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The Arkangel Editorial

The Animal Liberation Movement continues to gain strength, and the day when all animals are liberated from persecution and murder draws closer.

More and more groups are being formed, both in this country and abroad, with the emergence of organisations such as the Shark Protection League, the Shellfish Network, Campaign Against Leather & Fur, Pisces (formerly the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling), Campaign for Cows and the British Anti-Vivisection Association, amongst others. In the future there will be groups to cover every aspect of animal abuse. One of the most important events to occur in recent times has been the formation of ARC (Animal Rights Coalition) which has the capacity to link every animal rights group in the country to form a massive coordinated network. The power-base once held by certain national societies, who have a tendency to dictate and dominate, can now be pushed to the fringes of the movement and localised, smaller groups can come to the fore. We have the power of commitment and the will to achieve animal liberation - let's make full use of it!

This issue contains an advertisement for the Vegan Society's video 'Truth or Dairy'. We urge everyone to purchase a copy of this important film and to show or lend it to others. Veganism and Animal Liberation are inextricably linked.

Animal Liberation and the Internet

You will see in the Sabbing News section of the magazine that the HSA now have a presence on the Internet. This means that, if you have Internet access (either personally or through work, school or college) you can access their latest information or e-mail them about your group's activities.

There is a huge amount of stuff about animal liberation on the Internet - from all over the world. Another interesting site is the ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONTLINE Information Service whose stated aim is to "...provide an uncensored clearing house for information and news about animal liberation activities and activists."

We are pleased to find that articles from Arkangel have been posted on the Internet for a potential audience of millions - keep it up whoever you are!

So, whether you're an activist, or at school doing a project on animal rights, do a search for 'animal liberation' and start cybersurfing. Isn't technology wonderful sometimes?!!

We regret that we are unable to include our regular contribution from Robin Webb in this issue. This is due to the strict bail conditions which have been imposed upon him. However, if anyone would like to write to Robin they can do so c/o the ALFPO address which can be found in the National Groups section of the magazine. Please spare some time to write to the animal liberation prisoners currently languishing in jail, put there because of their compassion and their dedication to end the cruelties inflicted on animals. What a sick society that imprisons the carers and encourages the abusers, and what corrupt governments which allow it to happen.

Arkangel Magazine considers no effort too small in the fight for Animal Liberation. Whether collecting signatures on petitions, giving out leaflets in the street, or telling others about animal abuse, it all helps to raise awareness. EVERY single kind of campaigning is important - whether it be peaceful demonstrating or direct action - if it brings us closer to our goal of Animal Liberation! Although the movement is far from united in its methods, it shares the same aims and objectives.

For all those groups who feel isolated in a great sea of animal abuse, remember, Animal Liberation is the tide that will wash away the horrors of animal cruelty once and for all. That time is fast approaching!

Arkangel T-Shirt



The artwork on Arkangel Magazine covers has become legendary - and rightly so. Our friends who produce them (and many of the illustrations inside) never cease to amaze us with their unique, biting designs. A t-shirt featuring the cover from Arkangel 10 is available for only £6.50 (inc. p&p, XL only) - cheques payable to Arkangel please.

Local Group Reports



ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMBRIDGE

74 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QA

Animal Rights Cambridge have been actively supporting the protests against the live export trade, attending demonstrations at various docks, Thurleigh (a disused MOD airport proposed as a new venue) and at Peter Gilder's farm in Bourton-on-the-water. The group organised a sponsored dog walk which raised £560 for Greek Animal Charities. As well as regularly attending the Leyden Street Chicken Slaughterhouse demonstrations, the group have also supported local hunt saboteurs, Earth First local activists, Animal Aid Cambridge and the Shark Protection League's demonstration in China Town, London in May.

Animal Rights Cambridge meet at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CHESTERFIELD

c/o MARG, 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 the UK thus endangering wild populations. The capture and transport involves terrible cruelty and suffering causing thousands to 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 (inc. postage and packing) from the above address.

ASHFORD ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

PO Box 33, Ashford, Kent TN24 8ZZ

The Ashford Animal Rights Campaign was established to campaign against a wide range of animal cruelty and

exploitation in and around Ashford and throughout Kent.

They intend to hold photographic inspections of hunting, angling, trapping, abattoirs, intensive farms and laboratories, and thereafter provide material for newsletters and leaflets, 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 local vegans and vegetarians.

AVON VEGANS

*c/o Karma Cottage, 3 The Rock, Bislington,
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. Please write to the above address, enclosing an SAE for more information and details of how to join.

BANGOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

*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. They would also like to hear from any other groups in Wales and Northwest England, with a view to supporting each other's actions. For details of meetings, etc., please write to the above address.

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 8pm at the Quaker Meeting House, 58 Alexander Grove, West Finchley, London N12, and usually have a video presentation or discussion, and the occasional guest speaker. Regular leafleting sessions are held on a Saturday morning in Barnet or Finchley. New supporters are always welcome.

BARNSLEY ANIMAL RIGHTS

*c/o 1 Cloughfields Road, Hoyland,
Barnsley S74 0BJ*

This recently formed group is mainly concerned with rehoming unwanted dogs, cats, etc., but will assist in all

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Vegans

are weirdoes who don't eat or wear any bits of animals or any things that have come out of animals. They also don't wash their hair with them or spread them over their faces as moisturiser. Strange though it may seem, some of these people manage to be healthy enough to run marathons, win the Krypton Factor, live to be 100, compete in triathlons, win the 100m at the Olympics and record the longest-running number one hit single in British history. **Truth or Dairy** explains just why it is that some people have decided to go against the grain of popular burger, shake & fries culture and attempts to answer that most difficult of questions:

"If you give up eating meat, fish, milk, eggs and cheese, is there anything left except a few poxy vegetables?"

