gear. Ground support elves resupplied them daily until the woods were so infested with police that supporters couldn't get close enough. The last sitter was removed against her will after 19 days. We learned some hard lessons there that will help us bolster our canopy-staying-power in the future.

Over the years, a strong network of activists from many angles of the greater struggle have descended upon Humboldt County to participate through direct action base camps. This coming fall we plan to squeeze as many political pressure points as possible and wreak havoc on the County's (in)justice system, as thousands of supporters engage in non-violent direct action in the redwoods.

The case for the unification, at least philosophically, of animal and earth liberationists is strong, and can create powerful action campaigns. Animal Damage Control and trophy hunt sab campaigns, and, of course, the Sea Shepherd, are excellent examples. The Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front have been crossing paths for years. We are all working for justice, fighting as many varied battles as possible. We have a lot to learn from each others' experiences and strategies, but most importantly from our passions and commitment.

Action is the antidote for despair. No Compromise!

To get involved in public lands forest defense in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California, call (541) 343-7305.

The direct action campaign for Headwaters Forest is ongoing. For more information call (707) 923-DEMO.

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permission to log any forest that is or could be diseased, dying, or burned--even if it was protected under the Endangered Species Act (which Warner Creek was because of the Spotted Owl who lived there). Ever since the fire there has been a campaign to protect Warner and study life after a burn. Many years of legal work and mainstream campaigning laid the ground for the active vigil.

Hundreds of people visited Warner Creek. Many stayed, many returned. All the while there was a constant protective energy hovering in that forest. I lived at Warner for the first three months, seeing three base camp moves. We all enjoyed the sustaining virtues of food, donated by local stores and farms in Eugene. We created lovely vegan banquets, sometimes feeding 50 people on weekends. We burrowed into the forest and lived with the life she provided, impacting as little as we could while maintaining our vigil. While not everyone could drop everything and live in the forest, everyone was of absolute importance. If someone was not gathering clothing donations for winter, there would have been far fewer people able to live in four feet of snow, with an all-day snowshoe hike to a plowed road. There were people actively pursuing the legal/bureaucratic stratosphere. Canvassing, food and supply donations, rallies, benefits, and on and on. There was no end to the aid in this campaign.

So, to run along...five people were arrested on the day the fort went down: four women (myself included) who were locked down and one man who flew off the hill. On the day of the arraignment for the women, a dancing jamboree broke out because no one was allowed into the public courtroom. Approximately forty people were arrested, some with pain compliance holds used on them. Jail time was anywhere from hours to seven days. It was that pressure of solidarity that reinforced our absolute seriousness. We wanted to see a paper signed by Thomas Creek giving back the sale to the Forest Service to protect the land. The paper arrived on the seventh day of the jail vigil. Almost one year later, with the incredible work and guidance of a local activist/lawyer, we, the five defendants, walked out of the courtroom free, guilty only of the equivalent of a traffic violation. No jail. No fines. No criminal record.

BLENDING OUR STRUGGLES

There remains the crazy, incessant, self-defeating problem of...INFIGHTING. The Earth First! movement, like the Animal Liberation Movement, gets too specific in its attitude/lifestyle. For example, Earth First!ers eat salmon while trying to stop logging which ruins salmon watersheds. Animal Liberationists eat junk food while trying to save the lives of living beings. Earth First!ers would rather wear animal products than petroleum products, whereas Animal Liberationists would rather wear rubber than the skin of an animal. These differences create rifts and attitudes. Why are people so concerned with the lifestyles of their peer activists when they know that no sound change can happen overnight? Accusations piss people off. High priestess lecturing only makes you look naive. I think a lot of the misunderstandings between the two movements arise because of generalizations and lifestyle choices. Maybe people should ask why someone does something, listen to the reasoning, and then give insight into why you choose to act differently. Not "I am right," but "I am different."

I know there are people who realize that the two campaigns are inherently interrelated. We just need those people to try to educate, bridging the enormous gap. I vow to it.

Everyone needs to stick his or her hand in the (vegan) cookie jar. Cross lines of what you "think" a group might be about, and find out!

GET ACTIVE WITH EARTH FIRST!

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R.C. Western House Meats in Rapid City, South Dakota, and another in Livingston, Montana, where they are sold commercially.

THE POLITICS OF SLAUGHTER

The winter of 1996-97 will go down in history as the year that the U.S. government and the state of Montana sanctioned the largest slaughter of wild free-roaming bison since the 1800s when, in less than 50 years, herds of 65 million bison were reduced to less than 1,000 by commercial and government hunters. In what was originally an enterprise of the fur trade, the slaughter of bison became in the 1870s a campaign by the U.S. military to exterminate indigenous peoples of the Great Plains by destroying their food, shelter, and clothing source. Since the 1980s it has become a campaign to control or eradicate free-roaming herds of a native grazing animal who the U.S.D.A. believes threatens the state of Montana's multi-million dollar cattle industry.



Slaughtered bison litter the road.

Bison in the Yellowstone ecosystem are naturally gregarious animals who tend to roam from summer ranges in higher mountain valleys to winter ranges outside of Yellowstone National Park. This migratory pattern has led to pressure from the U.S.D.A. to slaughter them. Park boundaries, special interest politics of the U.S.D.A. and the state of Montana with its powerful livestock industry do not allow for the natural habits and migrations of wildlife such as the Yellowstone bison herd, and, as a result, their failure to conform to the desires of humans, in particular cattle ranchers, has led to their unwarranted slaughter.

THE BRUCELLOSIS HYSTERIA

The heart of the controversy is an unsubstantiated hysteria by the U.S.D.A. that if allowed to roam freely outside of Yellowstone National Park, the bison herd will transmit brucellosis, a disease they caught from cattle one hundred years ago. Despite many bison and elk in Montana carrying the brucellosis bacteria, there has yet to be even one documented case of transmission from bison to cattle anywhere outside of the laboratory. Brucellosis--when transmitted to cattle--can cause pregnant cows to abort their fetuses, costing the cattle industry potential profits from lost beef production. In dairy cows, it has also been known to contribute to lower milk production.

Eradicating brucellosis has been a goal of the U.S.D.A.'s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for 65 years and has cost taxpayers $3.5 billion to date. APHIS is the same agency that supposedly inspects animal research laboratories and licenses and regulates animal suppliers, breeders, and dealers to laboratories. APHIS also performs vivisection on native wildlife such as bison, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, and coyotes at universities and research facilities across the West.

THE FEDS ASSAULT ON WILDLIFE

The slaughter of wild bison in Montana is only one of the latest attempts by APHIS and the livestock industry to dictate public policy towards wildlife in the U.S. The majority of our efforts within the animal liberation/rights movement in opposing the meat industry are at the retail level or through actions at slaughterhouses. What remains largely unaddressed and unchallenged by us is the environmental destruction the livestock industry and federal agencies like APHIS are responsible for and its related impact on North American wildlife. It not only translates to wild free-roaming bison shot on sight when they leave the protection of national parks, but also includes wild horses slaughtered for meat by those entrusted to protect them and tens of thousands of native predators like coyotes, bobcats, foxes, bears, cougars, and other wild animals who are killed because cattle ranchers and APHIS say they pose a threat to livestock grazed on public lands. Ironically, the livestock industry's own cattle infected bison one hundred years ago with brucellosis, while the grazing of domestic sheep on public lands has resulted in the transmissions of disease that has wiped out entire herds of wild bighorn sheep in the West. All these attacks on wildlife have been orchestrated by state and federal agencies such as APHIS to appease the livestock industry and its importance to state and national economies particularly in western states like Montana. Their profits and very justification for existence depend on controlling or eradicating native wildlife such as bison who call America's grasslands, forests, and deserts home.



Mutilated Corpses.

FED'S "WITCH HUNT"

By indicting Delyla Wilson, the U.S. federal government is attempting to intimidate all activists who oppose the manipulation and corruption of public agencies for the private gain of industries like the beef trade in the U.S. Not only does Wilson's federal indictment threaten to drain her energy and resources and remove her from the frontlines of battle to save America's last wild bison, but it also signals the federal government's willingness to direct law enforcement investigation and prosecution against citizens who oppose the destruction of America's wildlife rather than towards those in the livestock industry who both legally and illegally poison, shoot, trap, and sell for profit animals they believe threaten their herds of cattle and sheep.

SUPPORT BAG NOW!

It is imperative that we in the animal liberation movement support Wilson and BAG as they fight a legal battle that has serious implications for all who oppose the federal government's catering to the meat industry. Wilson, like many of us, cannot afford an attorney as she and her small family dedicate most of their time and energy to campaign to protect bison in the Yellowstone ecosystem. Please consider sending her a donation to help with her federal and state court cases and remember that Wilson and BAG are our allies in the struggle against animal and earth abuse. Your help at this important time is desperately needed. Wilson and other activists targeted by the federal government deserve our total and unconditional support.



Police carry this protester off to the pokey.

For more information on the Yellowstone bison slaughter and how you can help stop it, or to send donations or letters of support, write: Bison Action Group, P.O. Box 7326, Bozeman, MT 59771.

BUFFALO UPDATE:

On October 7, 1997 a Jury that included 4 cattle ranchers returned a guilty verdict on Delyla after a 2 day long trial in Billings, Montana. Arguments that her criminal indictment infringed on her constitutional rights were ignored by Federal Magistrate Richard Anderson. Delyla faced a possible 2 years in Federal Prison. On January 4, 1998 Delyla was sentenced to 100 hours of community service, payment of $50 for court costs, and two years probation for her federal charges. For her state convictions, she received 5 days in jail, an additional 100 hours of community service, and 6 months probation. The Direct Action Defense Fund (DADF) helped Delyla with legal costs and is appreciative of any donations.

See page 22 to learn more about DADF's work and to read a letter from Delyla Wilson.

EARTH LIBERATION FRONT COMMUNIQUE

The morning dew is erased by the heat of the sun as another workday has almost begun. Men arrive eager to clear-cut Mt. Hood to destroy the wild for profit from wood, only this day is different as they find work done at night by elves who sab machines and disappear from sight. Remove six valve covers and oil caps, add sand and the monsters are scraps. So next time you bid for a sale on public land, remember elves are everywhere and there is plenty of sand.

Mt. Hood
July 4 1 feller buncher
1 dozer
1 articulated loader

July 133 dump trucks (Eugene sand & Gravel)
2 hydraulic excavators
2 front loaders
1 dozer

Earth Liberation Front

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appliance dollies to the doors of the main entrance. As the activists approached the doors' entrance, the boxes were removed, transformed into "runways" to protect the entranceway's marble, avoiding felony or monetary charges. Now our surprise on the handtrucks was revealed: two 600-pound concrete-filled barrels painted as stumps with lock boxes cemented inside!

The dollies were moved onto the cardboard and the barrels unloaded. Two activists entered the south entrance and announced that it was closed, exited, and jammed the doors with wood covered in tire treads. When this failed, an activist nicknamed "Brick" sat in the revolving door. The activist originally locked to the banister unlocked and occupied the adjoining inner chamber of the door.

Within seconds, five activists were locked down: two lying with their backs on the ground and both arms outstretched into lockboxes, one activist on each end sitting upright with one arm locked, and the center activist connecting the two barrels with an arm in each. A sixth activist placed a door covered in a green dropcloth, cut and painted to look like a treetop, on top of the barrels. Thus completing the "tree," he laid down on it, stuck his arm through a pre-cut hole in the door into a vertical lockbox in one of the barrels, and locked on. When all was in place, Brick left the doorway.

The media and the regular demonstration, who had met at another location, and 54 police arrived soon after and arrested the remaining activist in the revolving door and the activist with the megaphone. Police gave the building manager a statement to read formally asking the locked activists to leave or they could be charged with criminal trespass. The activists remained unmoved and demanded a meeting with Mitsubishi's president.

Police sawed through the door on top of the barrels and attempted to pull off the activist attached to it, almost breaking his arm. Next, they tried to cut the barrels with a circular saw and with the Jaws of Life, almost dislocating one activist's arm in the process. Finally, they jackhammered through the concrete for a total of three hours. An activist was also arrested for chanting in close proximity to the action, and another was arrested for holding a sign while crossing the street, totaling ten arrests. The action attracted newspaper, TV, international newswire, and Internet Web site coverage, bringing home the message: "Earth First! Profits Last! Boycott Mitsubishi!"



Support Our Prisoners

This article--written collectively by ALF activists--challenges the movement to reconsider what ALF support means. The ALF explain what they need most in times of trouble, and asks for the greater movement to clarification whether we will provide this or not.

In recent years as the Animal Liberation Front escalates its campaign of direct action against the fur trade the animal liberation movement has seen the capture of six of its members by law enforcement authorities. Already ALF members are serving lengthy prison sentences in the U.S. As the prospect of other ALF members following suit increases with our actions, we as ALF warriors call on the animal liberation movement to clarify its support for our captured and imprisoned comrades.

