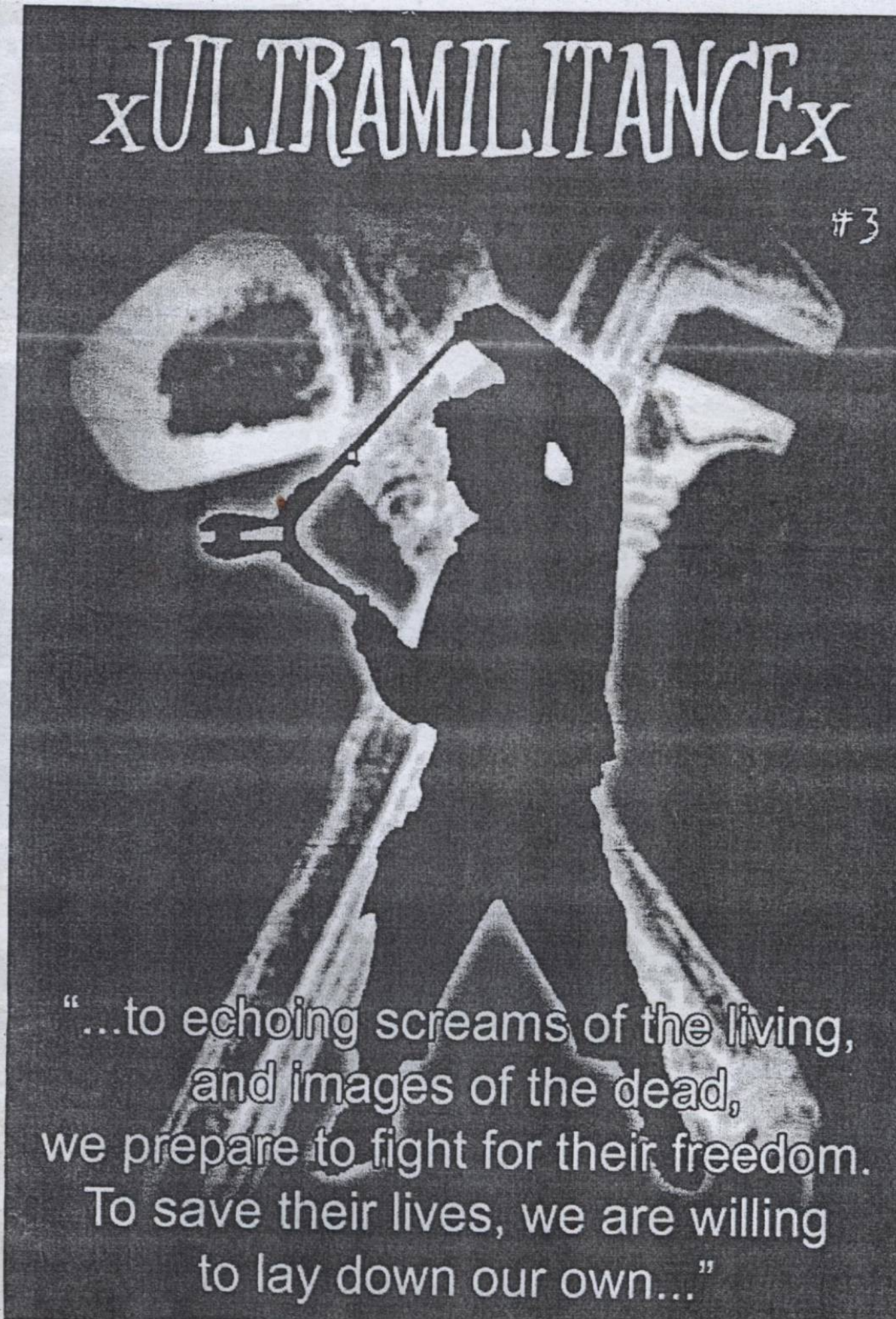
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"...to echoing screams of the living,
and images of the dead,
we prepare to fight for their freedom.
To save their lives, we are willing
to lay down our own..."

I watch in horror as my friend bleeds. Bloody on his hands, bloody on his knees. Being beat down, pulled by the hair, kicked in the ribs. The police don't care. I've looked in their eyes. And I know what I've seen. It's a hatred so intense, it really scares me. There is nothing I can do. Because the law's against me. So, I stand by helpless while my friend screams "Help...what did I do? Stop...no...ahhh! My eyes! Please...you're hurting me." I listen in anguish to the pleas. there's nothing I can do, the law's against me. I scream in rage as the clubs swing But there's nothing I can do, the law's against me. I feel disgust when I see the pigs smiling. And there's nothing I can do, cuz the law's against me. Fuck it! I ain't gonna let the law stop me. I'll organize you just wait and see. I'll watch your system fall. I'll live to see us free. Your soul is so corrupt, your heart is truly black. I never used to hate, till you put a gun to my back. You fueled this rage inside me, made me who I am. Your oppression made us hate. You made us warriors....Now tonight we strike.

