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FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION



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Arkangel Editorial

The Animal Liberation Movement is still in its infancy but, against all the odds, continues to save animals from abuse, horror and murder.

For every single animal saved, a success has been achieved, and for every animal abuse establishment closed down, whether it be a fur shop, butchers or lab, an overwhelming sense of success has been realised. The Animal Liberation Movement is here to stay and will continue to build upon these successes.

Animal abuse, most of it legalised by immoral and corrupt governments, is continuing to be attacked by a wide-ranging movement consisting of local animal rights groups, national organisations, rescue groups and hard-hitting groups such as the Animal Liberation Front, the Animal Rights Militia and the Justice Department.

The animal exports protests have brought a largely fragmented movement together with ordinary members of the public at a time when the eating of animal flesh and the consumption of dairy products is in decline. The Vegan Society has been inundated with requests for information,

and veganism itself is no longer seen as the lifestyle of the weird few.

Arkangel magazine plays a central role in reporting successes achieved by our strong and committed movement. Our role is to report, not to pass judgement, and to inspire a movement which can only go from strength to strength. We must win the hearts and minds of those who choose to ignore the holocaust sweeping through the animal world, and we must teach by example those still unaware.

Those who choose to ignore the horrors of animal abuse in favour of financial gain or status will no doubt continue to be targeted by direct action until they can no longer wreak havoc upon defenceless animals. Animal Liberation is being achieved on a day-to-day basis and on an international level. With the power of compassion and a strength of purpose we can secure a safe future for animals everywhere.

Remember, Animal Liberation is an achievable reality, not an impossible dream.



On the 3rd of October 1994, the London Anti-Fur Campaign began picketing 'Noble Furs of Regent Street' every day the shop was open. Harassment and intimidation from the police, the Noble brothers and their cronies started straight away. It wasn't difficult to see what side the majority of the police were on (surprise, surprise) as they sat inside the fur shop smoking, drinking coffee and generally having a good time with the charming Noble brothers.

The police enjoyed their power trip immensely, threatening to arrest protesters for the most ludicrous things and changing their own rules when they felt like it. For example, looking at fur-wearers or even the police were deemed arrestable offences.

The Nobles had obviously never taken any lessons on shop decor or window dressing; the displays looked as if they were still the originals from 1949 when the business was started.

The "Close Down Noble Furs" Campaign

by Sophie H

Early on in the campaign, details of the Nobles' financial situation were obtained from Companies House, which showed a disastrous looking decline in sales and a rapidly diminishing bank balance. These documents also gave names and addresses of the company directors and secretaries, and periodic home visits were paid to let them know what we thought of their business.

The protesters retained their good humour throughout, helped by great support from the public. The final picket, by which time rumours that the shop was closing were rife, was on the 28th January 1995. The following day, a Sunday, an LAFC supporter filmed the shop being cleared of all fittings.

However, the Nobles have not yet been put out of business completely. They have retreated to the glamorous setting of an alley near their old shop. This is mainly a repair business where they are unlikely to attract passing trade. LAFC is now picketing another two of London's remaining fur shops, one is rumoured to be closing, the other is for sale.

Local Group Reports

ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMBRIDGE

74 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QA

Animal Rights Cambridge has been actively supporting the recent protests against the live export trade and have been demonstrating in Harwick and Kings Lynn. Last summer, they were at Portsmouth and at the vigil at Dover where they took part in a 24 hour fast to show solidarity with the animals. They collected more than 500 signatures from the people of Cambridge who said that they would not travel on any ferry taking live animals. They have also been campaigning at the Huntingdon Research Centre camp and have done various farm inspections locally and they have protested at Linton Zoo.

They are also campaigning against the makers of Premarin, a hormone replacement drug which is taken cruelly from the urine of pregnant mares. They recently had a slot on Cambridge Community radio. The group has started collecting signatures to send to the Manitoban Government and Wyeth-Ayerst in Philadelphia.

Animal Rights Cambridge meets at 8.00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CHESTERFIELD

c/o M.A.R.G, PO Box 39, Mansfield

Animal Rights Chesterfield have produced a leaflet asking people to think carefully about the expense and work involved in keeping a pet. They advise people to obtain pets from sanctuaries and not from pet shops which only encourages the breeding of animals. They also inform people of the cruelty involved in bringing exotic animals such as monkeys and wild birds into this country. Every year millions of these animals are brought into this country thus endangering wild populations. The capture and transport involves terrible cruelty and suffering and thousands die. For a copy of the leaflet, please write to the above address.

ANTI-SHAMROCK CAMPAIGN

PO Box 307, Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex

A 30 minute video has been produced featuring monkey trapping in the wild, scenes from inside Shamrock Farm and footage of the campaign. It is available for £6

including postage and packing. (See Campaigns Update)

ASHFORD ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

PO Box 33, Ashford, Kent TN24 8ZZ

The Ashford Animal Rights Campaign is a new venture which has been established to campaign against a wide range of animal cruelty and exploitation, in and around Ashford and throughout Kent.

They are planning to hold photographic inspections of hunting, angling, trapping, abattoirs, intensive farms and laboratories. They hope to be able to provide photographic materials for the animal rights movement for newsletters, leaflets, etc and would like to hear from anyone who could provide them with a camera, film, video recording equipment, etc. They also plan to hold regular high street

stalls to supply free information to the public about the abuse of animals and hope to provide a support network for all local vegetarians and vegans. Donations for campaigning welcome.

AVON VEGANS

c/o Karma Cottage, 3 The Rock, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4PU

Avon Vegans has been set up as part of the South West Region Vegetarian Coalition initiative. The primary aim of Avon Vegans is to unite and socially interact with vegans throughout Avon. The group will also look at campaigning if members wish to do so. Please write to the above address, enclosing an SAE for more information and details of how to join.

BANGOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (BAR)

c/o The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd, North Wales

BAR is a newly formed group who would like to hear from anyone in the area interested in animal rights. For details of meetings, etc, please write to the address above. They would also like to hear from other groups in Wales and North West England with a view to supporting each other's actions.

BARNET ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

PO Box 76, Barnet, Herts EN4 9AW

BARG primarily covers the Barnet and Finchley areas.



They hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm at the Quaker Meeting House, 58 Alexandra Grove, West Finchley, London N12, usually with a video presentation or discussion, and the occasional guest speaker. In March, they held a special video presentation on vegan nutrition. Regular leafleting sessions are held on a Saturday morning in Barnet or Finchley. New supporters are always welcome.

BELFAST ANIMAL RIGHTS
PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ
(0232) 314076

Belfast Animal Rights are at present involved in a campaign to try to stop live exports from Belfast International Airport at Aldergrove where calves and pigs are currently being flown abroad on Balkan-Air Airlines.

The group held a street collection in November and there were also collections in Lisburn and Belfast in December for the Bright Eyes Animal Sanctuary. Belfast Animal Rights produces a very informative newsletter called Ermintrude.

B.H.S.A.
c/o PO Box 355,
Basingstoke

Past activities have included letters of protests to holiday companies which promote hunt meets. For details of current events, please contact above address.

**CAMBRIDGE
 UNIVERSITY
 ANIMAL RIGHTS
 GROUP**

This group is pleased to announce growing support and increased activity over the last year.

CAT CONCERN (and other Animals)
PO BOX 234, Hounslow TW3 2QG

In the last year over 200 animals have been rescued, homed, treated for illness and/or neutered and spayed. 17 homes act as foster homes for rescues. The group continues to accept gifts of tins and biscuits from the public. Strict checks are carried out by volunteers before an animal is rehomed with a new owner. For further details, please contact the above address.

C H SABS / LAKELAND ANIMAL AID
PO Box 83, Carlisle, Cumbria

C H Sabs hold regular stalls and have been collecting signatures for the National Anti-Hunt Petition. Lakeland Animal Aid have held demos against Boots and circuses and the group are continuing to hold demos against

McDonalds. Local group stalls are proving to be successful.

CLAW
Societies Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh

This is an animal rights group at Edinburgh University which wants to run a campaign to publicise what really goes on in the research laboratories at the university. They would like to hear from anyone who has any information of research being carried out at the university and would also like to receive advice on how to tackle a campaign of this sort. Please write to them at the above address.

**CLOSE DOWN LEYDEN STREET
 CHICKEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE**
(East London)

The campaign against Leyden Street chicken slaughterhouse continues - battery hens are kept there in cramped conditions awaiting a cruel end. A picket is held outside Leyden Street Slaughterhouse on the first and third Sunday of every month. They meet at Liverpool Street Underground / British Mainline station at the main entrance between 10.45 and 11.00am. Supporters welcome.

CVS
25 Sunbridge Road,
Bradford, Yorkshire

A march and rally was held last November by CVS against the last Arctic Fox farm in Britain operating at Scholemoor in Bradford. In the UK, no licence is required to farm foxes and anyone can

legally slaughter the animals without qualifications or experience. The march set off from Brackenhill Park and a rally took place at Bradford University with speakers from both local and national organisations. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

**DARTMOOR BADGERS PROTECTION
 LEAGUE (DBPL)**
Riverside Cottage, Poundsgate, Newton Abbot,
Devon TQ13 7NV
0626 773744

The Dartmoor Badgers Protection League is asking people to write to their MP's calling for a complete halt to badger killing by the Ministry of Agriculture. They also recently protested against South West Water's plans to construct an access road through woods in Dartmouth which would destroy some badger setts and put others in peril. This project was postponed by South West Water, but unfortunately South Hams District Council has now stepped in and they are keen to build a massive road cutting immediately above the badger setts, depositing



hundreds of tons of earth on the setts themselves. They are asking people to write letters of objection to the Chief Planning Officer at Devon County Council.

DBPL urgently needs volunteer badger guards to patrol badger setts on South Eastern Dartmoor and at Dartmouth.

Annual subscriptions £2, members receive a quarterly newsletter.

DARTMOOR LIVESTOCK PROTECTION SOCIETY (DLPS)

*The Old Mill, Charlecombe, Combeinteignhead,
Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 4RE*

This organisation was formed to help ponies, sheep and cattle in distress on Dartmoor and in the markets where they are sold. They send help to animals injured in road traffic accidents. It is hoped that now the Blackdown fencing is complete that there will be a reduction in the number of these accidents. DLPS also runs a campaign to try to stop people dumping their rubbish on the moor as animals can get caught up in wire or cut themselves on glass. For further details please write to the above address.

DEVON VEGANS (Campaigns Unit) c/o The Old Forge, Throwleigh EX20 2HS

This group has now finished as the organiser has moved to Rugby. The group, despite being a very small one, managed to run some successful campaigns. Four members of DV succeeded in preventing the Plymouth City Council putting ferrets down rabbit warrens to control rabbit populations. DV's anti-wool leaflet was much in demand by CALF and CIWF. Their anti-plastic ring campaign, launched by two people, led to a number of national organisations joining the campaign and some supermarkets subsequently sold cans bound in card rather than plastic. Also the DV's Fish Freedom Campaign led to a letter being read out on the BBC's Points of View programme.

FIGHT AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY IN EUROPE (FAACE)

*29 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AB
Tel: 0704 535922 Fax: 0704 546384*

This group incorporates the ABA - Anti-Bullfighting Agency and campaigns against bloodsports in Europe such as Bullfighting which is subsidised by the EU. They also campaign against Blood Fiestas which involve the torture of many cattle, goats, pigs, donkeys, dogs, cats and birds during public holidays in Spain. They ask people to write to their MP's to campaign against barbaric practices abroad. FAACE has a large library of video footage and stills, and campaigns by lobbying to bring pressure to bear

on the Spanish government through the European Parliament, embassies, churches, etc. Donations welcome.

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS (FAUNA) PO Box 156, Cardiff, South Wales CF5 5YD

FAUNA is campaigning to make Cardiff City Council ban angling on the Roath Park lake, where many birds have become entangled in discarded and broken fishing line. Previous successful campaigns have included a plan to introduce ostrich farming in Penmark being rejected by councillors, who refused planning permission after reading FAUNA's detailed letters on the cruelty involved.

FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS c/o 70 High Street, Leicester LE1 5YP

Stalls are held three times a week in Leicester city centre. The group raises public awareness on veganism. Local demos against Boots, McDonalds and butchers are organised. A foster home has been set up for homeless dogs, cats, mice, etc. It neuters and spays animals and organises home checks. The group is run by vegans but anyone is welcome to assist them in their work.



HERTFORDSHIRE ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6LU

HARC is run by the same people involved in the National Anti-Hunt Petition which now has over a quarter of a million signatures, and hunt bans have been secured in Somerset, Hampshire and Leicestershire.

HUNTINGDON ANIMALS RIGHTS PO Box 83, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 9HD

This is a new animal rights group and if anyone is interested, please contact the above address.

I.O.W. ANIMAL PRESERVATION AND ACTION GROUP

*Little Spinney, Solent Road, Cranmore, Yarmouth,
Isle of Wight PO41 0XY*

This group produces Preserve, an informative bulletin. For further details contact the above address.

LONDON ANIMAL ACTION 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London N1 9DX 0171 837 7557

London Animal Action was formed in September 1994 as an amalgamation of three London-wide organisations:

London Boots Action Group, London Animal Rights Coalition, and London Anti-Fur Campaign. Activists within them thought it was unnecessary to have three largely overlapping groups and instead decided to build a united front to combat all animal abuse.

The first campaign we launched was called Fur Free London, an attempt to rid the city of the last few remaining fur shops by picketing them until they close. As our first target we chose Noble Furs in Regent Street, one of the busiest shopping areas. This shop had been picketed on and off for over two years and was known to be in financial trouble. We are pleased to say the campaign succeeded as the shop closed down at the end of January after four months of daily demonstrations. We are now going on to picket other fur shops and anyone wishing to get involved should ring the hotline number below.

The weekly pickets of Boots the Chemist in Camden Town, North London, initiated by LBAG in January 1992 are continuing. Although Boots have said they are selling their prescription drugs division to BASF, the deal has not gone through yet so we still see them as a legitimate target. These demos take place every Sunday at 173 Camden High Street, NW1 from 2.30 - 5.00 pm.

LAA has been involved in other campaigns too. In November 1994 we picketed the Smithfield Livestock Show at Earls Court (this demo was organised throughout the 1980's by the Vegetarian Society and attracted large numbers but was inexplicably dropped a couple of years ago), and the Research Defence Society's AGM.

Since the beginning of the year we have been participating in the large number of live export demos throughout the country, set up a Live Exports Hotline to let people know what's happening, and organised transport from the London area.

We now have our own office which we share with London Greenpeace. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre, 1a Rosebery Avenue, London EC1. These meetings are where we plan our campaigns and are open to anyone who shares our aims. Contact: London Animal Action, 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, N1 1DX. Tel: 0171 837 7557. Fur Free London Hotline: 0171 281 8815, Live Exports Hotline 0181 205 0456.

LONDON VEGANS

7 Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middx HA8 9BE

London Vegans organise various socials, catering and information stalls throughout the London area. Regular meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) at the Millman Street Community Rooms, WC1. London Vegans produce a brilliant mailout list on the activities taking place up and down the country.

MIDLANDS ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (M.A.R.C.)

PO Box 43, Dudley, West Midlands DY3 3DL

M.A.R.C. is growing as a true coalition and is finding it very productive working with other groups. They have recently been joined by Wolverhampton Hunt Sabs, the Birmingham Animal Rights Campaigns Group, Dudley Animal Concern, Walsall Animal Rights and Wyre Forest Animal Concern. Two local universities have AR/Green groups which have expressed an interest in joining. They are also launching a new leaflet on the exotic meat trade which includes ostrich and bison meat.

NEWCASTLE ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION

PO Box 1JY, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1JY

Please write to the above address for further information.

NORTH WEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST BLOOD SPORTS

PO Box 292, Manchester M60 4DJ



The group organised a protest against The Waterloo Cup, the premier event in the Hare Coursing calendar, in February. This cruel event is normally attended by 2,000 people who go along to watch greyhounds coursing and ripping apart hares. The hare is currently on the threatened list and the group would like to see this kind of event banned. Please write for details of future campaigns.

NORTH WEST VEGGIES CATERING

**PO Box 38, Manchester M60 1NX
(061 953 4039)**

North West Veggies work along the same line as the original Veggies, providing great food at assorted Animal Rights and Green events. They would be happy to hear from anyone planning an event either in the North West, or a larger event in the North of England.

PRESTON ACTION FOR ANIMALS

PO Box 385, Ashton, Preston PR2

If anyone in the Preston area is interested in the group's activities, please contact them at the above address.

THE REPTILE PROTECTION TRUST

**College Gates, 2 Deansway, Worcester WR1 2JD
0483 417550**

The Reptile Protection Trust is seeking to ban the trade in pet turtles and terrapins. They would also like to see an

end to the rattlesnake roundups which are annual festivities taking place in the southern states of the USA, in particular, Texas and Oklahoma. The rattlesnakes are taken from the wild by cruel methods and are then used in barbaric entertainments for the public.

The RPT lobbies relevant authorities internationally and engages in public education. To receive a copy of the fact sheet and booklet 'Reptiles: Misunderstood, Mistreated and Mass-Marketed', please send a cheque for £2.30 to the above address.

SHEFFIELD NEUTERING AND SPAYING SCHEME

**193 Firth Park Road, Sheffield S5 6WU
0742 420434**

This is a new group in the Sheffield area aiming to promote neutering and spaying through education and also to help people on low incomes or state benefits with the cost of getting their animals neutered/spayed. They also undertake some rescue work. They raise funds by doing car boot sales, and any saleable goods or donations are always welcome.

SOLIHULL ANIMAL AID

**22 Warren Drive,
Dorridge, Solihull,
West Midlands B93 8JY
0564 776984**

Solihull Animal Aid organised a mass demonstration at Coventry (Baginton) Airport on 11th February to protest against live exports. The aim was to draw attention to Phoenix Aviation who have been flying week-old calves from the airport to France and Holland nearly every day. One thousand people from all over the country attended the demonstration.

Please write to the above address for further details.

SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (SEARC)

**19a Amherst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex
TN40 1QH**

An informative newsletter, The National Link, is available containing all the latest news. For more information, please write to SEARC.

**SOUTHEND ANIMAL AID
29 Cambridge Road, Southend-on-Sea,
Essex SS1 1ET**

Southend Animal Aid again organised the highly successful Earth First Exhibition in November. The aims

of the exhibition were to raise public awareness of environmental and animal protection issues and to promote the existence of local and national groups in the eyes of the public and to encourage them to take a more active role. There were guest speakers at the event and videos were shown.

Please write for further details.

SOUTH LONDON ANIMAL ACTION (SLAA)

PO Box 594, London SW9 8QG

This group used to be known as South London Animal Aid but has recently changed its name to avoid confusion with the Animal Aid organisation. SLAA members took part in leafleting sessions in December at London Bridge and Victoria Stations for a cruelty-free Xmas. In January, members attended the demos against live exports at Shoreham harbour and at Brightlingsea.

Other campaigns include an ongoing campaign against Battersea Park Zoo and a recent speaker at SLAA was Annette Andre from Zoo Check.



SLAA runs a catering service called the Green Marmoset Catering Company, for which volunteers are always welcome. Donations raised through the catering service were given to several animal welfare groups in 1994. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Deptford Cat Sanctuary - please write to SLAA for details.

SLAA meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm, at the Voltaire Room, Clapham Baths, 157 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4.

SOUTH WEST REGION VEGETARIAN COALITION

**c/o Devon Vegans, The Old Forge, Throwleigh,
Devon EX20 2HS**

This coalition is hoping to be able to unite vegetarian/vegan groups and contacts throughout the South West of England. They want to help, support and motivate vegetarians to get together, exchange campaign information and offer each other advice. The coalition uses the term vegetarian in the loosest form possible, as no groups will be excluded.

**STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS (SAR)
Box 6, Bowes Lyon House, St George's Way,
Stevenage, Herts SG1 1XY**

Stevenage Animal Rights produce a very informative newsletter. Previous editions have included a feature on

Glaxo's use of primates. SAR hold monthly demonstrations outside Glaxo in Stevenage. They would welcome volunteers for street stalls. Membership costs £4.50 (or a donation if you can't afford the fee) and includes the bi-monthly newsletter. They also have a range of T-shirts and badges available. A Cruelty Free Guide to cosmetics, household products and restaurants is also available.

**SURREY BADGER PROTECTION
SOCIETY**
0883 344662

This registered charity is affiliated to the National Federation of Badger Groups. A regular newsletter published by the SBPS is available to members.

SUTTON ANIMAL ACTION
33 Lower Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4QJ
0181 241 8674

Sutton Animal Action is run by active animal rights campaigners who seek to draw public awareness towards all aspects of cruelty in the area. They divide any profits from their stalls between local animal sanctuaries. Their main aim is to involve more people in sabbing and demonstrations.

**TAUNTON ANIMAL
RIGHTS**
PO Box 243, Taunton

T.A.R. also includes hunt sab groups. Regular meetings and town centre stalls are held. Recent demos include protests against Boots, McDonalds and Bristol Zoo. T.A.R. also joined up with HARC against hunting on council land and much public support has been gained.

WALSALL ANIMAL RIGHTS
0922 414885

Previous action has included a picket at the Home Office to protest against the trespass law against hunt sabs. Please phone for details of current activities.

WEST KENT HUNT SABS
TWK PO Box 263, Maidstone, Kent

The latest news is that Breach have just opened a shop in Maidstone. Their aim is to open a vegan cafe/bookshop upstairs, so any vegan food organisations are asked to contact Breach at the above address.

Four sabs were recently arrested by Maidstone Police for aggravated trespass.

For further details, please write to the above address.

WINCHESTER ANIMAL CONCERN
6 South Street, Ropley, Alresford, Hants

Previous activities have involved a march through the Winnal Industrial Estate in Winchester to the Webbs poultry slaughter and processing plant, which received good newspaper coverage. For details of latest events, please write to above address.

UNCAGED
14 Ridgeway Road, Sheffield S12 2SS

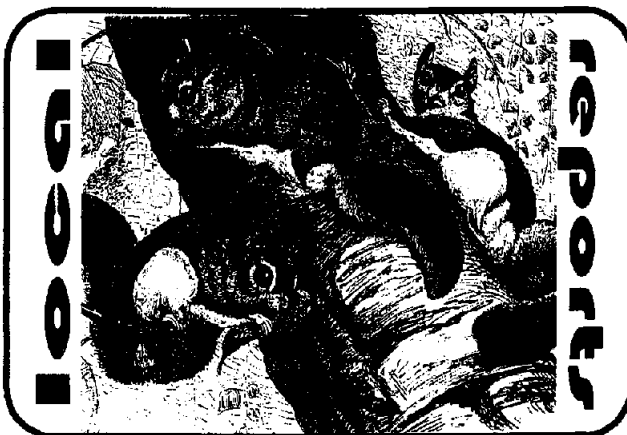
Uncaged are currently holding a campaign asking people to boycott Proctor and Gamble in a bid to stop the testing their products on animals - 50,000 animals die at the hands of Proctor and Gamble in America every year. Leaflets about this campaign listing which products to avoid are available at £5.00 per set of 100, as are postcards. A consumer guide on which companies do or do not test on animals is available for 50p.

YAA
Box 1760, Yeovil,
Somerset BA21 5PN
Tel: 0935 25195 &
0935 410535
Fax/Phone: 0722 327146

YAA are currently campaigning against Porton Down where animals are being experimented on with toxic gases resulting in death and serious illness. A £5 million extension has been granted which will add new laboratories and a new incinerating unit.

YAA will be holding a vigil camp from Sunday 16th April 1995, alongside the A30 London to Salisbury Road, ending with a protest march, leading off at 1400 hours, and presentation of petitions to the Porton Down Camp Senior Officer on Saturday 22nd April 1995.

YAA have produced a leaflet highlighting the charities, including the Leukaemia Research Fund, which fund animal-based research. Factsheets are available at a cost of £1 each.



Arkangel Magazine wants to make everyone aware of the ever-growing number of successes achieved by our movement, so please write in with details of what your group has been up to recently - campaigns, demos, stalls, petitions, or whatever!

Sanctuaries

CHIN UP SANCTUARY

Gwernalt Bungalow, Llanarmon, Chwilog,
Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL53 6SW
0766 810799 (8-10pm only)

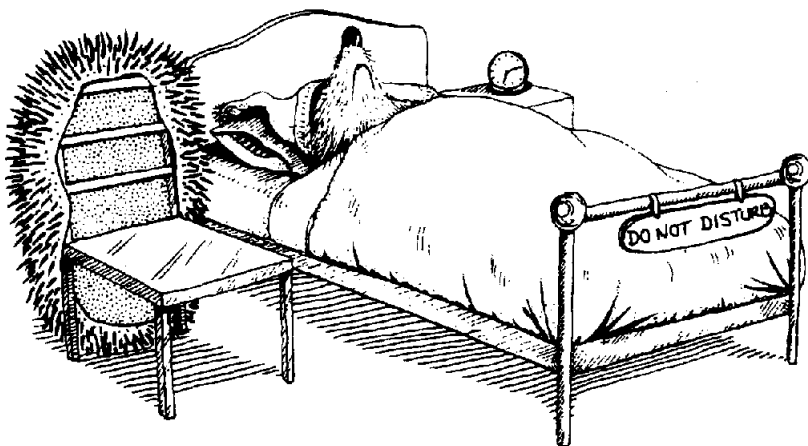
Lee Campbell founded Chin Up in 1991 after becoming aware of the plight of intensively farmed chinchillas bred in wretched conditions for the fur and pet trades. The sanctuary takes in sick, abused or unwanted chinchillas and legally rescued animals from these fur farms. Donations are desperately needed for feeding, housing and vet care for the many creatures in their keeping, and also to campaign against polygamous breeding of chinchillas and buying from pet shops. Free advice on chinchilla care is available plus a free fact sheet (S.A.E. appreciated).

TY AGORED ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Cribyn, Lampeter, Dyfed, Wales SA48 7NQ
0570 470589

Ty Agored Animal Sanctuary was founded in the early 1970's, and while growing in size and repute, its aims remain the same. These are: to rescue animals in need or in distress, to advocate the neutering and spaying of pet dogs and cats, and to re-home animals whenever possible. As Ty Agored does not destroy animals, except for the terminally ill or injured, there are always many animals needing good homes. No financial help is given from public funds and the sanctuary, a registered charity, depends on donations from its well-wishers, on fund-raising events, market stalls and the income from its charity shops. All these are organised and run by the sanctuary's founder, Barbara Packham, and her voluntary helpers who, with a small but efficient kennel-staff, do their best to ensure that countless animals are given a second chance.

Illustration by Guy Troughton (from the book "Hedgehogs" by Pat Morris)



THE PHYLLIS HARVEY HORSE AND DONKEY TRUST

"Tethers End", The Ring Road, Weetwood,
Leeds 16 (676122)

Heidi, a starved young pony; Bimbo and Jack Frost, donkeys saved from a slaughterer; Jeremiah, an abandoned foal; and Dante, a Shetland colt bought from a butcher, are just a few of the old, unwanted, mistreated and abandoned animals this charity gives refuge to. Although primarily a rescue centre for horses and donkeys, many other creatures are also given much needed help. The Trust never resorts to euthanasia unless advised to do so by their veterinary surgeons if they feel the quality of life has gone. All the rescued animals welcome visitors and can be sponsored for £5 each. Due to the high cost of feeding, stabling and veterinary treatment, finances are continually at a very low ebb, and the centre relies on donations and on holding Open Days, details of which can be obtained from the above address.

THE CAT AND RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham,
Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7RJ
0243 641409

"Giving the Living a Chance at Life" is the worthy motto of this charity who take in and re-home cats and rabbits. They offer advice and help on all aspects of cat and rabbit care. For general sanctuary and cat problems, please ring Monique on the above telephone number. For advice on the rabbit side of their work please ring Donna on 0903 755909. Started in 1986 this registered charity also tries to educate the public on the necessity of neutering and spaying pets and the humane control of feral colonies of cats. Visits are by appointment only and the centre is always in need of saleable goods for much needed funds.

CREATURES WILDLIFE CARE TRUST

11 Egham Crescent, North Cheam,
Surrey SM3 9AL : 081 395 8844

'Creatures' is a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre which cares for sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and birds. Each year they look after hundreds of patients ranging from hedgehogs and foxes to blackbirds and owls. Once fully fit, the patients are released back into the wild, and those that cannot be released are found suitable alternative accommodation. No

animal is ever turned away. One of the trust's objectives is to educate, and the founder, Kevin Ahronson, gives talks and slide-shows to all kinds of local groups. He also produces a regular wildlife column in the local newspaper. The trust wishes to expand with a new intensive care block which will house incubators, heated hospital cages and additional veterinary equipment. Long-term plans involve moving to a purpose-built hospital which will provide an opportunity to increase medical facilities and give additional housing for more casualties. Membership of Creatures Club is £12 for adults, £5 for children and OAP's, and family membership is £20 per year. Please write to the above address for details of volunteer work, membership, talks, or to make a donation.

CELIA HAMMOND ANIMAL TRUST

High Street, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6AG
0892 783367 / 783820

The Celia Hammond Trust is the only charity whose main objective is the establishment of low-cost spay clinics for dogs and cats. CHAT has just completed the purchase of the country's first low-cost neuter clinic in Lewisham, South London, which it hopes to open within the next few months. Two and a half million stray cats and dogs struggle to survive in the streets. To combat this national scandal, CHAT will arrange for two full-time vets to neuter one hundred and fifty dogs and cats a week, with two more operating tables available when staffing increases. A bitch spay will cost £20-£25, a cat spay will be £10. Eventually, CHAT plan a nationwide service of eight clinics and are heartened by the success of a Vancouver spay clinic who, after five years, achieved an 88% reduction in the destruction of unwanted animals, and a 61% reduction in cruelty cases. This can be achieved in the UK if funding can be found.

CHAT have moved their sanctuary with 340 cats, kittens, rescued dogs, six goats, and numerous ex-battery hens to Brede in Sussex. They also operate a rescue service and recently saved sixteen cats and kittens from a demolished building. Literature is available from their Wadhurst address. Over one hundred permanent sanctuary residents can be adopted either individually or as a group.

THE HAVEN ANIMAL CENTRE **S.O.S. FOAL AND EQUINE CENTRE**

Seymour Farm, Curland, Taunton,
Somerset TA3 5SD
0823 481220

Although currently setting up the sanctuary for rescued ponies, this centre is also trying desperately to expose the horrific treatment of thousands of British native ponies who are exported, under barbaric and cruel conditions, to the slaughterhouses of France, Italy and Belgium. They are collecting film and video evidence to aid their objectives which are; to save as many ponies as possible from death and give them a life of ease at the sanctuary; to ensure that the current laws relating to the welfare and transport of ponies are upheld and offenders punished; and to fight for a change in the law that will end this evil trade forever. Funds are very desperately needed for this aim, as

are volunteers to help run the sanctuary (manual or clerical), and fund-raisers. Annual membership of S.O.S. is £6.00 for adults, £2.50 for under-16's, £4.00 for concessions, and family membership is £15.00. For further information on petitions, newsletters, the campaign and/or donations, please call Julie or Sarah on 0823 481220, or write to the above address.

CEDARWOOD WILDLIFE CARE **Blissford Hill, Frogham, nr. Fordingbridge,** **Hants. SP6 2HX** **0425 657402**

Dawn and Jerry Collinson devote their lives to helping and caring for injured animals at their Wildlife Care Centre at Frogham. Here, injured animals can be brought, nursed back to health by Dawn and Jerry, and released back into the wild. Over the years they have helped foxes, badgers, deer, rabbits, hedgehogs and countless birds. No animal is ever turned away, many having been shot, trapped or involved in car accidents. Once at the centre wounds can be healed, legs and wings mended and local vets are able to help with more serious problems. The centre is run as a non-profitmaking concern but financial support remains a problem, and they will continue their fine work as long as money is available.

PHOENIX ANIMAL RESCUE **P.O. Box 29, Biggin Hill, TN16 3XZ**

It is the objective of Phoenix Animal Rescue to take in any abandoned, unwanted or abused animal - from guinea pigs to horses. They also hand-rear and rehabilitate wildlife such as fox cubs, squirrels, birds, etc. After regaining their health, homes are found for as many creatures as possible - always vetted and on a loan basis only. Animals which cannot be rehomed remain as permanent residents. These include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, donkeys, horses, pigs, ex-battery hens, ducks, geese, and many more.

Phoenix Animal Rescue are actively seeking permanent, safe accommodation for the animals in their care. They also urgently need sacks, tins of animal food, hay, straw, woodchips, cages, hutches, dishes, brushes, and various tools such as shovels and buckets. On the administration side, items such as new stamps, paper and envelopes are required.

Volunteers for fund-raising are urgently needed, as are saleable goods. Please ring Mike on 081 402 0705 or Andree on 081 291 6815 for details. Membership is £6 for adults, £3 for under-16's, and £10 for a family. A sponsorship scheme for the animals' keep is also available. P.A.R. is run entirely by volunteers and every penny of your donation, however small, goes towards upkeep and the funding of their rescue work.

WARNHAM ANIMAL SANCTUARY **Mayes Lane, Warnham, Sussex RH12 3SG** **0403 268095**

The small village of Warnham, near Horsham, has two claims to recognition; the first being that it is the

birthplace of the vegetarian poet and campaigner Percy Bysshe Shelley, and the second is that it hosts the winner of the Dog World Rescue Competition at Crufts this year. Warnham Sanctuary was founded in 1979 by David Browne who some may remember as an actor in Z Cars and Dixon of Dock Green. Open to the public 364 days a year, visitors can see the cats, dogs and donkeys who are awaiting new homes.

Five thousand animals have been helped by the sanctuary so far, and no fit creature is ever put to sleep. Hundreds of unwanted pets arrive every year and are looked after by troubled and difficult young people, under the guidance of the sanctuary and various authorities, who are given the chance to love and be loved. With no office blocks, clerical staff, or huge wages to pay, all donations go to the running of the sanctuary.