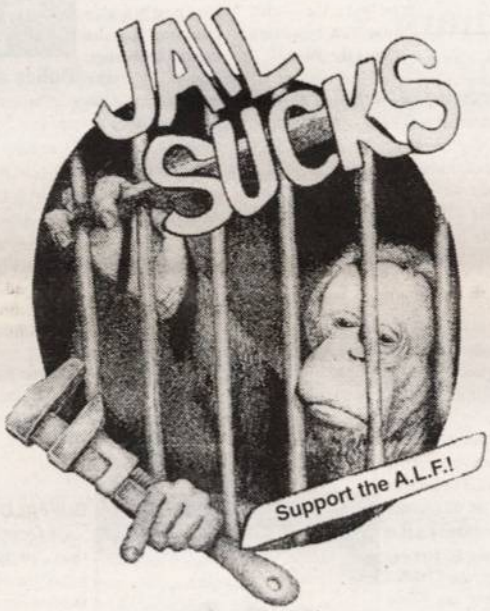
We ask for a clarification that will hopefully mirror the conditions for support afforded to ALF members in the U.K. where the organization originated. The primary condition is that *ALF members do not testify against any other member*. All other conditions pertain to the carrying out of ALF actions and do not impose conditions for support once captured.

In recent months, through inter-ALF correspondence and communication, it has been learned that ALF members composing the Mass 4 and Ohio 2 have come under blatant animal liberation movement condemnation for their legal defense decision-making processes. This condemnation has come from the movement and activists who, less than two years ago in Washington D.C., publicly pledged their support for the ALF and our actions but who have since then repeatedly withdrawn that support and spread verbal condemnations of ALF members for not adhering to a legal defense strategy that non-ALF members recommended. The latest duplicity of non-support concerning the Mass 4 and Ohio 2 originates from the same source and is identical to the basis of attacks against imprisoned ALF member Rod Coronado who accepted a plea bargain on lesser charges and received support from a national mainstream animal rights organization.

The Animal Liberation Front now believes that these are not isolated incidents and that withdrawal of support from the animal liberation movement is an occurrence that will continue to repeat itself until the movement decides collectively whether it will support the ALF unequivocally as long as they do not testify against comrades, or only when they follow the advice and direction of those who are not at risk of imprisonment. We feel that the direct action struggle has witnessed monumental impact against the fur trade in recent years. And, as such, as ALF members, we believe that in order for this struggle to survive and grow, the ALF must know that its warriors, once captured, will have the support of the aboveground movement of which it is a part, when we need it most--when our members face years in prison as a result of the actions against industries and institutions who disregard public opposition to animal abuse.

While some may believe that unconditional support for the ALF does exist within the animal liberation movement, one need only ask captured ALF members or current ALF prisoners in the U.S. to learn of widespread condemnations that have been expressed to them personally from activists claiming to support the ALF. They have been attacked for choosing to decide for themselves the best defense of ALF members in court. As long as one ALF member, after having risked life and freedom to rescue the victims of animal abuse and when facing years in prison, must face such hostile criticism from our supposed closest allies, then there exists a serious impediment to the creation of the type of ALF support necessary to sustain our planned long-term resistance. The Mass 4 and Ohio 2 were not sentenced to prison and Rod Coronado will only serve 4 years in prison rather than 12. These are outcomes that the ALF considers beneficial to each individuals' further participation in animal liberation activities. And, best of all, these positive outcomes were accomplished without testifying against fellow ALF members.

Each legal battle that arises after the capture of an ALF member is unique and dependent on a variety of factors, all of which must be considered before anyone can accurately predict the outcome. Past criminal history, whether arson was involved, whether the judicial jurisdiction is city, county, state, or federal, whether the defendant is rich or poor, black or white--all these things influence the process of criminal justice in our unjust society. Then there is the simple political influence that accompanies most ALF court cases dependent on the targeted animal abuse target's economic significance to the community, or the political influence it has bought through campaign contributions. The days of expecting justice for the animals and earth from the same legal system that sanctions their death and destruction are not forthcoming. Nor can justice be expected when legally defending ALF members who have willingly engaged in criminal activity to attack economically and politically powerful institutions such as animal industries. Achieving justice in such a corrupt system cannot simply be accomplished by challenging that system on its own ground, as has been proven to revolutionary struggles whose direct action strategy has been criminalized in other countries. Nor is the animal liberation movement prepared to sustain support for the long-term prisoners that such a strategy would create. That is why it has always been ALF policy to only stipulate that members do not testify against other operatives when captured in order to receive support. No one who considers themselves an ALF supporter should condition that support on whether his or her advice or direction is followed.



The ALF is not a hierarchical organization. Our survival is guaranteed in part due to our cell-like structure that decentralizes operational activities to best ensure continuation of our campaign. There is no central authority to whom we are beholden. In following a few basic guidelines, we or anyone reserves the right to claim ALF membership and maintain the right to determine how best to carry out operations and legal defense. That independence in the decision-making process of being an ALF member does not stop after capture.

No animal benefits from the imprisonment of those who would defend them without restriction when free, and no ALF member should feel pressured by the aboveground movement that supports them to pursue a legal strategy that is not of his or her own decision. The very real chance of imprisonment--and the strength required to endure such a consequence--demands that a person rest assured that such a situation is only the result of his or her own actions and not anyone else's. No ALF member should be coerced into pursuing martyrdom or a legal strategy that expects justice or success through the courts or media. The effectiveness of the ALF is to be measured by its actions outside of the legal system, not from within it. Captured ALF members should be supported in any decision that will return them to the struggle as soon as possible, without needlessly risking further imprisonment for the hope of any secondary effects that satisfy the aboveground, but not necessarily the underground, movement. Captured ALF members have sacrificed enough already, and if any aboveground activist believes they should sacrifice more, they should shut their mouths, step forward and join our ranks, and set an example with their own freedom and action rather than with that of another.

The ALF is a covert operations organization employing guerrilla warfare tactics and encourages self-empowerment that leads to successful direct action. By encouraging all of our members to be their own leaders, we believe that no one but ourselves should guide us into action. Whether that action be on a fur farmer's property or in a courtroom, ALF members reserve the right to decide how to best defend themselves against legal prosecution from an establishment that views us only as criminals and terrorists. We cannot expect justice from those who sanction true acts of terrorism themselves. By condemning ALF members for their decision-making process, the animal liberation movement is inadvertently saying to its present and potential direct action warriors that unconditional support by the aboveground movement is not guaranteed and, in fact, that the possibility exists that they might instead be condemned by those who claim to support them the most. The ALF is the only army the animals have. When all other tactics fail, liberation from torture and death can only be delivered through illegal direct action tactics, as successfully practiced by the ALF for more than 20 years. It is time the animal liberation movement decides if it can meet the challenge of providing the support necessary to ensure that the ALF continues or watch it collapse as more and more of our members are abandoned to face the legal consequences of their actions alone.

The "Ohio 2"

A Letter from Jesse Parsh

On the morning of July 9, 1997, Matt Coates, Stephanie MacDougall, and myself were arrested in connection to a break-in at the Mohorik Mink Farm in Medina, Ohio. We've already plead guilty to five felony charges, so we are able to go into some detail of what happened.

Matt Coates (who has already admitted to writing statements against Stephanie and myself) was a lookout while we began destroying breeding cards, spray painting, and releasing mink. During this time, an alarm in one of the barns went off, unbeknownst to us. Soon after, something compelled us to leave; we didn't know why, but we just wanted to leave. It turned out to be a good decision, for not more than five minutes after we left, we saw flashlights by the barns. This made it impossible to wait for our driver at the set place. We knew the police would be coming soon, so we began walking. An hour later we were arrested.

We were taken to Medina County Jail and waited for our charges. After ten hours in a holding cell, we learned that we had six charges against us: three felonies and three misdemeanors. The three felony charges were Breaking and Entering, Vandalism, and Possession of Criminal Tools; the three misdemeanors were Criminal Damaging, Criminal Mischief, and Criminal Trespass. They hauled us off to our cells where we would stay for the next week. Bond was set at $15,000 for each of us. Matt was released that day.

Hunger striking was inevitable due to the lack of vegan

entrés in jail, so the first few days were the hardest. I immediately began making calls in an attempt to raise bail. I spent most of my free time on the phone, playing cards, or worrying about my fiancé, Stephanie. Although I didn't like jail all that much (then again, who does?), the time went by pretty fast. I was bailed out about six days later by my mom.

After arriving home, I called Catherine Rice with the Direct Action Defense Fund to get some help for Stephanie's bail. To my pleasant surprise, she said she could send all $1,500 (the necessary 10 percent of $15,000) the following day.

Two days later, we had Stephanie out of jail, and the court battle began. By this time, we heard that the three misdemeanors had been dropped in place of three more felonies. Stephanie and I were being charged with a similar raid at the same farm some days before. We were being accused of spray painting similar messages and destroying breeding cards. Due to an injury sustained at the time, no mink were released. One count each of Vandalism, Breaking and Entering, and Possession of Criminal Tools were added to the identical charges of the other three felonies. This brought us up to six felonies.

About one week after our release, I got an urgent call from my mom. Stephanie and I headed over to my mom's to find a detective from Lakewood, Ohio, looking for us in connection to a vandalism at a fur store in the area. They wanted us to come in for questioning. We ignored their threats of us being arrested if we didn't come in for questioning, and stayed away from the Lakewood area. After one or two more threatening phone calls, my mom told the detective to stop calling. That was about a month ago, and there has been no word from him since.

After a couple of court appearances, it didn't look good for us getting off, so we took a plea bargain where they dropped one charge and agreed to release our personal belongings they had confiscated. Our case looks good for us not getting jail time, but we are facing five years. Our sentencing is set for October 3, 1997.

Hopefully, we'll be out of jail to continue work with our newly-formed ADL chapter. Thanks to all the courageous, unknown warriors of the A.L.F. While many of us who get caught get the support we need, others do this for years without getting the support or recognition they deserve. Please participate in A.L.F. appreciation protests.

Love and Liberation,
Jesse

UPDATE: Since the writing of this letter, Jesse and Stephanie were both sentenced to 6 months house arrest, 100 hours community service, 5 years probation, and paying restitution of a few thousand dollars. They have also been given a "no contact" order with other animal rights activists.

Update on the Chatham 3

Robyn Weiner has pled guilty to the charges and waived her right to a trial. She was sentenced on June 30th to 400 hours of community service to be served in Canada on weekends and her $10,000 bail was forfeited to McLellan with an apology to him for the "suffering she had caused." She also said that she was going to have to live with what she had done for the rest of her life.

This deal was worked out as she has cooperated with the authorities and promised to testify against the others at trial. The Crown's attorney (prosecuting attorney) said he will NOT show the Chatham 3 the same leniency because they "have not shown any remorse." The remaining activists face a possible two-year prison sentence on each count.

In early August, a warrant was issued for Hilma's arrest as a result of Robyn's and Alan's statements regarding their belief that she was one of the people involved in the earlier raid at the same farm. They asserted that Hilma knew everything about the raid including the others involved. Hilma turned herself in for arrest on Friday, September 5. She was processed, arraigned, and immediately released on the same bond that had been posted after the initial arrest. Her new charges are breaking and entering and committing mischief at Ebert's Mink Concentration Camp allegedly on March 16--about two weeks before the Chatham 3 incident. Hilma may have to stand a separate trial for the new charges, cover double the lawyer's costs, and possibly come up with another $10,000 bail.

The Chatham 3 have had a profound effect on the townspeople of Chatham who have been forced to look at local farming issues from a new perspective. The detective on both cases remarked to Hilma during the short ride to the courthouse that since the original arrests, he has done a significant amount of reading about animal rights on the Internet and has had to do a lot of thinking about his own lifestyle. He told her that he has had to consider a lot of things he never thought about before and sees his relationships with his two dogs, cat, two bunnies, and horse in a different light.

SUPPORT THE LEGAL FUND

This ordeal has been financially devastating for those involved. They are burdened with enormous legal fees and don't have enough funds for separate representation for some of the activists, which they desperately seek. Good people who are accused of taking action to alleviate the suffering of innocent animals and whose lives have been subsequently turned upside-down should not have to worry about how to pay for their lawyers of choice. The Chatham 3 have endured enough.

Please find it in your heart to contribute as generously as you can to the Chatham 3 Legal Fund to help cover their legal costs. Donations will not be used to pay fines or to pay the mink murderers. If money is left over when the case is resolved, it will be donated to the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group's prisoner support fund so that it can be used to help others who face serious charges for crimes of compassion.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

• **Donate:** Funds for the Chatham 3's legal defense are desperately needed and much appreciated. Please make checks payable to the NA-ALFSG and earmarked "For the Chatham 3."

•**Write a Letter:** Let the Chatham 3 know that you support them. Write letters of solidarity to see them through this difficult time. Send a letter or card today!

•**Raise Funds:** Help raise funds by organizing a benefit concert or other fundraiser. Let us know your plans and we'll send you flyers to distribute at your event.

•**Spread the Word:** Contact us for Chatham 3 flyers to distribute far and wide or for a prepared article to publish in your animal rights magazine or newsletter.

•**Protest:** Plan to organize and/or attend a national demonstration in support of the Chatham 3 upon the release of the verdict. Continue to protest against the bloody fur trade and do whatever you do for animals.