Tear gas fumes fill the air. Fires rage and sirens blare. Men and wimmin dressed in black run through the streets. We're fighting back. Riot cops are forming lines, suddenly Molotov's come from the sides. Scared and outnumbered, their guns go off...it's too late for them. They could have joined us. Angry and armed we smash thru their lines. We're fighting for our freedom. We're fighting for our lives.

- Jeff Free Luers -

Jeffrey "Free" Luers: Earth Warrior sentenced to an astonishing 22.5 years in prison for burning three SUV's and an attempted arson. Jeffrey Luers, #13797671, Oregon State Penententiary, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310.

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The Firestorm Approaches...





Merely being born into Western culture implicates us in its racist, slavery-enriched, blood-drenched legacy. It would be so easy to become entrenched in this legacy, supporting it, fighting for it and thinking it is the right way to live. Getting lulled into the apathetic, consumerist, intoxicated, un-thinking trance our leaders and the media promote as they eagerly strive to take full control of our lives. We cannot let this happen, we must kick aside this lethargy, which those in power actively encourage. We cannot let ourselves become complacent or apathetic, *we have* to actively fight this corrupt system and shed this historic coat of terror, burning it on a pyre of dollar bills, it is our duty to turn this system upside down and once again put life before profit. We must never simply let ourselves sit back and rest in our materialistic luxury.

We may be distanced from the destruction that accompanies oil drilling, from the fighting in Africa over the mines extracting vital minerals used in mobile phones, from the sweat shops into which large numbers of south east Asian workers have been forced as their homes are destroyed to make way for corporate golf courses or cattle ranches, distanced from the continuing war against the indigenous peoples of south America, from the appalling misuse of land in Ethiopia where the most fertile is used to grow crops for export, but in no way does it mean we are blameless (as we are not) or mean we can merely look the other way. Complacency is not an option. The apathetic nature of modern man instilled in us since birth must be over come, we must stop relying on others to do things for us. We need a firestorm to purify our world and it is up to us to start it.

Rebellion is the only choice we have, small reforms aren t enough, how much longer will it take before the last tree is cut down, the last wild animal slaughtered, the last indigenous tribe Westernised and forced to bottle soft drinks for us Western zombies trapped in our concrete tower blocks, cowering behind huge flood defences whilst eating tasteless GM food. We have to act now while we still have a chance.

Thankfully the rebellion has already started, the firestorm has already begun. History is full of insurrections and revolutions, the time is right for history to be made again. United across the world more people are taking action, questioning the present status quo, seeing through the lies we re spoon-fed from birth. More Molotov s are being thrown from the barricades. The firestorm is growing in intensity, the fire of passion and rebellion is slowly spreading. More and more people need to and will start taking action, more people need to put down their TV remotes and pick up bricks.

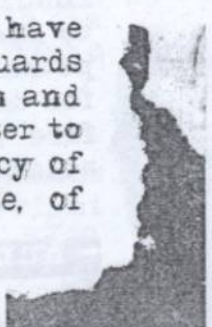
The rich power-crazed elite will not give up what they have without getting their brain washed minions - cops, security guards and soldiers - to fight for them. But we have the numbers, we can and we will win and surely it would be a cause worth dieing for? Better to fall fighting as free people than to continue living at the mercy of tyrants and murderers. We dream of flames in the Whitehouse, of











guillotines outside the Houses of Parliament and pipe bombs outside every police station, government building and corporate HQ. We dream of a return to sustainable earth-friendly living.

We have seen how we cannot trust our governments. Every few years we get to vote in the next weak-minded fool to be moulded and controlled by the rich global corporate elite. It has been shown time and time again how the only way we can effectively make our point made is to take action by ourselves, we don t need governments to make decisions for us. We can and we will organise things for ourselves. Never trust politicians and their smug grins.

Capitalism is dying, the cracks are starting to show. Our current oppressive, abusive civilisation is doomed and it fills us with joy to know that one day real passion and feelings will come flooding back into peoples lives, taking the place of the empty, false, hypocritical, passionless lives so many currently live. Our blood drenched, poisoned so-called civilisation is not civilised, what s civilised about slaughtering millions of non-human animals to satisfy our taste for flesh, about war, about killing the world which sustains us, about working a job you hate all week only living for the weekend when you can drink away your sorrows, unleashing you pent up aggression in an intoxicated frenzy all the while playing into the hands of the oppressive ruling elite. When the thin veneer of democracy, which our leaders have cunningly constructed finally starts to crumble so the bright light of anarchy will shine through. Only then will humans finally have a real civilisation.

Why fight over the crumbs when we can share the feast? Why squabble over and rot amongst the scraps they throw us when we could all live the life we dream of? The firestorm is drawing near

The fight back has started, but our web of resistance must grow, too often those of us fighting the beast of capitalism are seen as individual disparate groups. All those who struggle against capitalism must be unified. The anti-capitalist is linked to the anti-war activist, is linked to the anti-fascist, is linked to those supporting asylum seekers, is linked to those fighting for workers rights, is linked to those fighting corporate industrialisation, is linked to those fighting against the rape and destruction of our environment, is linked to the vegan warriors, to animal liberators, to the prison struggle, to anti-police action, to indigenous land issues... A holistic view and full commitment is essential.