In its own curious fashion this video also tackles the most burning issues of today:

- **Why are almost one million 2 day old chicks killed in Britain every week?**
- **Why are meat eaters 12 times more likely to die from a heart attack than vegans?**
- **If 20 million people will die as a result of malnutrition this year, why is 57% of Europe's grain fed to cattle?**
- **If there are 1.6 billion cows on the planet, and each of them farts up to 200 litres of methane a day, and methane is 25 times as potent as the chief global warming culprit carbon dioxide, how long will it be before half of Britain is under water?**
- **Why can't half a million people in Britain digest milk?**
- **Is it really logical to destroy 55 square feet of rain forest to make one beefburger?**

Truth or Dairy is presented by poet Benjamin Zephaniah, and features a star-studded vegan cast including **The B52s, Consolidated, Uri Geller, Casey Kasem, k.d. lang, Moby, River Phoenix, Martin Shaw, Heather Small (M-people), Spice Williams, Daisy the pantomime cow** and a nice man who runs a fruit 'n' veg stall in Camden High Street.

A Word ♦ Pictures production for The Vegan Society UK, 1994

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VEGAN PRISONERS SUPPORTERS GROUP

P.O. Box 194 ENFIELD Middlesex EN1 3HD.

(working for Animal Rights prisoners of conscience)

Vegan Prisoners Supporters Group (VPSG) gives moral support and practical assistance to Animal Rights prisoners.

This is achieved by providing prisoners with:

- access to a 24-hour contact number (this is given after initial communication via the VPSG P.O. Box number above);
- help to obtain a proper nutritional vegan diet;
- help to obtain vegan toiletries;
- help to improve access to vegan items in prison shops;
- literature/information on veganism relating to animals, environment, health and nutrition
- assistance in the removal of Category "A" status where necessary.

We also give advice and moral support when needed to family members.

We aim to provide assistance wherever and whenever possible to prisoners.

This work incurs a lot of expense through the use of the phone and postage. So if you can support the VPSG with a donation or stamps, it would be really appreciated.

** List of Animal Rights Prisoners is available upon request (please enclose SAE)*

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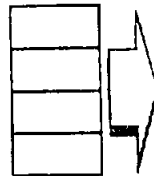
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animal rescue where possible. Barnsley Animal Rescue visits all potential new homes before and after rehoming and have applied for charitable status.

BELFAST ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ : Tel. 01232 314076

Much of Belfast Animal Right's time at the beginning of the year was taken up with the anti live exports campaign; trying to stop the shipment of calves and pigs through Belfast International Airport at Aldergrove. The Northern Ireland Groups Against Live Exports was set up and began a 24 hour vigil at the airport which was to last for six weeks before the flights stopped, although the airport authorities have refused to state whether this cessation of animal abuse is permanent. Given the unique problems involved in blockading Aldergrove Airport, with its two cargo entrances, one public entrance and five via the RAF camp, all within the security zone, NIGALE efforts were a significant contribution to an unprecedented campaign.

Belfast Animal Rights produce a very informative newsletter called Ermintrude and together with the Vegetarian Society of Ulster run the Rainbow Shop in Lombard Street, Belfast. For any information, details of the group etc., please write to the above address.

BASINGSTOKE HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION

c/o PO Box 355, Basingstoke, Hants.

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

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

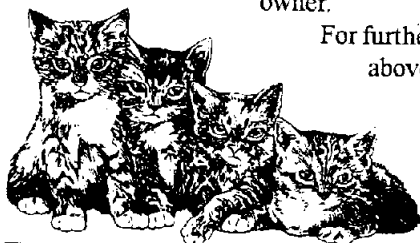
This group is pleased to announce growing support and increased activity over the last year.

CAT CONCERN (and Other Animals)

PO Box 234, Hounslow TW3 2QG

Cat Concern is involved in the rescue, re-homing and treatment for illness and/or neutering and spaying of a wide variety of animals. The group have a list of homes available for fostering rescued animals and will carry out strict checks on any potential new home and owner.

For further details contact the above address.



CH SABS / LAKELAND ANIMAL AID

PO Box 83, Carlisle, Cumbria

CH Sabs hold regular stalls and have been collecting signatures for the National Anti-Hunt Petition. Lakeland Animal Aid have in the past held demos against Boots, and continue to demonstrate against circuses and McDonald's. Local group stalls are proving successful.

CLAW

Societies Centre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh

This animal rights group based in Edinburgh 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 best to tackle a campaign of this sort.

CLOSE DOWN LEYDEN STREET CHICKEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE

(East London)

The campaign against Leyden Street chicken slaughterhouse continues - battery hens are kept there in cramped condition awaiting a cruel end. A picket is held outside the slaughterhouse on the first Sunday of every month. The meeting place for anyone interested in joining the picket is Liverpool Street underground / British Rail station between 10.45am and 11am at the Bishopsgate exit.

DARTMOOR LIVESTOCK PROTECTION SOCIETY

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 accidents. It is hoped that now the Blackburn fencing is complete, there will be a reduction in the number of these accidents. DPLS also runs a campaign to try to stop people dumping rubbish on the moor as animals get caught up in wire or cut themselves on glass and other sharp products. For further details please write to the above address.

FIGHT AGAINST CRUELTY IN EUROPE

29 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AB

Tel: 01704 535922 Fax: 01704 546384

This group incorporates the Anti-Bullfighting Agency (ABA) and campaigns against all bloodsports in Europe, including bullfighting and blood fiestas, particularly in

Spain. They ask people to write to their MPs 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.