•**Stand Up:** Take a moment to let Tom McLellan and his co-owner/son, Bill, know what a wretched mistake they are making by pursuing a lawsuit against accused freedom fighters. Write or call: Ebert's Fur Farm, R.R. 4, Blenheim, Ontario, N0P 1A0, Canada; phone: (519) 676-4969.

Letters of support, donations, and requests for flyers and articles can be sent to:

Chatham 3 Support Committee
c/o NA-ALFSG
Box 69597 5845 Yonge St.
Willowdale, Ont. M2M 4K3,
Canada E-mail: chatham3@envirolink.org

Volunteers Needed for Nationwide Hunger Strike

The Chatham 3 (Gary Yourofsky, Hilma Ruby, and Pat Dodson) face 12-18 month sentences in June for liberating 1,500 mink from the Eberts Fur Farm in Blenheim, Ontario in April of '97.

The Chatham 3 seek volunteers to partake in a coordinated nationwide hunger strike after their sentencing to focus national attention on the violence of the fur trade. A unified action of this caliber could be the catalyst for making animal rights a reality.

If convicted, Yourofsky will be conducting a 30-day hunger strike to protest the everlasting torture that animals endure on a daily basis. Pat will be going on a maximum 7-day hunger strike. However, Hilma will be unable to fast due to health problems.

The Chatham 3 would like activists in as many states as possible to engage in local hunger strikes to support animal rights political prisoners and draw attention to the oppression and injustice animal's suffer on fur farms. Ideally, Yourofsky would like volunteers to commit to a 7-day hunger strike. However, a hunger strike for any length of time would be appreciated.

Keep in mind that the more activists and locations joined together in solidarity, the more coverage we can generate to expose the brutality of fur.

If you would like to volunteer for this action, or you would like more information, please contact Gary Yourofsky at 810-763-2715 or e-mail Marie Mason at mason@gopher.chem.wayne.edu. Mason will serve as Michigan spokesperson for the Chatham 3 during their incarceration.

Mass 4 Update

In the early morning hours of November 28, 1996, four animal/earth liberation activists were arrested in the vicinity of the Carmel Mink Ranch in Hinsdale, Massachusetts. The four Boston-based activists are organizers of the Boston chapter of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT). They have organized a long standing, aboveground campaign against Federated Department Stores' selling of fur. Dubbed the "Mass Four" after their arrest, the four were charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, larceny of property over $250, malicious destruction of property over $250, and trespassing in the nighttime. Three of these charges are felonies.

The Mass Four maintain their innocence. All ardently support direct action, but the events of that night did not involve any damage done to the mink farm. The four were seen near the property of the farm and were apprehended by the police. It was easy enough for the fur farmer, still bitter from having his farm raided twice by the ALF in August and October of 1996, to falsify evidence against the activists. His motives were clear. One was a simple vendetta against all animal liberation activists for the raids on his farm; the other was a $100,000 reward offered by the Fur Commission U.S.A. for evidence leading to the conviction of an ALF activist. Earl Carmel and his wife Jeanne needed to paint the four as members of the ALF. They did so by claiming their farm was raided and falsely accusing four innocent people.

Despite the weakness of the prosecution's evidence, the stakes were high. They were undoubtedly driven higher by the prospect of the $100,000 reward. On the day of the arrest, a 911 call was recorded wherein the dispatcher asks the prosecutor if he will cut her a portion of the reward. The prosecutor laughs.

If found guilty of all counts, the Mass Four faced up to nine years in prison. They were being prosecuted in Berkshire County, a region of western Massachusetts that is very unsympathetic to the struggle for animal and earth liberation. The local media launched a smear campaign, painting the four as "terrorists" who threatened the livelihood of "innocent" people.

After five pretrials, a trial was set for July 9 for the three adult activists. The juvenile was scheduled for trial later in the month. Assigned to the case was the strictest judge in the district. The defendants' lawyers still wanted to talk about dismissing the case or having it continued, if possible.

A deal was offered. The activists would not plead guilty, but they would admit to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding. They would be immediately taken to the house of corrections until Friday morning, when they

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PRISONER/ACTIVIST PAGES

The Direct Action Defense Fund

Animal and earth liberation activities are on the rise and with them a renewed effort by local, state, and federal authorities to capture and imprison those responsible. The support needed to sustain the criminalization of environmental and animal defense requires much organization from our movements. Prisoner support, legal defense and consultation, fundraising, and public awareness all play an important role in ensuring that we do not let our warriors on the frontlines down.

The Direct Action Defense Fund (DADF) was established as one small pioneering part of this vital network, but its origin is only one step in the foundation-building of direct action prisoner support. Others are needed to contribute if we are to successfully support and aid our imprisoned comrades in their sincerest times of need.

DADF is nothing more than a few activists from the animal, earth, and indigenous liberation movements who believe that more is required to support direct action groups like the ALF than just moral or vocal support. DADF's primary purpose is to raise funds to be used to help legally post bail for activists arrested for illegal direct action in defense of animals and earth.

DADF's advisory committee is made up of volunteers active in prisoner support and every donation is used 100 percent for activist defense. DADF has no overhead; we do not print a newsletter nor invest in expensive equipment. All of our resources are devoted to those behind bars for animal and earth liberation.

Fundamentally, DADF believes:

1. The direct action warrior's decision to take action involves the acceptance of responsibility to never cause an injury or loss of life.
2. That responsibility entails the acceptance of the possibility of imprisonment without compromising information that endangers fellow warriors.
3. If potential direct action warriors are unable to accept these responsibilities or believe that their freedom is more valuable than others, then DADF absolves itself of all involvement and association with such individuals.

DADF's limited resources are only available to those warriors who adhere to these basic guidelines.

In recent months, DADF has assisted imprisoned activists by posting $1,500 to bail out a mink liberator in Ohio and helping to fundraise for the Chatham 3 in Ontario. Though DADF's primary purpose is to act as a bust fund, we also use our combined experience and resources to help arrested direct action warriors in any way we can.

DADF is currently assisting Delyla Wilson of the Bison Action Group who was federally indicted on felony assault charges for her actions in defense of the free-roaming bison of the Yellowstone ecosystem (see "Bison Action" story on p. 17). Though our finances prevent us from covering legal expenses, DADF is helped Wilson with legal research to prepare her for her federal trial.

Though Wilson's actions were more in the area of civil disobedience, DADF believes her federal indictment warrants our support as the use of federal law enforcement, the grand jury process, and the threat of a federal conviction for non-violent action all have far-reaching implications for both the animal liberation and the radical environmental movements. It will not be long before other activists find themselves the targets of federal prosecution and in violation of new federal "anti-terrorism" legislation such as the Animal Enterprises Protection Act.

DADF wants our movements to be prepared to fight this repression, and in order to do that, we need your help. If you are a paralegal or know one who is willing to donate his or her time and energy, please contact us. If you can organize fundraisers for the DADF bust fund, let us know and we'll provide you with educational materials for distribution.

As other revolutionary struggles have learned, our worth as a movement is reflected by how we treat our prisoners. Please help us in our efforts to support direct action warriors.

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Thanks from Delyla

To All at *No Compromise*!

This letter is a long time coming because, well, we're slackers. We do, however, want to thank all the people involved with *No Compromise* for all the support that has come to myself and the Bison Action Group. The support that has come from the readers of *No Compromise* has helped much in getting us through our fight with the state of Montana and the feds. The letters sent to the courts have let them know in a clear fashion that they are being watched, especially by people who use the information gathered to hold the government accountable for their actions. It has been very empowering for us to know that people are out there looking out for our welfare. [Editor's note: The Direct Action Defense Fund was more instrumental in organizing the above support and deserves the credit. *NC* only played a minor role.]

The fight is not over; the courts still interfere in our lives. We know, however, that we are not alone. We will keep on in the struggle and know that we can look forward to your continued support. Keep up all the good work and thanks again.

Love for All,

Delyla Wilson ,Bison Action Group

For more information on Delyla and the Bison Hunts read "Bison Action" on p.17.

Letter from Kevin Chapman

Dear Fellow Comrades,

Greetings from England! Well, you have never heard from me before, and I thought I would write a little something to introduce myself so here goes....

My name is Kevin Chapman, and I am one of the Shoreham animal rights prisoners--one of the Shoreham Five. For those of you who are not aware, Shoreham is a place on the Sussex Coast in England which had the bloody shame of live animal exports going through it every day for six months. There were countless times that hundreds of us witnessed the misery and pain before our eyes, and all we could do was to try our best to get it stopped by way of protest. Well, we did it after six months of hell from the local authorities. We did it in the end, and justice was served to the animals and the sadistic trade came to a halt. We will always stop the evil and the corrupt from destroying animals' lives by any means necessary. We must do everything in our power (we have plenty as we have proved time and time again) to get these evil wicked bastards from killing defenseless animals. We must never give up or lose our strengths.

The following sentences were given to the Shoreham Five by trial judge Richard Brown:

- Michael Roberts (the alleged principal orchestrator of the campaign of terror): six years imprisonment
- Joe Taylor: four years imprisonment
- Tony Daly: three years imprisonment
- Kevin Chapman: two years imprisonment
- Tracy Roberts: a suspended sentence of two years (not in prison)

We are all victims of this corrupt state and we must not give in to them. We have been stitched up and we have been made examples of for speaking out for animals. It is unfair and unjustifiable. The authorities have done a dirty deed for which they had not been given any recommendations. The case was so weak against all of us, yet the jury returned a guilty verdict on us all. WHY? I can only imagine that it is because this state is corrupt, evil, and vicious, and tries to cover up all of the miseries that animals suffer. Well, not anymore! Day by day, more light is shed on the barbarism that the animals suffer, and it can't go on forever more. The day is coming nearer, and more and more people are changing their attitudes and beginning to shout about the cause. The louder we all shout then the more is done. They cannot ignore us. They have to do something for them.

The trial in itself lasted for six months, and every day was another allegation made by evil people trying to make us out to be terrorists, loonies, dangers to the public. It was sick that these police were trying to make us out as criminals. None of us are criminals. We are caring individuals who pose no threat to the system. How anyone can call us criminals, I don't know. We were all stitched up on a "Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage" charge, and the evidence was so weak, but, again, because it was animal rights, we were sentenced to these charges. The authorities do not care and they will try to get you in to jail so that your freedom is taken away from you. BEWARE! They think that we are dangerous, when the only ones who are dangerous are the ones who continually devastate human and animal life in the bloody laboratories. They are the dangerous ones, yet they are ignored--but not by us. Words of warning to those who feel the need to bring harm and misery to animals: YOU WILL BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR DISGUSTING BEHAVIOR AND SENT TO HELL AND GIVEN BACK TO YOU WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THEM. SO BEAR THAT IN MIND NEXT TIME YOU CHOOSE TO ABUSE, HARM AND BRING POINTLESS SUFFERING AND MURDER.

Please keep writing to us all as it is very important to us to get outside contact. Many thanks to all of you who are already writing. It helps us see each day through. Don't let those with authority scare you. Remember, the animals have no voices; we are their voices, so shout as loud as you can. Keep the fight going--we will WIN the fight for their right. Thank you to you all again.

Love, Peace, Individualism, Solidarity and Strength, For Animal/Human Liberation,

Kevin Chapman

P.S. UP WITH THE LIBERATION FRONT!!!!!!

Canada Update

BY GINA LYNN

In the last issue of *No Compromise*, we reported on the harassment experienced by activists in Canada. To recap: we have been followed, had homes and cars wired, had cars towed under false pretenses, and had homes raided by the cops. Back in March, almost immediately after listening devices were found in and removed from our home and vehicle, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) executed five search warrants on the homes of Darren Thurston (my partner) and David Barbarash, as well as other places where some of their belongings were stored. Tons of property were seized under the guise that it may be relevant to their investigation allegedly regarding 4 parcel pipe bombs sent

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to racists and an animal researcher and 21 booby trapped letters sent to guide outfitters.

Since then, the Crown has successfully applied to further detain the seized property (it has been almost eight months now) and is seeking to keep it until December 1 at the earliest. We have opposed their applications and finally had a few items returned, including Darren's computer--minus the hard drive--this past October.

In the meantime, the evil boys in blue have unveiled an unscrupulous arsenal of dirty tricks in their attempt to destroy these freedom fighters. They launched a media smear campaign by making the information used to obtain the search warrants available to slimy reporters who could be counted on to paint an inaccurate picture of violent terrorists which will surely taint a potential jury pool should charges be filed. The headlines read, "Stalked by Eco-Bombers," and Barry Clausen, infiltrator extraordinaire, was interviewed on the radio as a self-appointed "expert on domestic terrorism."

The National Security Investigative Section (NSIS) and the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS) both have contacted and visited people across Canada and are rumored to have flown to England to question friends and associates of Darren and David. They've attempted to coerce activists to turn against their targets by making up ridiculous stories that would get anyone else sued for defamation.