THE CORNISH SEAL SANCTUARY
Gweek, near Helston, Cornwall TR12 6UG
 (0326 22861)

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary, located in the tranquil upper reaches of the beautiful Helford river, is the largest Seal Sanctuary in Europe. As well as being a rescue centre for sick or abandoned grey seal pups, the sanctuary provides a rare chance to witness at close quarters the grace and agility of two of nature's most endearing sea mammals... the grey seal and the seal lion. At the Sanctuary as many as 30 seal pups are nursed back to health each year by a team of dedicated staff in a specially equipped hospital, before being finally returned in a fit and healthy state back to the wild. Those animals for whom their injuries are too severe or disabling, and would mean that they would be unlikely to survive in the wild, are offered a comfortable new home in our spacious outdoor pools.

The highlight of any visit to the Sanctuary is 'feeding time' which takes place up to six times each day. All of our resident seals and sea lions each have their own amusing techniques and tactics for trying to steal more than their fair share of fish.

New for 1994 is the spectacular underwater observatory 'A World Beneath the Waves' where visitors can watch the grace and agility, as well as the playful antics that these fascinating creatures demonstrate whilst swimming in their under water environment. In addition to seals and sea lions, the Sanctuary also provides a home for donkeys, goats, horses and sheep, all of which for a variety of reasons have found themselves without a home.

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary is open from 9am, 7 days a week (except Xmas day)

THE PINE RIDGE DOG SANCTUARY
Priory Road, Ascot, Berkshire (0344 882689)

Reserve work began in 1958 when Bernard Cuff decided to save dogs due to be destroyed by the police. He extended his activities and acquired a 10 acre property to accommodate stray or unwanted dogs. Since then, 7,500 have been rescued and re-homed, with great care taken to ensure the dog's future is happy and secure. No dog is ever

destroyed unless a Vet is satisfied that it can no longer enjoy life due to incurable illness or disease.

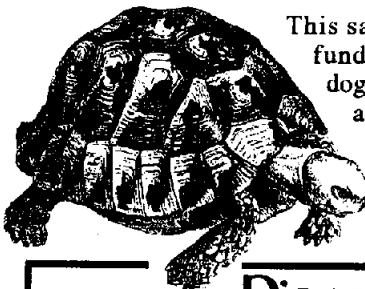
Dogs belonging to old age pensioners are cared for whilst the owners are unable to do so. Pine Ridge co-operates with anti-vivisection movements and offers help with Vets' fees to those who cannot afford these when a dog may consequently suffer or be killed. They are willing to contribute towards neutering and spaying to lessen the number of unwanted puppies being born. A shop doubling as an appeals office in Ascot High Street sells donated items to raise funds, and an Open Day takes place every year on the second Saturday in September. A newsletter is produced in July and December.

SOUTH NORWOOD ANIMAL RESCUE
7, Farnley Road, South Norwood,
London SE25 6PA (081 653 7628)

The group would be very grateful to receive petrol coupons, stamps, cigarette cards, trading stamps, wool, ring pulls and small unwanted gifts to help raise money for feeding and vets bills. They produce a detailed and friendly newsletter describing the stories behind the many cats and dogs that find love and attention with Maureen and Colleen.

BOSWIDDLE BARN ANIMAL SANCTUARY


Boswiddle Barn, Boswiddle, Nr. Ladock, Truro,
Cornwall TR24 4NU (0872 510226)



This sanctuary is desperate for funds to support the 70 cats, dogs and Shire horses, turkeys and ducks who live there. It is possible to sponsor a Shire or you can become a friend of the Sanctuary for £4.

Pigeon Recovery

8 Vermont Road, Sutton,
 Surrey SM1 3EQ
 081 644 7349



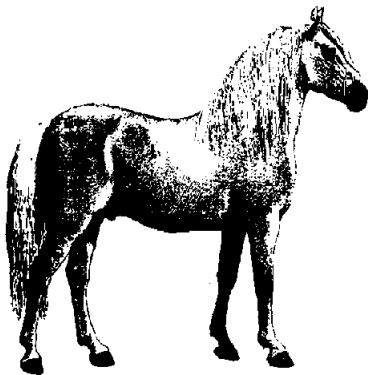
We care for (and collect in the South London area) any sick, orphaned or injured pigeon. Any donation would be sincerely appreciated.

National Groups

ACTION AGAINST PUPPY FARMING

PO Box 2, Llandysul, Dyfed SA44 4EB

Dyfed is known for its puppy farming. The animals are bred only for profit therefore suffering, cruelty and neglect are involved. AAPF spreads the message not to buy puppies from a pet shop as they are usually bred in the appalling puppy farms. Donations welcome.



ACTION TO ABOLISH THE GRAND NATIONAL

PO Box 3152, London E12 5JW

AAGN campaigns to publicise the cruelty of the Grand National - highlighting the fact that 250 horses die on British racecourses every year and many others are seriously injured. Posters and leaflets are available.

ADVOCATES FOR ANIMALS

10, Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PG

This group produces the Annual Pictorial Review, a colour booklet packed with information. AFA highlighted Glasgow University when they experimented on monkeys in head injury experiments. They finance and take part in special investigations and they campaign against all forms of animal abuse.

ALLIANCE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2, Eire

Campaigns against all forms of animal cruelty. For further details, please write to the above address.

ANGLICAN SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS

*St Augustines Vicarage, 117 Queens Gate,
London SW7 5LW*

Objectives of the society are to promote a more

compassionate view towards animals in the Anglican Church. A bulletin is produced.

ANIMAL AID AND ADVICE

081 889 9714

Their main objective is to encourage responsible pet ownership. They reinforce the fact that neutering and spaying is essential to prevent unwanted litters. AAA also re-home abandoned and unwanted pets and run a fostering service.

ANIMAL AID SOCIETY

*The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge,
Kent TN9 1AW*

0732 364546

Animal Aid recently launched a secret investigation into the cruelty involved in the poultry industry and have published a report called 'Here's the Catch' which is available from the above address. They would welcome donations to help to fight the factory farming of poultry and also to launch investigations into other neglected areas of animal abuse.

Last December, they organised the Christmas Without Cruelty Fayre at Kensington Town Hall with over 40 stalls.

Animal Aid publishes a Journal for Action called 'Outrage'. Annual subscription is £10 waged, £6 unwaged, and £4 youth.

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL

*2 Festing Buildings, Highland Road,
Southsea PO4 9BZ*

0705 736691

ABC helps with the spaying and neutering of animals, and also with the costs of helping elderly people to keep their companion animals. Their main aim is to instigate an animals' charter giving animals the right to life. Due to an upsurge in animal cruelty, ABC now works with Animal Action which rescues and re-homes unwanted and abandoned animals.

ANIMAL CONCERN

62 Old Dumbarton Road, Glasgow G3 8RE

041 334 6014

Animal Concern incorporates the Scottish Anti-Vivisection Society. They publish a quarterly newsletter and run various campaigns including a farm animal

campaign to ban all factory farming by the year 2000.

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION GROUP

c/o 83-87 Union Street, London SE1 1SG

This is a small group of specialist investigators who gather evidence of the cruelty involved in a range of animal welfare issues - bloodsports, vivisection, factory farming, etc. A twice-yearly news bulletin is produced.

ANIMAL LIBERATION BIKERS CLUB

*Box No 1135, Downs View Road, Hassocks,
West Sussex BN6 8AA*

The A.L.B.C. has been formed to encourage motorcyclists to take part in the fight against animal abuse. They give information on animal rights issues and local contacts. They are open to all bike and scooter enthusiasts. For further details, please send an SAE to the above address.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (PRESS OFFICE)

*BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX
Tel: 0954 230542 (H) or 0836 310763 (Mobile)*

The Press Office plays a vital role in the animal rights movement. It remains paramount as a means of providing TV, radio and newspaper coverage about why ALF actions take place. Speakers are available for meetings, etc. Merchandise is also available. Donations are always welcome to help run the office of a much needed and valuable animal rights service.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (SUPPORTERS GROUP)

BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

Subscription to their quarterly newsletter is £24.00 a year. It provides information about current arrests and imprisonment of alleged animal rights activists. The SG raises funds, chiefly to help pay fines and help towards the travelling expenses of visiting relatives. Funds also go towards paying for books, cruelty-free toiletries, etc. A range of merchandise is available with a discount to any SG member.

ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT

PO Box 38, Manchester M60 1FT

Animal abuse establishments are inspected, video footage taken and documents removed to build up files.

ANIMAL RESCUE

PO Box 233, Liverpool L69 7LF

Animal Rescue are running several different campaigns at the moment. One is a national campaign, launched in October, against Angora rabbit farms, and shops selling

Angora products. Other recent campaigns have included a campaign to close the Pedigree Puppies Shop in Tarleton and a call for a national boycott of Blackpool to halt the exploitation of pythons being used by street photographers.

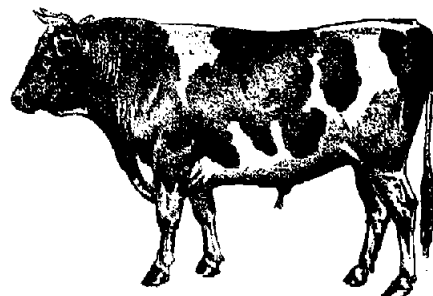
In January of this year, Animal Rescue wrote to all supermarket managing directors demanding a ban on the sale of lamb that is artificially produced with the aid of a synthetic hormone, melatonin. They are calling for a ban on intensively reared lamb and have asked the Wirral Euro MP to raise an early day motion in the House of Commons on the issue.

For further information, please write to the above address.

ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (ARC)

PO Box 1229, Clwyd, Wales LL16 5ZA

ARC encourages the coming together of all groups. A newsletter is provided, with a diary of events and current campaigns. ARC also sends out lists detailing addresses of current animal abuse establishments supplied by Arkangel Information.



ANTI-BULLFIGHTING COMMITTEE

PO Box 175, Liverpool, Merseyside L69 8DX

Liaises with Spanish A/R groups to persuade holidaymakers not to attend bullfights, and asks travel companies to publish a statement in their brochures discouraging people from attending bullfights. They held a demonstration last December outside the home of Frank Evans, the Manchester bullfighter.

ARKANGEL

BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX

Arkangel is a magazine which aims to provide information and support for the animal rights movement, to encourage unity, and to provide a forum for the exchange of news and views. Donations are always welcome. In order to keep Arkangel up-to-date, please would local and national groups continue to send in information about their current activities as these will be used in the next edition of the magazine.

THE ARK ANIMAL RESCUE

*PO Box 463, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2ZH
Wildlife Aid - 081 312 9021*

This is an animal rescue centre which cares for unwanted pets and rescued animals. They also deal with hurt animals

and encourage people to ring them on the above Wildlife Aid telephone number if they find any injured wildlife. Their sanctuary is run solely by volunteers and they would welcome any donations. They also run a yearly animal adoption scheme for their permanent residents. A quarterly newsletter is published. Adult membership is £6.00 annually.

BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY CHARITY

*57 King Henrys Walk, London N1 4NH
071 254 2929*

The BWCC campaigns to end the torture and slaughter of all animals in the name of fashion and beauty. Current campaigns include FUR FREE 2000 to ban fur farming in the UK before the end of the decade, and a petition to protest against the ISO/TC 191 Humane Animal Traps Standard.

BOOTS ACTION NOTTINGHAM

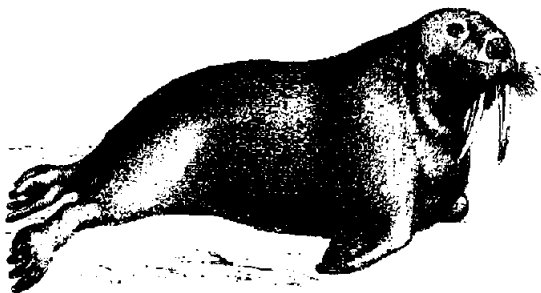
*BAN, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW
0602 585666*

The Boots Action Committee has drawn up a charter which calls on Boots to cease all animal-based research and testing. It calls upon people to boycott Boots and encourages people to write into Boots Head Office to explain the reasons for the boycott.

BRITISH ANTI-VIVISECTION ASSOCIATION

PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF

B.A.V.A. has some useful information on medical fraud and experiments. They have recently launched their Medically Induced Plague campaign. The aims of the campaign are to abolish all animal experimentation and to increase public awareness of the hazardous nature of most medication. Posters, booklets and petitions are available. Subscriptions are £6.00 a year. Books by Hans Reusch are available by mail order.



BRITISH DIVERS MARINE LIFE RESCUE

12 Mayland Road, Corby, Northants. NN7 2DR

This is an international marine animal rescue and protection organisation, which helps to protect marine animals from the threat of over-fishing, pollution, etc. Membership is £15.00 a year with concessions for OAP's.

BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

*Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow,
Shropshire SL8 3LQ
Hedgehog Helpline - 0584 890287*

This charity publishes a regular newsletter giving details on all aspects of hedgehog welfare. They run a Hedgehog helpline during office hours on the above telephone number. A leaflet entitled Helping Hedgehogs is available free of charge by sending an SAE to the above address. They also produce a Hogalogue of books and items of Hedgehogery for the discerning shopper.

Recently, they have been involved in gathering support for the Wild Mammal Protection Bill, and have also been protesting against an advert seen on billboards and in newspapers for Scrumpy Jack cider which depicts a tractor running over a hedgehog.

BRITISH UNION FOR THE ABOLITION OF VIVISECTION (BUAV)

*16a Crane Grove, London N7 8LB
0171 700 4888*

BUAV continues to run various campaigns against animal abuse around the world. They recently launched a report called 'Paradise Lost: A Review of UK Primate Research', which identifies over 50 laboratories in the UK involved in using primates. They recently organised several protests against these establishments.

Recently BUAV investigators visited animal laboratories in Poland where the conditions were among the worst on record. They are currently running a postcard campaign to highlight their findings.

They welcome volunteers in the office both during the day and for Thursday evening sessions. A quarterly newsletter called Campaign Report is distributed to members.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEATHER & FUR (CALF)

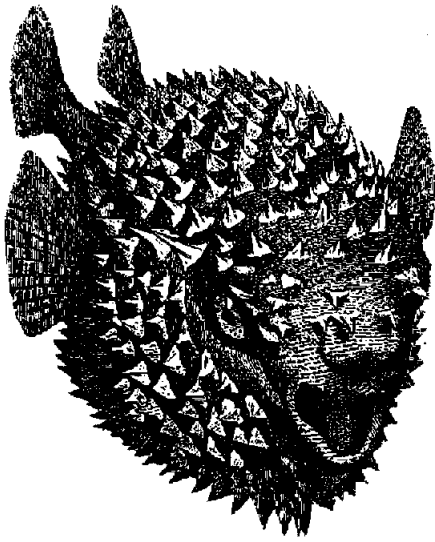
BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX

Leaflets are available on the leather, fur, and wool trades. Please send an SAE for further information.

CAMPAIGNERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (C.A.R.E.)

*9 Soberton Road, Queens Park, Bournemouth,
Dorset BH8 9BG*

C.A.R.E. are currently concerned about the parts in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill which make it a criminal offence to conduct peaceful protest. They are encouraging people to write to their MP's expressing their opposition to the Bill. Leaflets containing sample letters are available.



CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF ANGLING

*PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND
0272 441175*

CAA actively takes part in fish sabs all over Britain. They have been successful in disrupting fishing matches and in forcing anglers to abandon local fishing events. They have a video available called 'Angling - the Neglected Bloodsport' at a cost of £7 (£6 of which is a refundable deposit). Annual membership costs £4, members receive a quarterly newsletter called Pisces.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF CRUEL SPORTS

*Lower Coyne Street, Callan, County Kilkenny,
Ireland*

CACS seeks to halt the imports of greyhounds from Ireland into the UK until the Irish government increases the penalties for those convicted of blooding - the practice of feeding live animals to greyhounds. They urge people to write polite letters of protest to the Home Secretary, the Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

CARE FOR THE WILD

*1 Ashfolds, Horsham Road, Ruspur,
West Sussex RH12 4QX*

Care for the Wild is continuing its projects around the world. It has embarked on a project to move 500 elephants and their family groups to save them from being shot. This is the largest ever elephant conservation project to be undertaken.

They have recently set up a project in Sri Lanka which has now gained government approval to protect turtles from suffering and exploitation. A new project for 1995 has been set up to protect the wildlife of Kasanka National Park in Zambia from poachers.

Care for the Wild also runs a 'foster a gibbon' scheme for rescued gibbons in Thailand, and a tiger adoption scheme in conjunction with the Tiger Trust. Donations welcome.

CETACEA DEFENCE

PO Box 11, SEDO Office, Manchester M18 8GU

Principally involved in protecting the world's whales and dolphins. People are needed to act as on-the-spot investigators. Contact the above address.

CINNAMON TRUST

*Poldarves Farm, Trescowe Common, Germoe,
Penzance, Cornwall TR20 9RX
0736 850291*

This is a charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their pets. The trust has a national network of volunteer pet helpers who visit owners at home and provide assistance where necessary. Fostering takes place if the owner is injured or hospitalised. Last year, they helped over 3,000 people with their pets. Donations always welcome.

CO-ORDINATING ANIMAL WELFARE

PO Box 589, Bristol BS99 1RW

CAW produces a magazine with up-to-date information. For further details contact the above address.

COSMETICS INDUSTRY COALITION FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

*39 Manor Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells,
Kent TN4 8UD
0892 517000*

This organisation has launched a new initiative to put an end to the confusion about animal testing on ingredients and finished products for cosmetics, toiletries and perfumes. The Coalition has been formed by four companies which embrace the ethic known as the 1976/78 Fixed Cut-Off Date criterion. They are seeking to get more companies to join and to bring pressure on retailers to stock the 1976/78 product. For more details please send an SAE to the above address.

CRUELTY-FREE COMPANIONS

*Box CFC M, The Rainbow Centre,
180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HU*

This is a non-profit making national set-up. It aims to link together people who believe in a cruelty-free lifestyle. They have 100 members. For further details contact the above address.

DISABLED AGAINST ANIMAL RESEARCH AND EXPLOITATION

PO Box 8, Daventry, Northants NN11 4RQ

A national organisation for people who are disabled or have a chronic disease. DAARE is opposed to animals being used in drug experiments. People who are not disabled are also welcome to join.

DR HADWEN TRUST
22 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1JW
0462 436819

The Dr Hadwen Trust is a registered charity which funds the development of new, humane techniques to replace the use of animals in medical research. The alternative methods they use include the study of human cell and tissue cultures, magnetic scanning, computer modelling and carefully controlled studies with human volunteers. They reject the use of animal experiments on moral and scientific grounds. The annual subscription to The Trust is £8 and members receive a quarterly newsletter. The Trust also runs a mail order catalogue featuring gifts and cosmetics.

**DOCTORS IN BRITAIN AGAINST
ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS**
PO Box 302, London N8 9HD

DBAAE, founded in 1990, is a group of doctors, scientists and pharmacists who reject all animal experiments on scientific and ethical grounds. They publish a regular newsletter on the latest news in medical research and have a useful book list. Full membership is open to fully qualified medical practitioners, with a category for Friends of DBAAE supporters.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION
AGENCY**
2 Pear Tree Court, London EC1R 0DS
071 490 7040

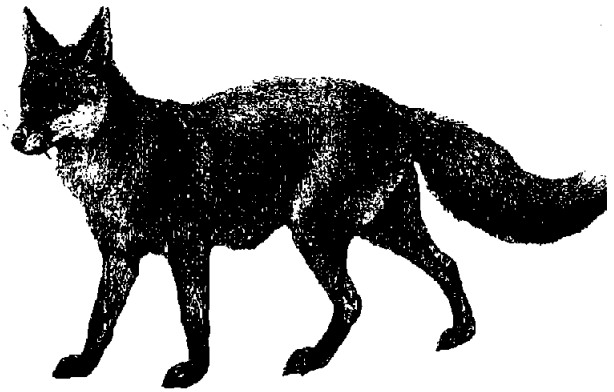
The EIA has campaigned for most endangered species since its foundation in 1984. They expose environmental abuse and call on governments to enforce legislation. They have so far saved the lives of millions of whales, dolphins, elephants, rhinos and wild birds - but there is still much to do. For further information, please send an SAE to the above address.

FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE
43 Braichmelyn, Bethesda, Bangor, Gwynedd,
Wales LL57 3RD

The fellowship was founded 20 years ago to influence the church on animal rights issues, and calls for the creation of a world of justice, non-violence and harmony without the abuse of animals. They produce a free newsletter, prayer cards and a leaflet called 'Are Christians Vegetarians?' all of which are available with an SAE from the above address. Donations with orders are appreciated although not essential.

FOX CUBS YOUTH GROUP
PO Box 370a, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4YN

This group is aimed at the under-17's and encourages them to join with adults to demonstrate at local hunts / shoots / angling matches. There is an annual subscription of £4. Members receive a New Members' Pack, badge,



and a magazine three times a year.

FOX PROJECT
The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge,
Kent TN9 1AW

The Fox Project has recently moved premises to the above address. The organisation has saved many foxes' lives by humanely trapping and moving them from potential threat. They take into care orphaned foxes and set them free when they are fit and well. A newsletter is available as is a list of merchandise. Donations are welcome.

**FREEDOM ANIMAL SANCTUARY
TRUST**
12b Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1LF

The Freedom Animal Sanctuary needs money to re-home animals and to realise their long-term aim of creating a sanctuary. A range of t-shirts is available to help raise funds. Donations are needed.

**FRIENDS OF THE MORAY FIRTH
DOLPHINS**

A group existing to protect the only real population of around 150 dolphins in UK waters.

GREEK ANIMAL RESCUE
69 Great North Way, Hendon, London NW4 1PT
081 203 1956

Many animals suffer in Greece. Strays are thought of as vermin and are killed, many are thrown live over cliffs. A new shelter is being built to house 150 dogs, 40 cats, 2 mules, and a few chickens and ducks. There is a 30 minute video available featuring some of Greece's atrocities towards its animals and it also shows the shelters and the sanctuary which is provided for abused and neglected animals.

HOMELESS OWNERS WITH PETS
1a Courtland Gardens, Bassett,
Southampton SO2 3PP

HOPE campaigns for the rights of responsible people with pets, as often no pets are allowed in rented housing. They help to ensure the welfare of pets (mostly dogs) on the streets.

HUMANE RESEARCH TRUST

*Brook House, 29 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall,
Stockport, Cheshire SK7 2DN
061 439 8041*

The Humane Research Trust is a registered charity which stimulates and funds research into human illness using advanced animal-free technology. They enable animal lovers to support effective medical research with a clear conscience. ANIMATE is the youth and educational wing. They produce a quarterly newsletter

HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION (HSA)

*PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY
0602 590357*

Hunt saboteurs use legal peaceful tactics to ensure the freedom of wild animals. They are currently encouraging people to write to the Home Secretary to protest against current anti-saboteur legislation. The HSA gives information and advice on how to form a fully operational hunt-sab group. They provide speakers for talks and give legal advice. Merchandise is available.

INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE

*Animal Tracks, Ash Mill, South Molton,
Devon EX36 4QW
0769 550277*

International Animal Rescue has recently been involved in a successful campaign to stop the shooting and trapping of migrating birds in Malta. New laws came into force in January of this year which are being vigorously enforced and the Minister for the Environment in Malta has acknowledged the major role that the organisation played in the campaign.

The group has also turned its attention to helping dogs in Malta in a sanctuary and has been actively looking for volunteers to help. Donations are urgently needed. A range of merchandise is available. They also run a sponsor-animal scheme.

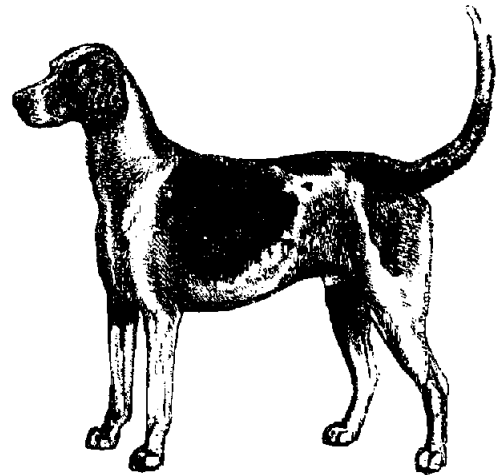
On 27th to 29th May 1995, they will be holding The International Animal Rescue Fair featuring animal welfare, gardening and craft stalls at their 60 acre animal sanctuary. Camping facilities will be available and there will be a vegetarian/vegan barbecue on the Saturday night.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HORSES

*Freeport, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton,
Norfolk NR16 2QZ
0953 498682*

This is a registered charity which is currently campaigning to end the suffering of thousands of horses. Many of these horses are from the former Soviet bloc and are currently being transported live in long distance road trains to Western Europe for the fresh horse meat trade. The ILPH have been petitioning the EC Council of Ministers to

accept an amendment to the existing law. Donations welcome.



JUSTICE FOR DOGS

*c/o Ann Harpwood, Finloren Cottage, Weythel,
Old Radnor, Powys LD8 2RR
0544 22213 - Tel. and Fax*

The Justice for Dogs campaign was launched in April 1993 in response to the Dangerous Dogs Act. Plans are now being made to take a selection of cases to the Courts for Human Rights in Strasbourg. Donations welcome.

LIBEARTY

*WSPA, 2 Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ
0171 793 0540*

Libearty is a campaign run by the World Society for the Protection of Animals. It was set up three years ago to come to the aid of bears being exploited all over the world and has now been officially launched in the USA. Libearty has set up projects to help hundreds of bears and to physically rescue over 20 from lives of cruelty and neglect. They have recently been carrying out investigative and lobbying missions in Asia. An annual donation of £12.50 ensures 3 newsletters a year plus an introductory campaign pack.

In future, Libearty News will become more focused on the technical details of project work. To complement this, a brand new newsletter covering all major WSPA campaigns including Libearty will be sent to supporters and fundraisers.

THE MARINE CONNECTION

PO Box 2404, London W2 3WG

The Marine Connection is a campaigning organisation dedicated to raising awareness about dolphins and whales through publishing and networking. Currently they are campaigning to have the capture of wild dolphins and whales prohibited for entertainment purposes and are attempting to have two dolphins released from the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco. Annual membership is £7.00, and four newsletters per year are issued containing news from around the world.

McLlBEL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN
*c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road,
London N1
0171 713 1269*

See report elsewhere in the magazine!

**NATIONAL ANTI-HUNT CAMPAIGN
(NAHC)**
*PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 6LU
0438 746372*

NAHC has recently launched a major new hard-hitting campaign to protect wild animals, which came about in response to their Killing for Kicks investigation which has exposed the worst cases of cruelty to foxes ever witnessed. They have also produced an accompanying video which has shocked hardened campaigners and politicians alike. Please write to the above address for a copy of their Special Edition Campaign Report.

In March, they presented their long awaited National Anti-Hunt Petition to 10 Downing Street the day before MP's were due to debate John McFall's Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill.

In their next Campaign Report, NAHC will be publishing a feature urging their supporters to join their local animal rights / hunt sab group. As part of their feature, they would like to publish a list of local groups, animal rescue centres and sanctuaries which are looking for new volunteers and would therefore like people to write to them with details of their groups at the above address.

**NATIONAL ANTI-VIVISECTION
SOCIETY**
*Ravenside, 261 Goldhawk Road, London W12 9PE
0181 846 9777*

NAVS have organised the World Animal Show to be held at the Barbican Centre on Saturday 22nd April. They have been holding a campaign against circuses called 'The Animals Defenders Circus Madness Campaign'. This involved a bus tour of 100 towns at the height of the circus season. Annual Membership is £10 - a magazine called The Campaigner is issued to members. The latest edition of the magazine featured the Toxicol campaign, cosmetics testing and LDF Computer simulations and cancer research.



NATIONAL DOGSITTERS
*The Pulpits (Dog Holidays), Little Hereford,
Ludlow SY8 4AU
0584 711534 (Admin) or 0171 413 9990 (24 hrs)*

National Dogsitters provide a unique individual home-based boarding service for dogs while their owners are away and they can also offer a daycare or dog walking service. Dog owners are invited to contact them to be referred to their nearest Registered Dogsitter. People wanting to register as National Dogsitters are also invited to contact the organisation.

NATUREWATCH TRUST

*Austen House, 122 Bath Road, Cheltenham,
Glos. GL53 7JX
0242 252871*

The Naturewatch Trust is fighting to end the cruel trade of crated veal in all European Community countries. This practice is banned in the United Kingdom, but nonetheless calves are exported live to France and Holland where this method of intensive farming continues. Free leaflets are available.

NOW AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS
St Josephs, Souldern, Bicester, Oxon OX6 9LA

NOW has been very busy campaigning against the live export trade. They encourage people to write to the local press and their MP's regarding issues raised in their newsletters. An Action Pack is available with an A4 SAE. Donations appreciated.

PAGAN ANIMAL RIGHTS
*c/o Billy Frugal, P.A.R., 10 Broughton Street,
Hebden Bridge, West Yorks HX7 8JY*

This organisation, founded 10 years ago, is open to people who care about animals - whether they are pagan or not. Membership is £3 a year, and members receive a newsletter at all the Pagan Festivals.

**PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA)**
*PO Box 3169, London NW1 2JF
071 388 4922*

Campaigns against all animal abuse. Current campaigns include the Chicken Out campaign and the Premarin campaign against the use of pregnant mares' urine for HRT therapy. They are also campaigning against the proposal to release 2,000 live pigeons at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, USA - many birds were killed at the Seoul Olympics when they flew into the Olympic flame. PETA are very supportive of animal liberation groups and produce the magazine 'Animal Times' which is aimed at the general public. They also have an Animal Rights Groups directory available.

PETSEARCH & PET OWNERS SUPPORT SCHEME

*c/o Phil Groombridge, 16 Elm Grove Road,
Salisbury, Wilts SP1 1JW
0722 326046 & 327146*

Petsearch UK runs a register of lost and found animals and produces a newsletter giving details of missing pets. They also run a Pet Owners Support Scheme where members can give instructions as to who should look after their pet if anything happens to the owner. Donations welcome.

PET STEALING ALERT *PO Box 94, Cheltenham, Glos*

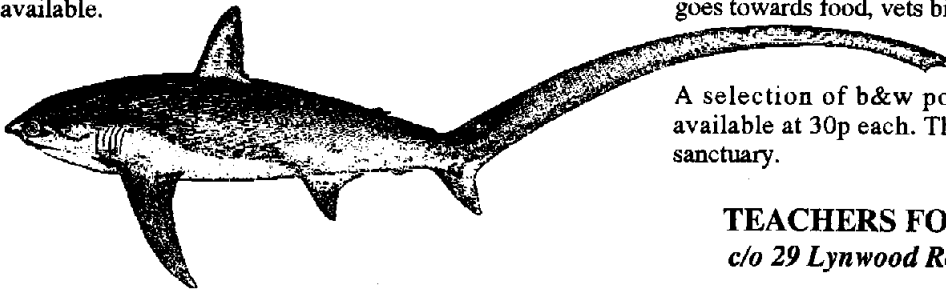
Cats and dogs are going missing nationwide. Please contact the above address if you are suspicious of an advert offering good homes, or if an animal has disappeared in unusual circumstances.

PLAN 2000 *Lynmouth, Devon EX35 6EE*

Plan 2000 aims to see all animal experiments banned by the end of the century.

RESPECT FOR ANIMALS *PO Box 500, Nottingham NG1 3AS*

RESPECT was set up when LYNX went bankrupt. They will continue the fight against the fur trade. Leaflets are available.



SHARK PROTECTION LEAGUE *BM L.A.P.L., London WC1N 3XX*

The Shark Protection League was primarily set up to expose the horrific cruelty involved in shark angling, and to campaign against this evil sport. They will be having a yearly protest against the International Shark Angling Festival held every September in Looe, Cornwall.

They are also campaigning against the trade in shark fins for shark fin soup and will be holding a national protest on Saturday 6th May 1995 in China Town, London. The demonstration will start in Leicester Square by the fountain at 12 noon. The protest is being held in direct response to the Channel 4 documentary Shark Wars.

They aim to purchase an ex-fishing vessel and use it to save life instead of destroying it by carrying out direct action (Greenpeace style) against the shark fin fishing ships.

They produce leaflets, fact sheets and petitions free of charge in return for an SAE, however donations are welcome.

STUDENT CAMPAIGN FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (SCAR)

*PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT
061 953 4039*

SCAR organised a coffin tour in March to commemorate all the hundred of thousands of animals which have been, or are being, killed in universities each year. The coffin tour started off at Liverpool University on 6th March and called at Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Cambridge, and ended in London on 27th March. At each university, there was a demonstration and coffin procession.

SCAR also launched a petition calling upon the Secretary of State for Education to ensure that whenever students are asked to perform animal experiments for degree work, they are able to choose non-animal work without penalty for loss of marks. The petition was due to be handed in at the end of March.

TAIL ENDS *PO Box 1550, London SW4 6HP*

This is a small vegan animal rescue network which needs homes for abused and abandoned animals - mainly cats and dogs. All of the money, which is desperately needed, goes towards food, vets bills, neutering and spaying.

A selection of b&w postcards depicting animals is available at 30p each. They have a fund to help set up a sanctuary.

TEACHERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS *c/o 29 Lynwood Road, London SW17 6HP*

Please write for an information pack, but a donation to cover costs for postage and literature is essential.

VEGAN SOCIETY *7 Battle Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA 0424 427393*

The Vegan Society is the main UK organisation promoting veganism and is always seeking new members to help the society grow so that it can be at the forefront of the movement, showing that veganism is the way forward for animals, people and the environment. A new vegan video was launched last September called 'Truth or Dairy', presented by poet Benjamin Zephaniah, is available for £9.95 (p&p inc.). Copies of the Animal Free Shopper book are available at £4.95+p&p. Annual membership is £15 individual, £10 unwaged. Members receive a quarterly magazine called The Vegan.