The fire burns in our hearts, a fire that will not be doused by drug abuse or corrupted by the consumption of flesh. It is the fire of insurrectionary rebellion. Their words of opposition will only help to fuel this fire, their repressive actions against us only acting as petrol to the flames, their lies, deceit, decadence, wastefulness, lust for death and corruption will only fan these flames of revolt. This fire will spread and continue spreading until the whole world is ablaze. A firestorm to purify. XXX

- Running Fox 2003 -

Deadlock

German Vegan Straightedge

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1.) Hi, can you give a brief introduction to the band and the message you are trying to spread? Which bands have been the major influences on your musical style?

Ok, well we started Deadlock in 1997. There ve been a lot of changes since the beginning, so let me just tell you the most important things: pretty soon we released a self titled 7" and after that we met the guys from Winterrecordings and started to work together. In 2000 our first full-length CD called "The Arrival" came out on Winterrecordings. I think this CD was somehow a new beginning for Deadlock... We found the final team to build Deadlock consisting of 5 guys (Tobi doing the drums, Sebastian on lead guitar, Tom on base guitar, Tom playing second guitar and me, Joe, doing the vocals) and one girl (Sabine playing the keyboards and lending us her beautiful voice). With this team we played a lot of shows, some with Six Reasons to Kill, which was the reason for deciding to release a split CD with them in July 2k3... and now we are working hard on new material to release our next long player...

The message: vegan, straight edge, do i have to say more ? :) I think the lyrics deal with the things which I would like to change in this world... most of our songs deal with the topics veganism and being straight edge, just because of the fact that these two things are the most important to fight for in my opinion...as long as there are still people left who try to make money with their cruelty towards other beings or kill just for pleasure, as long we know that there are still fights to be fought... that s the reason why most of the lyrics deal about veganism, but we don t want to preach how others have to live, we just want to tell the people what we think is the right way....

Influences: well it s difficult to answer, because I think our music is a mixture between lots of different styles ..... it s basically a mixture between melodic death and black metal...

2.) Your lyrics are not overtly political and yet being XveganX means you must be fairly militant in your beliefs, is there a reason you tend to leave political-type topics out of your songs?

I think we all are not really political, if somebody who lives vegan can say this :) ... but the point is that we want to sing about things we really know something about... I can tell people something about ethical things and about what we think is the best way to live all together humans and animals, but I can not tell people something about Bush and Bin Laden and all this crazy bullshit... All I want to say is there are so many problems right in front of my eyes everyday ...so much cruelty just in the city i live in that we decided to go the way starting from the little things which are for us the most important... animals can not say what they don t like but Mr Bush can speak to the world... that s why we just fight for veganism and stuff....

3.) Do you support direct action groups like ALF/ELF?

YES...they do what has to be done ... because extreme situations sometimes need extreme solutions... if this is the only way to do the right things we totally support such groups ... all the organisations ALF , SHAC,






Die Tierbefreier, ... know what they stand and fight for. I think without them all the perverted assholes would think they can do what every they want, because there are no laws that bring justice and nobody cares about non-human beings ...so it s up to them/us to fight for a better world Hopefully these groups will get bigger and bigger and become a real weapon against animal abusers.



4.) How big is the German vegan sXe scene at the moment? Deadlock and XmaroonX must be the most famous XveganX band from Germany at the moment, are there any other less well known ones you'd recommend?

Hmmm? good question ... well the scene is not really very big ... but there are of course some other bands DESTINY for example is another vegan sxe band and these kids are really great



5.) How has walking the sXe changed your life? Have there ever been any times when you've questioned your decision? Have you always been sXe or did you used to drink and take drugs? It often seems that those who stay true to the sXe are the ones who have drunk in the past and so have more experience with how negative an effect alcohol can have on their life.

Hahaha ...shit why did you ask ... :) ... ok ok ok ... i was not born straight edge I have to say... i was born in a little town (Sebastian grew up in the same town and was in the same soccer team.... hahaha.... so don't blame just me) where all the guys played soccer and after the games drunk and smoked ... but then some day there came the point to think about it ... and I have to tell you that the seven years being sXe have really been great... I think it s pretty good to know something about the things you hate and to be honest nobody can pretend that smoking or drinking tastes good ... being sXe just means to be healthy and all the guys who don t want to be healthy can do what ever they want as long as they don t smoke in an area of 5 feet to me... hahaha



6.) Are Deadlock the New Prophets? Are vegan-straightedge people the New Prophets?

Yes.... and yes... Deadlock are the new prophets, but don t get me wrong we want it to be understood like... Joe is the new prophet to the old Joe, Tobi is new prophet to the old Tobi All vegans are their own new prophets... so everybody should think about their life...should take a look at what they are doing everyday and what they can do better... In this special song "For the New Prophets" we especially fight against all kind of organized religion, because i don t have to be told when I should pray to my god and how much money I have to pay for this every month... Coming back to the most important things in life is like becoming a new prophet for yourself....



7.) Your 'Arrival' CD is endorsed by E blood, are you able to give a bit more information about who E blood are?