On June 16, Warren Leigh Ryan, head investigator on the case, sunk to all new lows in his disgusting, twisted, and pathetic attempts to destroy the lives of Darren, David, and anyone close to them. He came to our apartment and told me that Darren killed my dog (my precious Whiskey, who died the day after the raid on our home while I was in California) and that they have it on tape.

He asked me if I would be willing to listen to a tape for my own benefit because he cares about what happens to animals and wanted me to know the truth. He said that he would charge Darren for killing Whiskey if he could. He went on to describe to me in detail his version of events the night of the raid and exactly how he "thinks" that Whiskey died. He told me that they've interviewed the vet and that they have tapes of Darren beating my dogs when I'm not home (um, yeah, Darren spent two years in prison for freeing cats from a lab but he beats dogs...whatever).

He was obviously trying to get me to: a) turn against Darren to destroy our relationship, b) make statements against him, and c) go to their headquarters where he could attempt to coerce me to talk (he said that I should listen to the tape there because they "have the proper equipment and facilities" as if we don't have a tape player). Shortly after this visit, our lawyer attempted to get a copy of this alleged tape, but since it doesn't exist, it was never made available.

Obviously, I entertained this demented excuse for a human being much longer than I should have and I hope that this is a lesson to all about what *not* to do. When cops are at your door, do NOT open it PERIOD! I am so ashamed that I allowed him to engage me in any conversation at all. No matter how nice they seem and no matter how innocent their line of questioning is and no matter how close to your heart the topic they bring up is, don't let yourself get sucked in! Tell them IMMEDIATELY to contact your lawyer and say NOTHING more.

Finally, the latest chapter in this sordid tale is that I was kicked out of Canada because of my criminal record back home in California (ooh! misdemeanor trespass--what a threat!). I guess when Leigh's sick little story about Whiskey didn't succeed in splitting Darren and me up, they decided to take the easiest and most brutal measure: use the law to just remove me.

At a property hearing, Leigh informed one of our lawyers that he had a warrant for my arrest regarding immigration status. I was allowed to turn myself in the following morning and was released immediately upon my arrest. I was given an inquiry hearing a month later where they issued a departure order requiring me to leave the country within 30 days. I am now back in California, and Darren and I are not allowed in each other's countries.

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would go to sentencing for a "continue without a finding." They would be collectively responsible for $3,100 in fines. After a year, provided the four have no new arrests, their case will be dismissed. In the case of an arrest, they will be immediately sentenced without the right to a trial.

The three adults spent over an hour considering whether or not to accept. Knowing their sentence would be very harsh (their attorneys guessed that they would be convicted of trespassing and sentenced to the maximum of six months), especially after declining a "generous" (as can be hoped for from this particular judge) offer, they agreed to accept the deal. The three adults spent Wednesday and Thursday nights in prison without food, since the prison would not accommodate their need for vegan food. Friday morning they arrived at court to see photographers and T.V. cameras, with reporters asking, "Why did you do it?" The local paper completely misreported, saying that the activists plead guilty to all counts. No guilty pleas were entered. The activists' records simply state: "Case continued without a finding." The juvenile was summoned to court on Friday and offered the same deal, except he was offered either 4 days in the department of youth services (juvenile hall) or 100 hours of community service. He took the community service, which he will most likely carry out with Food Not Bombs in Boston. The Mass Four are back home now and happy to have the ordeal over with.

It was made quite clear that the majority of Berkshire County presumed the activists were guilty. and that the judge would have sentenced them to six months in prison just for the trespassing charge. As difficult as it is for the activists to pay fines, both financially and ethically, it beats the alternative, which would be prison in addition to the fur farmer possibly collecting the Fur Commission's $100,000 reward. The Mass Four credit the support of the animal and earth liberation movements as the force which kept them strong throughout this ordeal.

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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 (5/11/97). Any earlier actions listed here were not reported in the last issue.

3/17/97-Millstone, NJ; Jack's Prime Meats and Deli, sustained $2,000 in damage when "ALF" was carved into its front windows. **-A.L.F.**

3/17/97-Howell, NJ; A Kentucky Fried Chicken and Burger King on route 9 and the McDonalds on Stanley boulevard, were spray painted with slogans such as "Meat is Murder", "Animal Liberation" and *"McMurderer". Similar slogans were* sprayed on the exterior of the Sportsman's Shanty, a Jackson store that sells hunting supplies. **-A.L.F.**

3/30/97-Queens, NY; Ben Ric Furs had locks glued and windows cracked. **-A.L.F.**

3/30/97-Queens, NY; Star Fire Furs had locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

3/30/97-Manhasset, NY; Superior Furs had lock glued and window broken. **-A.L.F.**

4/-/97-Indianapolis, IN; Elan Furs was damaged. **-A.L.F.**

4/9/97-Hartford, CT; A McDonald's was spray painted with 'McMurder', 'Meat is Dead' and 'ALF'. **-A.L.F.**

4/9/97-Deberry, TX; Ten chinchilla were liberated in a raid on a Don Kelly Chinchilla Farm. All have been placed in loving homes where they will live out their lives in freedom. It is the first-ever raid of a chinchilla farm in North America. **-A.L.F.**

4/9/97-Indianapolis, IN; The A.L.F. visited the home of John Marcopolis (owner of Elan Furs). Two very nice vehicles in the driveway, were both completely covered with paint stripper. The house was doused on all sides with red paint to symbolize the blood on his hands. Slogans were also painted on his garage door, including "Justice for your victims, A.L.F." **-A.L.F.**

4/21/97-Merrick, NY; Merrick Furs had a brick thrown threw front window. **-A.L.F.**

5/-/97-Howell, NJ; Jersey Cut's Meat Co., has $3,000 worth of damage to one of the delivery trucks. **-A.L.F.**

5/20/97-Hartford, CT; The doors of Lloyd and Robart's Furs and Exclusive Furs by Ramon were both splashed with red paint. **-A.L.F.**

5/25/97-Howell, NJ; Brake lines were cut and holes punched in the radiator of a truck owned by the Jersey Cut Meat Company, a wholesale meat distributor. The truck was also spray painted with slogans. **-A.L.F.**

5/28/97-Lebanon, OR; Lou Masog Mink Farm is raided and has 80 mink liberated. **-Unclaimed**

6/-/97-Indianapolis, IN; Rahe's Meat Wholesaler was hit for the first time. Locks were glued and paint was spilled on the front and back of the building. Slogans were also painted. **-A.L.F.**

6/1/97-Eatontown, NJ; The parking lot , light posts and outdoor menu of an McDonald's on Route 35 were covered with spray painted slogans. **-A.L.F.**

6/1/97-Mount Angel, OR; Close to 10,000 mink were released Rick Arritola's mink ranch. Losses are estimated at close to 1 million dollars. Arritola said the intruders got past his alarm system. "They were professionals. It took a lot of people to do what they did," he said. **-A.L.F.**

6/7/97-Indianapolis, IN; Knott's Food Market sustained $25,000 in damages including smashing seven large windows and 20 smaller ones, locks jammed with glue, red painted slogans including "Meat is Murder" and "Die". **-A.L.F.**

6/8/97-Bethesda, MD; Millers Furs spray painted with "A.L.F., Fur Is Dead" and "Stop Now." **-Unclaimed**

6/10/97-Granby, CT; B & D Market had slogans such as "Meat is Murder" and "Meat id Dead" spray painted on walls, also smashed were

A.L.F. Cavel-West Communiqué

Greetings,

On Monday, July 21, 1997, under nearly a full moon, the Animal Liberation Front paid a visit to the Cavel West Horse Murdering Plant at 1607 SE Railroad Avenue in Redmond, Oregon. About 35 gallons of vegan jello was brought in with the team. Next, a number of large holes were drilled into the rear wall of the slaughterhouse office to bypass potential alarms on the doors or windows. Next, the area that housed the refrigeration units was located and again large holes were drilled through the wall at that part of the slaughterhouse. Two teams then poured the jello into the numerous holes and quickly began to assemble the three electrically-timed incendiary devises that would bring to a screeching halt what countless protests and letter writing campaigns could never stop. While these devices were being assembled some members of the team entered a storage shed/office/construction site (all part of Cavel West's operations) and left the remaining 10 gallons or so of jello for dessert. Then two gallons of muriatic acid was poured into the air conditioning vents to taint and destroy any horse flesh that may have survived the fire. Finally, the incendiary devises were set to ignite at exactly the same time. Unfortunately, as the battery was being connected to the device at the refrigeration unit, a spark started that entire area on fire! Fortunately, we had very thorough back-up plans in case anything went wrong and this insured that our departure went quick and smooth. At least $1,000,000 of damage has been done and the entire plant is currently closed and out of operation! The media blackout of this action is intense and thorough but you know what?...The horses don't mind.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT - Equine & Zebra Liberation Network

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.

two large plate glass windows and the front door of the business. An ice machine outside the store was also damaged and a portion of the fence on the property was torn down. Damage estimates for the windows alone were estimated at $2,000+. **-A.L.F.**

6/10/97-Simsbury, CT; A McDonald's had its drive-up window and the ordering board for the drive-up lane and painted slogans on the building. **-A.L.F.**

6/19/97-Hackensack, NJ; Bergen Wholesale Meats on Hackensack Avenue was the target. Activists pulled down a loose section of chain link fence, climbed over and entered an area where the corpse carrying trucks were locked up for the night. The A.L.F. proceeded to puncture the tires of four trucks and "Meat is Murder" was spray painted on the sides of two. "Everywhere they dwell, animal abusers will be the targets of direct action and economic sabotage. The A.L.F. will not stop until all animals are free from exploitation." **-A.L.F.**

6/21 aprox./97-Indianapolis, IN; Kincaids Meat Market was again smeared with red paint and slogans. Kincaid's has sustained attacks for over three years, including broken windows, splashed paint and threatening phone calls. **-A.L.F.**

7/4-5?/97-Cle Elum, WA; Between 3,000 and 6,000 mink were liberated from a fur farm located on Hwy 970, near Cle Elum, WA over the July 4 weekend as part of an "Independence Day for Mink" action. **-A.L.F.**

7/7/97-Huntington, NY; Bayshore Furriers has 2 windows broken and 3 locks glued. **-A.L.F.**

7/14/97-Nanute, NY; Varielle Furs- Locks glued, store painted with, "ALF", "Stop Now", "Fur Is Dead", and "Blood Money." **-A.L.F.**

7/19/97-Hackensack, NJ; Bergen Wholesale Meats had four delivery trucks damaged, tires were punctured and "Meat is Murder" was spray painted on the sides of two. **-A.L.F.**

7/20/97-Fullerton, CA; Aurora Ristorante burned to the ground in the early morning hours. The restaurant was noted for the exotic wild animals it served, which included alligator pasta and water buffalo . Damage was extensive. **-Unclaimed**

7/21/97-Redmond, OR; Several incendiary devices planted inside the Cavel West Horse Murdering Plant ignited in the middle of the night, burning a large portion of the plant to the ground. Over $1,000,000 damage has been done and the entire plant is currently closed and out of operation! **-A.L.F. (Equine & Zebra Liberation Network)**

8/2/97-Palisades Park, NJ; Lehmann Colorado Meats Inc. had 8 delivery trucks damaged. Tires punctured, windows smeared with glass etching fluid and decorated with slogans including "Stop Killing Animals", "A.L.F." and "Meat is Murder". **-A.L.F.**

8/10/97-Indianapolis, IN; Klemm's Sausage and Fine Meats was hit for the first time. The locks to all three of it's entrances were glued shut and slogans were painted all around the perimeter. More damage was expected, but an unexpected visit from the police caused activists to leave. **-A.L.F.**

8/17/97-Morton Grove, IL; Two large display windows at Cosmos Furs Ltd. and two molotov cocktails were thrown through one of the windows. Damage not known. **-A.L.F.**

8/19/97-Fort Collins, CO; An incendiary attack was made against Wildlife Pharmaceuticals. Unfortunately only minimal damage was sustained. **-A.L.F.**

8/26/97-Howell, NJ; Jersey Cut's Meat Co., had incendiary devices placed under four trucks. Three trucks were heavily damaged. Trucks estimated at $60,000 each. **-A.L.F.**

8/26/97-Eatontown, NJ; Seafood Connection Restaurant had incendiary devices placed inside the building which is still under construction. Damage not known. **-A.L.F.**

8/28/97-New York City, NY; Yellow Rat Bastard was severely paint-bombed. YRB is a clothing store that keeps many rats crammed together in a cage in their front display window, it has been the site of numerous demos. **-A.L.F.**

8/29/97-Syracuse, NY; Several billboards altered near Carousel Mall: "Tap the Rockies Coors Lite" now reads "Rape the Rockies, racist scum, toxic polluters" — this billboard nearly 200 feet high! Camel cigarette billboard also nearly 200 feet high reads "Cancer". Marlboro billboard, previously burned down but replaced, now reads "Cancer". Military ad reads "Death". "The government may allow false advertising, but E.L.F. does not. E.L.F. is dedicated to the protection of mother Earth through nonviolent direct action..." **-E.L.F.**

8/31/97-Washington, DC; Etching-cream filled light bulb "bombs" exploded on both of Andriana Furs main display windows. **-A.L.F.**

9/1/97-Downers Grove, IL; The A.L.F. cut 9 holes in the perimeter fence of the Ide Fur Farm. We opened cages and freed at least 3,500 mink. Hundreds of breeding cards were torn up and cages smashed. **-A.L.F.**

9/1/97-Hegins, PA; In addition to the above ground activities at the Hegins pigeon shoot, activists did extensive other damage, including; The business of Mr. Robert 'Bob' Tobash, the hunt organizer, had three of it's windows smashed out also a flag was torn down from one shop. Aprox. 50 hunt supporters vehicles had extensive damage done. Windows were smashed out, tires slashed, paint scraped, and many were doused with paint stripper. Red paint splattered on the interstate highway into Hegins. Reports of shattered windows at the home of one of the Hegins Shoot organizers. Also reports of two to three vehicles being set on fire in a far parking lot. Despite such reports of mass direct action being carried out in daylight only one person was cited and released for allegedly damaging windows.