VEGANS INTERNATIONAL
c/o 11 Guinea Street, Bristol BS1 6SX

Vegans International unites those who want to spread respect and love for all life. VI believes in co-operation among all organisations. They have helped set up vegan societies around the world, organised seven international festivals and united thousands of vegans to work for a kinder world. A quarterly newsletter is available to members.

**VEGETARIAN INFORMATION
CAMPAIGN**
*Greenyard, 27a Love Lane, Denbigh,
Clwyd LL16 3LV*

Sells a wide range of books by mail order, including vegetarian / vegan recipe books. A full colour leaflet is available to assist you in your choice.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY
*Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham,
Cheshire WA14 4QG*

An important organisation for those taking the first step towards veganism! It publishes an informative magazine, and also Greenscene - a magazine for younger readers.

VEGFAM
*The Sanctuary, Nr Lydford, Okehampton,
Devon EX20 4AL
0822 82203*

For nearly 30 years, VEGFAM, a Registered Charity, has been working with and influencing the major charities to carry out projects which do not exploit animals by co-financing projects which are in agreement with this ecologically sound principle. They are also associated with a charity called Find Your Feet which has pioneered Leaf Concentrate Projects.

For further information, please write to the above address. Donations welcome.

VEGGIES
180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HU

An animal rights calendar is produced on a regular basis - the most up-to-date and comprehensive one around. Their catering facilities travel up and down the country providing vegan food. Veggies produce a variety of posters - available on request.

VIVA!
*PO Box 212, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 4SD
0270 522500*

Viva! - a new national vegetarian and vegan charity - was launched last October by Juliet Gellatley. Its first campaign, Convert-A-Parent, has targeted young people

and aims to provide them with all the ammunition they need to fight parental disapproval and to encourage their parents to turn vegetarian / vegan. They have produced twelve carefully researched Viva! guides on subjects including factory farming and BSE. Annual membership fee for adult supporters is £12, family membership is £16, unwaged £9 and activists under 18 pay £4.99. Supporters receive Viva! Life quarterly.

**WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (WSPA)**
*2 Langley Lane, London, SW8 1TJ
0171 793 0540*

Recent campaigns have highlighted the plight of live bear cubs being taken from the wild in Burma and smuggled to Korea to be fattened up to be sold to restaurants. Also they have turned their attention to the plight of cats and dogs in the Ukraine being killed to supply the fur trade.

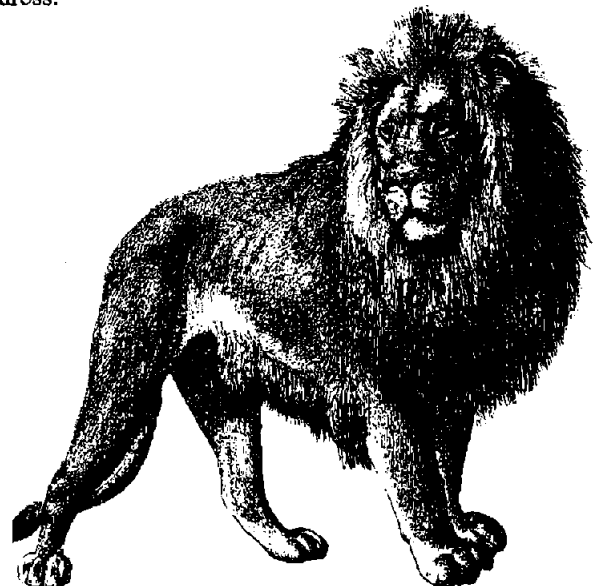
Last September they launched a hard-hitting new advertising campaign to highlight the suffering of zoo animals. The nine week campaign, called Human Zoo, was shown in over 50 cinemas in the Greater London area. Copies of their Zoo Inquiry report are available from the above address.

Last October they launched Escape, a campaign to save mankind's closest relatives, the Great Apes. The launch was marked by the release of startling new video and photographic evidence documenting the trade in gorilla and chimpanzee meat and orphaned apes.

They are also involved with helping to save the bears with the Libearty campaign (see Libearty).

YOUNG INDIAN VEGETARIANS
*41 Lakeside Avenue, Ilford, Essex IG4 5PS
081 550 3725*

The Young Indian Vegetarians recently organised a Vegetarian Music Festival in Southall Park, London in July. For details of future events, please write to above address.



International News

AFRICA

Six countries in east and southern Africa have signed an agreement to set up the world's first international task force to curb the illegal trade in wild animals and plants. (Ceefax, 10/9/94)

ARGENTINA

The town of La Plata has banned circuses with performing animals. (Tierbefreiung Aktuell, Dec '94)

AUSTRALIA

A revolutionary procedure using human cells to test the toxic effect of chemicals has been pioneered in Australia. The procedure is expected to eventually be used to diagnose and screen for illness caused by exposure to chemicals. It is also hoped to significantly reduce the incidence of chemical testing with animals. (Animal Guardians Newsletter, July '94)

Newcastle City Council (the second largest city area in New South Wales) has banned the use of exotic animals in entertainment on council-owned or controlled land. Recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics figures for 1991-92 found that Australians have reduced their consumption of meat for the second year in a row. (Action - Animal Liberation Magazine, Sept '94)

The Tasmanian Supreme Court has held that anti-battery cage campaigner Pam Clarke was wrongfully imprisoned for 44 days in 1988 when she was jailed for refusal to pay fines imposed while protesting outside Tasmania's parliament. Now she has the right to claim damages from the magistrate who jailed her and will be awarded costs likely to exceed \$5,000. (Action - Animal Liberation Magazine, Autumn '94)

Speed limits in southern Queensland are to be reduced during the koala breeding season in a bid to lower the number killed by cars. (Teletext, 20/10/94)

An opinion poll showed that 61% of adult Australians are against the use of animals in psychological research and 66% feel there are effective ways to conduct medical research other than by using animals. (Animal Guardians Newsletter, Nov '94)

The habitat of the endangered koala is to be protected in New South Wales. It is hoped this move to halt town developments which encroach on koala habitats will save the vanishing species. (Ceefax, 4/1/95)

BELGIUM

Following complaints by animal rights activists, the Interior Minister has banned a gruelling traditional horse and trap race in the village of Krombeke. (Animal Times, Xmas '94)

BORNEO

Indonesia and Malaya are to set up the world's largest sanctuary, 2.4 million acres of Borneo, to protect both tropical trees and animals. (The Times, 29/7/94)

CANADA

The Province of Ontario has stated that it is committed to banning cosmetic testing with animals. (The AV Magazine, Nov '94)

Canadian authorities have seized a Spanish trawler in a bid to protect dwindling fish stocks. (Ceefax, 10/3/95)

CHINA

China has agreed to work with other countries to try to halt the use of tiger parts in traditional medicine and the Chinese will now co-operate with the international community to help save the tiger. (Ceefax, 16/11/94)

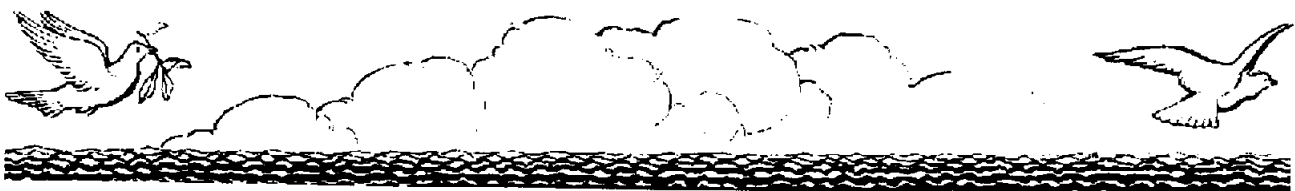
Six more nature reserves are to be created to help conserve the nation's dwindling number of giant pandas. (Teletext, 27/12/94)

A man has been executed for selling Giant Panda skins and his associate was jailed for life. (Teletext, 29/12/94)

A man who broke into a zoo, shot dead a tiger cub and stole its carcass has been executed. (Ceefax, 18/1/95)

FRANCE

Following objections from animal rights protestors, police have banned an art show in Paris which would have



featured spiders, snakes, scorpions and toads in a cage eating each other. (ARC News, Jan '95)

GERMANY

A wild boar which was due to be killed in Niedersachsen as part of measures against swine fever has been spared by a court decision. A lone wolf roaming free in the state of Hessen was given legal protection following massive protests at a decision by the forestry minister that it could be shot. (Recht fr Tiere, Summer '94)

A move to bring in a slaughter campaign against magpies and other members of the crow family has been rejected by the regional parliament in Kiel. (Recht fr Tiere, Winter '94)

The German Agriculture Minister has banned "poultry baron" Anton Pohlmann from ever keeping birds again after Pohlmann was charged with cruelty to animals for gassing 60,000 chickens to death. Pohlmann, who sells almost a fifth of all eggs in Germany, killed the birds after a salmonella outbreak.

The featured speaker at a chinchilla breeders' convention in Sachenheim bailed out at the last minute when protestors surrounded the convention hall. The speaker was scheduled to kill 3 chinchillas "humanely" during his presentation. (Animal Times, Jan/Feb '95)

Germany has announced an 8 hour limit on the journey time of animals being taken for slaughter. (Ceefax, 6/3/95)

HOLLAND

According to official figures there were 780,703 animal experiments in Holland in 1993, 16,697 (2.1%) less than in 1992.

A judge has provisionally suspended a licence granted to Harlan Sprague & Dawley to build a lab animal breeding facility in Horst.

The import of wild-caught apes for use in experiments has been prohibited in the Netherlands. (Proefdierrij, Oct '94)

INDIA

Judges in India requested that butchers at a New Delhi slaughterhouse be secretly videotaped as they killed cows - and because of the cruelty and lack of hygiene revealed by the video, the government approved a bill banning the slaughter of cows and the possession or sale of beef in India. (Pro Animal, Jan '95)

ISRAEL

Following picketing by the animal rights group "Anonymous", a fur store in Tel-Aviv has gone out of business. (Anonymous Newsletter, Sept '94)

The local authority in Tel Aviv is now operating a free-of-charge neutering service for feral cats. Following a conference on "Preventing violence in society through

humane education", organised by Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), the Chief of the Israeli police has instructed all police stations in the country to take all reported incidents of cruelty to animals seriously and to investigate them. Also, the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) Committee of the Interior and Environment resolved to bring the subject of animal cruelty in Israel up for discussion by the full Knesset and recommended to the Minister of Education that children spend at least one hour per week in class addressing the issue of cruelty to animals and how to prevent it. The Ministry of Education has decided to allocate funds towards the CHAI "Kids Caring About Animals" program, which will bring Jewish and Arab children together to learn about and help animals, and it also agreed to distribute to all elementary schools in the country a humane and environmental newsletter produced by CHAI. (Pro Animal, Jan '95)

ITALY

The city of Rome has appointed an official animal rights advisor who looks after the welfare of wild and domestic animals on the street, in hospices and at circuses. (Animal Times, June/July '94)

A new law has shortened the hunting season, so it now comes to an end on January 31st instead of March 10th. This is good news for the majority of birds, which don't begin their migration flights until February. (Tierbefreiung Aktuell, Sept '94)

The mayor of Rome has ordered the city's zoo animals to be replaced with plastic models. (Animal Times, Xmas '94)

Benetton now has its own cruelty-free logo for cosmetics that have not been tested on animals and contain no animal ingredients. The logo launch took place last September in Bolzano, the first province in the world to ban vivisection. (Animal Times, Jan/Feb '95)

KENYA

The Kenyan Wildlife Service has said that, since the ivory trade was banned in 1989, elephant numbers have shown a fragile but steady recovery. (Ceefax, 10/2/95)

MEXICO

Keiko, the Orca whale who 'starred' in the film 'Free Willy', is to be rehabilitated back to the wild, following a campaign by animal protectionists to free him from captivity at a marine park in Mexico City. (BBC TV Newsround, 8/2/95)

NEW ZEALAND

The cost and threat of protests from anti-vivisectionists stopped the Cancer Society erecting billboards to promote Daffodil Day, which raises money for animal research. (Evening Post (Wellington), 23/8/94)

OMAN

A Ministerial Decision has been issued by the

Government of Oman banning the importation of rhino horn and the Government also plans to prohibit the sale of rhino horn at a later date. This is an important decision, as there is a strong tradition of making dagger handles from rhino horn in the country. (TRAFFIC Bulletin, Oct '94)

NORWAY

Demand for whale meat in Norway seems to have dramatically decreased, with 1994 prices falling to less than two thirds of those in 1993. (Vesterlen, 13/7/94)

The Norwegian Vegetarian Society, founded just two years ago, now has 150 members, with the number steadily increasing. According to a poll taken in 1993, 1% of the Norwegian population is vegetarian and 0.1% vegan.

A report by the Ethical Committee of the Norwegian Department of Agriculture stated that fur farming methods could not be justified and should be phased out. (Norwegian Animal Rights Update, Jan '95)

PACIFIC NATIONS

A campaign has been launched by 26 nations in the Pacific to save the marine turtle from extinction. The nations want a ban on the commercial sale of turtles. (Ceefax, 6/3/95)

SINGAPORE

Singapore has banned the sale and public display of medicines that contain tiger parts and derivatives. (Daily Telegraph, 17/9/94)

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Minister of Education has officially confirmed and signed a declaration that excludes any use of animals in basic and secondary education. The declaration specifically forbids dissecting any kind of animal and bringing animals to school for educational observations. This success was accomplished by Sloboda Zvierat (Freedom of Animals), the first organization to promote animal rights publicly in the Slovak Republic. In October '93 it launched a campaign called Teaching Compassion, which included public actions, spreading information in the media, and gathering 75,000 signatures on a petition demanding the abolition of animal use in education. (Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '94)

TAIWAN

On October 27th, Taiwan's Wildlife Conservation Law was amended to create increased penalties for illegal traffic in wildlife. The Law has already significantly reduced the trade in endangered species of local birds since its introduction in 1989. (TRAFFIC Bulletin, Oct '94)

Following reports of hundreds of dogs being snatched off the streets and buried alive in mass graves, the government of Taiwan has asked experts from the World Society for the Protection of Animals to conduct a week-long seminar to look at ways of replacing existing inhumane methods of

stray control. (WSPA Press Release, 23/3/95)

USA

The Cornell University dining service is now offering vegan main courses at every meal in each region of the campus. Over 140 Subway fast food shops in Florida have begun selling vegan burgers and Hillary Clinton has ordered 70 cases of them for the White House. (Vegetarian Voice, Summer '94)

The US Army had planned to amputate the toes of mice, chipmunks and other small herbivorous mammals in order to identify them during a wildlife study, but these animals will now be identified with a waterproof marker instead. (PETA, 16/7/94)

A U.S. Dept. of Agriculture protocol now requires veterinarians to use anaesthesia before removing the ovaries of heifers destined for export from Mexico to the US and states that incisions made during these operations should be sutured in a proper manner. US veterinarians had been performing such ovariectomies without anaesthetic and then clamping the gaping surgical incisions with huge hog rings. The protocol also specifies that the heifers should be identified with a single brand on the back, instead of two face-brands as had previously been the case.

A Mississippi dog dealer suspected of trafficking in stolen pets has been ordered to surrender his Class B dealer license by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, which means he is permanently barred from selling dogs and cats to research institutions. (Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '94)

Following extensive lobbying by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has announced that it will no longer sell hamsters, gerbils and birds, and that, except for fish, it is getting out of the pet business. Wal-Mart, the USA's largest retailer, will discontinue orders for pets in its 600 stores that carry animals. (Dallas Morning News, 1/8/94)

On August 29th the California Governor signed into law a bill that outlaws the tripping of horses in Mexican-style rodeos. (San Gabriel Valley News, 30/8/94)

A University of Virginia professor has developed an interactive videodisc which lets students dissect computer "frogs", so avoiding the killing of real ones.

The American Broadcasting Corporation has withdrawn financial support for the infamous Alaskan Idarod Trail Sled Dog Race, in which dogs are sometimes raced until they collapse. (Animal Times, Aug/Sept '94)

A new law in California outlaws the acceptance and sale of downed animals (those too sick or injured to stand) at stockyards and auction markets, and it requires that downed animals at these facilities be moved humanely or euthanized immediately. Downed animals suffer painful injuries and neglect, are left for days without food or water, and are often dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with forklifts, all of which abuses are made illegal.

Tim Rivers' mule-diving show (in which mules are forced to jump 30 feet, plunging into a tank of water at 30 miles per hour) has been banned from the state of Illinois after being ruled inhumane by a judge in a case brought by the local Animal Welfare League.

The Governor of Michigan has signed into law one of the toughest and most progressive animal cruelty laws in the US. Persons convicted of animal cruelty can be required to receive mental health treatment and be fined up to \$2,500 or jailed for up to 4 years. (Animals' Agenda, Sept/Oct '94)

"Animal-friendly" car license plates have been introduced by the State of New Jersey. Proceeds from the plates will be used to fund the state's low-cost spay-neuter program. (Bergen County Animal Shelter Society, Oct '94)

Following a 7 year campaign by the Progressive Animal Welfare Society, Ivan the Gorilla, in a concrete box in Tacoma, Washington shopping centre for over 20 years, has at last been moved to a zoo, where he can meet other gorillas and have more freedom. (P.A.W.S. Press Release, 12/10/94)

Following a campaign by a poultry welfare group, Bob Evans Farms have made a corporate decision to stop their annual "International Chicken Flying Meet", in which 70 to 80 chickens are pushed with a toilet plunger out of a fake mailbox. (United Poultry Concerns, 17/10/94)

Salvador P. Trippy, Inc., a downtown Seattle fur salon, has closed its doors after 65 years in business. There is now only one fur salon left open in downtown Seattle. (Seattle Times, 26/10/94)

The Coca-Cola Company has decided to withdraw its sponsorship of cockfighting after numerous letters from animal advocates. (United Poultry Concerns, 28/10/94)

Animal rights activist Kim Trimiew, was released on August 29 after spending 193 days in the Spokane County Jail, when the judge finally realized that holding her any longer would not force her to testify to the grand jury about happenings at a 1991 animal liberation raid on Washington State University. (The AV Magazine, Nov '94)

Following campaigns by animal rights activists, Jack Lewis Furs of Memphis, Tennessee has gone out of business and three clothes stores in New York have decided to no longer line the collars of their coats with fur. (The Militant Vegan, Nov '94)

A dog-fight organizer captured on his own videotape using a kitten and a stray dog as bait for pit bulls was sentenced to ten years in prison in early November. (Fairfax Journal, 7/11/94)

5.4 million Americans bought furs in 1993, down from 7.6 million in 1989, and the number of mink farms in the USA has declined from 1,027 in 1988 to 502 in 1993. (New York, 7/11/94)

The US navy has agreed to transfer 5 male bottlenose

dolphins (captured for use in its military programme) to a sanctuary, from where it is hoped to rehabilitate them back to the wild.

Officials in Pompano Beach, Florida, under pressure from the local animal rights group, have decided to continue the current ban on horse-drawn carriages. On October 17 the city council of Biloxi, Mississippi, passed an ordinance banning horse-drawn vehicles, following a campaign by local AR groups. (Animals' Agenda, Nov/Dec '94)

Since 1985, 30 million Americans have become vegetarian - and the US consumption of beef has gone down by 30%, and of veal by 70%. (Recht fr Tiere, Winter '94)

Thomas E. McElroy Furs of Chicago, which opened for business in 1928, is closing down soon. (Chicago Tribune, 2/12/94)

The University of California at Berkeley has become the first major US public university to provide a vegan main course at every meal. A survey revealed that 5% of the university's dorm residents are vegan (AR-NEWS, 5/12/94)

Hog-dog rodeos, where dogs are set on wild boars, have been banned in Lafayette County, Florida following court action by PETA. (Animal Times, Xmas '94)

The 1994 World Farm Animals Day, held on October 2nd, was the largest ever, with nearly 200 memorial events all over the USA and other countries to raise public consciousness about the evils of factory farming. (Pro Animal, Jan '95)

On November 8th voters in Oregon and Arizona approved ballot measures aimed at protecting wildlife in those states. The Oregon initiative prohibits hunters from laying bait for bears in order to ambush them and from using hounds fitted with telemetry collars to hunt bears and cougars. These restrictions will virtually end the "sport" hunting of cougars in Oregon and halve the number of bears killed for "sport" there annually. With this vote Oregon joins two other states, California and Colorado, where citizen initiatives have already limited the hunting of bears for "sport" - and pressure from animal activists in recent years has prompted wildlife agencies in New Mexico, Utah, Florida, and Arizona to curtail bear-hunting seasons voluntarily. In Arizona voters approved a ban on the use of leghold traps, body-gripping traps, snares, and poisons on public lands - and because public lands make up more than 80% of Arizona, the passage of this measure effectively ends commercial fur trapping in the state. Arizona's vote was the first successful attempt in 64 years to outlaw the leghold trap by citizen initiative. (Animals' Agenda, Jan/Feb '95)

Designers of the Franklin Roosevelt memorial in Washington D.C. have scrapped plans to exhibit a bronze statue of Eleanor Roosevelt wearing a fur coat. She will now be depicted wearing a cloth coat instead.

Faced with a widespread problem of chained, neglected dogs, the town of Muamelle, Arkansas enacted an

ordinance that prohibits the tying or chaining of dogs to dog-houses or other stationary objects and requires that all dogs be housed in approved enclosures. (Animal Times, Jan/Feb '95)

Directors of a city-owned golf course at Scottsboro, Alabama have cancelled plans for a series of mass goose hunts after the city mayor's office was swamped with protest calls. Instead of killing the geese, workers will try alternative methods of keeping them off the course. (Mobile Register, 6/1/95)

New York nightclubs are turning away patrons who arrive in fur coats. (Newsweek, 9/1/95)

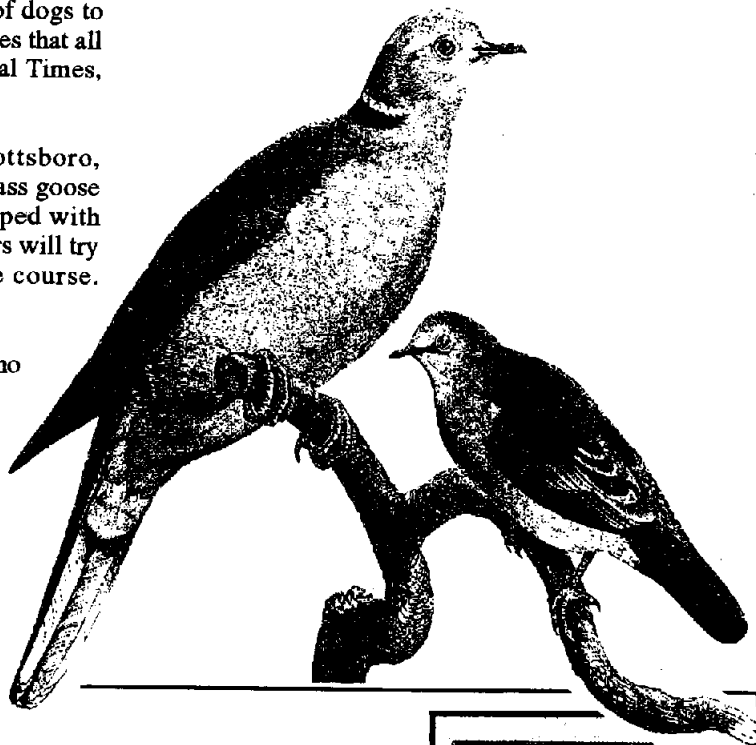
The nation's largest fur chain, Evans Inc. of Chicago, had over 120 outlets at the end of the '80s. Now they are down to 78. (People Weekly, 13/2/95)

American Airlines has decided to remove pate de foie gras from its menu because of complaints by animal rights campaigners. (Teletext, 28/2/95)

Ohio State University, where research projects involve 40,000 animals a year, has been made to reveal names and proposals of vivisection following a court order. This has led to many vivisection proposals being withdrawn and has discouraged many of the medical students there from taking part in animal research.

The Governor of Alaska has cancelled a wolf killing programme after calling it "inhumane" and "mismanaged". Of 134 wolves snared, 37 were found alive and shot, while also snared were 35 moose, 14 caribous, 4 golden eagles, 26 red foxes and other animals. (ARC News, March '95)

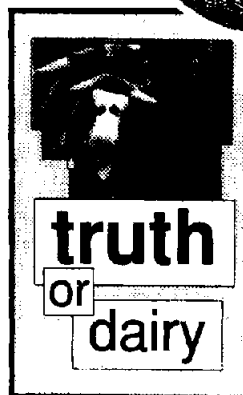
American Express has withdrawn a T.V. commercial featuring a Hong Kong shark fin restaurant after animal protectionists protested because of the cruelty involved in the production of the soup - fishermen cut off the fins and throw the sharks back to die slowly. (Teletext, 12/3/95)



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Sabbing News



This issue of Arkangel has seen the nature of sabbing change from peaceful, lawful action against the cruelty and bloodlust perpetrated by the bloodsports brigade to a criminal act where imprisonment and heavy fines await those unfortunate enough to be prosecuted under the new laws. The people who attempt to disrupt the killing of deer, foxes, hares and other hapless creatures have remained resolute. They have not stopped sabotage just because a new law has been introduced, but continue to save lives. However, the beginning of the 1994/5 hunting season showed that the hunt supporters could not wait for the new laws, preferring instead to use violence. One difference to previous years, however, was the willingness of some police forces to assist hunt supporters in their attacks on hunt saboteurs. There has always been collusion between police and hunt supporters but just prior to the Criminal Justice Act the blatant bias towards the hunters appears to have reached new depths.

In late August, Mr. Richardson, his nine year old son Charlie and their dog went to protest peacefully against bloodsports at a dressage day held by the Woodland Pytchley hunt near Cranford in Northamptonshire.

On three occasions during the day a local landowner had attacked protesters who had gathered to take part in the protest against the hunt. He saw a group sitting on a grass verge, pulled up in his car just in time to avoid running them down and got out, set about the group and insisted that the grass verge was his property. Police attended the scene and took statements from protesters. While they were busy doing this, he returned to the dressage arena and attacked another protester, punching him in the face and smashing his video camera. The landowner then drove back along the road and on seeing Mr. Richardson, his son and the dog leaving the area, drove straight at them in a deliberate attempt to run them over. Mr. Richardson managed to push his son out of the way and pull the dog from underneath the landrover as he and a friend were struck by the irate lunatic, bouncing onto the bonnet.

The following Tuesday one of the saboteurs who had been on the receiving end of the attack had the tyres of his motorbike slashed while it was parked outside his front door. Two days later police arrested two saboteurs - one for biting the attacker's hand and faking an attack by smashing his own camera and rubbing gravel into his own face! The other was arrested for kicking the landrover and causing dents in the bodywork. After all these incidents

the police decided that the landowner had done nothing illegal and took no action against him.

On 2nd September thirty saboteurs went to stop the slaughter of wild birds at a grouse shoot on Kildale Moor in North Yorkshire but ended up the victims of serious assaults by 'hunt steward' boss Simon Longworth. He punched Karen Edmondson in the mouth, knocking out one of her teeth and loosening another, while another saboteur was kicked in the crotch by the steward's leader. More saboteurs were assaulted by other hunt heavies but for once their leader was arrested for assault by Northallerton police. What had the saboteurs been doing earlier that day? Well, one of their member, Steve Davis used his first aid training to revive a hunter who had fallen off her horse at a meet of the Middleton Hunt close to the moors. Nicola Hogg was choking to death on a piece of chewing gum and would have died if the sabs had not been there. The other members of the hunt just watched her going blue!

This is not the first time that sabs have tended to ill or injured riders, some of whom have been dangerously ill. They at least know that the sabs are not the demons their propaganda machine would have the public believe, but genuinely peaceful, principled people.

A classic success story of the hunt saboteur movement at its best is the abandonment of Britain's largest annual hunting festival. In September the Northumberland Beagling Festival organisers announced they would not be holding any events in 1994 due to the sabbing which the

Tyneside Hunt Saboteurs and the HSA have continued every year since 1987. Despite persistent violence directed at sabs by the hunt supporters and their first use of private security against saboteurs, this premiere hare hunting festival, which was heavily promoted by the BFSS and their "Campaign for Hunting", has closed and hopefully will not return to the shameful hunt calendar.

In late September the notoriously violent Albrighton Hunt added another violent assault to an already long list of attacks on sabs. On this occasion, Wolverhampton sab Mark Sheldon was taken to Telford hospital following an ambush on the saboteur van by a convoy of hunt vehicles, led by two tractors. A hunt supporter lifted the van into the air using the front forks of the tractor while the sabs who were left outside the vehicle found themselves under attack by the hunt scum. Mark was hit on the head with a hammer by a hunt supporter and was taken to Telford hospital for treatment. Police are (supposedly) investigating the attack.

Just before the introduction of the Criminal Justice Act saboteurs and journalists who were making a programme about the act went to a meet of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt. As soon as they arrived hunt heavies moved in and hospitalised two sabs - one needing four stitches to a head wound. The heavies beat up the photographers with the journalists and tore the film out of their cameras. The local police force stood by and watched the attacks taking place. One of three officers who were nearby at the time of the attack was heard to say: "We stayed out of it because it is just not feasible to get involved"!

SABOTEURS IN WESTMINSTER

The Hunt Saboteurs Association joined with other groups to protest at the injustice of the provisions in the Criminal Justice Bill dealing with hunt violence. While saboteurs took part in the many demonstrations against the new law over the summer and autumn, the HSA took the issue into the Houses of Parliament to explain to the MP's who exactly was responsible for the majority of violence at hunt meets. They launched an eight page booklet, "Thugs, Wreckers and Bullies", at a press conference in the House of Commons, which gave clear evidence of the reality of country sports violence. The launch was hosted by Nottingham's Labour MP, Alan Simpson, who is, as far as we know, the only MP to go out with sabs to see for himself what happens. He stated what we all know - the majority of sabs are decent people who try to save animals from savage deaths and who face threats, intimidation and physical violence from the hunt heavies. Jo Harris of Portsmouth sabs, who has suffered a year of violence and sexual harassment from the Hursley Hambledon hunt thugs, told the press of her experiences. Another contributor was Lynn Sawyer, a former hunt supporter who turned against the cruelty of hunting and had become appalled at the violence and lying propaganda perpetrated by her former friends. Despite the efforts of the HSA to present a balanced view to the legislators, two months later Howard had his way.

SABOTEURS BECOME CRIMINALS

The Criminal Justice Act became law in November and

between the Act's introduction and the beginning of February 1995, 98 Saboteurs have been arrested. However, very few forces are involved in enforcing the new act. Apart from one arrest in Yorkshire, two in Dorset and three arrests in Wiltshire, the majority of the arrests have been in Northamptonshire at the Woodland Pytchley hunt, in Kent at the Ashford Valley hunt, in Hampshire at the Meon Valley Beagles and the Garth hunt, in Northumberland at the Tynedale hunt and most notoriously at the Essex Foxhounds.

The dubious honour of being the first saboteurs to be arrested under the new laws probably falls to a group of saboteurs from Cambridge and Northampton who attended the opening meet of the Woodland Pytchley hunt on November 5th at Stoke Albany in Northamptonshire. Five minutes after the hunt began two protesters from Cambridge were arrested for trespassing and blowing hunting horns. Both were on a public footpath and neither had a hunting horn in their possession.

While saboteurs continued to harass the hunt, local police officers spent a most disagreeable afternoon trying to remove three protesters from a tree. They were not attempting to sabotage the hunt, but were staging a protest against the Criminal Injustice Act and blowing a tin whistle. The police surrounded the tree, and tried to climb up and pull the protesters down. Fortunately they were such incompetent tree-climbers they gave up and decided to call the fire brigade to bring the protesters down. At that point the sabs came down voluntarily and were arrested and charged with Section 68!

The hapless police inspector sheepishly admitted that this was the first hunt meeting he had policed and seems to have made a right mess of it, since sitting in a tree does not appear to fit the definition of criminal trespass as described in the act. Despite the police actions the day was seen as a success in that the hunt was sabbed all day and the sabs did not believe the hunt killed a fox. The saboteurs pleaded not guilty to the charges and will contest any finding against them through the system and if necessary as far as the European Court of Human Rights. The experience has made them even more determined to continue the disruption of the Woodland Pytchley hunt.

The following weekend ten campaigners from Kent, Wiltshire and Northumberland joined two more saboteurs from Northamptonshire in the Criminal Injustice stakes. One of the two protesters arrested in Northamptonshire was surprised to learn that walking away from a hunt across a private field constituted interference with the hunt, while the other was arrested for videoing the hunt - a practice which Inspector Nicholls of Corby Police had said a few days earlier would not constitute an offence! Members of the Ashford Hunt Saboteurs were arrested for walking into a field near the Ashford Valley foxhunt and the Swindon Hunt saboteurs were lifted for being at a meet of the Old Berks foxhunt.

However, on the same day saboteurs at the Tynedale foxhunt faced unpleasant harassment from hunt followers near Corbridge. A group of saboteurs were repeatedly attacked by a carload of hunt heavies while Hexham police refused to intervene - even when one saboteur had

his nose broken. During the day two saboteurs were arrested for aggravated trespass. One, Daniel Morrow, was arrested while hunt scum were beating him up.

Recently Daniel was found guilty at magistrates court and given a conditional discharge for one year, together with a bill for £100 for court costs. In an excellent gesture of support a member of the public unknown to the sabs, who was in the court gallery, paid off the bill. Therefore Daniel is the first saboteur to be convicted of Aggravated Trespass - and let's hope he is the first to receive compensation from the police for wrongful arrest!

INJUSTICE IN ESSEX

On Saturday 19th November, hunt saboteurs from across Britain gathered together for a 'national hit' on the Essex Foxhounds, as part of the national week of action against the Criminal Justice Act. All week, peaceful protests against sections of the law that criminalise people with different lifestyles to Howard, Major and the rest of the Tory rabble took place without difficulty. The Saturday protest against the new anti-sabbing laws was quite different.