Earlier this summer, courageous animal rights investigator Vicki Moore, while on a secret mission at a fiesta in Spain was savagely gored and thrown by a terrified bull rampaging down a street trying to escape a cascade of flying darts launched by a savage Spanish crowd.

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

PO Box 156, Cardiff, South Wales CF5 5YD

FAUNA have campaigned to make Cardiff City Council ban angling on Roath Park Lake, where many birds 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

This group raises public awareness of veganism and holds stalls three times a week in Leicester city centre. They also organise demos against McDonald's and butchers. A foster home has been set up for homeless dogs, cats, mice, etc. and the group also neuters and spays animals and organises home checks. Friends of the Animals is run by vegans but anyone is welcome to assist them in their work.

HERTFORDSHIRE ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

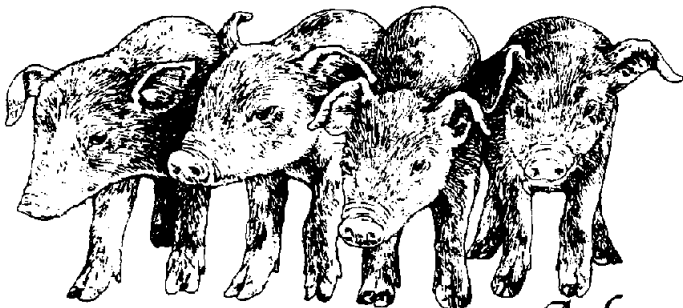
PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 6LU

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 ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO Box 83, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 9HD

This is a new animal rights group and anyone interested



should please contact the above address.

IOW 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.

KENT ACTION! AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS

PO Box 177, Deal, Kent CT14 8GB

Kent Action! Against Live Exports had led a difficult campaign in Dover as they have never had the support of the local people. They have to rely on protesters travelling to Dover but remain determined to continue the fight until the live export trade is ended. KALE will be please to welcome any new protesters and would be grateful for any donations to finance the ongoing campaign.

KINGSTON ANIMAL ACTION

*PO Box 370a, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4YN
01932 242136*

Local events that the group has been involved in include McDonald's demos, campaigning against the zoo at Chessington, holding stalls and going hunt sabbing. They have organised a Christmas Fayre for the 9th December at the Richard Mayo Hall, Kingston at 10am-4pm. They have also been active further afield on live export demonstrations and marches, and have been supporting the pickets of fur shops in central London.

LONDON ANIMAL ACTION

*5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX
0171 837 7557*

London Animal Action has been quite busy over the summer months. Pickets of Boots have now ended following the sale of their pharmaceutical division to BASF, but members have been active against circuses, fur shops, vivisection charities, live exports, grouse shooting and McDonald's. They have also held many stalls at green fairs and on shopping streets.

They have regularly attended live exports demonstrations with vans from London turning up at Shoreham, Coventry, Dover and Brightlingsea. Circus King were in London during the summer and shot a London activist in the back. Large numbers of pickets and large scale removal of advertising posters ensured a very poor turnout for their performances. A sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign was heavily leafleted by anti-

vivisectionists, and there was an excellent response from the public and the cyclists. Several vehicles went up from London to the Yorkshire Moors for the start of the grouse shooting season on the Glorious Twelfth.



**NORTH WEST
VEGGIES CATERING**
*PO Box 38, Manchester
M60 1NX*

One of their most important campaigns has been Fur-Free London. Pickets have continued during the summer, although to a lesser degree, and at the time of writing at least four fur shops or departments have closed down due to their actions. They hope to step up the campaign again during the winter. Please write for details of London's remaining fur businesses or if you want to get involved.

They publish a monthly newsletter, 'London Animal Rights News', which is intended to coordinate activities between the numerous local animal rights and welfare groups in the London area, but anyone is welcome to subscribe.

LONDON VEGANS

7 Deansbrook Rd., Edgware, Middlesex HA8 9BE

London Vegans organise various socials, and 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, 50 Millman Street, London WC1. London Vegans produce a brilliant mailout list on the activities taking place up and down the country.

MIDLAND ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION

PO Box 43, Dudley, West Midlands DY3 3DL

MARC is growing as a true coalition and is finding it very productive working with other groups. They have been joined by Wolverhampton Hunt Sabs, Birmingham Animal Rights Campaign 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 BLOODSPORTS

PO Box 292, Manchester M60 4DY

Please write for details of future campaigns.

North West Veggies work along the same lines 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.

SHEFFIELD NEUTERING AND SPAYING SCHEME

*193 Firth Park Road, Sheffield S5 6WU
01742 420434*

This group in the Sheffield area aims to promote neutering and spaying through education and also to help people on low income or state benefit 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 : Tel. 01564 776984*

Please write or phone for information.

SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION

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

SEARC produce an informative newsletter called the National Link, containing all the latest news. For more information please write to SEARC.

SOUTHEND ANIMAL AID

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

Please write for further details and information.

SOUTH LONDON ANIMAL ACTION

PO Box 594, London SW9 6YA

SLAA have been quite busy - attending demos against live

exports at various ports, McDonald's, Glaxo's new labs in Stevenage and joining the Shark Protection League demo in London's Chinatown against the trade in shark fins.

The group organised a public meeting in June against the live export trade. The meeting was well attended and benefited from excellent speakers, including Celia Hammond, Juliet Gellately from Viva!, Andrew Tyler from Animal Aid and Wenda Shehata from the Shoreham Harbour Protest Fund.