9/6-7/97-Ithaca, NY; The Band of Mercy raided a laboratory in Cornell University's Large Animal Teaching and Research Unit at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Activists destroyed identification cards on sheep cages, turned off the freezer, destroyed vials of blood and confiscated paperwork and keys. In addition, the activists observed two cows stretching to "snuggle" each other and opened the stalls where the cows were being held for research, allowing them to roam free. **-Band of Mercy**

9/12/97-Ovieda, FL; Boys Town Research Centre had windows and doors smashed with a sledgehammer, and a resident van was also severely damaged. **-A.L.F.**

9/13/97-Indianapolis, IN; R&M Leather retailers had three windows broken along with their locks being glued and slogans painted. The action was done in protest to the wrongful imprisonment of Barry Horne and Sue McCrosky. **-A.L.F.**

9/20/97-Anderson, IN; At least 200 foxes were freed after activists cut fences and broke open

Adam's Fox Farm Communiqué

On the early morning of Saturday, September 20, the Animal Liberation Front raided Adam's Fox Farm in Anderson, Indiana.

Upon reaching the house of the fur farmer, the liberators snuck around the property hiking through a field. While the liberators were still some distance from the cages, the fox could be hear barking. Upon this occurrence, the A.L.F. knew they had come to the right place. Next it was necessary to cut one of three fences in between the clearing and the actual cages. After cutting the first barbed wire fence, and trekking through the thick woods for some time, another barbed wire fence faced the liberators. Luckily, the barbed wire fences created little difficulty to the operation as they were easily cut in various places with large wire cutters and peeled back.

Soon after hiking another distance through the woods another sort of chicken wire fence was discovered and cut in two large swaths, so as to let the fox escape. Upon reaching the cages, another fence, about two to three feet tall was encountered which was stomped to the ground almost in it entirety to allow the fox to easily transcend it to freedom.

The first cages we came upon were empty, but they were the only ones. After coming to the edge of that row, about eight more full rows of twenty cages each were found. Each cage had one or two fox in imprisoned within. The cages were about fix feet long mesh wire with wooden boxes on the end with metal tops on them that merely had to be pulled off or pushed up to allow the fox to jump out. The fox never made a sound once we began opening cages. They were all quite timid, and most would look at the liberator for a second before turning its back until we were safely out of their sight. As we opened the cages very few were jumping out immediately, but as they are quite timid creatures, they began to jump out as we were leaving.

Each of the eight rows had about twenty fox, and some cages had two fox in them. Every cage was opened except for one row in which the cages appeared to be bolted shut; therefore, about 200 fox were liberated that night.

Also, as the cages were being opened, another escape route was found from the area where the cages were kept. A large gate that led to a field and freedom was opened, and some of the fox were seen to have found it before the liberators left.

Animal Liberation Front

Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service

www <http://www.envirolink.org/ALF/>

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 will be an uncensored clearing house for information about animal liberation activities and activists.

SUPPORT ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

North America

Rod Coronado #3895000
FCI, 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 ALF, 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 BA03
c/o Oxbow Jail, Inmate Mail, 3148 South 1100 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, USA
Convicted of 2nd degree Felony Criminal Mischief sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail (he gets a 6-month review-which should be in March or April '98). He has to pay something like $265,000 with the co-defendants. He also got a fine and community service but not sure now the amounts of each.

Jacob Kenison
c/o S.L. County Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207, USA
Sentenced to a year in jail and ordered to pay more than $30,000 in restitution for an arson attack on a Tandy Leather store in June, 1995. Kenison 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 an rifle he later gave as a gift to Douglas Joshua Ellerman, an animal rights activist under federal indictment for a bombing attack causing $1 million in damages to a fur breeders' co-op.

Mark S. Klein AA45
c/o Oxbow Jail, Inmate Mail, 3148 South 1100 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, USA
Convicted of 2nd degree Felony Arson sentenced to 36 months of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail. He also has to pay the restitution with the other co-defendants and has community service but no fine. He may have a 6-month review.

Jason D. Troff
Section 9040, c/o S.L. County Jail, 450 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3207, USA
Jason Troff- convicted of 2nd degree Felony Arson sentence to 36 month of probation upon the conditions that he serve 365 days in jail. He has to pay part of restitution, has no fine, has community service, and no review. (He served 80? days in the Utah State Prison in a diagnostic unit for evaluation) He was also ordered that upon his release from jail he cannot association with anyone from the "vegan, straight edge, or A.L.F. gangs".

United Kingdom

Melanie Arnold - RELEASED!

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road., Birmingham, B18 4AS, England
Serving a 6 year sentence in connection with postal devices sent to various companies and individuals involved in the meat and live export trades.

Dave Callender HV3314
HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS, England
Sentenced to 10 years for conspiracy to commit arson to assorted animal abuse centres. Recently reduced to 8 years on appeal.

Michael Green AV2923
HMP Ashwell, Oakham, Leicestershire, LE15 7LF, England
Co-defendant of Melanie Arnold. Sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy to commit arson on a slaughterhouse and attempted arson to cattle transporters.

Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Bristol, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8PS, England
Recently 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.

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

Noel Molland CK4321
HMP Guys Marsh, Shaftsbury, Dorset, SP7 OAH, England
Sentenced to 3 years for incitement as his part in the "Gandalf" trial

Gillian Peachey RL3415
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London, N7 0NU, England
On remand charged with conspiracy to use incendiary devices to cause criminal damage and arson at a poultry farm.

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 Durham, Old Elvet, Co. Durham DH1 3HU, England
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 maintains his innocence.

cages during an early morning raid at Adam's Fox Farm. **-A.L.F.**
9/23/97-Hillsborough, NJ; Milk billboard on Rt. 206 painted with slogans "Animal Liberation", "Milk = Pain", and "Stop Hurting Cows".**-A.L.F.**
9/24/97-Bridgewater, NJ; Hind and Fore Quality Meats and Seafood on Rt. 28 has one of its two front windows broken, and "Meat is Dead" spray painted on its back wall.**-A.L.F.**
10/-/97-Rockville, MD; Two bottles of fox urine were opened and the contents were poured onto the carpets and merchandise of a Sports Authority store. The urine, collected on fur farms, is sold by the national retailer for use by hunt scum attempting to cover their foul odor while out killing innocent animals. The urine has quite a smell and sends customers running for the door. Activists are urged to visit their local Sports Authority and open a bottle in memory of the animals killed for their fur and urine." **-A.L.F.**
10/-/97-Washington, DC; Adriana's Furs had "FUR HURTS" etched in big, thick, beautiful letters. **-A.L.F.**
10/2/97-Oviedo, FL; The local branch of Boys Town research facility had windows broken and 'A.L.F.' spray painted along with the warning "NEXT TIME THERE WILL BE FIRE." from the communique. **-A.L.F.**
10/5/97 Crystal Lake, IL; Frye Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated. **-A.L.F.**
10/6/97 Preston, ID; Palmer Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated. **-A.L.F.**
10/6/97-Northwest Washington, DC; Andriana Furs had "FUR HURTS" etched in big, thick, letters. **-A.L.F.**

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.

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

Even more A.L.F. actions!!!

12/97-Upstate NY; 21 chickens destined for slaughter were rescued. **-A.L.F.**
10/16/97-Sioux City, IA; Circle K Fur Farm 5,000 mink and 100 fox liberated. **-A.L.F.**
10/17/97-Watertown, SD; 3,000 mink liberated from a ranch, after somebody cut a 20-foot section of fence. The mink ran free from their pens when someone cut a guard fence around two sheds and opened the gates at the Turbak Mink Ranch near Kranzburg, said co-owner Larry Turbak. **-A.L.F.**
10/18/97-Bridgewater, NJ; Hind and Fore Quality Meats and Seafood hit a second time. The words "Meat is Murder" spraypainted on the back wall, along with "ALF" in numerous spots (once with "Ed", the death shop owner's name). Both front windows broken. **-A.L.F.**
10/19/97-Elizabeth, NJ; Three leather couches, valued at $2000 a piece, were slashed in an IKEA furniture store. **-A.L.F.**
10/24/97-East Millstone, NJ; Huntington Life Sciences had two spotlights smashed, and a window broken on its medical building. **-A.L.F.**
10/25/97-Bridgewater, NJ; Hind and Fore Quality Meats and Seafood has one front window damaged, but not broken. On this third attack of the meat market, it is noted that the invested in thicker glass, and 5 or 6 spotlights in a weak attempt to protect his area. **-A.L.F.**
10/25/97-Independence, WI; Smieja Fur Farm 800 mink liberated. **-Unclaimed**
10/26/97-Tomahawk, WI; Ottis Mink Farm 300 mink liberated. **-Unclaimed**
10/26/97-Medford, WI; Jack Dittrich Minkery 3,000 mink liberated. **-Unclaimed**
10/29/97-Hebo, OR; Empty mink farm possibly entering the rabbit business raided 6 rabbits liberated. **-A.L.F.**
11/?/97-East Brunswick, NJ; One of two front picture windows at Guarino's Furs on Rt. 18 was broken. **-Unclaimed**
11/5/97-Highland Park, NJ; Marianne's Furs on Woodbridge Ave. had 2 windows broken with two rocks. The rocks had "ALF" written on them, along with "Fur is Dead", and "Stop or be Stopped". **-A.L.F.**
11/5/97-Bridgewater, NJ; Hind and Fore Quality Meats and Seafood had its front window broken with rocks exclaiming "ALF", "Meat is Dead", and "Animal Liberation". **-A.L.F.**
11/8/97-Metuchen, NJ; Oscar Lowey Designer Furs has two front display windows, and a glass door broken. **-A.L.F.**
11/8/97-Hillsborough, NJ; McDeath's on Rt. 206 has it's drive through speakers broken. **-A.L.F.**
11/8/97-Flemington, NJ; McDeath's on Rt. 202 has it's drive through speaker broken, and glass broken on the drive through menu. **-A.L.F.**
11/9/97-High Point State Park, NJ; Ranger station spraypainted and trees cut to block road for first day of a deer hunt. **-Unclaimed**
11/10/97-Astoria, NYC; Astoria Live Chicken Market had all rabbits (4) and (12) pigeons liberated. The rabbits were placed in homes and the pigeons were released. "All birds left that could not fly were left behind..." from the communique. **-A.L.F.**
11/22/97-East Brunswick, NJ; After furrier John Guarino publicly called A.L.F. activists terrorists they stepped up there efforts. "Animal Liberation", "Fur is Dead", "Stop or Be Stopped", and "A.L.F." two times, were spray painted in red on the store. Phone lines out of the walls, glass door and window cracked, and shattered the right display window. "The more you try to discredit us, the harder you will be hit. Exposing the real terrorists." from the communique. **-A.L.F.**
11/23/97-Hillsborough, NJ; McDonald's on Route 206 had it's locks glued. **-Unclaimed**
11/23/97-East Coast,USA; Letters were sent warning that turkeys had been contaminated in supermarkets along the US east coast. **-Justice Department**
11/24/97-San Diego (Mission Bay), CA- Activists with spray paint and marker pens did more than $5,000 damage to signs and buildings at Sea World aquiriums.
11/29/97-Burns, OR; 500 wild horses and burros set free from the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) corral. An adjoining building was then set on fire and destroyed, causing $75,000 damage. The horses had been destined for auction and slaughter after being rounded up illegally by the BLM. The cleared land is then used for cattle ranching. Action claimed jointly by A.L.F. and E.L.F. (Earth Liberation Front) **-A.L.F. & E.L.F.**
11/30/97-NY; Two imprisoned rabbits were rescued. **-A.L.F.**

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representing only 25 percent) with nationwide populations at less than 40,000 in the mostly Western States.

CORRUPTION IN THE BLM

Annually, the BLM, using helicopters, rounds up 10,000 wild horses. The animals are sold through an "adoption program" where they end up as pets, rodeo bronco animals, and also are sold directly to slaughterhouses like Cavel West. In 1996, the U.S. Department of Justice concluded a four-year investigation of James D. Galloway, a former BLM employee in Texas who was selling wild horses he captured for the BLM to slaughterhouses. The investigation was dropped despite an internal memo stating that the Department of Justice had evidence that Galloway had sold more than 1,000 wild horses for slaughter. A former BLM investigator stated that efforts to prosecute Galloway were thwarted by BLM officials as high up as the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbit, who urged a "don't ask, don't tell" policy towards violations of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act of 1971 (WFRH&BA).