The Essex hunts are notoriously violent towards sabs, and the Essex police force do not usually intervene to stop this, however severe the trouble. Since 1992 the Essex force have allowed 'hunt stewards' to remove saboteurs who were standing or walking along public footpaths. The form of removal often involved quite serious assaults. The partiality displayed by the police prior to the introduction of the Criminal Injustice Act became outright hostility towards sabs at this protest. This time the police behaved as hunt stewards, preventing sabs from even walking along public roads at times, with the result that most did not see much of the hunt. The vast majority of the violence on Saturday was from the police, rather than the actual hunt. One female saboteur had to be rushed to hospital by paramedics, after a policeman handcuffed her, and then beat her (while handcuffed) with a metal ended stick. Many people were arrested while trying to photograph this and other examples of police brutality. The police on many occasions tried to confiscate such evidence - nevertheless, photographic and video evidence has been obtained, including footage of the incident already mentioned.

Over 30 arrests were made, with 22 people charged, some under the new Act. Two have ironically been charged with grievous bodily harm (GBH) and were initially held in police custody. A further protester was remanded into custody because his identity could not be verified.

Although some police forces have taken action against saboteurs and are enthusiastically using the new laws to arrest people, many forces are not using the new laws. However, we should not be lulled into a false sense of security - it is most likely that the other forces' reluctance to act is governed only by their desire to save money. As soon as Criminal Justice Act cases are taken to the High Court on appeal they will know how to arrest sabs without being sued for wrongful arrest. Then we will see all forces using the new laws and criminalising sabs at will.

RAISING THE STAKES

As the number of saboteurs arrested under the new laws increases, and while the hunt thugs attack and injure saboteurs and hunt monitors with impunity, many activists will be driven to stop hunting through other illegal means. Already the country has seen the emergence of the Justice Department, a group of activists who have become disillusioned with the political process which denies the majority's disgust of bloodsports in favour of the politicians' landowning, wealthy friends and their brutal hirelings. Since the emergence of 'JD' on 6th October 1993, parcel bombs, exploding poster tubes and mousetrap devices have been sent to bloodsports enthusiasts (among other animal abusers). In a press release in February 1994 the Justice Department explained why they took such action:

"80% of the population are opposed to bloodsports; clearly the majority of local councils - which have banned hunting - did so because the majority voted for that, now we're told it's not proper to go with a democratic decision. So be it.

We never had faith in the political system, so used direct action to fight the many obscenities inflicted on the animal kingdom, and proved its worth.

Now we hope and anticipate more will join the war being fought by so many good people outside the hopelessness of asking people with nasty habits nicely to stop destroying animals' lives. They insult humanity so deserve to be insulted and humiliated.

They deserve more, we think... soon they'll get it.

JD & Co."

The Animal Liberation Front has also increased economic sabotage of hunt targets and in a climate where previously legal activities of sabbing are punished with imprisonment, there is a real likelihood that some saboteurs will prefer the anonymity of ALF or JD style actions to their obvious and visible presence at hunts. It is doubtful that Michael Howard envisaged increased economic sabotage as the end result of bowing to the pressure of the BFSS but it is an inevitable consequence. Howard should realise that animal rights activists won't be bullied into leaving the struggle. The only way he will reduce the level of illegal activity against hunters is to do the decent thing and criminalise hunting itself. In March the Home Secretary has a clear opportunity to equalise the injustice of the current law by supporting the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill's second reading.

WILD MAMMALS (PROTECTION) BILL

The Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, a private members' bill, will be introduced to the House of Commons on Friday 3rd March by John McFall, Labour MP for Dumbarton. The bill proposes to ban hunting with hounds amongst other cruelties inflicted on our indigenous wildlife.

We know that the bloodsports brigade are well organised by the BFSS and BASC in writing letters to the local papers, in telephone polls and in writing to their MP's to

support their appalling pastime of murdering wildlife. No doubt they will be encouraged to write to their MP's asking them oppose the bill and on the day of the vote scum like Nicholas Bonsor will try crude methods to talk out the bill, just as two other Tory scum read passages from a telephone book and an encyclopaedia to prevent the second reading of a private members' bill banning the live export of calves to foreign crates. Nevertheless we can all write a letter to our local MP's to encourage them to support the bill. With the widespread action against the veal trade becoming stronger and stronger the MP's will be keeping an eye on the feeling of their constituents towards the live exports issue. Letters asking for their support on another animal liberation issue will probably be treated with more care than usually is the case. One can also point out that JD and ALF actions against hunt property and the continued sabbing of hunts in defiance of the new laws will also stop when the hunting stops. However, members of the sleaze party are likely to behave with their usual arrogant disregard for animal rights and help their blood-soaked friends and relations to continue the killing.

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By the time this issue of Arkangel appears, no doubt more sabs will have been arrested under the C.J.A. and more and more cases will go through the courts with the inevitable result of activists facing criminal convictions. Nevertheless, saboteurs will continue to sabotage hunts until hunting ends and groups such as the ALF or the JD will continue to target bloodsports enthusiasts for damage attacks. If one takes a realistic view of the future, it seems inevitable that the state will continue to crack down on our voice of protest until our opinions become the opinions of the majority in power. It is now more likely than ever that the Labour Party will take power at the next election and they have made it clear that they intend to stop hunting with hounds. It is to be hoped that they will remain true to their party manifesto and treat the Leave Country Sports Alone Campaign charlatans (Labour Party hunt scum) with the contempt they deserve. In the meantime the sabs will be in the field, saving lives.

SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL TRUST BANS FOXHUNTING

While members of the Royal Family gallop around the countryside in search of wildlife to terrorise and slaughter, their subjects in Scotland have been banging another nail into the bloodsports coffin.

In a decision which has stunned the English National Trust, the National Trust for Scotland has banned foxhunting on their land. The Scottish trust's ruling council has withdrawn permission to the Fife Hunt to hunt over the Hill of Tarvit, near Coupar, the only place where a hunt crossed its land.

The reaction of the BFSS was predictable. Mr. Peter Voute, acting director, said: "The National Trust for Scotland has taken an administrative action to stop access

to the Fife Hunt over the Hill of Tarvit, which it has not hunted over for the past five years." Not bothered? Who are they trying to kid? One thing's for certain - access to land to hunt on continues to diminish, never increase.

It seems probable that the Scottish body acted to pre-empt a damaging row of the kind that has occurred south of the border - where the ruling council continues to ignore both overwhelming public opinion and the wishes of its members.

Some readers might wonder how ballots during the past five years in the south have failed to get stag hunting banned on National Trust land if a majority of members are opposed to it. Well the trick's in the voting system - and this is how it's done! First, the council tries to convince members that the proposal (to ban hunting) is going to cause the Trust all sorts of problems - technicalities, legalities and statistics abound - and then the member has to complete the most complicated ballot paper imaginable (*when I posted mine I still wasn't sure which way I'd voted - Ed.*). But, to make it easier for the bewildered member, those nice National Trust people give them an easy solution - they can simply tick a box which gives the Chairman their vote! Many thousands of members do just that. And guess how the Chairman uses these tens of thousands of votes? So each time, while a huge majority of voters *who actually vote* call for a ban, the status quo remains. Democracy? (Let's hope the Tories never catch on to this one!)



News from the ALF Press Office

by Robin Webb

Freedom of Speech - R.I.P.!

My article in Arkangel 12 opened with the news that I had been raided by the Hampshire Police and then, two weeks later, nicked by the Special Operations Unit from New Scotland Yard ("The Boys Named SOU" - with apologies to Johnny Cash).

To recap, on 5th August last year I was visited at home by the Hampshire Police who wanted to question me about a claim by the Poultry Liberation Organisation (PLO) that they had contaminated battery eggs at Tesco stores throughout Sussex, Hampshire and Dorset. Refusing to answer questions, I gave them the name and phone number of my solicitor and asked them to leave, which they did.

But... they returned later that night with members of the Cambridgeshire police and a brand new search warrant. Taking a considerable amount of property, from the PLO statement to the fax machine/answerphone, they left not too long before midnight saying that I would be interviewed even if they had to arrest me to do so. The next day I spoke at the National Anti-Hunt Campaign's rally in Trafalgar Square, without managing to get arrested for incitement! Incidentally, if anyone out there has video footage of any or all of the speakers that day (apart from ARNI) please contact the NAHC or the ALF Press Office, thanks.

Back to the story, which at least increased the circulation of Arkangel by one. I quote from a statement by DS (now DI) Alan Betts: "At 12.57 hours on Friday 9th December 1994, I went to 'Time for Change', Fawcette Road, Southsea, Hants where I purchased Arkangel Magazine No 12 for £1.80 from a male shop assistant". Mind you, he must have been busy because a later statement says he didn't read it until three days later.

Exactly two weeks after the search by the Hampshire police I was arrested down on the South Coast and hit with the ludicrous firearms charges. Managing to get out on bail I was not allowed to travel more than 20 miles from Cambridge which, with other strict conditions, was intended to severely inhibit the work of the ALF Press Office.

At last, after several delays, the intrepid Hampshire constabulary eventually arrested me by appointment at Cambridge police station on 7th November... the arrest was on "Suspicion of conspiring with others to cause members of the public to shun purchasing eggs from Tesco".

Exercising my right to remain silent, despite an almost overwhelming desire to laugh each time I thought of the reason for arrest, I was eventually released on police bail

until 5th January 1995. They probably thought my existing bail conditions were sufficiently Draconian. Nearer the time, they wanted me back earlier in the day but wouldn't even tell my solicitor why! We subsequently agreed to 10am on Friday 6th January; I surrendered to bail at the appointed time. Unfortunately, I hadn't taken time to fully tidy up in case I was late for my appointment so you can imagine my dismay when they re-arrested me and took me straight back home to search it all over again!

At least it has given Margaret more space at home as this time they took virtually everything ranging from all the Press Office merchandise (T-shirts, etc) to my Council Tax bill with as much paperwork as possible in between. One very incriminating video cassette they took was entitled "Into the 1990's"... no, sorry, it wasn't instructions on how to blow up vivisectioners - it was about the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway in Kent! Writing about Kent, they've also taken some of the Elvis Presley videos that had a trip down there when Keith and Viv were arrested in 1991... would the attraction be "Jailhouse Rock"?

One thing they seem to want to prove is that I've taken money from the ALF or the ALF Supporters Group or the Press Office for my own use including my mortgage! If only there were that kind of money available - it's not the RSPCA you know! Once they check the account books (hopefully they won't lose them) it should be clear even to them that such a suggestion is a non-starter. Maybe they judge everybody by themselves?

Meanwhile, the search finally completed, the Elvis and railway videos (not forgetting the Council Tax bill) carefully listed and placed in the hired cars which they'd used to travel up to Cambridge the night before - staying in an expensive but none-too-impressive hotel (strange how some people think high prices are synonymous with quality) - we left my home to travel down to Winchester, thus allowing me to sample the delights of their police station. Refusing to question me that evening, despite my protestation that I wasn't tired, they shut me in a cell.

Saturday morning began with a Superintendent authorising a further 12 hours detention without charge, then, shortly afterwards, a new Custody Sergeant came on duty who decided that I couldn't have my belt or shoes and laces in case I harmed myself. Having been under arrest for about 24 hours at the time I didn't consider that to be reasonable, especially when taking into account that my tie, razor and spare blades were left in my cell! Wishful thinking? I decided to go on hunger strike, which was probably just as well due to there being no vegan food available... and they weren't getting me any.

Later that day I was at last interviewed but remained silent, no thanks to Michael 'CJA' Howard. Charged at

...last, I discovered that my alleged crime had been to fax a copy of the PLO's statement to a news agency. Part of the charge is that "With intent to cause economic loss... (I) claimed that another had... contaminated or interfered with (goods) contrary to Section 38 (2) of the Public Order Act 1986". This section was added to the original Bill as it was going through Parliament in the wake of the Mars Bar hoax. Had I "claimed that another" had placed a bomb or kidnapped a vivisector it appears that I would have been in the clear! British law excels itself once again - in the Animal Liberation movement we all know that an ass would have far more sense...

Appearing in Winchester magistrates court the following Monday, bail was strongly opposed. Rather than concentrate on the fact that I had faxed a press statement to a news agency, the police and prosecution spoke fervently about arson, incitement, parcel bombs, the IRA, conspiracy and threats to, or intimidation of, witnesses. As I have been free since last August when the Hampshire police first tried to question me, and the only witnesses of any note are those at the news agency with whom I am perfectly happy and the police who really shouldn't allow themselves to be intimidated by me, I can't really see where threats or intimidation come into it. So, here I am in Winchester prison, the latest charge carrying a maximum 10 years with each of the three set-up firearms charges having a maximum 5 years, plus further as-yet-unspecified charges to follow; I could be here for a while yet!

Special thanks should be extended to DCI Desmond Thomas, DS (now DI) Alan Betts, DC Frances Payne and DC Tony Hewitt of the Hampshire police for their diligence in dealing with my case that weekend. They should be commended for thoroughness above and beyond the call of duty while many of their colleagues were carrying out the humdrum task of trying to catch the three Parkhurst escapees on the Isle of Wight.

Since then, I appeared on 18th January in the magistrates court where, once more, I was remanded in custody following the police/prosecution repeating their concerns about arson, etc, with the additional claim that I am the Justice Department - for which I certainly haven't been charged(!) - and the description of me as "the Gerry Adams of the ALF". This was, of course, before Mr Adams was described by a former Northern Ireland minister as a brave man who had contributed much to the peace initiative. An application on 8th February for bail to Judge in Chambers (Crown Court) was refused and on 15th February the court set my committal hearing for 9th March. I had already been committed on the firearms charges last December. Meanwhile, an appeal fund has been set up to buy a ladder or, if donations are generous enough, a helicopter; cheques/PO's should be made payable to 'Robin Webb' and sent c/o ALF Press Office making clear that the donation is for the Robin Webb Escape Fund...

What's Happening to the Press Office?

That's been discussed with the ALF SG and we've thought it best to limit the activities of the Press Office until the results of these charges are known. It is NOT being silenced! Press releases on contamination hoaxes are

definitely out for the time being, although of course, the Press Office has no control over what anonymous individuals decide to do. Releases on other types of action could be the subject of similarly obscure charges so will have to be avoided for the time being. However, the activists and the animals will still have a voice. John Curtin, who acted for a while as 'unofficial spokesperson/ex-ALF activist' before the Press Office was resurrected in October 1991, has volunteered to speak to the news media and will be able to be contacted on the usual mobile phone number: 0836 310763. John was very effective in the past; all I can say is, "Best of luck - go for it!"

Justice Department III

Despite regular arrests of people who the police claim to be the Justice Department, the actions have continued to snowball. Since last August, the time of my last report, the Department has carried out its own brand of justice 42 times to the end of 1994. Hoax devices were placed at targets in Hampshire on 9th September, one at the Hursley and Hambledon Hunt kennels, with another at a public house used by the same hunt. Three short days later, the same county saw the emergence of an off-shoot from the Justice Department; AC/DC (Anti-Cartmell/Dowsett Campaign) formed to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the SEALL's Wickham 19. Powerful incendiary devices placed under the vehicles of two prominent figures from Wickham labs completely destroyed both cars. A whole wave of devices were sent out on 20th October beginning with 13 (unlucky for some) of the now infamous mousetraps. The hunting fraternity and vivisectors scored 6 each with one going towards the live exports campaign at Shoreham. 19 letters booby-trapped with razor blades were dispatched at the same time, the result this time being hunt 8, vivisectors 7, Garetmar Kennels and Webbs Poultry 2 each.

The J.D. moved to a larger scale on 14th November when rat traps primed with razor blades were sent to 2 eminent quarries; Prince Charles, to highlight the anger at the continued legality of hunting, and Michael Howard, Home Secretary, for introduction of the Criminal Justice Act which outlawed many forms of hitherto lawful protest. The Irish connection followed on 22nd November when the J.D. decided to set up in the Republic having heard that Captain Mark Phillips was visiting that country to both practice and promote hunting. Seeking to disprove claims from the Irish Republic that "there is no opposition to hunting there" the Justice Department sent devices to the two host hunts, the North Galway and the Galway blazers, while advising the cossetted captain, "To go home ASAP".

The final known actions of 1994 were against hunts on 25th December (Christmas Day to some), with a sophisticated hoax device wrapped in festive paper being left at the kennels of Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray foxhunt in Petworth, West Sussex. That was detonated by a controlled explosion donated by Santa's bomb squad as was a similar device left at the home of prominent hunt member Nick Fawcett who has caught the J.D.'s attention on several occasions.

As I have explained in previous editions of Arkangel, I'm not allowed to give you full details of such actions but... for those of you who are interested in the Justice Department I can recommend the Winter 94 / Spring 95 issue of 'Liberator'. Amongst much else of interest it contains a history/background on the Justice Department and a detailed listing of their actions to date... maybe ARNI gave them the information? The magazine is available from Liberator, PO Box 80, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 4GH, for £2.00 which includes post and packing. Please leave the payee section of cheques/PO's blank as - for several reasons - they don't have an account yet. I found it a fascinating read.

Live Exports - The Last Stand?

Well, what can I say about the beginning of the end which we witnessed as the year began? People power on the streets, the police truncheoning women, children and anyone else who got in the way, the right-wing press swinging the epithet 'rent-a-mob' from our side to the police, and the trucks... yes, the trucks themselves being stopped. Not by placards, not by lobbying MP's, but by people who were angry and determined enough to stand and fight.

Remember that night when it was reported that 250 passionate campaigners had forced the miserable trucks into retreat in Shoreham? Remember the following night when the numbers had doubled to 500, with the evil convoy again repulsed? Remember realising at last... at long, long last... that an end to this obscene trade was within our grasp; that victory was being experienced; that history was being made?

And then the third night, the trucks eventually got through with their cargoes of despair. Some of you thought of that as a defeat. It wasn't. It was another night of outstanding victory. The numbers again doubled, this time to 1,000. That was a victory. The numbers doubled in spite of Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) urging people to stay away. That was a victory. The need to open a partly-built bypass as a back route to take the convoy of torment accompanied by 20 police personnel carriers crammed with officers in full riot gear as an escort, more than 20 police motorcyclist outriders, the lifeboat launched before the ferry sailed, a police dinghy with divers in the harbour and more than 1,000 police 'on the ground'... while a mere 200 officers were deployed to find three Parkhurst escapees on the Isle of Wight. Those were victories. People, ordinary people... animal rights campaigners, local residents, people who cared... stood and fought against overwhelming odds. They really fought for the animals. That was a victory. There is no shame on our side. The shame enshrouds those who invoked the full power of the State to fight against compassion, against justice, against the will of the people. That shame will never be washed away.

Since those nights we have seen determination at Plymouth (despite Chris Deacon's early appeals for people to stay away), at Brightlingsea, at Coventry and elsewhere. The major ferry companies pulled out originally because YOU deluged them with letters, YOU demonstrated at the docks, YOU got up petitions, YOU organised boycotts, the

ALF (YOU?) took action against them and the Justice Department (YOU?) sent them presents through the post. Now it's YOU at Shoreham, YOU at Brightlingsea, YOU at Coventry, YOU at Plymouth, YOU at Belfast, YOU keeping watch and YOU about to see the final destruction of this obscenity through YOUR efforts. As Carla Lane said of the campaigners at Shoreham: "They have done more in the space of a few days to bring this cruelty to public attention than people like me have done by peaceful discussion over years".

My one, rather selfish, regret is that I was unable to participate in, unable to experience, the beginning of a success I've helped in a small way to fight for. My 20-mile travel restriction got in the way at first but I was soon even more confined. Yes, I would love to be out there helping but, sitting in my cell here, reading the newspaper reports and your letters about what's going on out there - I don't give a damn any more because I KNOW we are really winning at last. Nothing can stop us now, no police, no political double-dealing, no half-truths or half-promises can stand between us and justice for our brothers and sisters of other species. I am in here for the simple reason that we are winning and they cannot stop us. They don't know what to do. They have lost control of the situation. Animal Liberation is an achievable reality. Don't listen to the faint-hearted, don't listen to the "stop the calves - but not the sheep" brigade, don't listen to those who wish to compromise. We have no right, no authority, to compromise with the lives of others. We are on the first rung of the ladder to attaining our dreams. To all of you out there - be strong, don't stop. The future is ours. Thanks so much.

Prisoner Support

I was remanded by the court on Monday 9th January, processed through prison reception by 8.30pm that evening and on the wing by 9pm. By Thursday evening that week I had received 20 letters and cards, including two from Gurj and one from Keith. Margaret had been swamped with calls back home, among them messages of support from Angie and Gurj. I have also had a lot of welcome visits. If you are mad enough to want to visit me please call Sally on 0243 527651 to check the rota. Thanks!

Being on the receiving end (as I write this I have been here for over 6 weeks) I can tell you that your support for prisoners is really appreciated. Your news gives us a buzz. Letters from outside are a lift and even a card with a few words on means a lot. Believe me, scenic postcards of Brightlingsea must carry some of the most boring pictures in the world but it's still a lovely thought for people to send them and an even warmer feeling to receive them. I am trying to reply to everyone but please be patient - I have to do things like write this article as well. Arkangel are waiting for it now and surely I'm in enough trouble without upsetting them (smile!).

A couple of small requests; please remember to put your name and address on letters as my address books are littered in police stations up and down the UK. Also, without wanting to sound unappreciative, if you have to choose between writing to me or going to somewhere like

Shoreham or Coventry to fight the battles then PLEASE go and fight. To know we are really on the road to victory is support enough. That said, many thanks to all of you who have written, it's meant a lot. Thanks also to those who have travelled to visit, sometimes a long way. It's been really good to see you all.

A 'National' Disgrace

Although Arkangel exists to promote unity within the Animal Protection Movement and I have spent much time and energy promoting similar attitudes, I had begun to think that such efforts were becoming futile. However, in view of the recent escalation of vitriol from the so-called 'Nationals' against the grass-roots I would go further. Many of the people who are being employed by national organisations are no longer part of our movement, they: care more about promoting their respective organisations than getting on with the job in hand; do not represent the majority view of their members; do not recognise the work and effectiveness of the grass-roots; and most certainly fail to speak up for our non-human brothers and sisters whom they are being PAID to represent. In short, they are a disgrace.

Am I being too harsh? Let us examine just a few facts that are probably just the tip of the iceberg. Compassion In World Farming (CIWF) had been arranging banner demos at Shoreham, not far from their HQ, for about two months with no national publicity and no effect. On the first night of the trucks being turned back, the local CIWF contact told people not to shout, just to quietly hold up banners and even went so far as to help the police remove blocks of wood from the roadway in an effort to get the lorries through on their journey to hell. Subsequently, paid directors and senior staff at CIWF (Joyce D'Silva, Phil Lymbery, Peter Stevenson and, to a slightly lesser degree, John Callaghan) used the national media to call upon people not to go to Shoreham, at the same time condemning the demonstrators for their actions. (What are they going to do about Carla Lane and the others who they have used so much in the past?)

In short, they called on people NOT to stop live exports! Who do they think they represent? Since then, of course, they have realised that it really is CIWF members, local residents and the grass-roots who are grabbing the headlines and stopping the trade so the same motley crew of paid turncoats are once again claiming that CIWF organised it after all!

Let us take a look back in time at the director of CIWF, Joyce D'Silva. Her cookery book was (and, I believe, still is) dedicated "to Ronnie Lee... in liberation". At the time CIWF introduced voluntary regional representatives, Joyce asked me to be responsible for the eastern region. Since those days of impassioned support for animal liberation it is D'Silva who has personally struck off at least three CIWF local contacts who are associated with me: Margaret Webb went first, guilty of being married to the ALF Press Officer (a sexist decision by D'Silva to say the least!). Next was Lilian Buckner for inviting me to speak at the three national anti-live exports rallies organised by NOW Against Live-Exports (you will all know that Lilian and Jim work their hearts out for the

animals... and NOW doesn't pay salaries!) Last, so far as I know, was Joan Court who was present with me at a meeting of our local group, Animal Rights Cambridge, which I had been asked to chair as it was about live exports. Phil "we are not promoting vegetarianism" Lymbery stormed out of the meeting having refused to speak when the meeting would not allow me to vacate the chair. During January, a dedicated campaigner up north took part in a one-hour radio phone-in programme which also featured a sheep farmer and Phil Lymbery. Rather than highlight the dire plight of non-humans, which he was being paid to do, Lymbery spent most of the time condemning the demonstrators at Shoreham. Shades of Mark Gold who has also sided with farmers on radio in the past.

All of the above is, of course, true. I say that because, after I spoke at a rally on live exports in Trafalgar Square during 1993, Joyce D'Silva accused me in letters to various people of saying untrue things about CIWF. What had I said? On checking a video of my speech I found that, horror of horrors, I had said that CIWF were calling for an 8-hour maximum journey time. But, surely that's what CIWF had said themselves in their magazine Agscene? Right first time!

Then of course there's the League Against Cruel Sports (LACS). Well, you all know that John Bryant will condemn anything his own side does... even writing to the press deploring the peaceful occupation of the British Field Sports Society's offices. Incidentally, rumour has it that his boss, Jim 'call me James' Barrington, had occupied the BFSS offices himself in the past. It seems as if the newer staff are being well trained in similar attitudes. Some years ago I knew Kevin Saunders, a good hunt sab who had 19 stitches for a wound inflicted by a huntsman's crop. A little later he set up an umbrella group, Saffron Walden & District Anti-bloodsports Society (SWABS) to bring together all like-minded campaigners from sabs to RSPCA members. Local councillors were also involved and Kevin invited me to speak at SWABS's first AGM. Later again, Kevin, together with his partner Carol, moved to Cornwall to set up a wholefood business which appears to have become a victim of the recession. The next time I saw him was on South West regional TV, billed as LACS, condemning attacks against Boots the Chemist in Bodmin, Penzance, etc, and explaining how many years such actions would set the movement back. What interest has LACS got in Boots the Chemist? Answers on a postcard in the usual way. Since then Kevin's reported remarks about 'terrorists' and the need for peaceful, lawful campaigns appear to have been scripted by Mark Gold, John Bryant, Phil Lymbery... but, of course, I'm sure they're not!

Mark Glover is yet another one eager to condemn. Some have rather uncharitably suggested that, when LYNX was bankrupted, RESPECT was formed as another bandwagon to ensure he still had a salary. In fairness, there seems to be no evidence to support such a rumour... unless you know better? There is more, much more, unfortunately. However, I would like to get back to more positive things. At least they can't accuse me of anonymous criticism...!

How Long Will the War Last?

Chris Tucker's heartfelt article about goldfish in the last issue of *Arkangel* closed with a quote based on one of my speeches, which unintentionally, makes it seem that I was only calling for an end to all animal experiments rather than animal liberation so that Chris's goldfish could, quite rightly, be included in the fight for freedom. That speech was, as Chris pointed out, made at a national march against vivisection. That's why I concentrated on an end to animal experiments.

Vivisection, as we all know, is only a part of the war, and a war it most certainly is. The war waged by members of our species against our brothers and sisters who lack a human voice is the longest, bloodiest, most barbaric war there has ever been or ever will be. Countless millions of innocents murdered year after year after year, with all the casualties without exception on just one side... so far. Yes, we've seen the odd matador (aren't they all odd?) gored by a bull, the occasional blood-junkie killed when falling from a horse and a breeder of animals for laboratories catching a fatal disease from rats. But these have all been accidents; the truth remains that no one on the animal abusers side in this war has yet to be seriously harmed in the fight for freedom.

That said, let us be under no illusion of what is meant by Animal Liberation. Let us be sure we know what we are fighting for. Let us be sure we are clear in our minds when this war will end. It will end when the last mouse has left the last laboratory; when the last slaughterhouse stands empty and still as a monument to the atrocities of the meat industry; when the last whaling ship is no more than a rusting hulk; when the last safari park has closed the souvenir shops and allowed the captives to become the owners of the land and... yes... when the last tadpole or goldfish has been freed from its glass prison - then the war will be over. Until that time, until that day when all in this world are truly free, we have to continue to fight this war on behalf of those who cannot fight for themselves.

The Press Office - Until My Arrest

Clearly, the 20-mile travel restriction and daily reporting to my 'local' police station (a 25 mile round-trip) was intended to cripple the ALF Press Office both in its ability

to function and to raise funds. How much longer will it be until they realise that we cannot be beaten? Newspaper and magazine interviews and press reports were dealt with on the phone (who needs a fax machine anyway, except the Hampshire police?), and radio was easily dealt with the same way. One memorable item was a very long, live interview on the radical Belfast radio station 101FM. This may have been the last straw for the authorities as 101FM was raided and closed down almost immediately afterwards! Talk about censorship...

Television was almost as easy. The studios of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire contain a small TV studio from where they can link up to any BBC region in the UK. I even did an interview about live exports and the Welsh farmers for BBC-TV Wales. For ITV stations the satellite studio that Anglia TV has in Cambridge was used to cover the country yet again. For a 'Close-up North' BBC2-TV programme a crew came down to Cambridge, but having seen a video of the programme, I'm not too sure why they bothered. May I just make clear to those who saw the show that the flash car I was driving belonged to the BBC producer and the house I was filmed in wasn't mine either! I also took part in a one hour phone-in (live) which was broadcast as a follow-up to the 'Close-up North' slot. Strangely, I was the only guest on the phone-in who kept losing contact with the studio...

So, they realised the Press Office wasn't going to be stopped. It didn't prevent them trying. The day after my latest arrest, while I was still at Winchester police station, a detective said (off the record!) that bail conditions had failed so they had to lock me up to shut me up. I must admit that it came as a shock - not by what they said but by the fact that they were honest enough to admit it!

As I have said time and time again, you can imprison individuals but you cannot imprison an ideal. The sooner the animal abusers and their protectors finally realise that fact, the better it will be for all concerned. We are just going to win. It's not nice being a loser, but the other side had better get some practice in because that's what's going to happen.

The Beginning of the End

The police are still trying to deny direct action "the oxygen of publicity" but it continues... certainly regularly enough for them to have probably the best job security in the country!

Just a smattering from the last few weeks saw a timed incendiary at an hotel which was to host a hunt's AGM; 10 cats liberated from vivisection at Cambridge University; at least a couple of vivisectors' vehicles torched; a live-exporter's car somehow rather badly damaged at Brightlingsea; and the usual work up and down the country for glazing firms and locksmiths.

Live exports is about to go; just keep the pressure up on all fronts. Once that obscenity falls then allow the momentum to steamroller on to the next area of abuse and keep on at that until it goes. You've got the animal abusers on the run, now is the time to pursue them and pressure them until their filthy businesses have been annihilated... never again to rise from the ashes.

Take heart, take strength, take action. The real fight has just begun...



Report

by the South East Animal Rights Coalition (SEARC) on the protests by the 'Peoples Campaign Against the Export of Live Animals' at the Port of Shoreham, Hove, East Sussex

by Mike Nunn (SEARC Co-ordinator)

Monday, 2nd January

About 250 protesters prevented five transporters from entering the Port of Shoreham. The animals were destined for export to Dieppe by the Northern Cruiser - an unreliable rust-bucket. The demonstrators instituted a sit-down at the entrance to the main approach road; as they couldn't shift the activists, the police ordered the vehicles to leave the area altogether as the safety of the drivers could not be guaranteed.

Tuesday, 3rd January

600 protesters prevented five animal transporters from entering the port despite a heavy and often brutal police presence.

One activist jumped on top of the cab of the leading transporter as it moved forward behind a line of police who were dragging up people of all ages and throwing them to one side or on top of other protesters. He warned the driver that he would shatter the windscreen if the vehicle continued to move forward. The driver ignored the warning and the screen was shattered, but only enough to immobilise the vehicle.

During the sit-down a woman activist from the Brighton area (a mother of two) was thrown to the floor by the police and then kicked in the head, with the consequence that she was unconscious for the 40 minutes that she lay in the road waiting for an ambulance. Another woman activist (a mother of two young children) again from the area, was lifted up by four policemen and dropped on the road, with the result that she had to be taken to hospital for a check-up as her head was severely bruised in the process - Both women returned to the protest on the same night.

Wednesday & Thursday, 4th & 5th January

On both nights, between 600 and 700 demonstrators thwarted the attempts of over 1,000 police to pen them in by using hundreds of crowd control barriers and multi-layer police cordons. The activists swarmed all over the A259 coastal road, causing general disruption and a halt to

the traffic flow. However, the transporters got through on both occasions. On the Wednesday it was at the cost of having to rip out kerb stones and knock down walls, to enable the vehicles to enter the port by driving the wrong way down a one-way road, supposed to be reserved for emergency exits from the port.

Friday & Saturday, 6th & 7th January

Animal rights demonstrators from all over the UK, including three from Glasgow, swelled the level of protest to a media estimate of over 1,000 on both nights. There were several incidents of police brutality against people who were simply around quietly participating.

The main coastal road was again blocked for several hours as hundreds of protesters dispersed in groups for up to a mile beyond the police cordons, in an attempt to stop the shipments. Unfortunately, because of the heaviest police presence to date, animal transporters did get through. Later in the night about 60 activists assembled outside the Metropole Hotel, where the police were being fed and watered, and gave their opinions of those inside scoffing, whilst others sat down inside the foyer of the hotel to protest. At this point in time 70 people had been arrested at the demonstrations - with many being released without charge whilst others were charged with minor offences.

Sunday, 8th January

About 600 protesters again eluded over 1,000 police by moving out of police cordons to continue their protest, although another shipment of live animals was sent to Dieppe.

Monday & Tuesday, 9th & 10th January

At 10am on both mornings, mainly local residents blocked the main approach road to the Port of Shoreham, disrupting business at the port for several hours. They were joined by several hundred more protesters towards the evening as the time drew near for transporters to enter the dock. However, there were no sailings during either night.