Eblood ... well...all we got from the endorsement so far is the logo on our CD... hahaha ... Eblood is a really cool brand done by some guys from Italy... It s all vegan without any animal testing and stuff...really cool clothes, but hmmm... what should i say ... that s all i can tell you, because if we would go on stage with everything we got from the endorsement, we would play totally naked.... hahaha ...they have cool clothes but we are not endorsed by them any longer...



8.) Which countries have Deadlock toured? Is it always easy to get vegan food? Do you have any plans for coming over to the UK?

We played lots of shows in Belgium and the Netherlands, we played in Austria and Switzerland and did a little Poland tour... in early 2004 we

will go to Italy and hopefully we will come very very soon to the UK :) well we never had a problem with getting vegan food, people who book us know what deadlock stands for and i think this i the reason why we never had problems with getting something to eat.
But there are still many places left we have to go to and the UK are definitely one of our next wishes to tour

9.) There appear to be certain religious undertones to your CD artwork, are any of Deadlock religious at all?

we all are not religious at all... lots of people ask us if we are religious, but we thought the CD artwork just fits perfectly to the lyrics and Roland Straller the guy who did the artwork did just an amazing work, we almost thought he did the paintings for the whole fucking bible things... hahaha ... I think nobody really needs religion... it s just a thing to give you strength if you are in problems, but if you believe in yourself you need nothing else, no gods no masters :)

IO.) Thanxxx for doing this interview, do you have any final words of wisdom to leave us with?

first of all i have to say "THANXXX" to you for giving us/me the chance to tell you something about deadlock. The second Thanxxx goes out to all of you who read this interview... please check the internet our completely updated and new designed homepage will be online soon: Take care... Go vegan ... XjoeX DL

www.xdeadlockx.com

Useful Direct Action Websites:

www.shac.net - Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
www.arkangelweb.org - Animal Liberation Resource
www.directaction.info - Animal Liberation Resource
www.earthliberationfront.com - E.L.F. Website
www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk - Prisoner Support
www.schnews.org.uk/prisoners - Prisoner List
www.primateprison.org - Stop Primate Experiments At Cambridge
www.guineapigs.org.uk - Save The Newchurch Guinea Pigs



Child and Animal Abuse... The Proven Link

"Every serial killer in the UK this century started as an animal abuser and we ignore that fact at our own peril," - Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The link between the abuse of animals and abuse of children although dismissed by many involved in the animal exploitation industries can now be backed up by hard scientific facts and evidence. Numerous studies have now shown that those who abuse animals are more likely to at some point shift this abuse onto people. This link which has always seemed obvious to animal liberationists, can now not be ignored.

"They who delight in the suffering and destruction of inferior creatures, will not be apt to be very compassionate or benign to those of their own kind." - John Locke

In 1980 a study aided by the RSPCA found that of 23 animal abusing families participating in the study, 82% were also known to the social services department and 60% were known to the probation service. These families were described as having children at risk, or there had indicators of neglect or physical abuse. A similar study was then carried out in the states where it was found that of 53 families being treated by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, for incidents of child abuse, animal abuse had occurred in 88%. Two thirds of the pets were abused by fathers and one third were abused by the children. These and other important studies gave rise to the observations that.

a.) Aggressive acts against animals can be an early diagnostic indicator of future psychopathology, which, if unrecognised and untreated, may escalate in range and severity against other victims. FBI research found substantial rates of severe animal abuse in childhood and adolescence in a sample of serial sexual homicide perpetrators. The suspicion is that animal abuse may be a form of rehearsal for human directed violence.

b.) Exposure to animal abuse desensitises children to violence. This desensitisation may come through individual traumatic acts against animal companions, or through cultural conditioning.

c.) Acts of animal abuse may be used in order to coerce, control, and intimidate battered women and their children to remain in, or be silent about, abusive situations.

d.) The need for high level of supervision, activity, noise, resistant or destructive behaviours and toileting accidents can trigger abuse of both children and animals in circumstances where

the caregivers have difficulties in responding to these demands. Pioneers in this field argue that animal abuse should not be regarded as an isolated incident with only an animal victim but rather as an unrecognised component of family violence.

"Animals and children have one thing in common - they're both easily hurt. Maltreatment of animals in a family can sound a warning bell that children are also at risk. We need to recognise the cruelty connection." - Mary Marsh, director and chief executive of the NSPCC

Further research has unsurprisingly concluded that boys are more likely to harm animals than are girls (how many female butchers do you see?) and that more 'animal-friendly' education is required, as this is seen as the best way to effect change in children who harm animals... Educate to liberate! It has also been emphasised that child support/social service agencies should consider the inclusion of animal abuse in their risk assessment programmes.

"It's pretty revolting and no one really wants to talk about it, but cruelty to animals, if accompanied by a sexual interest in animals, is a high-risk indicator of a future sex offender." - Dr Eileen Vizard, a child psychiatrist from the NSPCC Young Abusers Project

With the place of animal cruelty in the so-called "chain" of child abuse now being widely recognised, thankfully more links are being made between child and animal support agencies. We however suggest a more radical and effective but long term solution, as we can see that man's insensitivity towards non-human animal life is a result of our use of huge numbers of animals tortured, killed, eaten and enslaved to maintain our current society. We have become blind and numb to this slaughter and now accept it as normality. Is it any wonder that being brought up thinking it is acceptable to feast upon flesh sliced from animals bred in dingy factory farms makes us cold to the feelings of animals in general?