The group is currently involved in the campaign to ban angling at two ponds on Clapham Common, London. An angry backlash from the aggressive anglers has caused Lambeth Council to re-vote on the issue. SLAA would welcome any volunteers to help fight this campaign.

SLAA runs a catering service called the Green Marmoset Catering Company, for which volunteers are always welcome. The group meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Voltaire Room, Clapham Baths, 157 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4.

STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS

*Box 6 Bowes Lyon House, St. George's Way,
Stevenage, Herts SG1 1XY*

SAR holds monthly demos 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 their bi-monthly newsletter. The group produce a cruelty-free guide to cosmetics, household products and restaurants, and also have a range of T-shirts and badges for sale.

SURREY BADGER PROTECTION SOCIETY

01883 344662

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

WEST KENT HUNT SABS

TWK PO Box 263, Maidstone, Kent

Please write to the above address for further details.

WEST SUSSEX WILDLIFE PROTECTION

PO Box 99, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 4GL

This group, together with the re-launched Bognor and Chichester Action for Animals group, launched a campaign in 1994 to get wildfowl shoots stopped at Whites Creek, Pagham Harbour, West Sussex. A successful outcome was realised at Easter this year when an eleventh hour fax was received from the landowners backing down, thus preventing a demonstration planned for Easter Sunday from tarnishing their image.

WSWP are also active in fox hunt sabs. Anyone interested in further details can contact them at the above address.

WINCHESTER ANIMAL CONCERN

6 South Street, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

For details of latest events, please write to the above address.

YEOVIL ANIMAL ACTION

PO Box 1760, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PN

Tel: 01935 25195 / 410535

Fax: 01722 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 incineration unit.

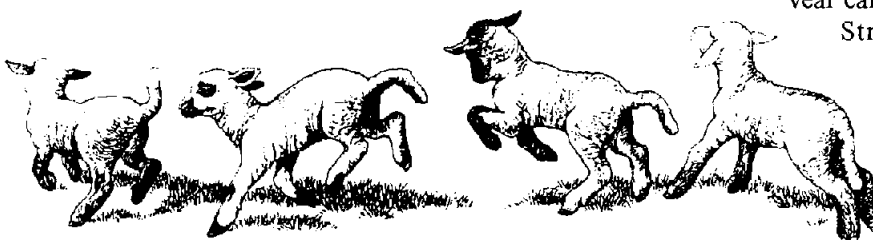
YAA have produced a leaflet highlighting the charities, including the Leukaemia Research Fund, which fund animal-based research. Factsheets are available at a cost of £1 each.

YORK ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

c/o The Peace Centre, Clifford Street, York

01904 642493

York Animal Rights meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm and are keen to welcome new members or anyone interested in helping to run their regular stalls. This group, together with a Northern Coalition of groups including Leeds, Hull, Newcastle, Sheffield and Scarborough form the core of the regular demonstrators protesting at the weekly demos against the largest veal calf exporter, Albert Hall Farms at Strensall, York. Although the protesters have been subject to both verbal and physical abuse they remain determined to carry on regardless until Albert Hall Farms go out of business.



Sanctuaries

Widewalls Animal Sanctuary *Advent, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9PY* *(01840 212300)*

Widewalls in Cornwall is urgently appealing for money and volunteers. The sanctuary is within one month of closure unless over £1,000 can be raised to cover overdue debts. This is not an exaggeration, things are really as serious as that! We also urgently need volunteers to help us build winter shelters for our 30 horses. The sanctuary is situated on the edge of Bodmin Moor which can be a bleak place for animals in the winter. We need to ensure the shelter of our current residents and to be able to care for the numerous animals that pass through our hands each winter. Please don't disregard this appeal. We urgently need financial donations and willing volunteers. Donations of building materials, animal bedding and food would also be gratefully received. If you can help us in any way then please, please, please contact us urgently. Thank you.

Cedarwood Wildlife Care *Blissford Hill, Frogham, 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 are nursed back to health 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 hit by cars. At the centre, wounds are healed, legs and wings mended, and local vets are able to help with more serious problems. The centre is run as a non-profit-making concern and financial support remains a problem - they will continue their fine work as long as money is available.

Cedarwood Wildlife Care is in need of volunteer drivers to pick up casualties from the Southampton/New Forest/Bournemouth areas and take them to Cedarwood.

Sussex Horse Rescue *Hempstead Farm, Uckfield, E. Sussex TN22 3DL* *(01825 762010)*

Rescues horses and ponies from neglect and abuse. Open to the public, and horse sponsorship is available. The centre

raises funds through various events including gala days, open days, etc.

Hillside Animal Sanctuary *Hillside, Hall Lane, Frettenham,* *Norfolk NR12 7LT (01603 736200)*

Hillside campaigns to raise public awareness of the plight of caged hens and thereby reduce the demand for the supply of battery eggs. They urge you to write to the major supermarkets (cards for this purpose are available from the above address) condemning their sale of battery eggs. Merchandise and animal adoption scheme available.

Bury's Stray Cat Fund *111 Fornham Rd., Bury St. Edmunds,* *Suffolk IP32 6AS (01284 752712)*

A registered charity since 1980 whose aims are to reduce the suffering of the stray and feral population of cats, encouraging neutering to prevent unwanted litters, to rescue as many cats and kittens as they can and re-home where possible. They also seek to reduce the number of feral cats by trapping, neutering and returning them to a more suitable habitat. They help the elderly who can no longer care for their pets and assist with the cost of neutering in the case of extreme hardship.