Wednesday, 11th January

About 30 activists assembled outside the port at 1am in case the ship was loaded to embark on the early morning tide, whilst hundreds of others had dispersed earlier after receiving police assurances that a sailing was not planned. From 10am about 100 people, mainly locals, again blockaded the port entrance preventing traffic from passing through. However, by 11.30am, with scouts reporting over 60 police vehicles entering the outskirts of Brighton, it was obvious the disruption would be short-lived and it wasn't long before hundreds of police descended upon the scene to usher the protesters behind barriers. Most of the demonstrators immediately dispersed for lunch and to prepare for the afternoon's events.

At 3.45pm, nine transporters, protected by six riot vans front and rear and carrying calves (in two sealed lorries), two-year-old cattle, and elderly sheep, raced past about 500 protesters and entered the port. This was the first occasion that Shoreham residents had seen any animals loaded for export and the sight left many in tears, embracing each other for comfort. Several very emotional protests against the trade were made on Southern Counties Radio that night.

Immediately after the convoy had passed, cars full of demonstrators descended upon the Shoreham Port Authority office, situated about two miles along the A259 coast road. Others formed a march to the office, swelling the numbers to about 250. A very healthy demonstration ensued with protesters giving positive opinions of port authority staff as they sped away in their cars under police protection.

Thursday, 12th January

At 10am, protesters began to block the main port entrance but were prevented from doing so as police numbers again swelled to over 1,000 - at a further cost of £165,000. The Northern Cruiser, having developed mechanical trouble at Dieppe, failed to leave the port and the evening's sailing from Shoreham was cancelled. Protesters numbered at least 400.

Friday, 13th January

Word was leaked that a dispute had developed between the port authorities and the police; because the former failed to notify the latter of the previous evening's sailing cancellation - resulting in £165,000 being wasted. Another alleged dispute was said to be between the local police chiefs and others who objected to the brutish attitude of the 'Met' police and other forces from outside the area. Certainly, when only the Surrey and Sussex police were present, there was little, if any, recorded violence.

Demonstrations continued throughout the day. By 6pm there were still only an estimated 60 police present trying to control about 500 protesters. Many folk were inspecting areas inside the port, whilst islands on the busy A259 carriageway were overflowing with people urging drivers to toot their support - which they did in unison, including drivers of a fire appliance on a routine run, an ambulance

arriving to take up station opposite the port, numerous buses and private coaches passing through, and hundreds of private motorists. At times the combined noise of the demonstrators' drums and whistles and vehicles horns was deafening.



Scouts reported that the destined consignment had been returned to a nearby lairage and unloaded. At about 7pm, one of the several 'heavies' hired by the port authorities was identified as he tried to manipulate his car past the wrecked fencing that was strewn on to the private port road. He was immediately surrounded by about 200 activists who made attempts to open a door of the vehicle - presumably keen to pass on a message... Anyway, police arrived upon the scene and fought their way round the car with the 'heavy' still inside where he stayed for over 3 hours until the police were able to push the vehicle to safety. Incidentally, the vehicle had a different front number plate to the rear one and displayed no tax disc.

By 9pm, many thousands of pounds' worth of high tensile aluminium port perimeter fencing had been broken down, trampled upon and generally mangled.

Saturday, 14th January

At 7am, with about 30 activists present, nine transporters suddenly tore into the docks at breakneck speed. One vehicle was not allowed to board the ship as it had a broken trailer bar. As it left the docks, whilst protesters' attempts to board the vehicle were thwarted by the driver's mate brandishing a timber club, other activists blocked the road with their cars. Unfortunately, the transporter rammed one car, taking off its front. Undismayed, others jumped into their vehicles and raced to catch up with the transporter which was, by now, being escorted by a police patrol car. Confusion reigned as the transporter reeled three times round a roundabout before finally eluding the pursuers who were hemmed in by police vehicles. Five people were arrested. The demonstration continued throughout the day. As evening approached it became obvious that hundreds of protesters had turned up (estimated at 600) even though it was known there would be no further sailings that weekend. During the evening the A259 dual carriageway was blocked both ways by large groups of activists sitting down on it. Whilst the limited number of police were busy moving people off the road, a group of marauding activists dismantled about 40 police crowd barriers and slung them over a wall and down a bank. A couple of hundred yards up the main road found another group breaking down wooden dock perimeter fencing to barricade the road elsewhere.

Sunday, 15th January

At 10am, about twenty activists began to pay home visits to three members of the board of the Shoreham Port

Authority Trust. As alarmed neighbours appeared on the scene at the sound of the noise, the reason for the demonstration was explained to them - none of them dissented against the events, many agreed with them!

Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th January

Bad weather prevented any shipments of animals leaving Shoreham port on either day but didn't prevent up to 300 demonstrators, during the morning and evening, carrying on the protest.

Wednesday, 18th January

About 200 police ensured that six transporters, carrying mainly lambs, made steady progress into the port despite the desperate efforts of a hundred or so mainly local residents to prevent them, with many of them being dragged out of the path of the leading lorry as they attempted a sit-down.

Thursday, 19th January

In spite of gale force winds, demonstrators began gathering from 9am in anticipation that, with high tide at 12.30pm, an attempt would be made to get a convoy through their lines. However, as the numbers of protesters mounted to about 230 and police vehicles entered the port complex, so the weather worsened with torrential rain and hailstorms soaking many folk 'to the skin'. By 12 noon, channel gales had risen to Force 9 and with police vans loading up and driving off it became obvious that a sailing would be impossible. In spite of this, many protesters drove 2 miles down the road to protest at the Shoreham Port Authority office. The evening sailing of the ship, the Northern Cruiser, was also abandoned.

At about 5pm it was announced that the Shoreham Port Authority had decided not to renew the contract with ITF, the shipping company involved, after it expired at the end of March 1995. In spite of the news, about 100 demonstrators gathered at the port entrance in atrocious weather. During several interviews, broadcast on TV and radio later that night, several demonstrators said the local campaign would continue until they were quite positive that the trade had ended and even then they would support the national campaign by attending protests at other ports.

Friday, 20th January

About 100 demonstrators maintained a watch at the port entrance throughout most of the day in spite of the severe weather. By 9pm the protest had swelled to over two hundred and fifty.

Saturday, 21st January

Once again, full national media coverage was given to a demonstration against the export of live animals held in the Brighton area. The event was held during such stormy weather that many elderly protesters were finding it difficult to keep their feet, whilst children's pushchairs required two adults to hold them down as over 1,500

people marched through Brighton town centre, returning to the sea front for a rally, where representatives of CIWF and the RSPCA intended speaking. However, the rally was ignored, with the majority of the marchers carrying on to Shoreham Port, about a mile and a half down the road.

Sunday & Monday, 22nd & 23rd January

In spite of the fact that no shipments of animals were to be made over the weekend and Monday, due to gale force winds and the refusal of the authorities to police the area at the weekend as the police could not guarantee safe passage of a convoy, a round-the-clock vigil was maintained throughout this period. During Sunday afternoon about 40 activists went to the country manor house owned by the Managing Director of ITF, the company shipping the animals out of the country wherever they can. Once the police appeared in force they decamped to Shamrock Primate Prison and then moved on to the private house of the Port Authority Manager, Phillip Lacey.

Tuesday, 24th January

As usual, people began appearing in considerable numbers from 9am onwards, even though a shipment was not expected to leave until 4pm. By 2.30pm the protesters numbered about 250, with the majority having been lined up in small splinter groups for up to half a mile from the port entrance road, making hundreds of yards of police crowd control barriers around the entrance useless.

At this time 28 police mini-buses had been counted into the port area, with others located, supposedly secretly, elsewhere. Half an hour later, with the protest mounting to about 400, eight animal transporters accompanied by a heavy police escort was sighted on the approach road. The road was then closed for about half a mile each way as a mass of activists surged towards the convoy. Several serious attempts to sit down in front of the police riot vans leading the convoy almost succeeded, however, simply because of the sheer weight of the police presence they couldn't quite pull it off. In spite of this, the transporters were halted temporarily, allowing people to try to climb up the lorries. One man succeeded but was eventually dragged down again and arrested along with four others.

By this time the scene was totally chaotic with several cab side windows and headlights of the transporters being smashed. One lorry was immobilised as someone cut through the brake air pipe. Once the convoy had passed into the port complex about 200 of the demonstrators moved two miles up the road to protest outside the Port Authority office, where the traffic was continually held up by re-crossing the busy main road at different points, causing general disruption to the heavy traffic flow. Overall, this was the most serious protest to date.

Wednesday, 25th January

Effective though Tuesday's events proved to be, they were eclipsed by the protest held today: As the convoy of transporters and police arrived in the port area, between 700 and 800 demonstrators flooded out on both sides of

the dual carriageway. About 150 activists sat down in front of the leading police vehicle, bringing it to a halt and allowing others to crowd on and around the transporters. Lorry windscreens, side windows and headlights were smashed as police, dressed in riot gear, again lost control of the situation, chasing fleet-footed activists backwards and forwards and down side streets. On every occasion they were followed by a riotous crowd.

Many folk were manhandled by the police, with one elderly woman in particular sustaining a heavily grazed face. This person was later shown on TV with blood streaming down her face. Confronted by an immovable sit-down on one side of the dual carriageway, the convoy lurched over the central reservation onto the opposite road, eventually making a still stuttering progress into the port. Seventeen people were arrested.

About 400 protesters again decamped to the port offices to continue the protest. Office staff had to leave the premises in an escorted convoy. It was noted that all the sheep transported within the past two days could have been destined for Halal slaughter as they were full-grown animals and, upon inspection, were found to be quite elderly - probably ewes that could no longer give birth.

Thursday, 26th January

In order to disrupt port business, protesters tried to block the main port entrance, however, the police appear to have been tipped off as they were, for once, in the right place at

the right time, and managed to end the disruption easily.

Despite this disappointment, demonstrators continued their round-the-clock vigil, growing in numbers to over 200 by the late evening. News came out that the owner of Chailey lairage, where animals destined for shipment out of Shoreham are supposed to be rested and inspected,

a man named Roy

Pattenden (01273 400818) was fined £900 on charges of causing unnecessary cruelty. The RSPCA inspected his premises some time last year and found one sheep dead, another so sick it had to be put down, and all of his flock infested with maggots (he was also fined in 1994 for a similar offence).

In response to the conviction about 40 activists demonstrated outside the farm during the afternoon, with some managing to gain access to the barns and photograph the condition of the housed calves awaiting transportation. It was reported on local radio that, as a protest against the 'violence' from protesters, when any occurred, the local members of CIWF present at demonstrations would



immediately form up and march off in protest - all three of them.

Friday, 27th January

Whilst about 60 activists maintained a watch at the main entrance throughout the night, at 5.30am, and against police advice, seven transporters accompanied by several cars full of port authority thugs - who have only recently responded to pressure and removed balaclava helmets as part of their standard dress - tore down the narrow potholed, one-way, side road, supposedly reserved for port emergencies, and into the port complex.

Notes: A local business person offered to cover the cost of six coaches to take demonstrators down to Plymouth Docks, once live exports end at Shoreham. Many local residents - who had never attended a demo in their lives until two weeks ago - have asked if they may book a couch seat.

It is difficult to analyse - for the benefit of initiating the campaign elsewhere - the main reason for such an unprecedented level of participation by local residents, but, after much consideration, the conclusion of this reports' author is that heavy leafletting and petitioning by Brighton animal rights folk played a significant role.

In the first report I neglected to mention the following sequential anecdote relating to a meeting on Tuesday January 24th that may be of interest. During an evening meeting to discuss the campaign at a Brighton pub, as a joke, someone asked: "Has anyone got a couple of limpet mines?" The following afternoon, four hours prior to the sailing, the Sussex Police Sea Search vehicle was noted entering Shoreham Docks. As activists journeyed down the coast road past the harbour complex to demonstrate at the port offices, a Sussex Police inflatable was seen cruising towards the Northern Cruiser.

Saturday, 28th January

As the Northern Cruiser had not returned to Shoreham, and the police - whose information had so far been correct - issued a statement saying they: "Could not cover weekend animal transporter convoys due to the number of protesters at these times", about 40 activists protested outside the private home of Mr. White, acting chairperson of the Shoreham Port Authority Board, who supports live exports from the port.

Sunday, 29th January

The homes of several people involved in the export of live animals from Shoreham were visited, including Mr. White's house, Vicki Petts' home (a member of the board), and the manor house home of J. Revell, the Managing Director of ITF. It was reported that windows were smashed, a door stoved in and various other physical protests were made. A nursing home owned by Mr. Revell, was also visited.

Monday, 30th January

Protesters began to assemble from 7am onwards in anticipation of a shipment on the 10.20am high tide. Meanwhile, down the road at the port authority offices, the building was cleared and the busy main road temporarily closed as yet another, the 12th, suspect bomb was inspected. It was found to be a hoax. At 10am, with about 200 demonstrators present and despite the efforts of about half of them to effect a sit-down, 10 transporters entered the port complex. Five people were arrested.

Tuesday, 31st January

People began to assemble in numbers from 8.30am onwards. By 10.30am, 32 police mini-buses, including several riot vans, were counted into the port area, with others being stationed on all the side roads leading off the A259 dual-carriageway. By this time activists numbered around 300; with a group of about 150 gathered just beyond the police barriers and others in small groups spread out up to a quarter of a mile down the road. Once the transporters were sighted the large group rushed forward down both sides of the dual-carriageway, which had just been sealed off. This new move by the protesters confused the police enabling about 80-90 people to stage a sit-down whilst other activists began to re-form and create another sit-down on the other carriageway as the convoy of police and transporters lurched across the central reservation. However, by sheer weight of numbers, the column got through to the port complex. Eventually, the protest resumed outside the port authority offices. The ship left the port despite a danger warning being given, as the gale had now risen to Force 8/9 (Force 6 is supposed to be the maximum that a ship transporting live animals may put to sea in).

Wednesday, 1st February

During the night about 30 activists tore down newly erected 10 foot high tensile aluminium gates and about 200 feet of fencing. The gates were thrown into the sea. About 200 protesters again attempted to stop a convoy getting through by staging several sit-downs, but were outnumbered about 3:1 by police.

Thursday, 2nd February

Over 300 protesters made determined efforts to stop the convoy with, as usual, several being arrested. However, the convoy still got through. The harbour board manager, Phillip Lacey, offered to resign.

Friday, 3rd February

Fencing that the Port Authority had salvaged and re-erected was again taken down. Activists were now roaming the complex every night, carrying out sabotage. The local Adur and Hove councils slapped a stop order on the shipping company preventing them from using the docks for exporting live animals, at least on a temporary basis, as they do not have planning permission. Between 400 to 500 protesters tried to stop the convoy but were

again out-weighted by sheer numbers, including about 200 riot police.

A shrine for Jill Phipps was set up at the roadside on the police crowd barriers. On Friday evening protesters boarded 4 dinghies and rowed to the animal transporter ferry as she moved towards the harbour entrance, with the intention of boarding her. However, she appeared to pick up speed and the activists were forced to abandon the attempt for fear of being swamped; although, being right up against the side of the vessel, they were able to pass on personal messages to the crew members gawping over the side. Shoreham Harbour Board said they would suspend animal shipments for a week, while legal matters were sorted out.

Saturday, 4th February

As the police had guaranteed there would be no sailings throughout the weekend, many activists decided to join their comrades outside Coventry Airport, but as no flights were expected over the weekend just 4 car-loads of folk made the 340 mile round-trip. During an incident outside the airport 5 demonstrators were arrested, none from Shoreham. During the evening over 1,200 people attended a public meeting in Hove. The event was organised by SALE (Shoreham Against Live Exports), an organisation formed by people never before involved in animal rights activities until the Shoreham protests began.

Sunday, 5th February

Protesters disrupted the morning service at a local church that is usually attended by a Director of ITF. As 'blessings' were asked by the congregation for themselves, activists asked about blessings for the animals that one of the parishioners was inflicting pain and suffering upon.

Tuesday, 7th February

A High Court judge ruled that ITF had a right to ship live animals out of Shoreham provided that a suitable berth could be found, but allowed the ban for the current week to stand.

Wednesday, 8th February

The port authorities allowed the Northern Cruiser to dock.

Thursday, 9th February

The day began with the news, over Southern Counties Radio (SCR), that the port authority board would shortly announce the result of a meeting held the previous evening to discuss the possibility of finding a suitable berth for the ferry. At noon they announced they would give their decision at lunchtime. At 1.30pm they said they would give their findings within the hour. Five minutes later SCR announced that several animal transporters were approaching Shoreham docks accompanied by a heavy police presence, whilst other police vehicles were arriving in numbers at the port entrance. Within minutes the

convoy had rushed past the 60 or so protesters into the harbour complex.

It appears that, without the consent of some of the board members, the management had reneged on the agreement to stop the ferry sailing for a whole week, and removed a large bollard to facilitate what was described by representatives of a company working in the port, as an unsafe berth that prevented other ships their rightful free access within the harbour.

Friday, 10th February

At 4pm, with 400 protesters outside the docks awaiting a further shipment, about 150 of them suddenly sat down on the main road, bringing traffic to a halt on both carriageways for about half an hour. As the police encircled the sit-down, the activists broke up the demonstration and surged over hedges down the private road leading to the locked gates, where the convoy would have to pass through, and again enacted a sit-down as the convoy slowly edged towards them. Due to superiority in numbers the police managed to get the vehicles through, where upon about 200 people returned to the main road to bring the busy 'rush hour' to another halt. This series of tactical moves by the protesters totally confused the police who lost complete control of the situation, with groups of them running backwards and forwards over a distance of about half a mile along the main road, and up and down the side roads as skirmishes broke out between themselves and the activists. Later in the night activists returned to the port complex, damaging fittings and effects.

Saturday, 11th February

A protester, who had spent 18 hours up a 100 foot communications tower sited adjacent to the port, was taken into police custody as he alighted from the column. 12 activists, arrested the previous evening for various public order offences, were released on bail by Brighton magistrates until March 1st. Only one was embargoed from attending demonstrations at the port. Many protesters made the journey to Coventry Airport to join the March of Remembrance for Jill.

Sat/Sun/Mon, 11/12/13th February

There were no sailings on any of these three days, so other forms of protest were exercised, including paying visits to the homes of a Director of ITF and others connected with exporting animals out of Shoreham. A further visit was made to the above mentioned church, where the vicar said prayers for Jill Phipps and the 12,000 lambs and 10,000 calves that a local environmental officer said had passed through Shoreham since the beginning of January.

Tuesday, 14th February

Whilst over 20 activists from the Brighton area attended the service at Coventry Cathedral for Jill, about 200 again disrupted the area around the port for over two hours, accompanied by the contents of 30 police mini-buses and a couple of riot vans, as nine animal transporters entered the

port. Three people were arrested.

Wednesday, 15th February

Today, similar numbers of police and protesters were present to yesterday, whilst a transporter convoy approached the port. In an effort to stop the lorries, about 100 activists had moved a mile up the route usually taken by the convoy and secreted themselves in shops, ready to run out as they approached; but the police must have been tipped off as they took a different road for the first time. However, instead of entering the port, the transporters drove straight back to the lairage. It was assumed at the time that the prevailing gale force winds prevented the ship from sailing. Three people were arrested - one for stroking the nose of a calf.

During the evening rush hour, about 200 activists suddenly appeared out of side roads in the port area and blocked the dual-carriageway. Then, after the few police who were present ran after the bulk of the protesters into the heart of the port complex, the dozen activists who remained took up a 100 or so police barriers and threw them down a steep bank into the Hove Lagoon. As police reinforcements arrived, groups of people created absolute chaos for them for a couple of hours by rushing in and out of the port complex and back onto the still busy road.

Thursday, 16th February

As today the gales were even more intense than the day before, many

protesters neglected to attend the convoy as it arrived early at the port in time for the ship to sail on the 11.40am high tide, believing that it would be cancelled for the same reason as the day before.

Unfortunately, their assumed reason for the cancellation was wrong and the shipment was made. It appears that the actual cause for yesterday's abandonment was that another ship occupied the newly allocated berth, therefore the Northern Cruiser could not dock in time to load up and sail on that tide. The police were again out in force, with over 40 of their vehicles being counted. Two people were arrested for no apparent reason.



Friday, 17th February

In a vain attempt to subdue the resilience of the campaign, the police changed tactics today. Firstly, groups of riot

police mingled with over 300 protesters in an attempt at intimidation, as they awaited the arrival in the area of the convoy. By raising the level of their numbers they managed to prevent people from either sitting down in front of the convoy or getting anywhere near the transporters. Once the vehicles had passed into the port a column of over 30 protesters' cars displaying posters crawled along the main coast road to the 2 mile distant Port Authority offices, bringing traffic to a virtual halt for over an hour on the west-bound lane.

Later, about 100 activists protested vehemently against the ship - about 100 yards distant - as she prepared to load the nine transporters. For about 3 hours during the evening over 200 people dictated the traffic flow on the A259 dual-carriageway, blockading the road at eight different points. Whilst this exercise was proceeding, others were busy shaking from its concrete-based settings the newly re-erected fencing that runs down the inner port road and setting up road blocks using great lengths of timber and concrete boulders. This was another instance when the police totally lost control of the situation despite drafting in van loads of riot police.

In the local magistrates court a precedent was established which, in future, will prevent the court from stopping people charged with non-violent acts attending further demonstrations. This also means that most of those already dealt with can apply to have the ban lifted. A significant victory for moral justice that others may wish to note... A number of protesters from Brighton journeyed to Portsmouth and took the ferry to Cherbourg, joining a demonstration against live exports at the port, organised by an animal rights group from Paris.

Saturday, 18th February

Local dignitaries from Brighton & Hove Council (including both mayors), the Brighton MP Andrew Bowden, and over 1,000 people attended a service at St. Peter's Church in Brighton in remembrance of all live exports. Afterwards, about 1500 people, including the officials, marched the three miles from the church along the A259 coast road to Shoreham Port. Many of the exercises instituted against the port complex the previous night were repeated again tonight.

Noticeably, media reports of the protests against the convoys as they approached the port have been increasingly inaccurate regarding numbers and detail, presumably upon instruction by authority in the hope of discouraging participation. As an example: whereas attendance levels of 3/400 have been maintained, Southern Counties Radio reports total 'about 50'. Such events as sit-downs and night-time activities are never reported at all - a sure sign that the campaign is making progress!

Sunday, 19th February

Visits were again made to several people connected with the export of live animals out of Shoreham, and similar procedures followed as outlined previously.

Monday, 20th February

From 10am onwards, about 30 activists assembled on a side road leading from the A23, north of Brighton, waiting for animal transporters to join a heavy police presence, prior to proceeding in convoy to Shoreham. Over 400 protesters made their feelings felt as the cavalcade proceeded down the slip road leading into the port. Further down, about 30 activists made a determined effort to stop the convoy by setting linked police crowd barriers across the road and laying down in front of them. These people expected to be treated roughly and they certainly were, either by being dragged off the road or picked up and dumped on the pavement. There were three arrests. As the Northern Cruiser entered the lock in preparation for sailing, the Brighton group Sea Action formed a cordon across the lock exit with their inflatables and delayed the ship's departure for an hour and a half. However, it did just manage to get away, minutes before it lost the tide. The police impounded the dinghies on behalf of the port authority but couldn't arrest anyone as the action took place on private property and nobody in authority was available to request that they did so.

David Revell, Managing Director of ITF, resigned from the ITF board because of threats to his family. Speaking on SC Radio, he said his parents' home had been attacked on several occasions, with windows being smashed, etc. Because of their nervous state Mr. Revell's parents applied for counselling but, upon hearing the reason for the request, the local Social Services Department couldn't find anyone willing to give it. Mr. Revell also said that his own home, a nursing home that he owned, and a business owned by his wife, had been continually bombarded in a similar, if not far worse, manner, and that his family were often spat upon when out shopping or whatever. His brother resigned from the ITF Board a week earlier. In response to a vote of no confidence by the students of Northwood College, Worthing, West Sussex, Phillip Lacey, Manager of Shoreham Port Authority, resigned as chairman of the board of governors.

Tuesday, 21st February

By the time the police arrived at the side road adjacent to the A23 where the transporter convoy forms up, about 30 vehicles belonging to the protesters had been spaced all along the side road, making it impossible for the police to use it. This delayed the convoy whilst the police took about an hour to fathom out an alternative side road suitable for the purpose. About 300 demonstrators were waiting for them when they arrived at the port. After the convoy had passed through and the police were 'off guard', port traffic was brought to a temporary halt as activists sat down in the road. A little while later - and much to the embarrassment of the police - 25 demonstrators, wearing comic police helmets, jogged down this road, mimicking the arrow style that heads the convoy (a recent procedure adopted by the police). The 200 or so protesters still present fell about laughing and applauding whilst a similar number of police stared grim-faced at the group, who then did an exaggerated, 'Evenin' all' gesture for the media by bending their knees and making blank faces.

Wednesday, 22nd February

Gale force winds prevented a sailing, but protesters were still out in force at different points around Brighton demonstrating, checking lairages, etc., and occupying lay-bys in case the police tried to get a convoy through. Meanwhile, about 300 protesters were busy disrupting the traffic flow in the port and on the A259. At one time vehicles were brought to a halt on this dual carriageway at 8 different points.

Thursday, 23rd February

About 400 protesters were confronted by a similar number of police as they tried to prevent the convoy getting through. It is evident that tension is mounting daily between the opposing sides, with the police becoming increasingly violent and the demonstrators increasingly outraged at the violence. Many of the folk now being arrested are people who, prior to this campaign, have never attended a protest demonstration in their lives. Three people were arrested.



Later in the afternoon, 30 activists paid a visit to the offices of the harbour authority's solicitor in Brighton. During a debate in the foyer of the offices with the solicitor and another partner, the name and address was confirmed of the solicitor acting for ITF.

The activists immediately vacated the premises and hurried across to

their offices, just across the road, where they began a noisy demonstration. A senior policeman and others soon arrived and entered the offices; it was obvious their help had been requested. After about an hour, with all lighting extinguished and blinds hastily drawn earlier, a police mini-bus arrived. About a dozen police alighted and formed a protective column as seven solicitors and clerks were shepherded out of the office and into the police mini-bus presumably to be driven off to their respective homes. One person was arrested, being dragged by her hair towards a police car and bundled in.

Later still, in the night, activists paid a visit to the home of a member of the Shoreham Harbour Board who appears to sympathise with the export of live animals trade. It was reported that the cost of policing the campaign at Shoreham to date now exceeds 3 million pounds.

Friday, 24th February

It was reported on national radio that the White Hart pub in Henfield, near Brighton, was severely damaged by fire during the early hours of the morning. Directors of ITF are said to frequent the pub and the landlord claims to have received a warning to stop serving them or suffer the consequences. In view of this and the fact that a telephone warning about a fire bombing was given to the landlord, the police are saying it looks as if it is the work of animal rights activists. However, although the initial warning may have emanated from AR sources, as a scare, the probability is that it is the work of the farming community, as it is apparently well known that a dog lives at the establishment.

Due to activists parking their vehicles on roads on Brighton outskirts where it may form up, the police are now having to use a road about 20 miles from Brighton to set up the transporter convoy. About 1,000 protesters were present as the convoy passed into the port today. Attempts were made to sit down in front of the vehicles but these were brushed aside by a probably equal number of police, many of whom were the bully-boys in riot gear. It was impossible to make an accurate assessment of the number of police vehicles as they were everywhere in the area - many were police from the metropolitan region and others were from Hampshire.

In spite of the presence of several police camera teams and infiltrators, the police were taken completely by surprise when, instead of dispersing as they appeared to be doing, protesters suddenly reappeared from all sides and began marching the two and a half miles down the A259 to the Port Authority offices. It took about 20 minutes for a few of the police to catch up with the head of the demonstration, however, with numbers now swollen to well over 1,000, there was nothing they could do to stop the protesters. On arrival, a noisy demonstration ensued. After half an hour, the police were again caught off their guard as the whole mass of protesters formed into a column and marched back towards the port. Word was passed around that the marchers would try to turn right at a set of traffic lights and enter the western slip road that leads to the port and, as anticipated, police had been notified and were blocking the entrance. However, this was merely a ruse on the part of the march organisers and, as the police had neglected to block this road as well, they were able to direct the march down their intended path of turning left at the traffic lights and marching through the Shoreham shopping centre. It was announced on local radio that traffic had been delayed for an hour and a half in both directions. To the east, the traffic delay extended over 16 miles along the coast road to the port of Newhaven. The extent of the queue to the west was not reported but was probably several miles long.

Considerable mayhem was instituted throughout the port complex well into the night by several hundred activists. 17 activists were arrested for various public order offences during this 24 hour period. The tension between the police and the local protesters continues to mount as they find themselves and their neighbours increasingly subjected to police brutality.

Sunday, 26th February

It was reported on SC Radio that the charity Animal Line, which is based at Haywards Heath and is owned by the script writer Carla Lane, a regular protester, is calling for an inquiry after the body of a sheep was found at Shoreham Port. The organisation carried out a post-mortem on the animal yesterday afternoon. A manager of the charity said the sheep was pregnant and he found the results of the post-mortem very disturbing, saying: "All the right-hand organs; her lungs, her kidneys, and her liver were very congealed. And on the outside; on the left of her body, she'd lost a lot of fleece and there were a lot of cut-marks, etc. It all proves that she'd actually been trampled". Meanwhile, the solicitor acting for the port authority, Robert Hinton, said: "If it were found, when a full determination had taken place and the evidence has been collected, that this sheep had been trampled to death, that would be very much regretted". The comment is an indication of the high profile and apparent concern now given to every incident relating to the export of live animals. A few weeks ago several animals were trawled up by local fisherman but the findings hardly raised a whisper from officials involved in the trade. The change in response could be due to the fact that home visits are regularly made to all involved as their addresses become known.

Monday, 27th February

After protesting against the trade as a further convoy of animal transporters passed into the port, again protected by a ridiculously heavy police presence, about 200 demonstrators celebrated outside the port authority offices when their solicitor gave out the news that the resignation of Phillip Lacey, manager of the port, had been accepted by the board. Jubilation was compounded when it became known that Mr. Lacey would be leaving the post immediately.

Tuesday, 28th February

Whilst about 200 protesters demonstrated against the convoy of 9 transporters and dozens of riot vans as it entered the harbour complex, coach-loads of others were joining the mass lobby of their MP's in London, outside and inside the Houses of Parliament.

Wednesday, 1st March

Bad weather and doubts surrounding a shipment being cancelled due to Force 8 gales mounting Force 10 being predicted, were probably responsible for only about 150 protesters being present as the convoy entered the port complex. However, the ship still sailed illegally in gales that exceeded the limits for transporting live animals, leaving within a minute of missing the tide altogether. It was also noted that the transporters arrived very early, probably because the police are having difficulty in assembling the escort and lorries as activists are parking on all possible meeting places within 20 miles of Brighton.

Thursday, 2nd March

About 250 people protested in their usual active manner against the convoy as it passed into the port. It is now visibly obvious that the transporter drivers are becoming increasingly nervous at passing through the protest lines, even though, apart from an occasional successful dash by an activist onto or against a vehicle, they are too well-protected by the riot police to suffer anything other than a healthy torrent of abuse. For instance; whenever a gap develops between 2 transporters in the nose-to-tail formation of the convoy. Quite often, activists manage to slow down the convoy as it proceeds down the sloped road into the port and, because they are so close, drivers often have to make emergency stops. This allows a big enough gap to develop to make wide screens vulnerable to attack, as has happened here and en route. Drivers accelerate quickly to fill the gap and, because on several occasions an accompanying riot policeman has slipped on the smooth road surface, it is surprising that none of them have yet found themselves beneath the wheels of a transporter.

Friday, 3rd March

Because of forming-up on slip-road problems, the police are now having to travel up to 30 miles outside Brighton in groups of 2/3 riot vans and motorcyclists and link up with 1/2 animal transporters. These small convoys then appear to come together in transit as they approach the Brighton precincts. This complicated procedure obviously causes difficulties for the police and involves far more expense, man power, and vehicles. For instance; today, instead of the usual motorcycle escort of about 6 forming up as the convoy passes into the port, having completed their escort duties, no fewer than 22 were recorded, some coming from the metropolitan area 60 miles distant!

About 100 activists moved a mile up the road from the other demonstrators at the port entrance to meet the convoy as it turned into the A249 approach road. This action caused the police to divert the procession down an alternative route, causing more confusion for them. However, the contents of at least 60 riot vans and hired mini-buses ensured the convoy went through. As with the previous Friday, after appearing to leave the scene, the protesters numbering about 400 suddenly formed-up on the main road and began marching off to Hove town centre. The police, having lost complete control of the situation, could do nothing more than simply catch up with the march and meekly saunter alongside, to the accompaniment of much jeering from the marchers. Unfortunately, in their enthusiasm to outwit the police and reach the centre quickly, the marchers made the mistake of turning from the busy dual-carriageway, where they were causing east-bound traffic to come to a halt, and turned into a side road. This gave the police the opportunity to seal off both ends, leaving the march isolated in the middle. But the activists again turned the situation to their own advantage by contacting the media and noisily demonstrating as they contentedly waited for them to record the scene. Eventually, it was the police who lost patience with the situation for, after a very senior officer failed in an appeal to disperse them - receiving in response

little else but verbal abuse - they simply walked off, leaving the protesters to form up elsewhere.

Later in the afternoon about 40 activists demonstrated outside the offices of the solicitors acting for ITF.

Saturday, 4th March

The practice of ITF of not making shipments during weekends because of the police continually refusing to safeguard transporters through lack of available manpower, gave protesters another opportunity to process a march. On this occasion over 2,500 (yes 2,500!) demonstrators assembled at the port entrance, including activists from Brightlingsea, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Southampton. The noisy demonstration set off on the route agreed with the police but soon began to deviate by taking a short cut to Hove shopping centre. The march then returned to the port entrance but continued on through the port complex itself. As police concentrated on keeping with the procession, other activists, following some way behind, built barricades across the road by heaving rail sleepers and concrete blocks into the paths of oncoming vehicles, bringing trade in the port to a standstill.