We propose that a society following a vegan diet would not only be healthier and far less environmentally damaging but would become more compassionate and caring. Veganism encourages us to see that animals aren't simply there to be used and abused but have as much right to live as human-animals, they should be liberated from the torment that is human society. As more and more members of each generation turn away from the violence of a meat based diet so levels of abuse and aggression in our society will decrease.

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OUR TIME IS DRAWING NEAR







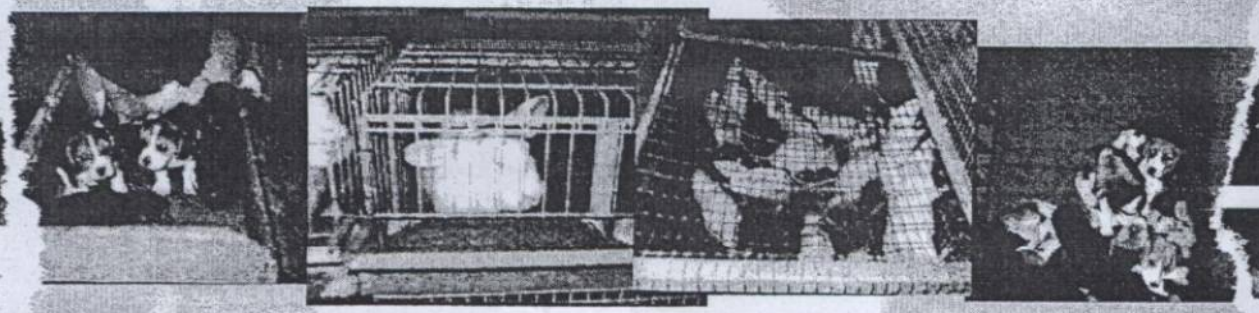


Animal Liberation Italian Style - The Morini Farm Campaign



In the night of saturday 19 of july we threw molotovs at delivery company Traini & Torresi in Segrate (Milano) collaborators of torture and death of thousands animals coming from the horrible Morini farm...

Morini farm has been in existance since 1973 and is one of Europes largest lab animal breeders. At the moment it imprisons more than 600 beagles plus hundreds of guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, mice and hamsters. Morini also produces lab animal food, sawdust and cages for rodents. This hellhole is owned by Giovanna Soprani and her daughters Marta and Rita.



The campaign against Morini farms inspired by similar ones in the UK against the notorious Consort Beagle, Shamrock Monkey, Regal Rabbits and Hillgrove Cat breeding centres was kick started by an audacious raid by the Italian ALF:

"On the night of 21st November 2002 we entered Morini Farm and freed 99 beagles. Photographic and video evidence was also taken to show the horrendous conditions in which the animals at the farm are forced to live: Rabbits in small cages not able to raise their heads, the rats in cramped, overcrowded cages, eating the corpsesof their companions, hundred of guinea-pigs in barren concrete pens, the dogs in concrete cells, forced to lie on top of one another in order to sleep and protect themselves from the cold and damp.

The torment for these animals begins at the breeding centre but the future for those who have the misfortune to survive is worse still: after tremendous travels, they arrive at the vivisection laboratories. Here various types of suffering and torture awaits them at the hands of the vivisector. These beautiful animals are killed for the benefit and profit of the multinationals of the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. Multinationals who do not mind blinding, poisoning, burning and intoxicating millions of animals in Italy in the search for money.

Hundreds and hundred of animals every year leave this breeding centre for laboratories in Italy and abroad. With this action we intended to break this cord that feeds the market of death. Our limititations unfortunately did not allow us to free all the hundreds of dogs, or the hundreds of guinea-pigs, rabbits, mice, rats and hamsters, but today a little light has been shone into the darkness. This is the first step in forcing the closure of the Morini breeding centre.

-Animal Liberation Front."



This was follwed by a massive national demonstration on December 7 (Giovanna's birthday), attended by 1500 protesters. Protests at the farm, to greet the workers also occur regularly. A further daring ALF raid was carried out a few days later to rescue some of the liberated beagles which had been recaptured by the authorities and were being held at a private house awaiting deportation back to the Morini hell-hole:

On december the 19th the ALF entered the house of a doghouse volunteer in Modena to liberate 5 beagle puppies that risked being sent to Morini farm. These 5 beagle puppies had been found on november 30 when someone called the police, thinking these young beagle s could be part of the 99 beagles liberated on November 21. The dogs had no tattoo, so the judge ordered a DNA analysis to know if they were from Morini farm. The dogs were waiting this analysis, that could have sent them back to the Morini hellhole. On the night of the 19th someone entered the house through a window, took away the dogs and spraypainted Sorry, ALF.

The campaign has put pressure on farm collaborators and customers. As a result many companies have dumped Morini including all pet magazines and websites, hunting magazines, their ISP and a company that delivers their sawdust... This is just the beginning, we will close them down!