Hopefield Animal Sanctuary *Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BY* *(01277 201110)*

The sanctuary provides homes for a wide variety and a large number of animals. The workers would be most grateful for any DIY help and if you can help please contact the sanctuary. They've also been given the use of a shop by the local council and would welcome items to sell in it. An adoption scheme and merchandise are available, please contact above address for various fund-raising events.

Animal Samaritans *c/o Malcolm Murkin, 14 Grasdene Rd., Plumstead,* *London SE18 (0181 854 9662)*

Animal Samaritans is a charity fighting for the right of all creatures to enjoy health and happiness. It is run entirely by volunteers and raises funds to help local animals in

distress. Many unwanted or feral cats are fed by members, injured birds are treated and released back into the wild, and homes are found for hundreds of unwanted animals including dogs, cats, rabbits, gerbils, etc. If you want to know more about Animal Samaritans, they have speakers available for meetings, organisations and clubs.

South Norwood Animal Rescue

*7, Farnley Road, South Norwood,
London SE25 6PA (081 653 7628)*

This group would be very grateful for donations of 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 friendly, detailed newsletter which describes the stories behind the many cats and dogs that find love and affection with Maureen and Colleen.

Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre

*East Lodge Farm, East Lane, Ince Blundell,
Liverpool L29 3EA (0151 931 1604)*

The shelter costs £1,500 a week to run and the staff would welcome any help in fund-raising. They would also be extremely grateful for any pet supplies, greens for herbivores, tools, overalls, roofing felt, bread for fowl and any saleable goods for their charity shops. They would also be most grateful for offers to home rescued animals but run a strict vetting service.

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. Donations would be sincerely appreciated.

Boswiddle Barn Animal Sanctuary

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

This sanctuary desperately needs funds to support the 70-or-so cats, dogs, horses, turkeys and ducks who live there. You can sponsor a Shire Horse, or you can become a Friend of the Sanctuary for £4.

The Trade in Bears' Gall Bladders

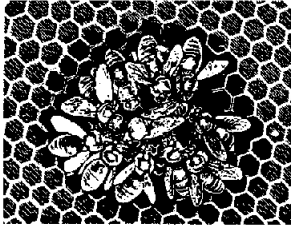
One of the biggest threats to bears, along with the continual destruction of their habitat, is the lucrative trade in bear gall bladders. The bile from bears' gall bladders is used as a cure in traditional Chinese medicine even though herbal substitutes are available. One gall bladder fetches an average price of \$5,000 and thousands of wild bears are killed every year to supply the demand. This has put a price on the head of every living bear.

Bears in North and South America are also being hunted for their gall bladders. There are currently more than 10,000 bears, mostly taken from the wild, enduring a living hell on bear farms in China and Vietnam. The bears are kept in tiny cages and are regularly 'milked' for their bile. This is done via a metal tap with a tube running into the bear's gall bladder. This is an extremely painful process for the bears, leaving them so exhausted that they cannot even move. Some bears, bred for farming, will be sold on to supply China's new money making venture - bear parks. In November 1994, NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) in Hong Kong and

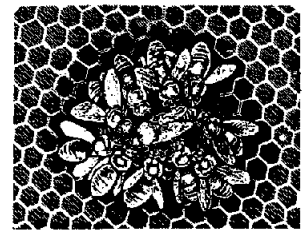
China met with the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA), a branch of the Chinese Government's Ministry of Forestry, to discuss the issue of bear farming in China. Echoing the conclusions made by Dr. Chris Servheen, co-chair of the IUCN Bear Specialist Group, at the symposium in Seattle, the CWCA conceded that bear farming adds to the trade in wild bear products rather than compensating it. This was a major turn around from the position held at the East Asiatic bear conference in Beijing in August where the majority of bear specialists were arguing that the farming of bear bile protected bears in the wild from being poached for their gall bladders. However, the Chinese Government have now distanced themselves from the promises made by the CWCA, who they say had no right to make such claims.

For further information regarding this campaign please contact:

**Liberty,
WSPA, 2 Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ
(0171 793 0540).**



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 inevitable. AAPF spreads the message not to buy puppies from a pet shop as they are usually bred in appalling puppy farms. Donations are 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. 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

This group campaigns against all forms of animal abuse. 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

The objectives of this society are to promote a more compassionate view towards animals in the Anglican Church. A bulletin is published.

Animal Aid and Advice

0181 889 9714

This group's 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 Freedom (formerly Fox Cubs)

*PO Box 370A, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4YN
(01932 242136)*

This group, aimed mostly at younger activists and

campaigners, produces an excellent quarterly magazine also called Animal Freedom. The magazine gives general information and news on current campaigns, a wide range of groups (including the green and environmental scene), and, perhaps most importantly, encouragement to young veggies and animal rights activists. Membership costs £4 per year - apply to the above address.

Animal Aid Society

The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1AW (01732 364546)

Animal Aid have been involved in the battle against live exports and are soon to produce a dossier of breaches of the animal cruelty laws, thereby pressuring the police to enforce the legislation. Animal Aid also published, earlier this summer, their investigation into the sheep industry, entitled 'Silence of the Lambs'. This report revealed the true horrors of multiple births of lambs to ewes where nature designed them to carry one lamb only, delivering it in March or April when milder weather should ensure the lamb's survival. Farmers now employ special feeding and breeding regimes to force ewes to produce lambs during the winter months as well. Tragically, many of the lambs die from exposure, disease and malnutrition in their first days. Anyone requiring a copy of the report should send an SAE (A5 size) to the above address. There is an accompanying video to 'Silence of the Lambs' at £7.00. Animal Aid are organizing a Christmas Without Cruelty Fayre at Kensington Town Hall on Saturday 16th December. 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 Rd., Southsea PO4 9BZ (01705 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 Rd., Glasgow G3 8RE
(0141 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 such as bloodsports, vivisection, factory farming, etc. A twice-yearly news bulletin is produced.