Monday, 6th March

The Northern Cruiser had been anchored outside the port over the weekend, waiting to tie up at the only suitable berth. However, the 100 or so protesters who braved the gale force winds were rewarded with the news that the captain of the ship currently occupying the berth was alleged to have said he would be loading up with goods bound for the Falkland Islands over the next two days and the ship would not move away from the berth until it was ready to sail, thereby preventing a live animal shipment for at least two days. But later in the evening information leaked out that the ship had moved away from the berth to allow the Northern Cruiser to unload empty transporters, with the police saying there would be no sailing that night.

Believing that, in the past police had colluded with ITF to get a shipment through, protesters activated numerous telephone trees with such success that, by midnight - two hours before high tide - over 300 of them had gathered at the port, blocking the entrance, just in case. Sure enough their suspicions were justified, as later Chief Inspector John Rodway made a statement to the protesters saying: "As a result of your feelings and the feelings of other people who have spoken to me and what I have observed, I genuinely feel that there would have been a breach of the peace here tonight if lorries had come through. I've now therefore given instructions to stop any convoys coming into this port tonight, and those lorries that had intended to come into the port have been turned around and have been sent back to lairage".

Summary

This latest example of 'People Power', with over 300 people being mobilised and motivated to attend a protest within an hour or two's asking and in the middle of a winter's night, illustrates that, far from dying down - as the authorities would have you believe by suppressing

newsworthy events - this campaign is continually escalating in strength of purpose, both by increasing numbers of people participating and the depth of their activities. Now, the question to be asked is: not if live exports from the Port of Shoreham will be stopped, but when...?



However, that is not to say we do not need your support. We need it more than ever; as ITF intend to shortly introduce a ship with a three-fold capacity increase. But with already stretched police resources and your help, we could make such successes as last night a regular occurrence - so come and join us.

For latest information regarding attendance times for demonstrations at the port, ring a 24-hour hot line; C.A.L.F.

An extensive diary of the Shoreham campaign will be available some time after its victorious conclusion.

Shoreham Report Update

Wednesday, 15th March

The newly formed local group 'Campaign Against Live Freight' (CALF), announced that their membership had reached 600 - with an average of 20 people joining daily.

Saturday, 18th March

About 300 Shoreham protesters, including five full coaches, attended the march and rally organised by the Coalition Against Animal Exports in London. Meanwhile, a children's march, supported by about 200, walked around the streets of Hove.

Monday, 20th March

Confusion reigned yet again for the police today. Whilst about 30 riot vans, choc-a-bloc with police, waited for the protesters at all the side roads leading to the A259 dual carriageway that flanks the port complex, about 250 activists had taken advantage of newly realised rights of way all through the port and assembled opposite the berth used by the transporter ship. Eventually, the police got their act together and began to arrive in serious numbers.

Live Export Protests at Coventry Airport

by Solihull Animal Aid

We were outraged when we learnt that Christopher Barrett-Jolly, MD of Phoenix Aviation, had been given permission to fly young calves from Coventry Airport to the horrors of veal crates in Holland and France - he had previously been flying them out of Bournemouth Airport which is privately owned but, thanks to the attentions of the animal rights movement and public pressure, he was forced to stop flying from there. A few days later a large and noisy demonstration was held outside Coventry Council House following which it was announced that the Council would not allow Mr. Barrett-Jolly to fly calves from the airport. BJ threatened to sue the Council for £8.2 million if they did not honour their 'informal' agreement. The matter went to the High Court where it was decided that this disgusting trade could carry on until some time in January when the matter would be looked at in more detail. That hearing is now taking place on 20th March! There have been demonstrations at the airport most days and more and more security staff and police are being employed - current costs are around £35,000 a day!!!

On Wednesday, 1st February, Jill Phipps lost her life trying to stop the disgusting trade from Coventry Airport. She had been campaigning with us at the airport since last November and was a leading light there; always encouraging others to do what their hearts told them and to join our demonstrations. We are all missing Jill so much and will always remember her. The protest will get stronger in her memory and we will stop the live exports, for the animals and for Jill.

On Saturday 11th February, we held the largest ever demonstration ever at Coventry Airport. People from all parts of the country responded to our call in terrific numbers with over 1,000 demonstrators turning out on what must have been the wettest day of the year! We were all completely soaked as the rain drove down for the whole day. The march assembled at Siskin Drive which is on the opposite side of the airport to the entrance used for the calves. We heard a range of excellent speakers including Mark Glover from Respect for Animals who helped to organise the march and Zab Phipps, Jill's brother who made a wonderful speech straight from the heart. He called on us all to join the campaign against live exports and to come to the airport to stop the veal calf flights. We were all strengthened by his words and he made us more determined than ever to stop this appalling cruelty. The march then streamed out and marched around the airport perimeter fence to the veal calf entrance led by four campaigners carrying an empty veal crate covered in wreaths in memory of the calves that die every day in the crates. Zab followed carrying a wreath for Jill which was laid at the side of the road where Jill lost her life. Next came giant red 'ban live exports' flags and banners, followed by marchers carrying placards and banners. It was a very moving sight. When the march arrived at the veal calf gate there were two minutes' silence for Jill and

then thousands of purple ribbons were tied to the airport fences and gates - each one representing a calf that had gone to the veal crates.

Purple, the imperial colour of justice, has been adopted for the live exports campaign. The purple ribbon symbolises the justice that we want for the animals exported to cruel and unnecessary deaths and the justice we want from the Government by listening to its people and banning live exports. The purple ribbon was officially launched by Respect for Animals (in association with Solihull Animal Aid and with thanks to the Solihull Ratepayers) at our Coventry March. We would like everyone to wear the ribbons with pride and to show their solidarity with the campaign and with the animals. The colour you need is dark imperial purple for the ribbon, you can find it in dress-making shops; wear your ribbon with pride and remember the 3 million animals exported to die from this country every year. Ribbons are also available from Respect for Animals in Nottingham.

On February 14th, Valentines' day, Jill's funeral took place in Coventry Cathedral. Over a thousand people came from all parts of the country to show that they cared about Jill and what she stood for. There were very moving words from Justin, Jill's partner, and everyone went away more committed than ever before to finish what Jill had worked for. It was a service to remember Jill, and everyone in that Cathedral will always remember her.

We are desperately in need of more protesters at Coventry - the people of Coventry just don't want to know!! Come whenever you can - usually there are four flights a day Monday/Friday - at weekends we often pay BJ a visit at his home!

A Few Facts About Veal...

The Dairy Cow and the Veal Trade

The heifer (female cow) will give birth to her first calf when she is approximately two years of age. Her calf is then taken away from her a day or two after birth. About 10% of calves die before they are six months old. The heifer, developed for high milk yields, is then milked to capacity - up to 45/50 litres (10/11 gallons) a day - 10 times the amount a calf would drink. The heifer is milked for ten months after her calf's birth. During this time she is already pregnant, having been artificially inseminated, and she is only rested for a scant few weeks before her next calf is born. The heifer is put in calf about 12 weeks after the birth of her calf so she gives birth to a calf every year. The dual burden of pregnancy and lactation makes the heifer susceptible to disease - mastitis (infection of the udder) occurs in 1/3 of our cows. Every year over 17 million shots of antibiotics go up the teats of our cows!

BST, a genetically-engineered milk-boosting hormone has been licensed for use in the USA. The EU will decide in December whether to allow BST to be used here. It is claimed that milk yields are increased by 10%-20% when BST is used but it can double the time the cow's metabolism is stressed after calving, increases the incidence of painful mastitis, often results in tender swellings at the injection site and may cause bloat, swollen knees, lameness and anaemia. Dairy cows are slaughtered at an early age - 25% before they are 3 years old. Only 25% live for more than 7 years; a cow's natural life-span is twenty years. Approximately 30%/40% of British beef comes from specialist beef herds. The remainder comes from our Dairy herds. The dairy cow's meat is tough and is used for burgers, pies and in other processed foods. Heifer (female) calves are kept for dairy herd replacement and bull (male) calves are mainly reared for VEAL. Whilst some may be reared for beef, generally, calves from dairy cattle are unsuitable for beef. Around 500,000 calves are exported live usually to France, Belgium and the Netherlands to be reared for VEAL. If a calf is not exported before it is 14 days old, British regulations require it to be given solid food to help it to develop - hence the export of very young calves.

Veal Crates

The system of rearing calves in veal crates is practised extensively in France and Holland. Calves are confined in wooden crates 5 feet long by 2 feet wide. The floors are slatted and the calves permanently tethered for life in these crates with no bedding. The crates are always in sheds or similar buildings and are usually kept dark or with very little light. The calves are fed a mainly liquid diet of milk with added chemicals and disease-preventing drugs and are kept in high temperatures to stimulate their thirst but

they are then denied water which is far more thirst quenching than milk. The calves crave fibrous foods but these are also withheld in order that their flesh remains white - no meat from ruminant animals is naturally white. This liquid diet causes constant diarrhoea and, to prevent their feet rotting away in their own slurry, the floor of the crate must be slatted. As they are completely unable to move around in their crates they fatten and grow very quickly. This appalling system has been banned in the UK since 1990 because of the extreme cruelty involved.

Loose House or Group System

In the UK, calves reared in this system must be given some solid food after they are fourteen days old and must have sufficient room to be able to turn around. This system is also practised on a small scale in France and Holland. The calves are housed in pens within barns; there are usually 6 to 10 calves per pen. The floors are solid and they have access to bedding. The areas very quickly become dirty and slippery and the calves are particularly susceptible to disease. The flesh of calves reared in this system is a light pink colour compared to the crate-reared calves whose flesh is unnaturally white.

Slaughter

Calves are slaughtered between 14 and 26 weeks and about 50% of their meat is returned to this country to meet the demand for Veal meat. Both systems of rearing Veal prevent the animals from living in their natural environment and subject them to fear, pain, stress, disease and physical discomfort.

Both systems of production must be banned.

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TAIL ENDS



Set up in 1992 by several vegans, Tail Ends is a small animal rescue group run entirely on a voluntary basis; joining forces with the independent network of individuals operating throughout the country on shoestring budgets to provide a non-destructive alternative to the 'traditional' option provided by larger welfare bodies whose solution to unwanted animals is euthanasia by the thousands. Having been involved in most aspects of the AR movement for many years and seen the suffering inflicted on animals, we were inevitably drawn into the grassroots (hands on) side of it; a side, incidentally, that's regarded cynically by a few in the movement.

Whilst continuing as individuals to campaign for radical change as a whole, the aims of Tail Ends itself are four fold:

1) To care for and (where possible) relocate abused or abandoned animals and to hospitalise sick, injured or orphaned wildlife within the London area, equipping them for release to take their chances in the wild in the event of their complete recovery. Euthanasia is only considered as a last resort for those animals in which severe, prolonged disease has failed to respond to any treatment.

2) to provide homeopathic and herbal treatment in preference to allopathic medicine wherever possible or appropriate (in keeping with the vegan ethic); to encourage the use of vegan diets for those animals that can adapt to them readily - we find that even the oldest dogs make this transition happily (and often prefer it to a lifetime of Chum!), but of course one has to look at each case individually. For example, cats are a more complex proposition than dogs, some adapt and some don't (NB; a vegan supplement must be provided with their meal as feline bodies cannot manufacture their own taurine).

3) To neuter and spay rescued animals before re-homing where appropriate and to encourage neutering and spaying of companion animals wherever possible. We also provide a contribution towards the cost of the operation for people on low incomes, but this is entirely dependent on our available funds.

4) To found a sanctuary base outside London as a permanent home for those animals who cannot be rehomed because of their advanced years, illness or insurmountable behavioural problems.

Because we work from our home our space is limited; to a large extent our progress towards achieving our goals has been slow, hampered as it has been by financial setbacks and a continually increasing influx of animals without adequate facilities to provide for them. We are no longer able to demand so much from our foster homes and good permanent homes (particularly for problem animals) are few and far between. So, as in everyone else's case, our begging bowls are always out, not just for money but for

good homes. Funds are extremely limited so public support is essential (we are not a charity) either to help with running costs or towards our project for the summer when we hope to erect two large aviaries, funds permitting.

We have found it is all too easy to get disillusioned when there are so few messages of hope in a movement that seldom sees positive steps towards alleviating the suffering of animals, but when, like us, you see a dog that has been close to death for a week open its eyes and weakly wag its tail, or you see a bird fly after two months of paralysis when you'd been convinced it wouldn't even survive, then there is nothing to equal the magic of those brief moments when you remember exactly why it was you got involved in the first place.

We do not like the idea of enslavement ('pet' keeping), but since we live in a world where exploitation and domination are fact, then the option available to us within a rigid system of 'power over' is to remove its victims to a life that is better; this usually means they become someone's companion animal. Unfortunately, the romantic notion that one can, for example, open a bird cage and let its prisoner fly free into the sunset is simply that. Releasing domesticated captive animals usually means almost certain death. Many of them are not adapted to this climate and have not sufficiently developed the survival skills which their wild siblings possess.

In our view, animal rescue work is just one essential facet of a multi-faceted movement pressing for monumental changes in human attitudes towards animals; it is as important a part as that of the radical activist or campaigner, neither of which are mutually exclusive. Animal rights, by its very nature, is both a personal and political issue and it is important to dispel the view that those in the movement should be fighting for collective change alone; acknowledging that animals have rights also means acknowledging their individual needs. Our aim has always been to encourage people to act themselves and join the network of individuals taking steps on their own initiative to rescue animals from suffering. It isn't easy and is often heartbreaking, and perhaps we'd think twice with the benefit of hindsight, but just saving ONE animal from a lifetime of suffering, albeit perhaps for its few remaining days, makes all the difference to that individual. When it dies, at least it leaves this life (we hope) with a different cast in its eye than the empty look with which so many of us in the movement are familiar.

Tail Ends sells a small range of recycled stationery, cards and re-used labels to support its work. An occasional newsletter is produced subject to available funds and time. Please write to Tail Ends, PO Box 1550, London, SW4 6HP.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A SELECTION OF CUTTINGS FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS

Mob lays siege to minister's farmhouse

DEMONSTRATORS yesterday staged a protest at Agriculture Minister William Waldegrave's farm.

More than 100 activists marched from Chewton Mendip, Somerset, to 1,000-acre Rookery Farm a mile away where they banged drums, chanted slogans and waved placards.

However, the minister, who has been sent two letters booby-trapped with razor blades in a hate campaign over veal-calf exports, was not at home.

As the protest, organised by the group Criminal Justice Bill Solidarity, became rowdier, police moved in to protect the farmhouse and after 30 minutes most of the group dispersed.

Mr Waldegrave has been the target of criticism since it emerged that calves born at Rookery Farm had eventually found their way to veal crates in France.

However, the MP for Bristol West, who had given instructions that the demonstrators be allowed to stage a peaceful protest yesterday, says he has no veto on what happens to his calves once they are sent to the livestock market.

When he was appointed to his ministerial post, Mr Waldegrave resigned as a director of the farm which he jointly owns with his wife Caroline and father Geoffrey, the 12th Earl of Waldegrave.

DAILY MAIL 16/1/95

HUNT followers are not in the game of retaliation, a senior follower has claimed following an incident in which saboteurs found their van with three tyres slashed.

The attack followed anti-hunt demonstrators straying on to private farmland at the weekend - putting them into possible conflict with the new Criminal Justice Act.

However, as the protesters left the land on the Suffolk/Essex border when requested by the landowner, the police made no arrests.

The recently-introduced Act transfers to the police the role of prosecuting people committing aggravated trespass - trespassers with the intention of disrupting a lawful activity.

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES
15/11/94

Calves demo

Housewives and pensioners marched with radical activists through central London in a 2,000-strong protest against the export of live calves. It was organised by the new Coalition Against Animal Exports, which comprises 230 local animal rights groups.

THE OBSERVER

19/3/95

ANIMAL rights extremists planted the firebomb uncovered in a Belfast city centre store this week.

Sunday Life can reveal that the device was left by the Animal Liberation Front - and not truce-busting paramilitaries.

Sources disclosed that a call of responsibility was made to the "ALF Press Office" in England.

But it was never publicised because Robin Webb, who runs the bureau, was in police custody.

The device was found by a member of staff at Woolworth's in High Street on Wednesday.

Shoppers looked on as Army experts moved in to make the firebomb safe.

Police later described the device as "crude and amateurish", but said that it was capable of detonating.

They said it had been planted recently, raising the possibility that the IRA and loyalist ceasefires had been broken.

And an RUC spokesman admitted that detectives had not been able to establish a motive for the attack.

But a source in the animal rights movement revealed that the ALF said it was behind the firebomb attack.

"I have been told that a call was made to the ALF press office in England on Wednesday evening," he said.

"The caller said that Woolworth's was

Meat losing appeal for the young

MEAT-EATING will vanish as a mass-market activity within a generation or two, it was predicted yesterday. Young people are turning to vegetarianism in increasing numbers, writes David Nicholson-Lord.

At the launch of what is claimed to be the biggest campaign to promote vegetarianism mounted in the UK, Peter Cox, a former chief executive of the Vegetarian Society, said that a quarter of young women in the 16 to 24 age group, who would be a key influence in future consumption patterns, now regarded themselves as vegetarian.

According to a recent Gallup survey, 2,000 people a week have been making the switch to vegetarianism, with 45 per cent citing health benefits. The number of vegetarians is put at 4.3 per cent, or nearly 2.5 million people. This rises to 11 per cent, or 6 million, if people who have given up red meat are included.

The campaign, backed by the Vegetarian Society and the Vegan Society, will include a six-month "vegevangelical" roadshow to 50 towns and cities to promote *The Realeat Encyclopaedia of Vegetarian Living*, written by Mr Cox and published yesterday by Bloomsbury at £16.99.

INDEPENDENT 14/9/94

Animal liberation activist charged

A leading animal rights activist was charged yesterday over threats to contaminate eggs in supermarkets, writes Michael Durham. Robin Webb, 50, press officer of the Animal Liberation Front, who was arrested at his Cambridgeshire home, will appear in court at Winchester, Hampshire, tomorrow.

In Shoreham, West Sussex, police charged 18 demonstrators arrested during the fifth night of protests against the transport of live calves and lambs to the Continent

EXCLUSIVE

BY DARWIN
TEMPLETON

targeted because it was selling cosmetics that had been tested on animals.

"It seems that because of Mr Webb's position, the call was never passed on."

A Woolworth's spokeswoman said that they did not sell "cosmetics" and said that none of their body and hair care products were tested on animals.

But the animal rights involvement in the incident will heighten fears that the ALF is set to renew its campaign

● A SECOND firebomb was found in another city centre store yesterday afternoon.

The "crude" device was found by a customer in the Habitat furniture store around 4pm.

Army experts made the device safe and it was taken away for forensic examination.

Detectives will now be examining the possibility of a link with the Woolworth's device.

SUNDAY LIFE 15/1/95

GUARDIAN 8/1/95

Queen's men take on hunt wreckers

By CHESTER STERN

ROYAL guardsmen are being used by fox hunts in the war on saboteurs.

The use of members of the Queen's Household Brigade emerged when three soldiers from the 1st Battalion The Irish Guards gave evidence against saboteurs in Chichester, West Sussex. The guardsmen were based at Pirbright, Surrey, 30 miles from where the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt was in action when protesters clashed with supporters.

Bombs

And last night an Army spokesman said soldiers could 'moonlight' if their commanding officer gave permission.

Alastair Jackson, of the British Field Sports Society, said: 'There is a particularly vicious group of hunt saboteurs in the area who have made bombs and sent razorblades through the post.'

In the court case, two protesters were cleared of criminal damage and using threatening words.

The Government is seeking to make some forms of anti-hunt trespass a criminal offence.

MAIL ON SUNDAY
7/12/94

Hunt bomb

An explosive device was left at a hotel in Hedge End, near Southampton, where the annual meeting of the Hursley Hambledon Hunt was due to take place. It was detonated safely by explosives officers last night. No one was hurt.

DAILY TELEGRAPH
31/1/95

Firebomb blamed on hunt backers

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

SUPPORTERS of fox-hunting are suspected of planting an incendiary device that exploded yesterday under the car of an anti-hunt campaigner.

Toni Gellard, 23, a member of the Three Shires Hunt Saboteurs, was at home with her boyfriend when the device exploded on the Conniburrow Estate, Milton Keynes. It caused no damage.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association blamed fox-hunt supporters. Tony Humphries, a spokesman for the association, said: 'We've had house visits and vehicles smashed before, but this is a much more sinister development.'

The latest incident comes after a family said they believed they may be the mistaken targets of the Animal Liberation Front after two incendiary attacks in a week.

Army Ordnance officers carried out a controlled explosion yesterday at the home of Julian and Nicola Lewis in Chideock, Dorset, after a postman found a package on the doorstep.

Detective Inspector Rob Ormsby said that initially the package was connected to the front door handle by a piece of string, which had fallen off. It was 'capable of causing quite serious injury,' he said. A gas aerosol can exploded outside the front door last week, damaging the door of the house where they live with sons Michael, 13 and Carl, 5.

The box containing the latest device bore the letters ALF, possibly standing for Animal Liberation Front. Mr Lewis, a carpenter, said: 'We've never been associated with any of the activities normally targeted by the Animal Liberation Front. If anything, they've frightened our two rabbits.'

TIMES 3/10/94

Veal protesters raid airline chief's home

By EMMA WILKINS

ANIMAL rights activists attacked the home of the man responsible for flying calves to the Continent yesterday in protest at the death of the woman campaigner under the wheels of a lorry.

More than 40 demonstrators threw bricks and stones, breaking all the ground-floor windows at the home of Christopher Barrett-Jolley, managing director of Phoenix Aviation, in Frankton, Warwickshire. Jill Phipps, 31, fell beneath the wheels of a lorry delivering veal calves to Coventry airport for transport to Europe on a Phoenix flight.

Mr Barrett-Jolley's wife Maria, 45, was at home when 36 panes of glass in the windows of the £250,000 Georgian house were shattered. A police officer who attempted to arrest a protester was knocked to the ground.

The activists, believed to be members of the Animal Liberation Front, broke through a perimeter fence in the two-acre grounds. Two press photogra-

phers were forced to hand over film as the activists shouted 'Jolley, come out and answer our questions. You're not so jolly now.'

The activists dispersed when three vans containing riot police officers and a squad of patrol cars arrived. Superintendent David Whitehouse of Warwickshire police, said the protesters were intent on causing malicious damage.

A group of 40 protesters held a silent vigil for Ms Phipps last night outside Coventry airport.

□ A policeman was last night in hospital with head injuries after he was struck by a brick during an animal rights demonstration. A second officer was hit in the back by a missile.

The violence happened as police tried to move 200 protesters staging a sit-in to block the path of nine lorries carrying veal calves and sheep to Millbay docks, Plymouth.

TIMES 3/2/95

Protesters turn back calves cargo

ANIMAL rights protesters forced lorries loaded with calves to turn back from a ferry port last night. The animals had been due to sail to France from Shoreham, West Sussex, the only British port willing to transport live animals for slaughter.

About 250 protesters blocked the road leading to the ferry terminal and two lorries eventually turned back. Some protesters were slightly injured as about 50 police tried to force them back.

Superintendent Mark Jordan, who was leading the police operation, said afterwards: 'I was not prepared to endanger the safety of the people here.' One lorry that beat the blockade earlier was on a dummy run and was carrying no animals.

ANIMAL rights activists are believed to be responsible for attacks on three Wellington High Street shops in the early hours of Friday morning.

Superglue was sprayed into front door locks of Boots the chemists, the butchers' shop of C. Webber & Son on the opposite side of the road and the gunsmiths Country Sports at Brooks Place just off High Street.

All three had to call in locksmiths to open their jammed doors with Boots and Webbers' opening being delayed by about 30 minutes and the gunsmiths by more than an hour.

All three shops were similarly attacked in February. Boots and Webbers were also targeted in January.

TIMES 3/1/95

Arkangel Comment

This is the part of the magazine where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we can - providing it is to do with Animal Liberation, and is not intended to further some other aim - political or otherwise. The articles do not necessarily represent the views of the editors.

Please remember - an article submitted on computer disk (in ASCII / Text format please) will save us a lot of typing, but we welcome your thoughts in any form (especially if they are typed with double-line spacing, or neatly hand-written)!



Viva!

the Vegetarians International
Voice for Animals!

by Alex Bourke

To save animals from suffering and death was the reason for the launch of Viva! last October. 'Vegetarians International Voice for Animals' aims to become the number one campaigning vegetarian and vegan charity in Europe. It's already rattled the Meat and Livestock Commission's cage who compared its first campaign, called 'Convert-a-Parent', to the Hitler Youth! With the Children's Crusade Against Cruelty demos against live export in March, Viva! showed the world that tomorrow's citizens demand a more compassionate future.

Viva's philosophy is straightforward - to create huge numbers of vegetarians and vegans fast by targeting the most receptive groups, children and young adults, and via them, their parents and friends. Maximum media coverage is achieved through a determination to tackle issues head on. Unlike some organisations, Viva! isn't afraid to say that the barbarity of animal slaughter must stop. At local level, Viva! is creating activists on the streets and in schools, equipped with comprehensive, upbeat campaigning materials that are so convincing "even Hannibal the Cannibal would go veggie".

Viva's giant Convert-a-Parent leaflet, aimed at teenagers but useful to anyone, is the complete guide on how to deal with patronising, aggressive, ignorant friends and parents. It reassures them that going veggie is good for humans, good for animals, good for the developing world and good for the planet.

All information in the leaflet is taken from 12 Viva! Guides, each one covering a different aspect of vegetarianism and veganism factually and scientifically - and often wittily. From nutrition to animal rights, mad cow disease to factory farming, the authors include vegan GP David Ryde, Peter Cox, Michael Mansfield QC, Gary Glitter and Margi Clarke. They cost 40p each plus 10p postage, or the full set is £4.80, post free. There are bulk

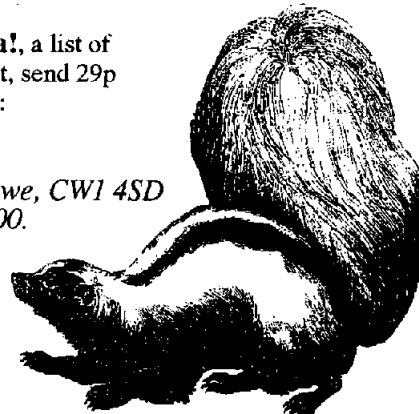
reductions for groups to sell on stalls. Books for Life is Viva's mail order catalogue of 100 vegetarian/vegan and animal rights books.

For a new charity, Viva's media coverage has been extraordinary. It has been featured by hundreds of newspapers and radio stations, and TV broadcasts include the main BBC news. Its founder is Juliet Gellatley (30), former director of the Vegetarian Society, who transformed vegetarianism with her controversial campaigning tactics. The MLC tried but failed to ban her campaigns and were trashed by her so many times on TV and radio that now they refuse to debate with her. A detailed action programme for the future includes building a network of 100 school speakers.

Viva! is now planning four national campaigns (which you can guarantee will hit the news), make a training video for its school speakers, and produce a powerful video for teenagers which will be seen by a minimum of 25,000 in the first year alone. An important element of Viva's work is its determination to expose what goes on behind the closed doors of Britain's food industry. We have, and desperately need, special investigators who are - legally - investigating the truth behind factory farming, genetic engineering and slaughter.

For details of Viva!, a list of guides and booklist, send 29p worth of stamps to:

Viva!,
PO Box 212, Crewe, CW1 4SD
Tel: 01270 522500.



Vaccination and the Great Genetic Research Swindle

by Patrick Rattigan

A few years ago, the drug company Bayer placed an advertisement in the national Sunday press appealing for public support for its genetic research programme. The ad contained the words "...unfortunately there are still 20,000 illnesses for which there are at present no available remedies". 'Still'; there were 40,000 to start with but Bayer, Glaxo, Roche and the rest selflessly burnt the midnight oil and got it down to 20,000. The reality, of course, is quite different; 20,000 and rising, so we are told, at the rate of 400 per year. The question is: where are the new diseases all coming from? Poisoned de-natured food, airborne pollution, the water supply used as a tip - all are strongly suspect, but there is another face in the identification parade which is in a different class - vaccination.



8th International Vegan Festival

The 1995 V.I. Festival will be on August 6th-13th at the lovely San Diego State University, which has picturesque scenery and modern air-conditioned facilities. There is great weather in San Diego which is close to beaches and the Mexican border. Nearby Balboa Park covers 5 sq. km and amongst the trees you will find 13 museums, art galleries, a space and science centre and sports facilities. The week of the festival will be filled with a variety of events including lectures, workshops, demonstrations, social activities, vegan meals and plenty of free time to enjoy your holiday. Childcare is available during the lectures, often by vegan celebrities.

America is a great place to find cheap vegan shoes. At any of America's 2,500 Payless Shoe Stores prices go from \$5.00 upto \$20. So leave some space in your suitcase or backpack.

For information on alternative accommodation such as camping or hotels, please send an international reply coupon to the American Vegan Society. However, you will maybe have more fun by staying on campus with all the other vegans, as at previous festivals people often stayed up very late talking or having a party.

The reason for the different category is the mode of ingestion. The other culprits, dangerous and lethal though they are, all go through the regular channels of reception. Junk food and liquid, exhaust gasses, even the lethal weed, all give the body some chance. They are all subject to the body's defence mechanisms in the respiratory tracts, digestive system and so on. The vaccines, a cross section of animal-derived proteins, viruses, mucus, pus, blood, faeces, urine, formaldehyde, carbolic acid, mercury, aluminium, etc. are injected directly into the bloodstream and thence to the major bodily organs. The assault on the brain, immune system, cranial nerves, cells, and tissues is a no-contest.

In his book 'Vaccination, Social Violence and Criminality - The Medical Assault on the American Brain', the medical historian Dr. Harris Coulter PhD observes: '...when the baby is 9 months or a year old, the parents at length realise that he cannot see, hear or speak, or is mentally retarded. Since no other cause for such a condition can be determined, the physician decides that it was present at birth. But by this time the baby will have received 3 DPT shots... capable of causing blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy and mental retardation...' Add MMR vaccines, BCG, Hib, and the rest; add asthma, glue ear, MS, ME, meningitis, leukaemia, cot death and heaven knows how many thousands of others.

Last week the 'medical correspondents' paraded the latest gene star; he had discovered the 'asthma gene', the gene which causes asthma. We all begin to see, I hope, just what an everlasting river of gold this new medical stunt is going to be. In the UK alone, 55 million people all with a different constitutional make-up, all with different tendencies which will, if the rules of healthy living are ignored, will all manifest to a greater or lesser degree signs of ill health; but it is not junk food, junk medicine and the rest which is causing the plague of ill health, it is 'faulty genes'.

If the genes really are abnormal in the new born, which petro-drug, pesticide, solvent dye, vaccine or other product of the vivisection lab caused the malformation in the embryo or the reproduction mechanism in the parent or grandparent? Not a question the 'gene research' mad-hatters will be addressing.

The anti-vivisection movement is losing the PR battle in the arena of genetic research. Once again, because the roots of the argument are not being addressed.

Copies of 'Vaccine Legacy-The Modern Plague' and 'Cancer. Cure and Cover-up' at £1.50 each pp; 2 for £2.00 pp are available from:

Pat Rattigan,
1, Quarry Bank Road, Chesterfield, S41 0HH.

KILLER VIRUS IN BRITISH VIVISECTION LABS?

by Mike Nunn

According to a recently formed group, People's Awareness Campaign (PAC), and a programme called the Plaque Monkeys, screened by Meridian TV on Tuesday 2nd January, monkeys carrying the deadly EBOLA virus have been exported to Britain. Victims of EBOLA, for which there is no known cure, develop severe headaches and their blood begins to clot. This leads to massive haemorrhaging and causes the skin to 'liquify'.

As Shamrock Farm (GB) Ltd, Small Dole, near Brighton, East Sussex, - target for the World Day 1995 march through Brighton on April 22nd - are the major importers and exporters of wild-caught monkeys in the European Union (around 7000 annually), animal activists in the area have been warning about the potential danger of an outbreak of EBOLA at Shamrock and have received excellent publicity in the local and national press, with extensive reports on the disease and photographs of demonstrations, etc.

On Saturday, 4th February, demonstrators in the nearest town to Shamrock, Henfield, donned biohazard suits and handed out leaflets on the deadly virus.

At the demonstration, retired scientist

Graham Ennis - who is a scientific adviser to the group - called the current situation, with regards to the importing of primates "insane". He likened it to playing Russian Roulette with a loaded gun.



The group have called upon MP Michael Forsythe, Minister of State at the Home Office, to revoke Shamrock's import licence due to the danger of EBOLA being brought into the country. The United States Military has classified EBOLA as a bio-safety level 4 virus - even Aids is only graded at level 2. Terry Hill, who worked undercover at Shamrock for 9 months in 1992, said: "It is no use Shamrock saying the primates are specifically bred for research. I made photocopies of the post-mortem book. Time and time again monkeys came in with diseases. We are concerned that a monkey with EBOLA could be brought in - it takes just one".

Activists have now called upon Sussex University, Brighton, to end secrecy over what species are kept in the building at Falmer in Brighton (a vast new animal house), and to publicly state whether this includes monkeys imported from Africa. It is known for a fact that the university have experimented on primates in the recent past (1984). According to a report in the 5th January edition of Brighton & Hove Leader, a spokesperson for the ALF said: "We have been trying to find out what animals the university keeps for years. They will not say, but it is likely that they hold monkeys as they are near to the biggest monkey holding station in Europe. EBOLA is incredibly lethal but Britain is still importing free-caught monkeys from Africa. People have a right to know what is in there. We have launched a campaign to make people aware of the threat from EBOLA and we demand that Sussex University say what animals are kept in the animal house".

The University of Sussex has declined to respond to the Animal Liberation Front's demand for information about what species are kept at Falmer. It would only say the following in a written statement: "The threatening tactics employed by the fringe of the animal rights movement make it inadvisable for us to participate in public debate about our important experimental work". The University says it has been advised to adopt this stance by the security services.