The law states: "Congress finds and declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and that these horses and burros are fast disappearing from the American scene." The WFRH&BA prohibits commercial exploitation of wild horses and a 1987 court ruling (Animal Protection Institute Inc. vs. Hodel) declared that "[w]here [the] Secretary of the Interior knows in advance of transfer of title of wild free-roaming horses and burros that potential adopter intends to exploit adopted horses and burros for commercial slaughter, Secretary must reject potential adopter as unfit and refuse to transfer title under WFRH&BA."

MORE LIES

Following the AP investigation, in August of 1997, AP once again caught BLM officials as they lied to Congress when asked for an explanation for the continued slaughter of wild horses. In an attempt to prove that the WFRH&BA was being enforced, BLM officials claimed that 125 people had been convicted of violating the Act over the last ten years. Despite this assertion, AP investigators found only 3 convictions and Department of Justice and Interior records report that federal prosecutors dropped or declined to prosecute at least 75 cases of violating the WFRH&BA in the last ten years alone. In many more incidents of abuse, thousands of horses have been shot dead on public lands with no arrests, according to AP reports.

More than one dozen former BLM law enforcement agents have stated that the lack of criminal convictions is evidence that wild horses can be sold for slaughter to processors like Cavel West with impunity. "The law is supposed to keep wild horses out of the slaughterhouse, but without enforcement, there's no teeth to it. It's a joke," said Dale Tunnel, a retired BLM agent who ran their law enforcement for Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas in the 1980s and early '90s.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INACTION

Following the AP investigations and its findings of the continued slaughter of wild horses by the BLM, the Department of Justice has done nothing to bring violators of the WFRH&BA to court. And the Department of the Interior who oversees the BLM have also failed to curb the illegal trade in wild horses. One reason might be because they are embroiled in the fiasco uncovered by their slaughter of over 1,100 wild bison in Montana over the last year to cater to the demands of the cattle industry there.

Though to some, the ALF's actions at Cavel West and elsewhere seem extreme, it must be remembered that when the U.S. government themselves fail to enforce the meager legislation that protects wild horses and other animals, such actions become the appropriate response to a legal system that attributes the label of "terrorism" to life-saving ALF actions, but turns a blind eye when their own agents and employees commit crimes.

THE NEED FOR DIRECT ACTION

The ALF's action against Cavel West and the illegal trade in wild horses for slaughter is nothing short of the type of action federal law enforcement should have taken themselves to enforce the WFRH&BA. If no one else, then it seems the ALF are willing and able to represent the interests of the American people whose lives are, as Congress has decreed, enriched by the spirit of wild free-roaming horses, rather than those of the environmentally destructive cattle industry who receive federal subsidies to graze on public lands where their presence results in the devastation of riparian habitat and degrades water quality--all at your, the taxpayer's, expense.

Let's also not forget the federally-funded Animal Damage Control (ADC) program that is supplied free of charge to the livestock industry and results in the slaughter of tens of thousands of predators and other wildlife annually. In such an atmosphere of laws that cater only to big business, like the cattle industry and its political lobby which advocates the removal of wild horses from public lands, the animal liberation and environmental movements should recognize that more "traditional" forms of legitimate protest and passive resistance are proven with growing frequency to be ineffective. As the ALF has stated in the past, what others are unable to accomplish with years of protest, when employing direct action we can achieve victory overnight.

In its failure to enforce laws such as the WFRH&BA, the Department of Justice, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and, especially, slaughterhouses such as Cavel West, are all equally guilty of aiding and abetting the violators of such laws.

Until the Departments of Justice and Interior act responsibly and pursue federally-sanctioned criminal behavior with the same vigor they have pursued the ALF and other truth-seekers who reveal their crimes, we can only hope and pray that there will always be an ALF.

WILD HORSES UPDATE:

"If they think they (ALF) can destroy us they had better think twice" says Cavel West General Manager Pascalderde. Since the ALF raid on his Redmon, Oregon slaughter house, horses intended for slaughter are being shipped across country to a Cavel West Plant in Chicago one of the countries 8 remaining horse slaughter houses. No rules govern how much rest, food or water, or space the horses get. They can be transported in trailers designed for cows and pigs. The horses are suppose to be rendered unconscious before being slaughtered, but often aren't. A veterinarian who acted as a consultant for the construction of the eight slaughter houses says horses are excessively prodded, while crippled and downed animals are dragged and trampled by others. Meanwhile the future of the Redmond slaughter house remains uncertain. Before the cities planning commission will allow Cavel West to re-build they must remedy pollution control problems that existed before the fire. In 1992 the Department of Environmental Quality cited Cavel West after an inspector found piles of horse tails, legs, a head and large quantities of blood dumped adjacent to the slaughter house. Local residents have also complained about the odor from Caval West. "Smell[s] around there in the summertime [are] something atrocious" says one resident who has seen animal blood from Caval West illegally dumped in a nearby field. Redmonds waste water supervisor also says Cavel West has allowed blood to flow into the sewer system where it interferes with the treatment process. The BLM has recently agreed to improve it's wild horse adoption program in an attempt to prevent wild horses being sold to slaughter. Activists are asked to remain vigilant as the BLM has broken it's promise before.

IN THE TRENCHES

YOUR GUIDE TO GRASSROOTS ANIMAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MILITANT DIRECT ACTION

Activists Working for Animal Liberation

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www.concentric.net/~awfal/awfal.html
contact: Andy Hopp

Animal Defense League - Albany

PO Box 6416, Albany, NY 12206
(518) 465-0773 • e-mail: AlbanyADL@aol.com
http://members.aol.com/AlbanyADL/home.html
contact: Karen Johansen

ADL - Atlanta

PO Box 420884, Atlanta, GA 30342
(404) 252-1357
contact: Joel Capolongo or Nicole Falciatano

The ADL in Atlanta is a brand new chapter started by two members who relocated from the Syracuse ADL. A major target for the Atlanta ADL is Emory University, a major area vivisection institution, and the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center. ADL has joined forces with and revitalized a defunct Atlanta CAFT chapter to battle the biggest fur market in the Southeast. We protested at Fur Free Friday and the ensuing Hell Month. If you live in the Atlanta area and would like to become a part of a militant, grassroots group, contact Joel or Nicole.

ADL - Bloomington

PO Box 2443, Bloomington, IN 47402
(812) 333-5261 • e-mail: ADL@indiana.edu
http://ezinfo.ucs.indiana.edu/~adl/adl.html
contact: Seth Stevens

UPDATE: Bloomington activists are continuing their campaign against vivisection at Indiana University by targeting specific animal researchers and publicizing their brutal experiments. Also, activists will be leafletting at the psychology building to educate others about animal experimentation. Several anti-vivisection protests are scheduled for this semester.

A variety of activities are being coordinated for our vegan outreach campaign, including tabling events and local demonstrations against McDonald's. Also, ADL is organizing a major demo against Indiana hunters and the DNR to prevent the slaughter of approximately 1200 deer in Brown County State Park.

RESOURCES: For a free copy of the ADL newsletter, "one.struggle" and our catalog of literature/t-shirts, send two stamps to the above PO Box.

ADL - Boca Raton

PO Box 811342, Boca Raton, FL 33431
(561) 988-1323 or p/f: (561) 988-9740
e-mail: xdbergerx@juno.com • contact: Dan Berger

We are focusing this year on educating about the effects of modern agribusiness, while still keeping pressure on the fur industry and the circus. We are trying to raise money to save our PO Box by making shirts. Most importantly, if in the area, please get in contact with us and get active!!!

ADL/CAFT - Boston

PO Box 381855, Cambridge, MA 02238-1855
e-mail: caftboston@juno.com
contact: Bryan Hall or Nick Stillman

CAFT-Boston is active again with new organizers, after the legal difficulties faced by the "Mass 4" had stopped things for a while. We are trying to build up a strong base of activists and our numbers are growing each week. CAFT tabled at the Boston Vegetarian Foodfest and many people signed up. We hold weekly demos at Macy's and plan to heavily target the department store in the months to come. We organized a major Fur Free Friday protest which was a very exciting event.

ADL-Boston has done protests at the Ringling Bros. Circus and McDonald's. We had a great turnout on Nov. 2 when we participated in a demo against Harvard University's experiments on primates. We've done two walk-throughs of the Harvard campus in Cambridge and made front-page news there. Activists from Connecticut, New York and Western Massachusetts have joined ADL-Boston for demos.

CAFT and ADL are growing and this should be an exciting year!

ADL - Buffalo

127 Evergreen Pl., Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716)633-8029 • e-mail: BfloADL@juno.com
contact: Michael Conway

The Buffalo ADL has been planning protests for the upcoming months. Since its the cold season, our focus right now is Pilanker's Furs. We still have strong hopes to do an overnight candlelight vigil there as well. We are working on gaining new members and will be back strong in the months to come.

ADL - Cleveland

PO Box 29492, Parma, OH 44129
(216) 371-3982
contact: Jesse Parsh or Stephanie MacDougall

The Cleveland chapter of the Animal Defense League is a bit of a newcomer to the movement, but we have big plans. To reach the uneducated public, they plan to have regular protests as well as pass out vegan food and literature downtown. If you live in the Cleveland area, contact Jesse or Stephanie at the number listed above.

ADL/CAFT - CT

PO Box 3681, Milford, CT 06460
1-800-691-9775 • e-mail: veganpower@snet.net
contact: Christine Matyasovsky

ADL / CAFT - Indy

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contact: Tony Wong or Monica Sentmanat

UPDATE: The Animal Defense League and Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade chapters in Indianapolis are currently focusing efforts on putting Carmel fur shop Day Furs out of business. Since last April we have held weekly pickets outside of the store. Last winter the store erected a fence between their storefront and the sidewalk where we stand. Not-so-unfortunately this was in violation of a zoning ordinance, and the Day's were fined for several days before reluctantly spending more money on taking the fence down!

In recent news, Carmel (suburb just north of Indy) Councilman Ron Carter attempted to pass an ordinance limiting the number of people who could assemble in front of Day Furs without a permit. Luckily, the ACLU got word of this and pressured the Governor to defeat it.

While CAFT-Indy is staying focused on the Day Furs campaign, the ADL-Indy continues outreach by tabling in high schools and cafes. We're currently planning to push for vegan meals in a couple Indianapolis high schools, making vegan eating easy and accessible to students. Also, student activists have spoken to biology teachers about alternatives to dissection, resulting in one teacher ordering programs for class. Leaflets are in the making to be distributed in science classes before class dissections begin. Hopefully our more outreach-orientated activity will bring more enthusiasm in the group and decrease the burn out we're experiencing.

Refuse, resist, and let freedom ring loudly.

RESOURCES: We have starter packets of ADL pamphlets and info for people serious about starting a chapter in their area. (For more on ADL info and merchandise, contact the Bloomington chapter.)

ADL - Ithaca

PO Box 365, Ithaca, NY 14851
p/f: (607) 256-0293 • e-mail: ithaca-adl@usa.net
contacts: Bryan or Andy

UPDATE: Despite the existance of three other animal groups in Ithaca, ADL is the only one to explicitly and publicly support the ALF. Our role is to represent the militant aboveground movement in Ithaca and to serve as a bridge between activists at Cornell University, Ithaca College and local townspeople and highschools. While other groups in Ithaca have mainly focused on distributing information and bringing in speakers, ADL takes an action-oriented approach to balance out these tactics and create a broad range of activism on all fronts.

Recent campaigns include targetting individual vivisectors with protests and public exposure, demonstrating at events involving animal exploitation, such as circuses, farm shows and poultry/livestock breeding conferences and protesting at fast food restaurants. Extensive media coverage of many of our events has led to an overall consciousness raising and elevated discussion level of animal liberation issues.

RESOURCES: We can write and fax press releases for groups that need them.

ADL - Long Island/NYC

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http://members.aol.com/adlnycli/home.htm
contact: Justin Taylor

We have undergone numerous changes since NC #7. Most notably, we are now active in New York City, as well as Long Island. We decided that this change was necessary, due to the absence of militant grassroots groups in the city.

With this change, we have more than tripled in size, with 30 or so activists attending each demo. We have increased our frequency of protests as well - usually at least 2 a week.

Our first arrests ocurred in the beginning of June when 5 activists were arrested at a protest at Jon Pappas Furs for wearing ski masks and refusing to show ID to the police.

Since the last issue of NC, the LI-NYC ADL took on a campaign against a clothing store in SoHo - Yellow Rat Bastard - which displayed live rats in the window. The rats were dying quickly due to a lack of food and water. We held our first protest in June, when 4 activists used lock-boxes to shut down the store for nearly 2 hours. We returned almost every week afterwards for 2 months, until the owner finally decided to release the 36 rats to us.