The Ark Animal Rescue

PO Box 463, Beckenham, Kent BR3 2ZH

Wildlife Aid - 0181 312 9021

This is an animal rescue centre which cares for unwanted pets and rescued animals. They also deal with injured animals and encourage people to ring them on the above wildlife aid telephone number if they find any injured wildlife. The sanctuary is run solely by volunteers and they would welcome any donations. They also run a yearly animal adoption scheme for their permanent residence. A quarterly newsletter is published. Adult membership is £6 annually.

Animal Liberation Bikers Club

*Box No 1135, Downs View Rd., Hassocks,
W. Sussex BN6 8AA*

The ALBC 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)

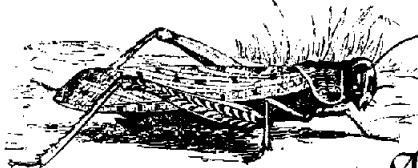
BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX

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 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 Rescue

PO Box 233, Liverpool, L69 7LF

Animal Rescue are running several different campaigns at the moment. Please write for further details.

Animal Rights Coalition (ARC)

PO Box 339, Wolverhampton WV10

(01902 711935)

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. They urge all animal rights groups to contact them.

Anti-Bullfighting Committee

PO Box 175, Liverpool, Merseyside L69 8DX

Liaises with Spanish A/R groups to persuade holidaymakers not to attend bull fights, and asks travel companies to publish a statement in their brochures discouraging people from attending bullfights.

Arkangel

BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX

Arkangel aims to provide information and support for the A/R movement, to encourage unity, and to provide a forum for the exchange of news and views. Donations are needed. 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.

Beauty Without Cruelty Charity

57 King Henry's Walk, London N1 4NH

(0171 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.

British Anti-Vivisection Association

PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF

BAVA has useful information on medical fraud and experiments. 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 a year. Books by Hans Reusch are available by mail order.

British Divers Marine Life Rescue

12 Mayland Rd., 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 a year, with concessions for OAPs.

British Hedgehog Preservation Society

*Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow, Shropshire
SL8 3LQ. Hedgehog Helpline 01584 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 hedgehogary for the discerning shopper. Recently the group have published a new leaflet entitled 'Creating a wildlife garden', which contains many useful tips.

Campaign Against Leather & Fur

(CALF)

BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX

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

Campaigners for Animal Rights and the Environment (CARE)

*9 Soberton Rd., Queens Park, Bournemouth,
Dorset BH8 9BG*

CARE are concerned about the parts in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act which make it a criminal offence to conduct peaceful protest. They are encouraging people to write to their MPs expressing their opposition to the Act. Leaflets containing sample letters are available from the above address.

Campaigning for the Abolition of Cruel Sports

Lower Coyne Street, Callan, Co. 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 Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

Care for the Wild

*1, Ashfolds, Horsham Rd., Ruspur, W. Sussex
RH12 4QX. (01293 871596)*

Care for the Wild is continuing its projects around the world. They have recently received a request for help from the Prince Edward Island Stranding Network, formed in 1990 by Patricia Gray, to rescue dolphins and whales washed up on the Canadian shoreline in ever increasing numbers. Care for the Wild is committed to providing what help it can and needs donations to help provide urgently required equipment. For further information, please write to the

above address. They also run foster schemes for gibbons in Thailand, baby elephants in Kenya and an 'adopt a tiger' scheme in conjunction with the Tiger Trust.

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 (01736 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. Donations always welcome.

Cosmetics Industry Coalition for Animal Welfare

*39 Manor Rd., Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells,
Kent TN4 8UD. (01892 517000)*

This organisation has launched a new initiative to put an end to the confusion about animal testing of ingredients and finished products for cosmetics, toiletries and perfumes. The Coalition has been formed by 4 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 CFCM, The Rainbow Centre,
180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HU*

This is a non-profit making national setup. It aims to link together people who believe in a cruelty-free lifestyle. For further details please contact the above address.

Dartmoor Badgers Protection League

*Riverside Cottage, Poundsgate, Newton Abbot,
Devon TQ13 7NV (01364 631231)*

DBPL was formed to prevent the unjustified slaughter of badgers in the Devon and Cornwall area. They provide information and advice on how you can help to stamp out these disgusting offences, as well as badger snaring and trapping. Any donation would be gratefully received. All funds go directly towards helping injured and orphaned badgers, and various DBPL campaigns.



Disabled Against Animal Research and Exploitation (DAARE)

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
(01462 436819)*

The trust is a registered charity which funds the development of new, humane techniques to replace the use of animals in medical research. Annual subscription 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.

Environmental Investigation Agency

*2 Pear Tree Court, London EC1R ODS
(0171 490 7040)*

EIA has campaigned for most endangered species since its foundation in 1984. For further information please send an SAE.

The Farm Animal Appeal

*46 Kensington Place, Brighton, Sussex BN1 4EJ
(01273 790037)*

The Farm Animal Appeal was established by a group of protesters from Shoreham opposed to the export of animals to Europe. Originally the group bought animals from market to save them from imminent slaughter and then progressed to setting up a centre, Brook Farm, to provide a natural environment for all rescued animals. A non-profit making organisation, FAA's initial funding was provided by sales of the book ~ 'The Siege of Shoreham'. The majority of their income is provided through subscriptions, donations and fund-raising events. Fact sheets and educational packs are available and a recently introduced adoption scheme allows people to sponsor an individual animal. For details and membership please contact the above address.