10 August – Morini farm owners car torched using gasoline and 2 camping gas cans.

22 August – Morini accountants get a visit: paintbombs thrown, locks glued and glass all over their parking lot.

27 August – Arco Spedizioni, transport company delivering Morini food to labs, gets paintbombed and locks glued.

2 September – Arco Spedizioni visited again with paint and locks

16 September – A Marine research center using Morini rats for vivisection gets 3 gates locked and slogans spray painted

27 September – Arco Spedizioni visited for the third time in a month with more paint and locks glued

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The hypocrisy of their war...

...Iraq would make deals to avoid war, including helping in the Mideast peace process. "He said, if this is about oil, we will talk about U.S. oil concessions,"... "If it is about the peace process, then we can talk. If this is about weapons of mass destruction, let the Americans send over their people. There are no weapons of mass destruction." ... "Americans could send 2000 F.B.I. agents to look wherever they wanted," ... the United States seemed adamant that Saddam Hussein give up power... But Iraq could agree to hold elections within the next two years... *Extract from last minute secret negotians between Iraq and America quoted from NY Times 6/11/03 Negotiations rebuffed by the folks whose "first choice is never war."*

"He has not developed any significant capability with respect to weapons of mass destruction. He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbours." Colin Powell 24 February 2001

"The Iraqi regime militarily remains fairly weak. It doesn't have the capacity it had eleven or twelve years ago. It has been contained." Colin Powell 15 May 2001

"We are able to keep arms from him. His military forces have not been rebuilt." Condoleeza Rice 29th July 2001

When will we all finally see through their lies? They call us violent yet we scream for peace. They call us terrorists yet we only wish for all life to live in freedom. They lock us up whilst they continue to rape, plunder and kill... We dream of the day when life is placed above profit. We fight for that day. Fighting the only war worth fighting - the war for total earth and animal liberation. With strong hearts and clear minds we are prepared to put our lives and liberty on the line to destroy this corrupt, hypocritical system. No retreat, no surrender.

Direct Action Update

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X EAST GERMAN
VEGAN STRAIGHT
EDGE X

I. Are you able to give an introduction to the band and the message you spread?

OK. This band exists since the winter of 1997/1998. It's André on vocals, Sebastian on guitar, Nick on drums, Marc on guitar and me, Tom, playing bass. We started the band for the love of music of course, but from the beginning we also wanted to spread a message, cause we thought that's what punk/ HC should all be about. We all played in different HC and punk bands in our area before, but all these bands didn't turn out right, so we came together and started to write some songs. We all were straight edge and vegan/ vegetarian at this time, and soon after forming the band, we became a 100% vegan straight edge band. So, we all knew what our message should be about. It should be a platform for our ideas. We always tried to explain these ideas, and to show people that there are enough other ways to live your life, than to just follow the mob.

2. How did your tour of South America go? Which countries did you visit and how big is the hardcore scene over there?

It was just incredible. I mean things over there are totally different and it was a great experience playing in front of these kids. They are totally devoted to the music and the message. We met a lot of crazy people there, with crossed machine guns tattooed on both hands. You don't see a lot of similar things here in Germany. And everybody was really nice to us and we had good time. The shows we played were just awesome. They were so full of passion, intensity and total fun. But during these two weeks we also saw some bad things like the poverty a lot of the Brazilian people have to deal with. This country is beautiful but it is also very poor.

The scene there is the strongest I've seen so far. We talked to a lot of kids and they handle the vegan straight edge nearly as a religious thing. It's kind of weird, because some of these kids don't have enough money to buy healthy food, but they won't give up veganism and they travelled for long distances just to see our shows. And that's such an honour. We also made a lot of friends over there, like Marcos and his family of course, but also some other nice people we are still in contact with...

3. How strong is the animal rights movement in Germany at the moment? Are you involved with the SHAC campaign against HLS? Are there any other major campaigns going on in Germany at the moment and how active is the German ALF?

Sadly the animal rights movement here isn't as big as it should be and I think it's also not so big as it used to be some years ago. it all broke apart a little bit. In the 80's we had a lot of autonomic anti-fascist groups, and most of them also came up with the animal liberation idea. So they lived in squats, they were vegan and they always included animal rights in their anti-fascist/ anti-capitalist campaigns. Nowadays these groups don't give a shit about animal rights anymore. We were part of an anti-fascist group some years ago, but things got worse day by day. We had

to explain why we wanted to do campaigns against animal abuse, we had to deal with new members who were meat eaters and finally we decided to leave this group cause we couldn t handle this ignorance against animal rights anymore At one of my last demonstrations against fascist violence, nearly the whole mob of demonstrators went to McDonalds afterwards That was the turning point for us (at this time nearly the whole band)... These groups talk about revolution and they don t give a fuck about animal rights They are the ones who now label MAROON a fascist band, just because of the fact we are vegan That s crazy Of course there are some people that left these groups and started to make their own stuff.

We were part of a benefit show for the SHAC some months ago, and it was a real success. A lot of people showed up, a lot of activities were organised, they showed films, people talked and they got some money... but there is nearly no campaign for animal rights here, except the ones from the public organisations. And I have to admit, that I m not very into this organisation stuff. We try to do our own thing. There are a lot of smaller direct action groups, who do some actions all over the country...