The ADL also held a CD at "The Fur Market," a building in NYC which contains offices for about 300 fur designers, manufacturers, etc. 6 activists used lock boxes and a U-lock to shut down the building for 3 hours.

Our plea: we had to pay the owner of YRB $6 per rat (his cost). This money came out of our own pockets. We have also spent nearly hundreds of dollars on our campaigns. Most of this money came from 2 or 3 individuals (students). Any financial contributions that you could make would be appreciated.

RESOURCES: We will be selling and distributing T-shirts, stickers and booklets shortly. Please contact us for designs, titles and prices. Also if you have wholesale rates for your products please send us a price list. We are also looking for homes for 36 rats, so if you can provide one, please contact us.

ADL - Los Angeles

171 Pier Avenue #453, Santa Monica, CA 90405
(310) 841-9552 • e-mail: vegan.doc@juno.com

UPDATE: Newly formed ADL Los Angeles is coming on strong. Twice weekly demonstrations are common and excellent exposure was obtained when civil disobedience in the form of a lockdown was performed on Fur Free Friday. Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills was completely closed for three hours and media coverage was intense.

A recent Proctor and Gamble protest at the People's Choice Awards drew 60 or more protestors and got national coverage. Current campaigns include Bloomingdale's/Macy's anti-fur demos, a local meat market, and soon-to-be-reinstituted war against Knott's Berry Farm for the imprisonment and torture of Dolphin beings.

ADL - New Jersey

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www.envirolink.org/orgs/adl/

ADL - Rochester

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contacts: Jennifer Duffy & Rob Jacobs

The Rochester ADL is trying to keep the pressure on our local fur stores, having held several protests at them over the past few months. Home demos are planned, once the addresses are confirmed. We hope to make the fur store owners even more uncomfortable in their environment.

Over the summer, members of the ADL Rochester attended In Defense of Animals' Procter and Gamble protest at Watkins Glen. Afterwards, we proceeded to the Farm Sanctuary for a visit, where we not only had fun but were able to do some work for our friends at the farm. We also protested the Monroe County Fair, where there was a petting zoo, alligator wrestling, circus and rodeo.

The ADL Rochester took part in the International Day of Action against McDonalds, and had one of our largest protests

to date. It went much better than an earlier protest in which we had eggs and the uncooked flesh of cows thrown at us.

Just recently, we had a Procter and Gamble protest here at their Rochester headquarters. Both the McDeath and P&G protests were also planned as part of the End Corporate Dominance Month.

If you are in the Rochester area, please contact us. We always appreciate the support.

ADL - Syracuse

PO Box 6845, Syracuse, NY 13217
(315) 443-7017 • contact: Chris Tarbell

The Syracuse ADL celebrated the release of animal liberation prisoner Jeff Watkins on July 22nd. The ADL held an educational conference on the days surrounding Jeff's release and also held protests at Syracuse area animal abusers.

The court battles continue with a few ADL activists. On a better note, Syracuse/Ithaca ADL activist, Bryan Pease, had a conviction overturned by a county court judge on appeal. Several key members of the Syracuse ADL have relocated to other parts of the country to create a larger ADL campaign. With this comes a major restructuring effort by those few remaining core members of the ADL. If you live in the Syracuse area and would like to help start a new wave of activism within the ADL, please contact Chris at the phone number above.

Animal Justice

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contact: Angel Gambino

Animal Liberation Brigade - Boston

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UPDATE: The Animal Liberation Brigade formed to confront all forms of wanton exploitation. The primary goals of the group are to forge coalitions between animal and human rights activists.

Staging protests at carnivals, fast food restaurants, a multi-community BBQ and Steak Houses recieved a great deal of attention from local media sources. The Animal Liberation Brigade also successfully assisted in keeping a Manchester N.H. nightclub open despite the pressure of racist local authorities and buisiness chains.

Four activists and five bystanders were assaulted outside of The Capital Steak House on Boston's, Newbury Street. Targetting the foundations of capitalism The A.L.B has taken the initiative to bring the protest to the rich and privileged members of society.

Our agenda for future events will be to continue confronting speciesism, sexism, racism, classism and heterocentrism wherever it manifests itself within society.

RESOURCES: see N.Y. listing (below).

ALB - New York City

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UPDATE: The Animal Liberation Brigade NYC will be working closely with ADL L.I./N.Y.C, C.A.F.T and S.E.A.L to further the struggle toward Total Liberation. Applying similar methods and strategies as were ultilized in MASS. the A.L.B.N.Y.C will be taking on various issues regarding the exploitation of human and non-human life.

RESOURCES: We are offering double-sided, unbleached cotton t-shirts, with hunter green lettering. The front side of the shirt says Animal Liberation in bold print. The back side of the t-shirt says break the chains across the top, with a photograph of a chained calf underneath. Under the picture Go Vegan is written. The cost of individual shirts is $10, for information on distribution and bulk rate pricing contact us via e-mail or by phone.

We have also constructed a double-sided flyer on Veganism, the effects of a meat centered diet on the environment and the comparison of disregard for chattel-slaves to that of factory farmed animals.

Animal Liberation Collective

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Animal Liberation of Texas (ALT)

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contact: Lydia Nichols

Animal Liberation of Texas (ALT) is dedicated to fighting for animal rights and eliminating the suffering of animals. ALT is an all volunteer organization that is dependent on public support and contributions.

ALT's first action was at Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus where activists locked down and blocked the entrance to the arena resulting in four arrests. ALT worked with Earth Island Institute to organize a local campaign against the Dallas World Aquarium for filing for a permit to capture and import four Amazon river dolphins from South America to Dallas. After vigorous opposition, the Dallas World Aquarium withdrew their permit and the campaign ended successfully.

ALT has established an aggressive anti-fur campaign focusing on Neiman Marcus. Neiman Marcus is based in Dallas with 30 stores nationwide. ALT is working with other cities nationwide to organize actions at Neiman Marcus to provide consistent pressure to shut down their fur salons.

Animal Rights Advocates of South Dakota

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Animal Rights America

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contact: Anne Crimaudo

UPDATE: We recently completed and mailed out a grassroots guide to fundraising. None of us like to do it, but raising money is something we have to do in order to fund our campaigns, so we need to get the biggest return for the least amount of effort. If you'd like a copy, just let us know.

RESOURCES: We are a federation of more than 100 grassroots AR groups across the US and Canada. We can put you in touch with experts on fur, vivisection, hunting, horse issues, animals in entertainment, computer problems, civil disobedience and more.

Need speakers? Having a problem with school authorities? We're here to help. Contact us for low cost fur brochures for upcoming events. Brochures have space for your groups name and address to be imprinted. No membership fees.

Animal Rights Club of B.T.H.S.

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Animal Rights Connection

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Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC) - San Diego

See Vegan Militant Movement listing

ARDAC - San Francisco

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Animal Rights Hawai'i

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Animal Rights Militant Youth (ARMY)

PO Box 41656, Tucson, AZ 85717-1056
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The Tucson area has only a small amount of commercial fur stores due to protests and direct action in the past few years. However, there is one store that sells full-length fur coats and one that sells fur trim. With such a little amount of fur in the town, ARMY believes it will eradicate the fur trade in the Tucson area in no time!

Animal Rights Today!

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or Tricia Vandenbergh at (212) 253-9193

Campus Animal Rights Expedition

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Center for Compassionate Living

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Chatham 3 Support Committee

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The Chatham 3 Support Committee was set up to help spread the word about, encourage support for and raise funds for the legal defense of the Chatham 3. Please find it in your heart to donate as generously as you can to help these brave, uncompromising warriors fight criminal charges which allege they released mink from a Canadian fur farm.

Contact us for a flyer about the Chatham 3, for a prepared article for your newsletter and/or to find out how else you can help. Letters of support can also be sent through us via snail mail or e-mail at the addresses above.

Chicago Animal Rights Coalition

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contacts: Sue Schumacher and Dug Hanbicki

UPDATE: The past few months have been filled with many escapades including geese, dogs and circuses. But, our main concentration has been rodeos - all over the country.

CHARC has obtained footage from various rodeos in Illinois, California and Michigan clearly demonstrating violations of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association regulations as well as state animal cruelty statutes. These violations include hooking and kicking animals in the face, lack of medical attention, poorly constructed chutes, and most of all, shocking of rodeo animals. According to the PRCA, any shocking of bulls is not allowed.

While we are waiting on responses from local state's attorneys, local and national media have shown and discussed our footage. Also, we are currently in the process of holding press conferences in each of the counties to add additional pressure to law enforcement officials as well as the PRCA.

RESOURCES: The Chicago Animal Rights Coalition has a library of videotapes containing footage we have taken over the years during our various campaigns. With our arsenal of video surveillance equipment, we have even been able to covertly videotape situations the public has never seen. If anyone wishes to receive a copy, please send a $20 donation for each video to the above listed address. This will also entitle you to receive our bi-monthly newsletter.

Available videos include: Bucking the Rodeo (Wauconda Rodeo & animal and human abuse), Rocket Netting and Captive Bolt Shooting of Deer (procedure for culling deer populations), Undercover Donkey Basketball, Cruelty for a Buck (various rodeo footage), In Search of Faith, Hope and Freedom (Shedd Aquarium), McHenry County (IL Hunting Club), Undercover Pennsylvania Live Turkey Shoot, Pennsylvania Live Pigeon Shoots, DuPage County (IL Rodeo), Boone County (IL Rodeo), Illinois State Fair Rodeo, California Rodeos, Flat Rock, Michigan Rodeo.

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade - HQ

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UPDATE: The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade is currently campaigning to stop the sale of fur at Federated dept. stores (Macy's, Bloomingdales, Lazarus, etc.) and Neiman Marcus, as well as to stop the Ekco Group from manufacturing leghold traps.

One of our organizers, as well as another activist from Animal Liberation of Texas, was recently assaulted by security from Neiman Marcus after passing out leaflets about Neimans' involvement in the fur trade. The activists in question have sued Neiman Marcus.

This year we won a victory by forcing Macy's West to close their fur salons. A boycott is still in progress as Macy's West still has fur trim and Macy's East still has fur salons.

We also supplied video footage that was used in a hard hitting mink farm expose that aired on Hard Copy.

We are working to help individuals organize their own groups in their local communities. We have the most current and up-to-date information available about the fur industry, and are one of the only animal rights groups that has a comprehensive strategy for bringing about the end of the fur trade.

Please contact us for help in developing a strategic campaign against the fur trade in your community.

RESOURCES: CAFT is here to help any activists interested organize strategic campaigns against the fur trade. We can counsel you on campaign strategies, selecting the best protest target, press releases, etc.

We also have the most current information available about the fur trade and

can keep any interested groups informed of current developments. We have anti-fur resources available in an ad elsewhere in this issue of NC.

CAFT - Atlanta

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contact: Joel Capolongo or Nicole Falciatano

The Atlanta CAFT chapter has spent the last few months restructuring and reorganizing their leadership. Atlanta will use CAFT's well established name to turn up the heat on the fur industry. CAFT is basically comprised of the Atlanta Animal Defense League and is dedicated to bringing the end to the fur industry and to revitalize the Atlanta animal liberation movement. As always, CAFT protested for Fur Free Friday.

CAFT - Boston

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CAFT - Chicago

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(773) 227-0630 • contact: Fred or Trisha

CAFT - Philadelphia

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(215) 493-1524 • contact: Julia

CAFT - Syracuse

PO Box 2421, Syracuse, NY 13220
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Colorado Liberation Activists of the West

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CLAW has been working closely with RMAD members in Colorado to end prairie dog contest killings which torture and haunt our local wildlife. CLAW members also traveled to Hegins this September to join with other grassroots activists to give Hegins a taste of what grassroots activism is all about.

We continue to be active in the Rocky Mountain region as well as networking with activists across the US.

Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting

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Compassion Over Killing

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UPDATE: For the majority of the winter, COK has worked almost exclusively fighting the fur industry. Most of our attention is focused on convincing Neiman Marcus to close its fur salons. At one protest in January, more than 100 activists protested at Neiman Marcus in DC, culminating in 6 arrests and maximal media coverage.

COK has also stepped up our vegan campaign. We have begun having "feed-ins" in front of McDonald's, where we hand out free vegan burgers with literature.

We've also obtained a TV which is brought to every event so that graphic ffootage of animal labuse can be seen by the general public.

While we fight for the animals, our pro-bono vegan attorney is fighting for our rights as activists. Currently, several COK activists are persuing legal battles against the DC police Department.

RESOURCES: COK's free newsletter, the Abolitionist, is available for distribution. We also have t-shirts ($15 post paid) featuring a dog sitting on a plate accompanied by a fork and knife on either side. The caption reads "Why not? You eat other animals, don't you? Go vegetarian!"

Direct Action Defense Fund

PO Box 57357, Tucson, AZ 85732-7357
(502) 795-5171

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 our resources are devoted to those behind bars for animal and earth liberation.