Fox Project

*The Old Chapel, Bradford St., Tonbridge,
Kent TN9 1AW*

Fox Project has recently received charitable status. Although primarily involved with foxes, their expanding ambulance network covers most wild animals, consequently the charity

has been registered as 'The Southern Wildlife Ambulance Network (SWAN)'. 'Fox Project' has been retained as a working title. 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 and merchandise are available from the above address.

Freedom Animal Sanctuary Trust

12b Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1LF
Freedom Animal Sanctuary needs money to re-home animals and to realise their long-term aim of creating a sanctuary.

Greek Animal Rescue

*69 Great North Way, Hendon, London NW4 1PT
(0181 203 1956)*

Many animals suffer in Greece. Strays are thought of as vermin and are killed often by being thrown live over cliffs. There is a 30 minute video available featuring some of Greece's atrocities towards its animals and shows the shelters and sanctuary which are 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.

Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA)

*PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY
(01602 590357)*

Hunt saboteurs use 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 (01769 550277)*

Earlier this year, IAR finally took over the running of the Manoel Island Dog Sanctuary in Malta. The sanctuary had previously been in control of a cruel and contemptuous man who kept the rescued dogs in staggeringly awful conditions; so bad that 31 dogs had to be immediately destroyed when the sanctuary was raided by IAR, Maltese Government officials and vets. Happily, thanks to much hard work by IAR volunteers, the sanctuary is running properly and the dogs now well cared for. Obviously, this operation proved

to be expensive so any donations would be gratefully received. IAR continues to research cases of animal cruelty and welfare all over the world. The Animal Tracks Sanctuary is open daily to the public and visitors and volunteers are always welcome.

Jewish Vegetarian Society

855 Finchley Rd., London NW11

The JVS is an International Movement and membership is open to everyone. Annual membership fee is £10, family membership £12.

Justice for Dogs

*c/o Ann Harpwood, Finloren Cottage, Weythel,
Old Radnor, Powys LD8 2RR (01544 22213)*

The Justice for Dogs campaign was launched in 1993 in response to the Dangerous Dogs Act. Donations welcome.

Justice for Kangaroos

*54 Allison St., Digbeth, Birmingham B5 5TH
(0121 6432445)*

This group has been founded to campaign against the use of kangaroo and other 'exotic' meat in UK restaurants. JFK hope that if people can be dissuaded from feasting on kangaroo, ostrich, alligator, etc. they may realise that cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and all the other animals and fish regularly served up have a right to life too. JFK are a non-profit making organisation and can provide information on all aspects of the exotic animals meat trade.

Liberty

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

Liberty is a campaign run by the World Society for the Protection of Animals to come to the aid of bears being exploited all over the world. Liberty has set up projects to help hundreds of bears and to physically rescue many from lives of cruelty and neglect. An annual donation of £12.50 ensures 3 newsletters a year plus an introductory campaign pack.

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. The group publishes 4 newsletters a year providing regular information on campaigns and conferences around the world. MC helps with the funding of a rehabilitation and release project for captive dolphins in Florida. The group are also involved with UK Strandings Network, a setup to protect cetaceans around the UK shores and waters.

Marine Action Society International

01304 830873

MASI is a new maritime organisation created to campaign against human, animal and environmental abuses. The groups strategy is to expose abusers and bring them to public attention; together with education, research and general information. Their current campaigns include whaling and cetacean abuse and the anti-live export trade.

McLibel Support Campaign

*c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd.,
London N1 (0171 713 1269)*

See report elsewhere in the magazine!

National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC)

*PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6LU
(01438 746372)*

NAHC has launched a major new hard-hitting campaign to protect wild animals and produced a video which has shocked both hardened campaigners and politicians alike. Please write to the above address for a copy of their Special Edition Campaign Report.

National Anti-Vivisection Society

*Ravenside, 261 Goldhawk Rd., London W12 9PE
(0181 846 9777)*

NAVS produce a magazine entitled 'The Campaigner' which is issued to members. For details of membership and any other information on its campaigns please contact the above address.

National Dogsitters

*The Pulpits (Dog Holidays), Little Hereford,
Ludlow SY8 4AU*

Admin: 01584 711534 or 24 hours: 0171 413 9990
National Dogsitters provide a unique individual home-based boarding service for dogs while their owners are away and they can also offer a day care or dog walking service. Dog owners are invited to contact them to be referred to their nearest registered dog sitter. People wanting to register as National Dogsitters are also invited to contact the organisation.

NOW Against Live Exports

St. Joseph's, 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 MPs 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, W. Yorkshire 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 for all the pagans festivals.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

PO Box 3169, London NW1 2JF (0171 388 4922)

PETA campaigns against all forms of animal abuse. Current campaigns include the Chicken Out campaign and the Premarin campaign against the use of pregnant mares urine for HRT therapy (see report elsewhere in the magazine).

Petsearch & Pet Owners Support Scheme

*c/o Phil Groombridge, 16 Elm Grove Rd.,
Salisbury, Wilts SP1 1JW (01722 326046)*

Petsearch UK runs a register of lost and found animals and produces a newsletter given 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.

Pisces

(formerly Campaign Against Angling)

PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND (01179 441175)

Pisces continues to campaign against the bloodsport of angling. The organisation produces a magazine entitled 'Pisces' which covers all aspects of the campaign to end this cruel 'sport' and includes coverage of national anti-angling campaigns, local groups reports and updates from the Shellfish Network and the Shark Protection League. The magazine also highlights the plight of wildlife which continue to be victims of lost and discarded tackle by careless anglers. Write to Pisces at the above address for further information and action packs detailing how individuals can help with their campaigns.