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Stay in Touch

by Simon

Why an article about this book review? I'm certainly not suggesting that you go out and buy it (ask your local library to get it instead). However, maybe - like with me - it struck a chord when you read those few examples of what animals will do, and that, I would suggest, is good. Why? Because in a nutshell, it reminds us of one of our most powerful and noble reasons why we fight for animals rights in the first place - emotional empathy. We can relate to all of the examples cited, and probably many more, because we are an animal species as are elephants, rats, cats and dogs. We know that they are sentient beings, just like us, and that they can feel, just like us.

The trouble is that in our sophisticated, high-tech world we are in danger of losing touch with this powerful inner-feeling. We replace it with facts and figures about animal abuse; with arguments to highlight the flaws in

establishment thinking and with increasingly confrontational situations to achieve a concrete result in our struggle to end all



animals' suffering. All of these have their place, no doubt about that, but a good old emotional gut reaction is like a welcome tonic. A beautiful view, a soothing piece of music, a friendly gesture - it's all the same. They are emotional and they are nice; and so can we be.

We remind ourselves of a positive reason why we do not differentiate between which species of animal we want to help. It is a bigger picture than simply foxes, fur and whales (all branches make a tree). It is more than simply facts and figures. We also remind ourselves that we are intrinsically good people trying to do our bit to make the world a better place. There is no need to guilt-trip each other and score points. Occasionally it is good to pat ourselves on the back, each of us in our own way.

It is good to stay in touch.

If chimpanzees could talk...

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Parrots blush, gorillas grieve, dogs feel guilt and pigs terror: Nicholas Wollaston reads about ANIMALS' EMOTIONS

A baby elephant was swept away by a flooding river in Burma. Its mother swam in pursuit, picked it up in her trunk, reared up and left it on a rocky ledge high above the torrent, where it screamed with fright while she was washed further downstream. But somehow she climbed up the bank and came hurrying back, uttering 'the grandest sounds of a mother's love I can remember' - as the Englishman 'Elephant Bill' recalled. It's such a good story that Masson and MacCarthy tell it twice in *When Elephants Weep*. Nobody who has heard the squealing terror of pigs in an abattoir or seen the joy in a dog's eyes at the mention of 'walkies' could doubt animals have emotions, but scientists generally dismiss anthropomorphism as sentimentality. A lobster feels

nothing, they say, when it's dropped into boiling water; puppies don't really mind having their tails cut off.

Charles Darwin was one of the first to suggest that nobody knows what goes on in an animal's head. 'Who can say what cows feel', he asked, 'when they surround and stare intently on a dying or dead companion?' Elephants are known to shed tears of grief and chimpanzees have died of a broken heart. A young gorilla, released from a cage into a pen with a view of a mountain forest like the one where she had grown up, burst out sobbing. A band of mountain goats can leap and whirl and slide down the snow for sheer joy of life; and a panda was seen to trot up a hill and come somersaulting down, again and again, just for fun. Dogs often act guilty and ask for

forgiveness. Parrots that accidentally fall off their perch have betrayed embarrassment by blushing under their feathers. A chimpanzee once sat staring at a sunset till darkness fell, and a female macaque showed all the pleasures of orgasm. Why, if not for the aesthetic thrill, should a pair of coyotes howl in harmony, not unison, or a gorilla, given a chance to go outside and play, prefer to stay indoors listening to Pavarotti on TV?

In their passionate, convincing book Masson and MacCarthy plead for proper understanding of animals' feelings which may be as complex as our own. We can't speak their language; we have no right to deny them the power of sentience and self-consciousness. We owe them at least the respect that we pay ourselves. Like us they belong to an endangered species on an endangered planet, and we are the ones doing the endangering.

When Elephants Weep by Jeffrey Masson and Susan MacCarthy (Cape £16.99)

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Action for Animals

Action for Animals is a new Exeter-based group. Their aims are to use the media locally to bring animal abuse to people's attention. They plan to produce a regular 'action pack' to send out, informing people about current issues and what they can do - eg. boycott, letters, demos, etc.

For further information please write to:
Action for Animals,
PO Box 163, Exeter EX1 3YS.

Greyhound Protection Trust

This group has been newly set up to provide some protection for exploited and abused greyhounds and to heighten public awareness of the suffering involved in greyhound racing. The group supports a proposed ban on the 'sport'. Funds, support and information are desperately needed.

Please write to:
GPT, c/o ICA, PO Box 1135, Downsview Road,
Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8AA.

A Personal Tribute to Jill Phipps 1964-95

by a Friend

It is with great sorrow and heaviness of heart that I come to write this tribute. I only knew Jill for a few years and yet in that time I came to respect her determination and especially her compassion. Jill was a beautiful young woman at the height of her powers who loved and cared for all life; at 31 she was much too young to die and I am sure she will always be remembered with love by everyone who had the privilege of meeting her.

Jill was part of a close and loving family. She shared her home with her son Luke; her much loved partner Justin; Spider and Lucy (two rescued dogs); and over the years many rats, cats and other animals. Jill loved her family but she didn't turn her back on the millions of other humans and animals that needed her help. Over the years she campaigned actively against vivisection, environmental destruction, hunting, zoos, circuses, homelessness, the meat and dairy industry, in fact anything that causes needless suffering and misery.

Jill's peaceful protests took many forms, from providing a home for a stray dog, to handing out leaflets, to sabbing a hunt, to standing in front of a lorry load of young calves destined for a short hellish life in veal crates. When Jill stood in front of the lorry that killed her, she understood the risks but typically for her she assumed that the police and the lorry driver would respect life as much as she did, unfortunately this was not true and in the end Jill gave her life for her beliefs and for others who could not defend themselves - this is the greatest act of bravery that is possible by a human being. Jill is not a martyr, she is a hero and her actions will inspire and give courage to everyone who knew her and to many thousands of people

who never met her. Jill's bravery and compassion will go down in history and she will never be forgotten.

As I've already said, I only knew Jill for a short time but in that time she showed me only kindness, whether helping me move into my new flat when she had only met me the day before, or watching my back on a hunt sab. Meeting Jill has enriched and changed my life, I can't express how much I wish she was still alive but nothing will bring her back. Now it is up to all of us to make sure that her death has not been in vain, the only fitting tribute for Jill will be an end to the live export trade and to all animal abuse - together we can make Jill's bravery into a turning point in history, it's in our hands now.

Examine your heart and conscience, if you eat meat - stop! If you care for the veal calves - think about where they come from (the by-products of the dairy industry) and act accordingly; don't use products tested on animals, don't go hunting or fishing, don't support zoos or circuses - in fact look at every aspect of your life and think about how it affects other people, animals and the environment - live a compassionate life in tribute to Jill and because it is the right thing to do. Jill's death has begun to wake people up to the reality of the suffering our society is based on.

When the Earth has been ravaged and the animals are dying, a tribe of people from all races, creeds and colours will put their faith in deeds not words to make the land green again. They shall be known as The Warriors of the Rainbow, Protectors of the Environment. Jill was one of those people.

THE ROAD TO MISERY

by Juliet Gellatley

The last few weeks have been truly amazing. For the first time ever, farm animal welfare has dominated the news every day for over a month.

Last October, P&O Ferries stopped carrying live animals which were to be killed or kept in veal crates. Stena Sealink and Brittany Ferries followed suit. These companies used to carry 90% of all live animals and so this decision has had a huge impact on the meat and dairy industries and shows that campaigning by people like you works.

Because British people have been prepared to act on their feelings, demonstrating at ports and airports, we have a real chance to ban live exports. But there's been a bigger effect. For the first time, many people are beginning to think of farm animals as living, feeling creatures that react to pain just like you and I. This has led to thousands more people going veggie and to many vegetarians going vegan.

Why have so many people gone vegan? Well, the calves that are shipped to Holland and France for veal are the

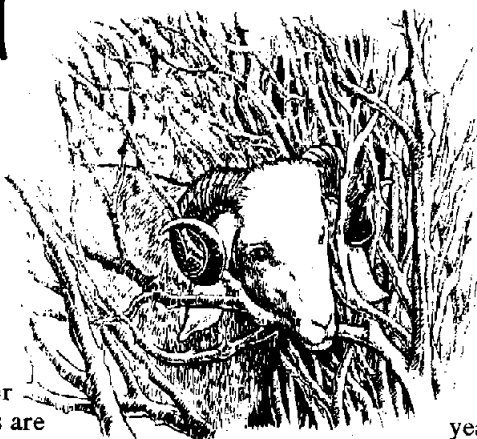
unwanted babies of dairy cows who are forced to give birth every year to make them produce milk. Just like a woman, cows only make milk when they have a baby. The calves are taken from their mothers at a week old, or even younger, and are shipped off to be crammed into tiny crates where they can hardly move. After a few months they are killed for veal meat.

Even if the campaign against live exports is successful we will still be left with a problem which no one seems willing to answer - what do you do with the 400,000 unwanted calves that are born each year in Britain. Shoot them? Expand our own veal trade? Because one thing is certain, so long as people drink milk and eat cheese these innocent little creatures will continue to be a 'problem'. There is only one answer and it's a simple one - give up dairy products. If you are vegetarian and can't go vegan at the moment, remember you're still doing a huge amount to save animals compared to meat eaters. But we should all be aware that being a vegan is the only certain way to end all farm animal cruelty.

PORTON DOWN

TORTURE TOWN

Porton Down can be easily missed as you drive along the A30 joining Salisbury to Andover. This isn't because it's small or well hidden, quite the opposite. The vast perimeter fence is about all the public get to see of Europe's largest vivisection laboratory. The sinister goings on in the Porton laboratories are protected by acre-upon-acre of Salisbury Plain downland, not to mention the state-of-the-art military security! The untouched downland is a haven for both flora and fauna alike, and on first impression you may be mistaken for thinking that it is some kind of sanctuary... unfortunately you couldn't get any further from the truth... Porton Down is more like a hell on earth, for its animal inmates.



Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down grew.

Porton Down is the world's oldest chemical warfare establishment and from its very beginnings it has always been a world leader in its field. In its early years it focused upon chemical weapons, initially to produce gas with which to counter the German Offence and also to produce protective clothing. Today, the complex of approximately 200 buildings spans 7,000 acres of land and is in many respects, a self contained community employing in the region of 700 people. It is protected by the military and the area is ringed with fences and signs bearing slogans such as - MOD PROPERTY - DANGER! - KEEP OUT!

The following is an extract taken from 'Spycatcher' by Peter Wright, former British Intelligence Officer. "On one occasion I went down to Porton to see a demonstration of a cigarette packet which had been modified by the Explosives Research and Development Establishment to fire a dart tipped with poison. We solemnly put on white coats and were taken out to one of the animal compounds behind Porton by Dr. Ladell, the scientist who handled all MI5 and MI6 work. A sheep on a lead was led into the centre of the ring. One flank had been shaved to reveal the coarse pink skin. Ladell's assistant pulled out the cigarette packet and stepped forward. The sheep started, and it was restrained by the lead, and I thought perhaps the device had misfired. But the sheep's knees began to buckle, and it started rolling its eyes and frothing at the mouth. Slowly the animal sank to the ground, life draining away, as the white coated professionals discussed the advantages of the new modern toxin around the corpse. It was the only time in my life when my two passions, for animals and intelligence, collided, and I knew at that instant, that the first was by far the greater love. I also knew then, that assassination was no policy for peacetime."

In The Beginning

It was with some urgency that the War Office compulsorily purchased 3,000 acres of downland near the tiny village of Porton, Wiltshire, in 1916. The war against Germany had taken an unexpected turn with the introduction of poison gas, a weapon against which the allies were ill prepared.

Initially, a few wooden huts were erected to enable the scientists to conduct their experiments, returning each evening to their accommodation at the local inn. It was from these small beginnings that what we now know as the

There was no move to close Porton at the end of the war, instead its development was given priority and its scientists became the highest paid in the land. New chemical weapons were developed, tested and even used in combat. It was as if the frightful experiences of the war had accounted for nothing.

The experimentation continued on a grand scale and the methods used were some of the cruellest imaginable. Animals were often tethered or penned in the open or in trenches and then bombed, sprayed or otherwise exposed to the various formulations of gasses. Chemicals were also squirted directly into their faces, rubbed into their skin and even applied to open wounds. Other animals were used under more controlled, but no doubt equally painful, conditions in the laboratory.

Even at the time, these experiments caused considerable public outcry, not only among civilians, but also with the many soldiers at Porton, who often made their distaste known to the scientists who were conducting the experiments. Perhaps this was out of the growing sense of affinity with the animals; as many human 'guinea-pigs' were also required to test equipment prototypes and to assess whether the effects upon the animals were comparable to humans.

It would be tempting to think that these practices are merely the product of a more barbaric past, yet there is sufficient evidence to suggest that similar types of experiments are still being conducted. Undoubtedly these will be of a more sanitised form with some of the 'cruder variables' removed. However, the general thrust of the experiments remains the same.

Hidden Crimes

During its 80-year existence, the CDE at Porton Down has undoubtedly been one of Britain's most prolific users of animals for experimental purposes. The exact level of experimentation at Porton Down can only be guessed at due to the secrecy and unreliability of the official records. We can be sure however, that many millions of animals have been used at Porton Down since 1916.

The Porton Mouse

The scale of the experimentation is well illustrated by the fact that as early as 1917, animal breeding colonies were established in order to keep pace with the demand. These facilities have now been developed to the extent that Porton Down produces its own strain of laboratory mouse. A primate colony has also been established. Over the years, all manner of species have been used in experiments at Porton, including mice, rats, sheep, guinea-pigs, rabbits, monkeys, goats and dogs.

During the 1930's the scientists at Porton began to turn their attention to a new area of deadly research, the development of so-called GERM or BACTERIOLOGICAL warfare. Biological weapons work differently to the choking, burning and poisonous effects of gas, their effect is both more deadly and longer lasting. Lethal bacteria, once released into the environment can continue to grow and spread their deadly influence. No scientist competent enough to be employed in the development of such weaponry, can fail to understand the implications of their work, but few would be prepared to take responsibility for its application. Had they been obliged to do so, then perhaps their research would have advanced no further.

Instead, biological research progressed at a pace in Britain and elsewhere. The most popular first source of enquiry was Anthrax, a highly infectious and deadly disease which can kill within a few hours of contamination. Anthrax proved the subject of one of the most infamous experiments ever conducted by scientists based at Porton Down.

Gruinard Island

In 1942, a team of bacteriologists led by Dr. Paul Fildes, transported canisters of anthrax spores grown at Porton to a remote part of Northern Scotland. The site chosen for the test was the tiny island of Gruinard, to which 30 sheep bought from local crofters were transported. An anthrax bomb was then exploded on the island and the effects observed. Sure enough, within a day, the sheep began to die, although some were not so lucky and took a week or more before finally succumbing to the deadly virus. Similar tests were conducted on the island in the months that followed.

Once their work was completed, the scientists returned to Porton, leaving behind probably the most deadly and contaminated piece of land in the world. Yet despite intensive efforts, it took the Porton scientists more than 40 years to eventually feel confident enough to declare this 1.5 sq. mile embarrassment to be habitable again. It is doubtful though that there are many people who would be willing to take a risk and see if they are right!

It is not considered unthinkable that anthrax might have been used against Hitler's Germany. On the contrary, Britain produced 5 million cattle feed pellets contaminated with anthrax spores which, if used, would have caused havoc and widespread suffering to the Germans. Britain was not alone in producing such weapons, but it was not above producing them either.

The most commonly used justification for why research into chemical and biological weapons should continue is defence. It is interesting to note that Porton Down began its life as a Chemical Warfare Establishment and was then subsequently transformed into the Chemical Defence Establishment. Similarly, a few scientists who originally reported to the Government's Microbiological Warfare Committee, became the nucleus of the CDE's sister organisation, the Microbiological Research Establishment, which was founded at Porton Down at the end of World War 2.

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These were important facades not least because Britain was (and still is) a signatory to International Treaties which prohibit the possession of chemical and biological weapons. The official justification for continuing with this kind of research goes

something like this - in order to be able to defend ourselves against chemical or biological attack, we must first invent the weapon to be used against us so that we can develop a defensive response! This strategy, if it is to be believed, is the equivalent of developing a drug to combat a disease which does not yet exist...

War Games

The basis of all Porton's work is military inspired and primarily for military benefit. In the event of a major chemical or biological attack, the protective equipment and vaccines would be used for military staff and key civilians. Even if it were possible to guess the nature of an enemy biological weapon and to produce and stockpile sufficient quantities of a vaccine, there is no way that such a vaccine could be administered to the general population quickly enough in the event of a surprise attack. In this situation, the concept of defence is meaningless.

The dishonesty of this approach is born out by the fact that despite having signed international agreements opposing the use or development of chemical and biological weapons, Britain and many other countries continued to work on the development of such weapons throughout the inter-war years and beyond. The British contribution was often not of a direct nature, but the close co-operation

between the scientists at Porton and their counterparts in the US and other allied countries meant they were partners in an offensive research programme. This is not to suggest that Britain was different to any of the other major powers who were also pursuing similar programmes.

Over all, this means that tens and probably hundreds of millions of animals worldwide have already died in the most agonising ways in the quest to develop new ways of destroying our own species. It is known for example that between 1952 and 1970, over 2,000,000 animals were used by the Microbiological Establishment alone. The waste of so many millions of animals to produce these frightening weapons is simply unforgivable.

Whatever may be going on at Porton Down, we are usually assured of two things. Firstly, that it is for 'defensive' and not 'offensive' purposes, and secondly, that it is often a matter of National Security. Those who give such assurances also assume that every right thinking individual will be willing to forgo any moral or humanitarian concerns that they might otherwise have for the animals under experimentation, simply because the matter is one of Defence and/or National Security.

Yet, as if to confirm its own lack of confidence in this position, the British Government stubbornly refuses to reveal even the most basic information about the experiments being conducted at Porton Down.

In July 1986, Mr. Harry Cohen MP, asked the Secretary of State for Defence how many dogs and Rhesus monkeys had been used in gas tests at Porton Down during the previous 12 months. The Government refused to provide this information on the grounds that 'to do so could in many cases enable an informed observer to gain a useful insight into the scope and direction of CDE's work to the detriment of National Security'. Such is the seriousness with which successive Governments have viewed the secrecy of the experiments conducted at Porton Down that only those completed during its early years have been comprehensively published. Scientists working at Porton Down may only freely publish the results of their work if it is not deemed to be a matter of National Security. Apparently, such experiments make up only a small percentage of the total. A recent computer search conducted by the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection revealed only nine published experiments from Porton Down during the last two years.

Mice & Men

One of these published papers revealed how G.D.D'Mello, conducted a series of experiments to assess the effects of sodium cyanide upon the swimming performance of guinea pigs. The guinea pigs were placed in a tank which was 305 cms long and 10 cms wide and was filled with water to the depth of 28 cm. The purpose of this test was to see if the animals could swim to the safety platform at the opposite end of the tank and to what extent their performance was impaired when dosed with sodium cyanide. Some animals were also treated with another chemical to see if this reduced the effects of the sodium cyanide, which it did. A number of animals died

immediately as a result of the cyanide injection. Many others failed to reach the platform within 30 seconds or turned around and began swimming in the wrong direction. The scientist concluded that although the other substance known as PAPP did offer protection against the effects of sodium cyanide, the experiment was of little direct relevance to the treatment of cyanide poisoning in humans.

Conclusion

Very little information about the experiments conducted at Porton Down has ever been made publicly available. This is perhaps not surprising as its laboratories must have housed some of the most ghastly and cruel experiments ever undertaken in Britain. Unlike most other centres of research, Porton Down specialises in the study of substances which have been developed to kill, mutilate and disable other living things. Millions of animals have become the first victims of the terrifying future scenario of chemical and biological war, while others have been sacrificed to test nerve and riot control gasses and also the wounding effects of ballistic weapons.

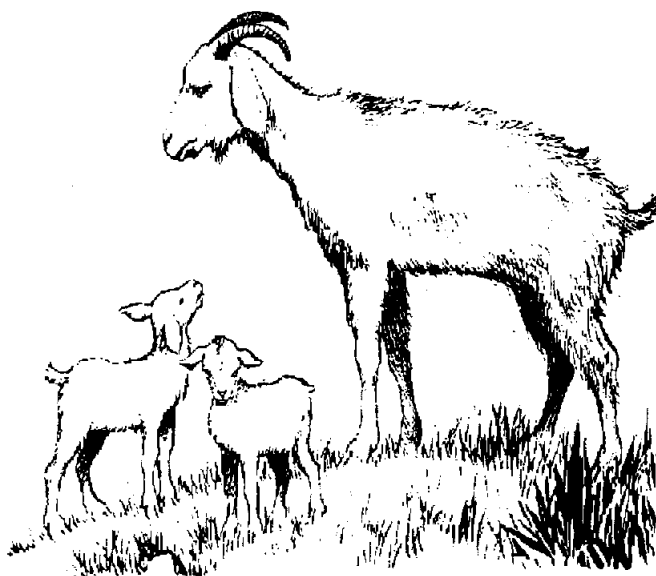
All of these dreadful experiments are conducted at taxpayers' expense, but not necessarily with their consent. It is for this reason that Porton Down remains the most secret laboratory in Britain to date.

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PSYCHO ANALYSIS

by Keith Mann

The one aspect of animal abuse that tends to play on my mind more often than the others is vivisection. I feel a little uncomfortable saying that because, however short-lived and brutal the treatment of, say, battery hens or lobsters is, their suffering is beyond comprehension, and as far as the individuals are concerned it is the worst thing that could ever happen. We all have our pet hates, so to speak, and this is mine; there is something about vivisection which strikes a deeper chord. And I want to talk about it. I have to debate the reasons for this with myself because it is difficult to understand my discrimination against baited badgers and goldfish in bowls. It is all very wrong, as much as it is possible to be in fact, but as our species evolves its attitudes towards other animals things will be put right. They are being put right; a great deal of progress has already been made in a remarkably short period of time.

Taking vivisection aside, this is a practice which, if we are to believe the people who supply the statistics (the same people who carry out the experiments) causes around three million animals to be put to death in some of the most detestable ways every year in this country, not forgetting those animals that live on through the years in long-term experiments. Assuming, as I do, they are lying about this number on the grounds that they are renowned as liars and it's in their interests to do so, this is probably half the true figure. But no matter 3,6,9,1 million, it's an awful lot of suffering and it's a relatively small number of people responsible.

There are around 17,000 licenced vivisectioners (or animal technicians as they prefer to be known) thinking, I suppose, that this somehow makes what they do less evil. There are 334 laboratories licenced to brutalise animals; mammals, birds, fish, though again not all participate. The main suppliers of the necessary materials; the cages, food, bedding, etc. come from around 15 sources and the animals from 25. These people are solely responsible for making a profit from their wares. If vivisection were outlawed tomorrow the only losers would be this small community. No one outside it would be affected adversely and most people would fail to notice anything had changed. If pharmaceutical companies wanted to continue producing new drugs and other chemical preparations, as indeed they would, there would be no problem. It would simply mean that they would then have to test their stuff properly but it would cost them more. They can well afford it and in return fewer people would suffer and die by having been contaminated by something that worked quite well in another species in crude, artificial laboratory experiments. And there's now the additional problem of the Ebola virus which adds considerable weight to the argument that messing with these creatures is not good for people. Alternatively, they could move their operations abroad where opposition is not so fierce, but they could only run so far and hide for so long because what they do

will always be wrong and will continue to cause the same inherent species-barrier type problems for however long it goes on. And that will probably be their ultimate downfall. The law in this country is no excuse for them continuing to torture animals. They don't have to do these things to meet legal requirements that their products are safe for humans. They just have to meet legal requirements that their products have been safely tested by using animals. This practice is not only unethical but must be, by definition, breaking the next law down the list; the criminal law.

This 'secret society' has no intention of abandoning its programme of extermination just because it is cruel and unnecessary. If they dared open the doors of their laboratories and let the truth be known they would be abhorred by the masses; but it isn't fair that the people who know what's happening and where should have those animals wait for the masses to mobilise. It is probably a safe bet that it will be sometime yet before enough people reject the products that are tested on animals to such an extent that the producers find it a better position financially to abandon the convenience of animal experiments.

Boycotts have an effect; the Boots campaign is a particularly good example for they are on the high street and have their own laboratories and stocks of beagles. They experiment with their own products using animals, for just about every concoction they sell began its life being fed into one species or another in gross quantities. They, of course, deny they test their cosmetics on animals, but why shouldn't they? They didn't get all overcome by compassion otherwise they wouldn't continue to sell aftershave, suntan lotion and all that stuff as well as drugs and cough mixtures, etc. which either they or some other bunch of bastards tested on animals. Boots are an excellent focus for the anti-vivisection campaign, and maybe the boycott is a contributory factor in the company abandoning the drugs division. They will not publicly admit as much and they won't admit to how much harm the campaign of economic sabotage is doing so that's a good start.

It is clear to see the effect caused by the relatively small number of people pursuing the campaigns of economic sabotage and revenge, harassment, retribution or whatever makes you feel best. Hyline Rabbits is the most recent and appropriate example because they were honest enough to tell the truth about their demise; the teams of burners, breakers, bombers and burglars who have made business a bit of a bummer over the years and which finally brought this chapter to an end in June 1994 after a particularly intensive period of activity in the preceding few months. Unfortunately, without this sort of commitment in the boycott campaigns, their true worth will never be met. If 'animal lovers' are not able to shed their lives of bleaches

and washing products of environmental and animal unfriendliness, then who will? The 'vegan police' were reported as saying 'the offending rate is sadly high - it needs sorting. Detector vans will be on patrol in all areas by the weekend'.

Within the spooky world of the vivisectors and their providers there are a hard core of suppliers who keep the stunted and shrinking monster of vivisection alive. Most of these, excluding the animal suppliers, have other outlets for their products, more legitimate businesses, so the vivisectors are not their sole source of income. Those who supply the science diets, the boring sludge in pellet form, the metal workers who make the cages, washers and racks, the plastic cage and isolator makers, the animal carrying boxes, clothing, tattoo and mutilation equipment firms all have other outlets for other products so all isn't lost by avoiding the vivisectors. Whereas although times are hard, if the bees started stinging things could deteriorate significantly. That would be illegal though and it's not good to incite criminal activity, that isn't of course what I'm doing, but some government boot boys might suggest otherwise and then they'll send me to jail again. Of course, if like-minded people choose to attack from that angle then that is entirely their business. Septic people and their companies can be treated or destroyed by perfectly legal methods and some of these might well be devious, underhand and downright out of order, but what's good for the goose...

There are many more opponents of vivisection than participants; there are, more importantly, more active opponents than participants, and so great potential to cause havoc can be wrought amongst their ranks if there is the desire to do so. I lie here sometimes wondering how things might be if every one of the shits involved in this business had to live with as much torment as even those laboratory animals suffering just the mildest level of discomfort (mild, moderate and severe being their prescribed levels, physical, emotional and psychological of course and left wondering every day "what's next?"). Constantly having their minds occupied, like their roof-tops, by those f.....g animal libbers.

Shamrock Farms and most of those involved in what's going on there are well occupied with our lot; workers cars damaged, bomb hoaxes, lock-ins, dodgy parcels through the post, demos, World Day 1995, their staff infiltrated by one of the good guys (albeit working for a less than competent animal welfare organisation), and lastly having all that police and press around isn't good for any

business, especially not one which imports and supplies primates to vivisectors. It is only a matter of time before they call it a day and everyone on either side of the compound gates knows it. Before civil disobedience was deployed to take on Hyline Rabbits in a renewed campaign by local activists, they succumb to the bee-sting and no doubt, the knowledge that any day now that lot will be loose around the place up to all sorts on a regular basis.

Like the dairy industry, the end of vivisection always used to feel like a distant dream. But not any more! There is something in the air! The veal/live export campaign has shaken the dairy industry to its roots and shattered the milk myth virtually overnight; and at long last the dairy cow is getting the attention she so desperately deserves. Vernon Coleman has the confidence to work towards the abolition of vivisection by the year 2000, that probably gives him the worthy distinction of being the world's most optimistic anti-vivisectionist. Given that the scum fought tooth and nail to protect their licence to continue torturing the 16,000 or so animals used per annum in cosmetic experiments until 1998 at the very least purely because they want to, doesn't auger well for them volunteering away the other 3 million or so without some serious persuasion. I admire Vernon Coleman's confidence but I fear, even if we had all the arguments countered, which we do, an interested government, which we don't, and the vast majority of the population in opposition, albeit passive, which we won't have as long as people think their worthy of and are to benefit from what the scientists do to animals then it's going to take something more.

I really do believe we have the power to see off the vivisectors sooner rather than later if we believe in our phenomenal potential and have the will to do it, if we use our imagination, and, trickiest and most difficult of all from the moderate softly, softly perspective, if we work at it together. One mass movement of angry, compassionate, dedicated and determined people with one purpose and no facility to compromise would be too much for that bunch of lying, sadistic, 'wanna-be gods' to contend with. The politicians are not going to stop them for they are preoccupied with collecting money and being important, so it is our problem and those responsible for all that savagery they call science. They simply can't be permitted to go on for the next 30 years publishing catalogues of the myriad different species they have interfered with and butchered, slowly reducing the numbers year by year so we all feel good. NAH! There have to be better ideas floating around.



April 22nd - World Day Events at Brighton

As Shoreham, East Sussex, is now firmly established as the place where the 'Peoples Campaign Against The Export Of Live Animals' began in earnest, regardless of whether or not animals are still being shipped out of the port, World Day commemoration events at East Sussex have been revised to include a mass demonstration by local residents and animal rights folk against the export of live animals in general. Accordingly, the Brighton rally and hall facilities have been cancelled. The revised 'programme of events' is now as follows:

For the march; assemble Preston Park, Brighton (just off the A23) from 1pm for a 2pm start (plenty of parking nearby). The march will proceed through the centre of Brighton and finish at the sea front on the A259. For the protest against the export of live animals; assemble at the Port of Call pub (less than 2 miles west along the A259) from 6pm onwards.

We anticipate considerable support for World Day 1995 at Brighton: Groups already committed to attending are coming from several towns in Kent, East and West Sussex, Wales, and Kidderminster, Cambridge, Luton, Plymouth, Andover, Birmingham, Manchester and elsewhere.

Luton Animal Rights are organising a coach and have seats available, price £6.00. Details: Anne Phair - 0582 504955 (evenings). Please advise 'Coaches' at the Bexhill address if you are organising a coach from your area as we need to arrange parking with Brighton police.

The 1994 World Day march against Shamrock was held over a 2 mile long route through Brighton town centre. It was so active it lasted for 3 hours. There were seven sit-downs, with wreath-laying ceremonies accompanied by a minute's silence at the doors of Boots the Vivisectors, McDonalds and other animal abusers. Nearly everyone participated in the sit-downs and yet there were no arrests. Whilst this was truly an activists' march the participants behaved in a thoroughly responsible manner, resulting in excellent feedback from the public at the stalls which have been held throughout the summer.

Join us in Brighton on April 22nd, 1995 and help to make these 1995 World Day demonstrations even more effective.

An active campaign by the ALF and other groups has recently forced the closure of Hyline Rabbits, proving the abusers can be stopped. We need your help to close Shamrock Farm (UK) Ltd., the major importers of primates caught in the wild in the European Union. Please join the already committed and send us an assurance that you and/or your local animal rights group will be attending the demonstrations on April 22nd 1995, by writing to:

*WD 1995, 19a Amherst Rd., Bexhill, East Sussex
TN40 1QH, or by ringing 0424 730154.*

We look forward to hearing from you.

ARCTIC FOX FARM CLOSES

'Ban Bradford Fur Farm' (BBFF) was set up about a year ago to raise public awareness about a fur farm which was being operated, unbeknown to the local residents, on a council estate in Bradford.

For approximately 5 years, John Lalor of Scholemoor, Bradford has kept the last known arctic fox farm at the bottom of the garden behind his house to the bewilderment of his neighbours.



*Arctic Foxes
in Summer and Winter coats*

Lalor, who was convicted last year of stabbing one of his sons, does as he pleases on the farm; the law does not even require him to seek a licence. The highlight of the campaign was a demonstration held on 5th November 1994 with over 200 people attending. Shortly after this demonstration Mr. Lalor announced the closure of his fox farm. Our thanks to all those who supported the campaign.

However, campaigners are still concerned that other operations could still be existence. This farm was discovered purely by chance. It was characterised by a 7ft perimeter wall of corrugated iron. To the onlooker it looks like a scrap yard. The group believes the Scholemoor foxes have been sold onto unknown buyers and want to know where they are.

If you have any information about these foxes or any other similar establishments then please contact:

*Bradford Anti-Fur Campaigners, CVS Building, 19/25
Sunbridge Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD1 2AY.*

Big Mac Faces the Facts!

by the McLibel Support Campaign

It's "the best free entertainment in London", according to the Daily Telegraph. And it's now scheduled to be the longest running libel case in British history. This is the 'McLibel' Trial, the mammoth legal battle between two unwaged campaigners (Helen Steel and Dave Morris) and the \$24 billion-a-year fast-food multinational, McDonald's. The case is based on a leaflet entitled "What's Wrong With McDonald's" which was produced by London Greenpeace in the mid-1980's. 180 witnesses are giving evidence in court about the effects of the company's advertising and the impact of its operating practices and food products *on the environment, on millions of farmed animals, on human health, on the Third World, and on McDonalds' own staff*. The trial began in June last year and will probably not finish before the end of this year.

Since there is no right to Legal Aid in libel cases, Helen and Dave are representing themselves against Richard Rampton QC and a team of solicitors hired by the burger giant. Despite their lack of legal training, the cross examination skills they have acquired are proving very effective. Since June, a procession of sober-suited McDonald's executives from both sides of the Atlantic have taken the stand in the High Court. They can't walk away from the witness box the way they've walked away when confronted by critics in the past, and have to come up with answers to the Defendants' questions. So the Corporation's business practices have been put under an intense spotlight.