Direct Action For Animals (DAFA)

9509-K University Terrace Dr.
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DAFA has focused on protesting fast food restaurants and rodeos for the last few months. They also would like to network with other organizations in protesting the Hegins pigeon shoot. They will begin their fur protests against Belk Department Stores (as there are no Federated stores in the immediate area) in late September and will stage home demos in protest of vivisection and fur in October. Members will continue to use civil disobedience and the A.L.F. communiques they receive as tools in the quest for animal liberation.

Frontline Information Service

www.envirolink.org/ALF/

This website reports on the A.L.F. It is regularly updated with photos and news items of recent A.L.F. actions. If you haven't checked it out yet, what are you waiting for?!?

How on Earth!

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Illinois Animal Action, Inc.

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Justice through Insurrection by Humans for Animal Defense (JIHAD)

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jihad/1:holy war 2: crusade for principle or belief

Direct action is not violence, it's self defense.

JIHAD promotes the ideal of veganism and opposes the exploitation and subjugation of ALL ANIMALS for ANY PURPOSE. The lines have been drawn and our enemies are clear. The Jihad is at hand.

Write or call us for a list of merchandise. (coming soon)

KARE

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KARE is a new animal rights group for kids, and is just starting out. Anyone under the age of 18 is welcome to join on-line and/or off-line. KARE provides members with activism alerts for their areas, addresses and info for letter writing campaigns, as well as answering any questions anyone may have. We can also provide information on other animal rights groups members may be interested in. Although membership is free, we ask that anyone interested in receiving literature through the mail pay the required postage.

Law Student Animal Rights Alliance

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www-personal.umich.edu/~cvesci/lsara.html

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

Recently, we have helped activists at protests assert their rights, and curb police harassment through the use of citizen arrests, 911 calls, police complaint forms and other useful tactics. We are helping activists navigate the criminal injustice system by educating them about the process and accompanying them to their court dates, as well as doing legal research for various criminal cases.

LSARA set new precedent in Hawai'i by writing a legal memorandum which gave Animal Rights Hawai'i standing to sue on behalf of the animals and to arrest those who are cruel to animals. We also hope to help activists pursue excessive force cases against the police forces of Davis, CA, Atlanta, GA, and Crystal City, VA, as well as aid in the criminal defenses of these activists.

Liberation Collective

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UPDATE: Liberation Collective has been busy the last few months dealing with the harrassment from the federal grand jury that has convened in Portland regarding Northwest ALF/ELF activity. The collective is also continuing its campaign against the feline research program at Legacy Health System.

The legacy campaign, now close to two years in existence, has included various approaches, from letter writing to civil disobedience. Some 30 arrests have been made for nonviolent civil disobedience in the last year and a half.

In late November the Collective took part in Buy Nothing Day which resulted in one arrest and extensive media coverage. We have also endorsed and took part in an End Corporate Dominance Rally as well as a support demonstration for Mumia Abu-Jamal in late 1997. Planning is now underway for the second annual west coast conference on animal experimentation to be held in mid-1998.

RESOURCES: Liberation Collective now has an office! It is located in downtown Portland. The address is listed above so if you are in the area stop by for a visit. We now offer information on animal research facilities nationwide. We also serve as a resource for active nonviolence/civil disobedience issues. Our humane education program is underway and we have instructors immediately available in the Northwest. Brochures about the humane education program or many other animal related issues available upon request.

New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance

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North American A.L.F. Supporters Group

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(distro is also being handled out of this address now)

Northwest Animal Rights Network

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Paws for Affection

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(214) 324-4431 • contact: Enid Breakstone

People Acting for Animal Liberation

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Rocky Mountain Animal Defense

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Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) is an animal rights group that works to end all animal exploitation through a mix of education, legislative action, protest and direct intervention. RMAD members are presently involved in a number of legal battles. Last summer when a prairie dog killing contest was taking place, RMAD members locked down onto the field, blocking the shooters from the prairie dogs. They were subsequently arrested and charged with several crimes including hunter harassment. These members are now working on challenging the constitutionality of Colorado's hunter harassment law in state court. RMAD has recently become more involved with Denver's Food Not Bombs group and is working to help facilitate the creation of a Boulder chapter of Food Not Bombs.

RMAD has also been active in fighting the expansion of the Vail ski resort in Vail Colorado which threatens a critical wildlife corridor between two wilderness areas and will destroy some of the last remaining Lynx habitat in Colorado.

Espousing a vegan philosophy, RMAD supports all non-violent direct action that furthers the fight toward the end of oppression of all beings and of the earth. We see the battle for earth, human and animal liberation as inherently connected, and thus struggle for total liberation, accepting oppression of none.

Richmond Animal Rights Network

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contact: Alanna or Krissy

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.

On October 3rd, RARN held a demonstration at Alan Furs. Police quickly showed up to monitor the actions, but no intervention was taken against us. One Alan

Furs employee tried to covertly mingle with the protesters and gather information about the lifestyles of the protesters. He proceeded to take photos of the protesters until he was approached, denied the chance to take further pictures and was ultimately ushered down the block by a crowd of chanting activists who discussed the exploitations of his employer. We took his picture which will be plastered all over Richmond and his college (VCU) very soon. This was the first in a series of demos at Alan Furs until Mr. Alan gets a new line of work.

We have a million projects going on - contact us for details or visit our website.

Student Abolitionist League

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UPDATE: Student Abolitionist League's long-awaited student activists training was held on the first weekend in January with workshops on starting student activists groups/student rights, fighting classroom dissection, college fund raising, high school fund raising, animal rights theory, civil disobedience, security and direct action, planning strategic campaigns, getting media coverage, designing activist literature, a debate on violence vs. nonviolence, connecting animal liberation with other social justice/environmental issues, turning your friends into vegans/activists and dealing with parents, teachers and school administrators, plus demonstrations at Burger King, McDonald's and Zamir Furs. Thanks to grants from In Defense of Animals and Wildlife Watch, the workshops are being converted into a series of videos.

We are currently helping students start AR groups at Hunter College and Columbia University, while continuing to support groups at local high schools and colleges.

We need a new, permanent location for a resource center, including our book and video lending library, extensive vertical files and bulk activist literature to distribute to groups for their use. Anyone willing to donate space in NYC should contact us. We desperately need volunteers to help answer the high volume of requests for information and support we receive from students around the country.

RESOURCES: We've prepared a new packet of activist resources, available for $1 postage. Our Advocates for Forgotten Wildlife Project offers a series of flyers on humane alternatives to cruel methods of insect control and on the ineffectiveness and environmental hazards of lethal insect control. Classrooms for Ethical Labs in the Life Sciences, or anti-dissection project, publishes an extensive guide to BANNING dissection at your school and a series of anti-dissection brochures, including one exposing the economic connection between the dissection and fur trades.

Student Coalition for Animal Rights

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Student Organization for Animal Rights

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SOAR - St.Thomas

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contact: Emily Paukert

St. Thomas is off to a good start this fall. Our former coordinator, Katie Fedor, graduated and is in Britain working with activists there. On Sept. 26, we began again our weekly Friday protests at the local McDonald's. We had approximately 20-25 activists attend! One activist was arrested, for chanting too loud?! However, it was quite a success and we will continue to protest in the St. Thomas tradition every week! Our group is rather small but active. We have over a 100 UST student mailing list and hope to reach new militant activists that way. We are starting up monthly vegan potlucks and monthly volunteering at the local animal shelter. We also are tabling bi-monthly and perhaps having a debate with the "conservation" club. We continue to grow and seek new ways of working toward animal liberation.

Students Against Speciesism

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Students for Education and Animal Liberation

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Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

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Students Promoting Animal Rights and Emancipation

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SPARE has been rapidly developing over the past year engaging in campaigns against Procter and Gamble, local slaughterhouses and a local fur store. We've brought a huge animal rights focus into Green Bay's media recently, especially over summer when 8 activists were arrested for blockading the entrances to Packerland Packing (one of the local slaughterhouses. (Green Bay's first CD!)

Green Bay is a breeding ground for animal torturers and abusers - we will keep up the constant struggle until they are gone. Small in numbers, our voice and impact is still huge.

Contact SPARE for more animal rights information. Join us in our fight!

Texas Establishment for Animal Rights

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contact: Greg Thomisee

T.E.A.R. is a non profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the promotion of animal rights and the elimination of cruelty to animals. We confront and challenge animal exploitation on an ethical basis and with fact based research.

On Sunday, October 26, TEAR participated in the 9th Annual Lone Star Vegetarian Chili Cook-Off in Austin, Texas and won best showmanship. TEAR joined local groups ALT and ACT along with groups from Austin and Houston on Fur Free Friday to oppose the selling of fur at Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas. There were 10 arrests in all and over 50 people demonstrated in front of the department store. This was yet another successful FUR FREE FRIDAY! Friday, December 19, TEAR participated in a banner hang with PETA "Holidays are Murder on Turkeys." On December 6, 1997, TEAR launched its campaign against vivisection. We demonstrated at the UT Southwestern Medical Center and to the many passersby that animal experimentation will no longer be tolerated in Dallas! Exposing Dr. Robert L. Johnson's cruel and redundant experiments using foxhounds, we demanded that they be terminated immediately on unethical grounds!

Vegan Action

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Vegan Militant Movement

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After a long time of working together, Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition - San Diego and Vegan Militant Movement have combined to form one group in order to be more united and vigorous in the struggle for animal liberation in San Diego. We have come together as the Vegan Militant Movement.

The Vegan Militant Movement is a nonprofit group campaigning in the struggle for animal liberation through means of direct action against those who exploit and murder innocent life. We believe in one ethic - that all life has the virtue to live out life from birth to natural death free from all unethical values. For those who would like to become part of our group, we ask you to follow a few elemental guidelines: to live a life free from drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, promiscuous sex, bigotry and other self-destructive acts that can harm and alter one's state of being. One must liberate one's own mind and body before liberating other life. Please get involved with us!

VMM has continued to support those who sabotage and destroy the innumerable institutions who butcher animals and our earth. In recent months, united with other regional activists, we have repeatedly protested against multiple animal abusers in Southern California. Some of the larger protests have targeted one particular McDeath's who filed false charges, including battery, against a fellow activist during "World Day for Farm Animals." That activist spent five days in jail hunger-striking for that false charge. Neiman Marcus has also been targeted in our non-stop campaign to end the bloody fur trade. We have gained many supporters in this campaign and we will continue to wreak havoc on all Federated and non-Federated stores who continue to support fur production and manufacturing. Activists also confronted vivisectors at the Anaheim AALAS conference in November. Four San Diego activists were arrested on Fur Free Friday when seven people locked down in front of Fendi's on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

VMM's future forecast will be a reign of terror on vivisectors at UCSD and the Salk Institute in San Diego, as well as local slaughterhouses, while maintaining our current campaigns.

Our group also supports the animal liberation movement through public education by presenting factual resources pertaining to the cruel and barbaric acts that are being inflicted on animals. Educational activities include: setting up AR booths and tables at public events, educating the youth of today about veganism and the realities of animal abuse, leafleting and protesting against the innumerable institutions that exploit and murder innocent animals and supporting and aiding other AR groups in the distribution of educational information.

RESOURCES: VMM carries a variety of publications, including Primers, Declaration of War, Diet for a New America, etc. We also have a variety of Animal Liberation T-shirts.

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ARAT is a project of the Wetlands Environmental and Social Justice Center, based in and funded by the popular nightclub, Wetlands Preserve. ARAT has demonstrated against the clubbing of baby seals, killing of sea turtles in shrimp nets, "junkie monkey" addiction studies at NYU, the transfer of 225 chimps to the infamous Coulston Foundation, the Dutch imprisonment of Paul Watson and the sale of fur at Federated Dept. Stores, garnering extensive media coverage.

Our strong belief in the connections between human, animal and Earth Liberation are reflected in our meetings every Tuesday of the month: Rainforest Action Group - 1st Tuesday, Human Rights & Political Prisoners - 2nd Tuesday, Federal Lands Action Group - 3rd Tuesday, and ARAT - 4th Tuesday.

Our meetings include speakers, letter writing (we generate THOUSANDS of letters every year), upcoming events, and videos. Recent ARAT speakers have included Jerry Vlasak on No Compromise strategy, Jaime (Mass 4) Roth on dealing with unplanned Arrests, Dr. Marjorie Cramer on Feminists for Animal Rights, and Dave Morris and Helen Steel, the world famous McLibel 2 (Dave and Helen also premiered their new film at Wetlands two days later, followed by a McDonald's demonstration.

The Earth Station, an extensive display of props, banners, paintings, and free literature on human, animal and earth liberation is in sight as soon as patrons walk into the club, allowing us to educate and recruit the thousands of people who attend shows at Wetlands every week. Our petition center collects over 50,000 signatures every year!

RESOURCES: In space precious NYC, Wetlands is a roomy environment for lectures, films, slide shows and meetings. If you need a space for an event, please contact us. We distribute a wide array of publications, including Earth First! Journal, No Compromise, Predator Project, Forest Voice, Sea Shepherd Log and Earth Island Journal. Let us know if you have an event you'd like us to promote at meetings. Wetlands offers reasonable rates for benefit concerts (we've hosted benefits for Animals' Agenda, Activists for Animals, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at FIT and others).

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