4. What s the vegan straightedge movement like in Germany? Are there many people/bands involved? From the photo in your Antagonist album it looks as if you ve got a pretty big crew

It s pretty different from area to area. In West Germany there are some vegan people left from the 80 s, but they re mostly into alternative lifestyle and not straight edge. But I respect these people, cause they are vegan now for so many years But the new kids mostly don t want to talk about abstinence or animal liberation. There was a big movement in the mid-nineties, but most of them have sold out now. Today it s more important to look good and to get some girls. Of course there are some exceptions, but sadly there are not many In East Germany the situation is a bit different. Everything is kind of fresh and new. As we started being straight edge, about 10 years ago, we were nearly the only ones in our area. Everybody was punk and there were maybe 10 straight edge kids around our hometown Nordhausen That s not that much We then started the band and also did something nobody really knew at this time. We were the first band in our area that didn t play punk and the first who made it out of Nordhausen. So some time after forming the band and playing some shows more and more kids became straight edge and vegan, and most of them still are We played all over the country, and we played a lot of shows in the eastern part of Germany. We met a lot of people then who were also vegan straight edge and some of them you can see in our CD... but I think the scene is getting smaller everyday. A lot of people sold out, those with the biggest mouth are now the ones who do nothing else than drinking and eating meat again. It s sad but it still goes on. Still people are selling out, mostly young kids who were vegan straight edge for about a year

5. Do you think the increasingly repressive laws against animal and earth activists will effect the movement at all?

Honestly, I think so. It s sad but these laws, which are so hard and unjust, keep a lot of people away from doing something. I think in the UK it s even harder, because the punishment and the persecution of animal rights activists is way harder than here in Germany. But the police here also has an eye on the animal rights movement. In our hometown, for example we always get a call from the police to show up at the department



if something happened that could be pined to the animal rights movement. So if something happens we are the first at the police station That is just persecution They have our CDs, our lyrics and already called some kids and asked them about us. They showed up on some of our shows and every one of us was already arrested for something. But they could never proof anything I think it s very hard to go on with something if you get arrested every week or if you re being bugged when you telephone I know some people who cannot speak on the telephone without being bugged That could be very hard in your everyday life. Sometimes they also try to fuck you at a normal vehicle spot-check if they know you If you have to deal with this for years than it would be just normal if you give up Fortunately we don t have to deal with something like that. They still have an eye on the band and on the things we say, but in our private life we don t have any trouble very often... in our song RESULT OF REPRISAL from our first MCD I also thought about that situation.

What would you do if you know that you can go to jail for a long time if you do a direct action? It s really hard and I respect everybody who doesn t care about the laws. But I also think some actions are really safe, so you also can do something without the fear of being arrested, but everybody should decide on their own What we do is speak and sing about the problems we see. But we also have to realise that they mostly just want to intimidate you They already arrested us for some things that happened, but they had to let us go, cause they had nothing they could use against us They just wanted to intimidate us They wanted us to go out and forget about animal rights But we have to keep on fighting If it is with words, like MAROON does or by other means as some others may do

6. When s the new Maroon album [illegible] can we expect more vegan straightedge militance?

We will go in the studio at the end of [illegible] and the new album is planned to be out sometime in April or May. The album will be entitled MISANTHROPIC HATE CAMPAIGN and will come out at ALVERAN RECORDS. This time we also want to release the album outside of Europe around the same date. LIBERATION RECORDS will release it in South America and we also have someone for Japan and the US. This time there will also be a limited number of vinyl of the new album. But until then there is still a lot of work to do... We don t want to do the same things on every album, so on the new album there won t be the same stuff as on the last one. We developed musically and we also will look on other things lyrically. Of course there will be lyrics about veganism and the exploitation of animals, but maybe not that obvious as on ANTAGONIST. We don t want to do ANTAGONIST No. 2

On the new album we will more concentrate on the misanthropy that we all feel. I think that the human being is the root of all evil and I slowly lost my faith in the human race. We tried to talk to people about veganism again and again, but most of them just looked away and laughed. I think people are so fucking ignorant and that makes me really angry I get sick when I am walking through the streets of Germany. Seeing all those fools who don t care about anything In Germany you have to search for something to eat if you are vegan, while you can get meat on every fucking supermarket for a few cents That s ridiculous If we are on tour here, we have to eat bread without anything, because it s very hard to find something vegan on the road And all of this makes us just fucking angry And this anger is the topic of our new album We are sick of talking to

walls. And we are sick of tolerating everything. I hate being at a show where they are selling meat. What the fuck? You know? And I say that I hate most of the fucking people that walk around in this country. So, I'd rather be alone, or together with my girlfriend and my closest friends who are all vegan. Or walk the dog somewhere in the nature where it is quiet and free from people. I hate big cities and places that are filled with people, cause i hate their fucking ignorance. There's more in life than going to work and have party. We all share this feeling and it grew stronger throughout the last years. So the lyrics automatically went into this misanthropic direction...

7. What bands are you listening to at the moment? Do you have a favourite vegan straightedge band? Which bands have influenced you the most?