NUTRITION

"Kiss of Death" - The Defendants made great strides when the trial began with evidence on nutrition. They asked Dr Sydney Arnott (McDonald's expert on cancer) his opinion of the following statement: "A diet high in fat, sugar, animal products and salt and low in fibre, vitamins and minerals is linked with cancer of the breast and bowel and heart disease". He replied: "If it is being directed to the public then I would say it is a very reasonable thing to say." Dave then pointed out: "That is actually a quote from the London Greenpeace Factsheet which is the subject of the action". Rampton had characterised this section as the central and most "defamatory" allegation, which if proven would be the "kiss of death" for a fast-food company. On the strength of the supposed scientific complexities surrounding this issue the Defendants had been denied their right to a jury.

Dr Neal Barnard, President of the US Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine, said on behalf of the Defence: "Many products sold at McDonald's are high in fat and cholesterol, and low in fibre and certain vitamins", and as a result these products "...contribute to

heart disease, certain forms of cancer and other diseases" (including obesity, diabetes, and hypertension). He quoted the director of a major study into heart disease, Dr William Castelli, who said: "When you see the Golden Arches you're probably on the road to the pearly gates".

According to Dr Tim Lobstein of the Food Commission, McDonald's line that their food can be eaten as part of a balanced diet is "meaningless". He said: "You could eat a roll of sellotape as part of a balanced diet". Rather than using the word 'balance', he would suggest greater consumption of healthy foods.

Expansion and Subversion - Peter Cox, former Chief Executive of the Vegetarian Society, gave evidence for the Defence as an expert on the marketing of food. He quoted from 'Behind the Arches', a book authorised by McDonald's in 1987, as evidence that McDonald's were engaged in "a strategy of subversion" by trying to alter the dietary preferences of whole nations, "very often for the worse". Mr Cox read the following quotes from 'Behind the Arches':

In Japan, McDonald's faced "a fundamental challenge of establishing beef as a common food". Their President, Den Fujita, stated "the reason Japanese people are so short and have yellow skins is because they have eaten nothing but fish and rice for two thousand years": "if we eat McDonald's hamburgers and potatoes for a thousand years we will become taller, our skins become white and our hair blonde". The book says that Fujita "aimed virtually all his advertising at children and young families", and that he said "we could teach the children that the hamburger was something good". The book concludes that rather than adapt to local tastes and preferences "McDonald's foreign partners made major changes in marketing in order to sell the American system".

Just what do they mean by 'Nutritious'? - There seemed to be agreement amongst McDonald's representatives as to what nutritious meant. Ed Oakley, Senior Vice-President of McDonald's UK, is responsible for the nutrition guides currently available in McDonald's stores. When asked what 'nutritious' means in the guide he stated: "Foods that contain nutrients". Asked if there was any food he knew of that is not nutritious he said: "I do not know if you would call it food or not, but you could put up an argument for black coffee or black tea or mineral water". Asked, "What about Coca Cola?", he said "Coca Cola has a good source of energy, no question of that"; he was then asked if he thought it was nutritious, to which he stated, "Yes, it can be". David Green, Senior Vice-President of Marketing (USA), has a similar view on what nutritious means. He also thinks Coca Cola is nutritious, he said that it is "providing water, and I think that is part of a balanced diet".

ADVERTISING

McDonald's has a \$1.4 billion a year advertising budget. In the UK, McDonald's advertises on TV to children, in particular 2 to 8 year olds, most weeks of the year. Mr Hawkes, UK Chief Marketing Officer, hoped that teaching them McDonald's songs would "keep the memory of McDonald's at the forefront of their minds so they can again ask their parents if they can come to McDonald's". The company doesn't target 8 to 15 year olds so much, Mr Hawkes said. "At that age they do not pester their parents to go to McDonald's."

Extracts from the corporation's official and confidential 'Operations Manual' were read out giving an insight into the company's strategy: "*Children are often the key decision-makers concerning where a family goes to eat*". Offering toys is "*one of the best things... to make them loyal supporters*". Ronald McDonald "*is a strong marketing tool*". "*Ronald loves McDonald's and McDonald's food. And so do children, because they love Ronald. Remember, children exert a phenomenal influence when it comes to restaurant selection. This means that you should do everything you can to appeal to children's love for Ronald and McDonald's.*" Sue Dibb, an expert for the Defence on the effects of food advertising on children, did not think that this "direct exhortation to managers to use children's emotions and particularly their love for Ronald McDonald to bring them into the store" was "ethical".

Juliet Gellatley, former Director of Youth Education of the Vegetarian Society, currently Director of VIVA, gave evidence for Helen and Dave about the effects on young people of McDonald's advertising. As Director for Youth Education she gave talks to about 30,000 children of all ages at 500 classroom debates on vegetarianism and related issues. Juliet stated that McDonald's claim that they don't exploit children because "children are never encouraged to ask their parents to bring them to McDonald's" is "farical". "Clearly the main purpose of advertising aimed at 2 to 8 year olds is precisely to encourage children to ask their parents to take them to McDonald's, otherwise what would be the point in advertising directly to such young children".

During the evidence of David Green (McDonald's Senior Vice President of Marketing in the USA), a video compilation of McDonald's US children's ads was shown featuring 'Happy Meals' free toys promotions, Ronald McDonald and the 'McDonaldland' characters. The company's 'Hamburger Patch' portrayed happy burgers growing on plants. Mr Green said that the truth (i.e. slaughterhouses) "would not be very appetising". Ms Gellatley said that younger children are "not aware that the products come from once living creatures". A "false view" is given by ads such as "dancing Nuggets that sing happy songs" and that are "happy to be eaten" etc., "without giving them any real information or facts about what those products are". In reality, of course, they are "broiler chickens who are very intensively farmed". But "Ronald McDonald is like a Father Christmas figure to them... he certainly wouldn't factory-farm chickens or slit the throats of cows" nor cause children "any ill-health".

DESTRUCTION OF RAINFORESTS

Internal company documents (mistakenly disclosed by McDonald's solicitors) were read to the court in which McDonald's admitted the purchase in the UK in 1983/4 of beef imported from Brazil, a rainforest country - something which the company had always denied. Mr Oakley, Senior Vice-President, said he was aware that McDonald's UK had purchased Brazilian beef. He said that McDonald's 'policy' of not using beef which originated outside the EU was not brought in until "around the mid-80's - maybe 1986".

A letter from the US Corporation to a member of the public in the UK in 1982 stated "McDonald's has a long standing policy of buying all of our products from suppliers in the host country where we are doing business" ... "as a result we can assure you that the only Brazilian beef used by McDonald's is that purchased by the six stores located in Brazil itself". Mr Oakley said he thought the letter was referring to the finished products (hamburgers), it was not "talking about raw ingredients". He denied that the purchase of Brazilian beef for use in the UK was in breach of McDonald's policy saying "No, it was not. We still bought the hamburgers locally. We did not buy the ingredients locally".

The Brazilian beef imports were kept secret from the World Wildlife Fund (whose President, Prince Philip, had apologised for accusing McDonald's of being connected with cattle rearing and rainforest destruction in Brazil), from the BBC (who were sued the following year), and from Friends of the Earth (in meetings in 1985).

EMPLOYEES & TRADE UNIONS

The Employment section of the Trial, probably the largest section, is due to begin in April. Paul Preston, UK President, has already said he does not consider the current starting wage of £3.10 an hour for crew members to be low pay. However, when asked, he refused to reveal his own salary. When asked why the company couldn't pay higher wages to crew members out of the \$1 billion profits it made last year, he claimed that "people are paid a wage for the job they do", even though he had earlier agreed that crew members worked hard and their job was more physically demanding than his own.

PACKAGING, RECYCLING & WASTE

One of the 'McFact' cards available throughout the UK publicised a scheme to recycle polystyrene waste from 4 stores, where customers were asked to put polystyrene packaging into a separate bin, "for recycling into such things as plant pots, coat hangers and insulation material for use in homes, even fillings for duvets". Mr Oakley admitted that despite the scheme continuing for several years, the company did not recycle any of the waste and in fact the polystyrene was "dumped".

Dumping waste 'an environmental benefit'! - In some

countries the company had abandoned or limited the use of polystyrene packaging, in part because it was not biodegradable and took up a lot of space in landfill sites. Mr Oakley stated that there was "no landfill problem in the UK". Questioned as to whether he believed that "as long as there is room in the dumps, there is no problem with dumping lots of McDonald's waste in the ground?" Mr Oakley said "and everybody else's waste, yes, that is true". He said "I can see (the dumping of waste) to be a benefit, otherwise you will end up with lots of vast, empty gravel pits all over the country." Asked if he was "asserting it is an environmental benefit to dump waste in landfill sites" he stated: "It could be" ... "yes, it is certainly not a problem".

FOOD SAFETY & ANIMAL WELFARE

The court is currently listening to evidence on these topics. McDonald's have admitted being held responsible for a serious food poisoning outbreak in Preston in 1991, when several customers were hospitalised as a result of eating burgers contaminated by potentially deadly E.Coli 0157H bacteria. They also admitted responsibility for a similar outbreak in 1982 caused by the same type of bacteria, which affected 47 people in Oregon and Michigan, USA.

Ed Oakley stated that he had responsibility for animal welfare. He claimed that the company "had a very real feeling that animals should be kept and slaughtered in the most humane way possible" and so had published an animal welfare statement two years ago. When questioned about this so-called policy, Mr Oakley admitted that the "animal welfare policy is, in fact, just a policy to comply with the laws of the various countries in which McDonald's operate", and added "we do not go beyond what the law stipulates".

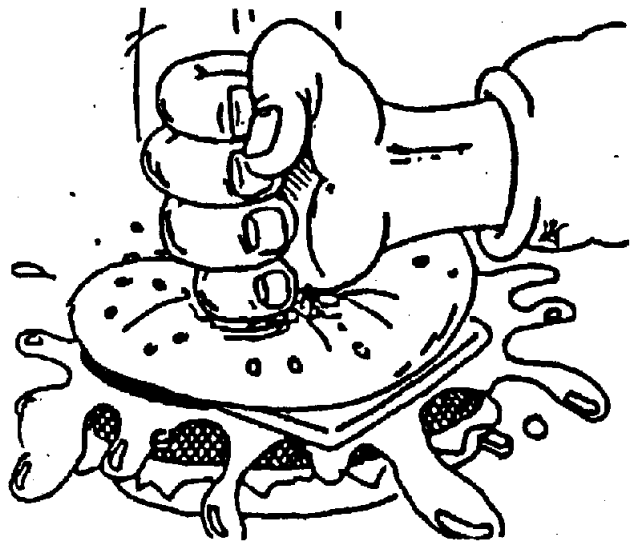
Dr Neville Gregory, McDonald's expert, said McDonald's egg suppliers kept chickens in battery cages, 5 chickens to a cage with no freedom of movement and no access to fresh air or sunshine. Mr Oakley said McDonald's had thought about switching to free range eggs, but, not only are battery eggs "50% cheaper", but, he claimed "hens kept in batteries are better cared for". He said he thinks battery cages are "pretty comfortable"!

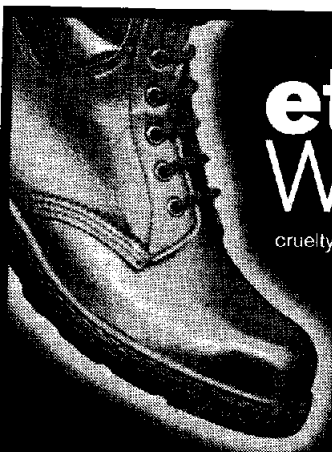
The court case has attracted over 200 articles in the press, as well as international TV and radio coverage. This is an exhausting legal battle for Helen and Dave, but it's an excellent opportunity to step up the pressure and publicity against McDonald's at a time when the public are interested and concerned about the issues in the case. April 15th this year is the Corporation's 40th ANNIVERSARY and an International Day of Action. Let's make it a highly memorable occasion for them. Please picket your local store on that day.

You can watch "the best free entertainment in London" by going to *Court 35, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2*, most days from 10.30am. Ring 0171 713 1269 for details.

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Turning Point - PO Box 45, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 6SZ £1.50. Excellent animal rights/liberation magazine which currently needs support.

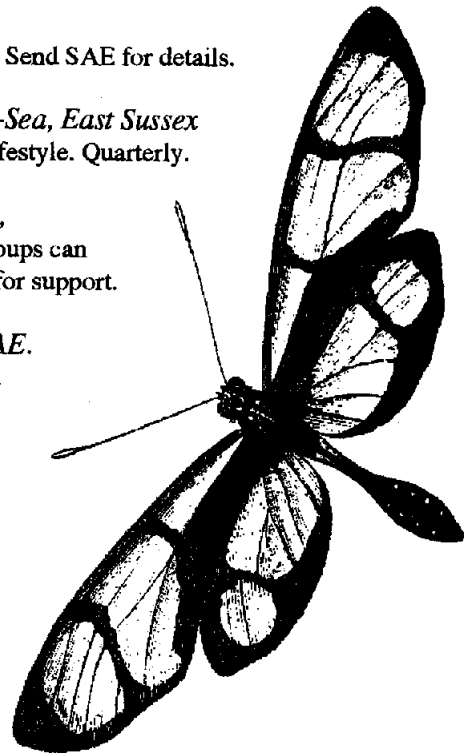
ROAR - BM Box 5834, London WC1N 3XX. Informative A/R magazine. Send SAE for details.

The Vegan - Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA £1.75. A must for those already vegan or those seeking a vegan lifestyle. Quarterly.

The Animals Contact List - £2.00. Veggies, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW. The list provides a co-ordinated means by which groups can contact one another with details of their work, news of campaigns or requests for support.

ARC News - c/o PO Box 1229, Clwyd, Wales LL16 5LZ Free with SAE. Contains reports of local group activities as well as an up-to-date list of events.

Vegan Views - 6 Hayes Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7AD. The magazine aims to act as an exchange between its readers. Quarterly.



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Animal Awareness Day

Saturday, 8th July,
11.30am ~ 4pm

Herne Bay Park
Herne Bay, Kent

organised by the
Herne Bay & Whitstable
Animal Rights Group
(01227 364262)

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

Workers in Merseyside are helping animals and plants identified as needing help by the Governments Species Recovery Plan, in an effort to restore the habitat of 23 species (Times 27.9.94)

A dog-owning gamekeeper and a dog owner have been jailed for a total of 9 months for pit-bull terrier fighting. Victor Grant Wilson, 28, of Shafton, Barnsley, was jailed for 6 months and banned from keeping a dog for life. George Woodbridge, 45, at the Burton Constable Hall, near Hull, a gamekeeper for 30 years, was jailed for 3 months. He also lost his job. Threats have been made against him and his family. (Dog World 5.11.93 & Our Dogs 5.11.93)

Ospreys and Red Kites have had their best breeding season for a century, say the RSPCA. Numbers breeding are at an all time high. (Times 8.1.94)

Barbara Packham of Ty Agored Animal Sanctuary has been found not guilty in the Crown Court of stealing dogs and cats from an animal abuser, Jean Lewis, an unlicensed breeder with a history of animal abuse and a 10 year ban on keeping animals. Barbara Packham rescued the animals after a 3 year campaign in which the authorities failed to do anything. The dogs were in such a state that it wasn't possible to identify their breed. One dog had to be destroyed. (Our Dogs 18.2.94)

Seven police forces are hunting armed gangs taking illegal bets on illegal hare-coursing around Britain. The gangs, some with shotguns and knives, some from known criminal gangs, are making tens of thousands of pounds profit. The largest arrested group was one of 19 individuals. (Times 14.11.94)

William Waldegrave, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has attacked over half the European Union Member States for opposing recently agreed laws on animal protection. The laws were to have set limits on times between watering and feeding, 15 hours and 22 hours respectively. (Independent 20.9.94)

Britain's animal welfare movement gained a significant success when major ferry companies agreed to stop the mass transport of live farm animals. Over the past few years, sheep exports have risen by more than 50% each year, to the present 2 million plus. Calf exports, most to veal crates, accounted for 400,000. The RSPCA and CIWF have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on adverts. (Independent 7.10.94)

Detectives questioned members of the Association of Radical Midwives (ARM) after mistaking the meeting for an Animal Rights Militia (ARM) meeting. Delegates were interrogated until the mistake was spotted. (Sunday Mirror 2.10.94)

The Women's Institute, which has a membership of 276,000, has twice asked the Government to stop live



How fishermen blow their own minds

exports, in 1957 and 1973. Now they are pressing the Government to stop this inhumane practice, on which the W.I. gets more letters than any other subject. The W.I. is asking its members to write to their MP's. (East Anglian Daily Times 28.10.94)

Francis Whelan, 30, was jailed for 4 years for burning to death a Rottweiler guard dog and endangering a hotel, with 6 months for arson of the dog and 12 months for arson being reckless as to whether property was being damaged. (Dog World 15.7.94)

Workers began clearing scrub from dunes on Merseyside's coast in a national effort to restore natterjack toad population. (Times 27.9.94)

Sefton Council has maintained its ban on circuses with performing animals since 1990, despite a challenge from Circus Harlequin. (Bootle Times 3.11.94)

Lymington Magistrates saw a near hour-long LACS video in a private prosecution against Jeffrey Colbert, 41, Keith Colbert 32, and John Fleming, 30, in which they were charged with causing unnecessary suffering to a Parson Jack Russell, and procuring a fight between 2 animals. (Dog World 26.8.94)

Taipei Customs Officers have seized 2 tonnes of elephant tusks in Taiwan, worth more than £4.9m. (Times 5.10.94)

Freshfields Animal Sanctuary is to expand after winning planning approval for new kennels for dogs. It received money from IFAW. (Liverpool Echo 26.10.94)

Derek Earsdon, 60, a farmer, was jailed for 6 months and costs of £1,250, and banned from keeping animals for 25 years for cruelty to animals. He already had a present ban of 20 years. (Dog World 26.8.94)

The 8th Earl of Yarborough, 30, was attacked on his way to a hunt meeting in his Mercedes by 9 hooded protesters in a van. They dented his car, smashed windows and followed him. (Mail on Sunday 25.9.94)

A Gallup survey, backed by the Vegan & Vegetarian Societies, puts the number switching to vegetarianism at 2,000 a week. The number of vegetarians is put at 2.5

million. Peter Cox is running a 6 month road show promoting The Realeat Encyclopaedia of Vegetarian Living. (Independent 14.9.94)

Police shot dead a woman who threatened to kill her cat in a shop in Oregon, after she ran at them with a knife and the cat. The cat ran off. (Evening Standard 22.8.94)

Angler Carl Hourihane, 20, is feared drowned after being swept off rocks by waves near Bridgend, Glam. (The Sun 7.3.94)

Red Lea Kennels owner Alan Stone, 51, of Preesall, Blackpool, Lancs, was ordered to pay £3,000 for suffering caused to a dog at his kennels. His 20 year old daughter, Sally, and Alan Stone were found guilty of allowing a dog to suffer while on their premises in Little Tongues Lane, and were given conditional discharges for 12 months. The licensing authority may take their license away following the conviction (Dog World 24.6.94)

Dog show judge and Chihuahua breeder Annette Lawlor who has shown at Crufts for 10 years is being charged by the RSPCA with causing unnecessary suffering to 37 dogs at her Low Hill home in Wolverhampton. (Mail on Sunday 16.1.94)

Kylie Parkinson, 22, from Ipswich, was fined £250 by Ipswich magistrates, and banned from keeping animals for 10 years, for causing unnecessary suffering to her German Shepherd dog. She was also ordered to pay £489.50 costs. (Dog World 4.3.94)

Britain is to act unilaterally to protect live export animals. Road hauliers will be guilty of criminal offence unless keeping to specified journey stops. (Times 14.12.94)

Dr. Micheal Festing, Medical Research Council Toxicology Unit, has agreed that tests on animals are 'often worthless'. (Independent 21.11.94)

Rome Zoo's animals should be replaced with plastic replicas, according to the city's mayor. He plans to phase out all animals by the year 2000 because they are 'quite mad, schizophrenic' and need rehabilitation. Visiting figures have plunged and children leave feeling 'depressed, sad and anti-zoo.' (Daily Mail 30.8.94)

The Prince of Wales is accused of hypocrisy, after 100 MP's signed a motion criticising him for taking his children foxhunting. (Times 8.12.94)

Howard Jones, 65, of Lower Machen, Gwent, a Master of Foxhounds, lost a libel claim and costs against Clifford Pellow and LACS. (Times 8.12.94)

The Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary came into operation after 30 years of campaigning, and will concentrate mainly on protecting minke whales. (Times 7.12.94)

Alaska has suspended its secret wolf cull, aimed at killing 75% of wolves in the Alaska Range Mountains, after video pictures showed the suffering caused to the wolves in snares. An official's attempts to kill the trapped wolves with a gun initially failed. The cull, begun last winter, killed 124 of the 3,500-6,000 intended victims. (Daily Telegraph 5.12.94)

Tanzania agreed to ban the stalking of elephants, after 3 semi-tame elephants were shot by hunters. (Times 14.12.94)

Islanders on Unst, a Shetland Isle, rescued 7 beached killer whales. In Orkney, 12 sperm whales died after becoming beached. Last year, environmentalists rescued 6 sperm whales that had become trapped. (Times 8.12.94)

Southport Zoo, checked on by Animal Aid, was given a 'Pitiful Exhibit Award' for one of its cages. Described as totally unstimulating, Animal Aid is calling for a complete zoo boycott. (Liverpool Echo 21.3.94)

Caribbean turtles have again been spotted eating off Scotland. The one-ton, 10 foot long creatures swim from the Caribbean to feed. Four of the seven worldwide species feed off Scotland. (Times 6.10.94)

Gough Island, in the Atlantic Ocean, is expected to be listed as a world heritage site. The uninhabited island has 2 indigenous land bird species, at least 8 native insects and superb penguin and seal colonies. UNESCO is expected to approve the request. (Times 19.10.94)

Hérons have increased in numbers in England and Wales to 6,500 breeding pairs, 3 times the number of the mid-60's. (Times 19.10.94)

A new strain of salmonella that is resistant to 5 antibiotics, is spreading. It infected 1,200 people last year, a 4 fold increase in 2 years, and can kill. Most sufferers had eaten take-away sausages, burgers, or chicken, and many required hospital treatment. A researcher said that the routine use of anti-biotics for growth promotion and sickness prevention in farm animals 'may

contribute to the development of organisms resistant to anti-biotics'. Under-cooked meat and meat paste was implicated. (Times 19.10.94)

Over 100 people were affected by food poisoning, and more than a third had to be admitted to hospital, because of bacteria linked to pasteurised milk from a local dairy. The outbreak was similar to one in Sheffield and one at a McDonalds restaurant in Preston, Lancs. (Times 19.10.94)

A black Labrador is recovering after having a cancerous growth removed from its iris by laser. An eye specialist and a vet performed the operation. (Times 22.10.94)

The last known female small blue macaw, a captive bird, is being prepared for freedom in an attempt to mate it with the last known male of the species which is not in captivity. The birds are both from a north east region of Brazil. (20.10.94)

Police in Northern India have seized 1,366 rare animal skins worth more than £600,000, including a 14 foot tiger pelt. (Times 8.11.94)

A butterfly collector was convicted of trapping and selling a rare species. Trevor Carter, 46, of Boston, Lincs, was fined £490 plus £80 costs. Ronald Crouthers, 66, of Dorking, Surrey, was convicted of offering 7 rare butterflies for sale. (Times 4.11.94)

Abattoirs must find £2m to pay for public health controls imposed by European Law. (19.10.94)

The Boots company is expected to sell its drugs business to BASF, the German chemicals group, against an offer of £800m from a management consortium. The sale follows the sudden withdrawal of Manoplax, its heart drug. (Times 14.11.94)

The population of nightjars is on the increase. The male bird population has risen by 50% in the past decade. Storms in the 1980's which brought down coastal forests have increased the birds' natural habitat. (Times 10.11.94)

Pretoria has backed down on plans to allow trade in elephant skins and meat, and has withdrawn the plans at the Fort Lauderdale meeting in Florida. Many saw the plan as a poachers' green light. (Times 16.11.94)

A shark which outgrew its tank has been released into the sea by the Sea Life Centre at Hastings. (Times 5.10.94)

The Labour Party has made

proposals to end the live export of animals from Britain, putting the Government under pressure. (Independent 20.1.95)

25 people were arrested and dozens were injured after police forced through animal-laden trucks to Brightlingsea. 800 protesters gathered at the port. Labour's animal welfare spokesman wants hauliers with cruelty convictions banned from trading, at present, animals are classed as agricultural products. A meeting at the local community centre attracted 1,500 people. (Independent 20.1.95)

1,500 animal rights supporters blockaded the port of Brightlingsea and stopped the export of 400 sheep. 6 lorries and a police convoy were confronted by protesters, including wheelchair-bound ones. 10 protesters were arrested. (Independent 17.1.95)

Vegetarians suffer 20% less premature mortality, 30% less heart disease and 40% less cancer than meat eaters. The survey of medical evidence, by the research manager of the Vegetarian Society also found such diets protected against diabetes, hypertension, bowel disease, gall stones and other disorders. The evidence also showed a 5.4% level of obesity in vegetarians, as opposed to a 19.5% level in meat eaters. (Independent 24.1.95)

The drug involved in the treatment of HRT which is derived from pregnant horse urine, has become the latest consumer boycott. Wyeth, the market leader in the treatment, is said to be terrified at the boycott. Other firms which produce treatments not obtained from horses (a synthetic substitute taken from Mexican yams and soya beans) say sales have grown. (Today 26.1.95)

Sussex Police are within 2 weeks of having to apply for emergency funding to meet the cost of anti-veal trade demonstrations. It has cost them up to £150,000 a day in Shoreham, for 1,000 police. (Independent 17.1.95)

Cooks should be rigorous about kitchen hygiene when making egg-based dishes, researchers warn. They found that after eggs were broken, salmonella bacteria were found on fingers, kitchen tools and surfaces, even after washing with soap and hot water. (Independent 24.1.95)

Police operations at the port in Brightlingsea are costing £40,000 a day. (Independent 23.1.95)

The Sussex port of Shoreham was celebrating after the harbour announced it was to ban live exports.

After a heated three and a half hours long debate, the board caved in to demonstrators' demands and said that when current contracts expired, they wouldn't be renewed. Livestock exporters said if others followed the Shoreham lead, the decision would devastate the industry. (Independent 20.1.95)

Britain was hoping for stricter rules governing the treatment of animals in the EU. William Waldegrave was asking for action from the new farm commissioner, Franz Fischler of Austria. Although Mediterranean countries oppose new rules, some northern countries are sympathetic. (Independent 23.1.95)

Fireman were called out to rescue a barn owl that had become entangled in a television aerial, in Chatham, Kent. (Times 22.2.95)

Furious Hampshire farmers are claiming anti-live export campaigners are putting farmers out of business, blaming CIWF 'townies'. Portsdown dairy farmer Michael Bezeley claimed the misguided campaign would cost local farmers a lot of money. (Daily Echo 3.1.95)

Animal rights activists pledged to fight attempts to bypass ferry bans after exporters threatened to use Swansea Airport to fly out animals. Respect for Animals claimed airports would be mad to participate in the trade. (The News 11.1.95)

Animal rights activists have threatened the life of Agriculture Minister, William Waldegrave. They sent him a letter booby-trapped with razor blades, and bombarded his home and office with threats. Avon & Somerset Police have stationed a riot van outside his house and the sorting office examine all his mail. (Mail on Sunday 15.1.95)

A first batch of 8 Canadian grey wolves has been re-introduced to Yellowstone Park, 60 years after being systematically exterminated. They will be released after being acclimatised. Nearly \$7m has been spent on research. There are hopes that the wolves will set up a thriving population. (Independent 14.1.95)

The Charity Commission is investigating the Jourdain Society, a birds' egg enthusiast club. It follows a police operation that seized 11,000 eggs, including those from golden eagles, ospreys and peregrines, from 7 countries. Charges may be pressed. (Independent 15.1.95)

250 protesters forced lorries loaded

with calves to turn away from Shoreham. The calves, destined for France, were turned back. Protesters said they were delighted. (Daily Echo 3.1.95)

Avonmore Foods closed down its German meat processing subsidiary, Harzland Fleisch Service, after 2 years of difficulty in the German meat market. (Independent 14.1.95)

The consumption of all meats is down. Consumption of milk is down from 3.95 pints per person a week in 1982 to 1.75 in 1992; butter from 3.17 ounces to 1.44 ounces; eggs from 3.51 to 2.08. (Independent 14.1.95)

The Dept. of Transport refused flight permits for calves to be exported. In Shoreham, police wasted £155,000 after no one told them the ferry hadn't sailed from France. (Independent 13.1.95)

The number of fur retailers has dropped from 500 in 1980 to 57 in 1992, and the numbers of mink farms has dropped. (Mail on Sunday 15.1.95)

China and other Far East states are backing a CITIES convention in Florida to ban trade in animals and the products of tigers, giant muntjac, and rare breeds of ox and tortoise. (Times 18.11.94)

Irish Republic farmers are demanding action against anti-live export demonstrators. John Donnelly, President of Irish Farmers, called demonstrators 'mobs of extremists'. A judge was considering whether to force Shoreham to accept the trade. Nottinghamshire police investigated 4 incendiary devices underneath haulage lorries involved in exports. (Independent 7.2.95)

The Daily Express Women's page reports on animal demonstrations and women in particular. Since Emmeline Pankhurst, women have been demonstrating. Recently, it has become more widespread, from New Age Travellers to the Blue Rinse Set. (Daily Express 9.2.95)

Animal rights campaigners have stopped villagers in Southern India from trapping foxes, draping them with jewellery and garlands and parading them as part of an ancient harvest festival (Daily Telegraph 1.2.95)

Pressure is mounting on MP's to ban hunting when debate comes up in March. The bill to ban fox hunting, hare coursing, stag hunting and rabbit snaring will not necessarily lead to legislation. Opinion polls suggest

92% said it was important that their MP supported the bill, while more than half under the age of 24 said they were less likely to vote for an MP who didn't support it. (Independent 12.2.95)

A Ghanaian labourer collapsed and died when a 340lb basket of fish he was carrying on his head proved too heavy for him. (Daily Telegraph 10.2.95)

Elephants, a symbol of good luck in Thailand, are to be banned from the capital, Bangkok, after animal lovers said its polluted air was harmful to them. (Daily Telegraph 10.2.95)

Australians and Vanatu Islanders were racing to rescue 27 dolphins trapped in a lagoon. (Times 4.1.95)

Entomologists have discovered Britain's 640th species of spider on a Cheshire bog. Brigitte Bardot has threatened officials with court action if they cull pigeons. She has proposed chasing the birds away, or feeding them contraceptives. (Tonight 11.1.95)

A businessman tried to smuggle more than 100,000 skins of endangered snakes, worth more than £59,000, into Britain. The skins, from some of the rarest snakes in the world, were destined for Mexico to be made into belts, Isleworth Crown Court were told. (Daily Telegraph 14.2.95)

Threats of violence have forced the head of a livestock export firm, International Traders Ferries, to resign yesterday as animal rights protesters staged another wave of demonstrations against shipments of calves and lambs to Europe. He said "I have given up because threats to me and my family have got completely out of hand. I have been terrified." (Daily Telegraph 21.2.95)

Police seized thousands of pounds worth of illegal Chinese medicines containing tiger bone, rhinoceros horn and other parts from endangered species in raids across Britain. (Daily Telegraph 8.2.95)

British and Omani divers have rescued a 20 ton hump

back whale that was trapped and bleeding in fishing nets for 29 days. (Times 20.2.95)

Leonard Miller, an angler, was drowned after he was thrown from a dinghy near Brightlingsea, Essex. (Daily Telegraph 30.1.95)

A dog has been rescued after spending 18 days under the rubble of the Kobe earthquake in Japan. (Daily Telegraph 6.2.95)

Reducing fat intake cuts the risks of ovarian and breast cancer, a Canadian study of 450 women has found. An increase of saturated fat of 10g per day was associated with a 20% increase in cancer risk. For ovarian cancer, eggs were linked to the increase, whereas vegetable fibre was linked to a decreased risk; an extra 10g of vegetable fibre per day from an average of 8g, reduced the risk by nearly 40%. For breast cancer, for every 5g increase in saturated fat, there was a 50% increase in risk of dying from the disease. Also, those with the highest 25% intake of Vitamin C and beta carotene have less than half the mortality risk of those with a lower intake. (Pulse 22.10.94)

Toothpicks are to be banned from South Korean restaurants after complaints that they kill animals fed with leftovers. (Sunday Express 29.1.95)

The University of East Anglia has got a new laboratory, funded with £170,000 from the Humane Research Trust, to study cataracts. The trust is funding work because the University team, led by Dr. George Duncan, Head of Cell Biology, is committed to doing so without resorting to animal experiments. The Humane Research Trust's activity is part of a trend sweeping biological and medical research. A new European Union Body, the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods, is pushing non-animal research, and in the UK the number of approvals for animal 'procedures' fell from 3.6m in 1987 to 2.8m in 1993. (Times 20.2.95)

The Dulwich MP and Streatham MP are backing a Private Members' Bill seeking the abolition of bloodsports. LACS has also sent a video to all 651 MP's showing hunt cruelty, which the BFSA claims show 'non-traditional hunters.' (Dulwich Guardian 14.1.95)

Animal rights protesters prevented livestock lorries boarding a ferry. Activists smashed lights and windscreens, others sat in front of the lorries. 6 of the 8 lorries were turned away. One driver, Jeremy Francis, 36, claimed his £120,000 vehicle had been smashed to pieces. The previous day, activists had turned the lorries away. (Times 4.1.95)

A machine that removes the oil from the feathers of oil-spill bird victims has proven its worth. The machine cuts the time taken to remove the oil from half an hour to seven minutes. It holds the birds head while sprays coat the bird in detergent and a helper cleans its head with a toothbrush. Trials are taking place in Holland. (Sunday Express 29.1.95.)

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