Me, personally? I listen to the same stuff that I used to listen to for years. I'm totally crazy about MORRISSEY, that's the only artist I listen to everyday. I collect everything that has something to do with him or THE SMITHS. I now do listen more to alternative stuff like R.E.M. or AFI. But I still listen to the records I grew up with, like old school death metal or some punk stuff, and I think the one thing we all listen to is death and thrash metal, and of course EARTH CRISIS. We all love this band and we respect them a lot. We had the chance to play with them before they split and we are still friends and e-mail from time to time. This band is a fucking phenomena. Lyrically they are a big influence, but musically old thrash and death metal had a huge impact on maroon, cause we grew up with this stuff.

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8. Veganism or straightedge, which is most important to you?

I think veganism. You know, straight edge is very important to all of us and we all believe it is something more than just a personal choice, but in the end it mostly just effects your own body. So, veganism is way more. It is not something that you could see as a personal thing, it is definitely not. Veganism is a way to protect innocent animals from being slaughtered and tortured. And therefor it is so much more than a diet choice. We are all straight edge for a long time now and I still believe in it's revolutionary power, but being not straight edge doesn't mean that you hurt somebody else. But being not vegan does mean that you (at least indirectly through your consumption of animal products) hurt and kill another creature. You can't say it's a personal choice.

If you kill a human being no fucking court in the world would say your innocent just because you tell them that it was your personal choice to kill this person. I know that a lot of people think the comparison between animals and humans isn't justified, but I think it's nearly the same situation. To me MEAT IS MURDER. And there can be no reason to doubt this fact. So, where is the difference between killing a fucking human and killing an animal? I don't see any difference, and that's why I think veganism is more than a personal choice, and eating meat or torturing and killing an animal should be a punishable act as well as it is if it's done towards a human being. So, to me both is very important and it became a big part of my life through the years, but if I could convince someone only of one thing, veganism or straight edge, I surely would do my best to convince them to be vegan.







9. Do you have anything to say to those who have broken the XveganX oath?

It s their decision, but to me they lost their face and betrayed themselves. They are now those people they once despised the most And that s just ridiculous To them it was just a fucking trend and they won t get any respect or understanding from me To me those people are just miserable fools Fuck them

IO. Can violence against those who are raping and killing our earth be justified?

That s a hard question, and it s even harder for me to answer it the way I might want to. I believe, and I m not speaking for the whole band, that violence is never justified and should be the last solution. But it depends on the situation. I don t know how to react, when I see someone torturing an animal to death... to be honest, I know what I would do, and that s something I couldn t resist, cause it s a normal reaction if you feel compassion. I hope you know what I mean

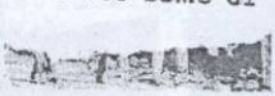
Try to imagine the following situation: you witness a situation in a vivisection lab. You see now a beautiful dog is chained to a table and someone is hammering something on the dog s face till blood comes out of it s nose. And that s a situation from reality. Vivisectionists do stuff like that, to check what effects it has on the brain of the dog. Now imagine you had the chance to stop the Vivisectionist by violent means. What would you do? I think you know the answer To me that would be some kind of self- defence. Anyone who can stand seeing an animal being tortured to death without feeling the urge to help this animal, is cold and inhumane

It s hard to say if violence is justified or not it always depends on the situation. I think there is a thin line between senseless violence and somehow justified violence. If you see a woman getting raped it s your goddamned duty to help this woman by all means necessary. Nobody would condemn you for doing that. And it s the same when you see an animal being tortured, it s your duty to try to help this innocent animal. If you see something unjust, it should always be your duty to help, at least try to help by calling the police or something. Looking away is criminal But I want to make sure again, that neither me nor MAROON wants to encourage people to do any violent activity

II. Thanks for doing this interview. Any last words to fuel the fire of liberation?

Thanx for doing this interview, it was a pleasure to answer. Thanx for your interest in the band. Don t give up the struggle for those who cannot fight for themselves, no matter how hard it may be sometimes. Always remember you re doing a good thing. Respect to all the animal rights activists and all the freedom fighters around the world, especially to those who were locked up and oppressed by the state for their passionate fight and who are now forced to live a part of their live in prison, without being able to be around with the ones they love It s sad to see that sometimes the wrong people go to jail and those who would deserve it still run free. MAROON will come to the UK next year, hope to see some of you at a show... stay true




Crack used to quieten the American civil rights/Black Panther movement
Gin used to subdue the urban working class of the industrial revolution
LSD used to placate the hippy movement
Alcohol used to weaken the struggles of indigenous Americans
Notice a pattern?

Drunk driving. Drug rapes. Excuse for domestic abuse. Violence. Disease. Weakness. Addiction. Boredom. Selfish escapism. Diversion from the goal of total liberation. Supporting of corporations / drug lords / corrupt regimes. Wasted days. Wasted resources. Unthinking conformity. Suppression of true emotions. Self-hatred. Guilt. Remorse. Grief.
And still you ask why???
When will we finally break free from this self-destruction?

X brewing nothing but trouble - no cocktail but the Molotov cocktail X
Vegan Straightedge warriors forward to battle - our minds are free and clear. we will not fail.

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The Zapatistas outlaw drug use in their camps because they see how those in power use it to keep them away from freedom."


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