Plan 2000

Lynmouth, Devon EX35 6EE

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



Reptile Protection Trust

*College Gates, 2 Deansway, Worcs. WR1 2JD
(01483 417550)*

RPT is seeking to ban the trade in pet turtles and terrapins. They lobby relevant authorities internationally and engage 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.

Respect for Animals

PO Box 500, Nottingham NG1 3AS

Respect for Animals is committed to bringing an end to live exports. It aims to put the subject of live exports firmly on the political agenda and is targeting 40 key constituencies, regarded as vulnerable, with the aim of replacing the Government. Respect continues to support a boycott of Dover and of vets that sign export certificates. The group produces a bulletin on the live export issue detailing the state of the campaign. Details of all Respect for Animals initiatives and campaigns can be obtained from the above address.

Shark Protection League

BM L.A.P.L. London WC1N 3XX (01589 173033)

The Shark Protection League was primarily set up to expose the horrific cruelty involved in shark angling and to campaign against this 'sport'. Every September the group will hold a protest against the International Shark Angling Festival in Looe, Cornwall. They are also campaigning against the trade in sharks' fins for sharks' fin soup. This May, SPL held a successful demonstration, in London's China Town, against this mindless slaughter which threatens sharks with extinction. SPL produce leaflets, fact sheets and petitions free of charge in return for an SAE, however, donations are always welcome.

The Shellfish Network

*Box 66, c/o Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston St.,
Bristol BS1 5BB. (0117 9425524)*

The Shellfish Network aims to increase public awareness of the cruelties involved in the production of shellfish for food. See article elsewhere in this magazine!

Student Campaign for Animal Rights (SCAR)

*PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT
(0161 953 4039)*

SCAR have 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 or loss of marks. The petition was 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. They have a selection of merchandise available from the above address.

Teachers for Animal Rights

c/o 29 Lynwood Rd., London SW17 6HP.

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

Uncaged

14 Ridgeway Rd., Sheffield S12 2SS

Uncaged works to raise awareness, especially of the general public, to the horrors of vivisection. The group held a successful march against vivisection and a cruelty-free fair in Sheffield in June and hopes to build this into an annual national event. Write for further details of campaigns, etc.

Vegan Society

Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Rd., St. Leonards on Sea, E. Sussex TN37 7AA (01424 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 video entitled 'Truth or Dairy' is currently available for £9.99 (p&p inc.). Annual membership is £15 individual, £10 unwaged. Members receive a quarterly magazine.

Vegans International

c/o 11, Guinea St., Bristol BS1 6SX

Vegans International unites those who want to spread the message of respect and love for all life. (See article elsewhere in this magazine).

Vegetarian Society

Parkdale, Dunham Rd., 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 (01822 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.

Veggies

180, Mansfield Rd., 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 (01270 522500)

VIVA!, a national vegetarian and vegan charity, was launched last October by Juliet Gellatley. The group produces a magazine called 'VIVA! Life', which has all the details of their campaigns, including CRATE (Campaign to Resist Animal Transport to Europe) which aims to show the link between what people eat and the horrors of the export trade. VIVA! have taken part in countless media interviews and continue to build their youth education programme and aim to strengthen international ties, with a view to bringing an end to animal suffering. VIVA! have produced various guides on subjects including factory farming and BSE. Annual membership fee details from the above address. Supporters receive VIVA! Life quarterly.

World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

2, Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ (0171 793 0540)

WSPA is involved in many issues concerning the plight of animals across the world. Amongst their projects are education and neutering programmes, providing emergency veterinary care and supporting animal shelters worldwide. Recent campaigns have included a letter writing project, urging supporters to write to the Congolese authorities, asking them to ban cherrotine, the favoured ammunition of chimpanzee and gorilla hunters. Although it is illegal to hunt mankind's closest relative in almost all African countries, they are still being killed in huge numbers to provide luxury 'bush meat' for the daily markets across Central Africa. WSPA's Escape campaign is helping to fund chimp and gorilla sanctuaries in Cameroun and Congo. This summer saw the launch of WSPA's Holiday Horrors campaign. This is a package designed to provide information to people, appalled by the animal suffering they see when abroad, to help them to know what to look out for and what they can do to help.

Young Indian Vegetarians

41 Lakeside Avenue, Ilford, Essex IG4 5PS (0181 550 3725)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

AUSTRALIA

The oil firm Oil Japan Esso-Kai has donated about £450,000 to the Australian Koala Foundation. (Animal People, April '95)

Wyong City Council in New South Wales has banned circuses with exotic animals from performing on council-owned or controlled land. Prior to the ban, Animal Liberation screened a video showing circus cruelty to a meeting of Wyong Councillors. (Action, Aug. '95)

Koala-cuddling by visitors to Australian zoos is to be banned because it causes stress to the animals. (Teletext, 3/9/95)

BALTIC SEA

A multi-million dollar project is to be launched to clean up the Baltic Sea. The Sea has become degraded after 5 decades of untreated industrial discharge, sewage and industrial seepage, and many of its diverse animal and fish populations are now threatened with extinction. (Ceefax, 9/6/95)



BANGLADESH

Bangladesh has announced a £1 million effort to protect and increase the numbers of tigers in the Sundarban Forest, home of about 450 royal Bengal tigers which are often targets of poachers. (Animal People, April '95)

BRAZIL

The Brazilian government is recruiting "green agents" as part of an effort to protect the environment. It is hoped as many as 60,000 university students will be "green agents" in 1996. The volunteers will distribute information to raise awareness of the need for environmental protection. (Ceefax, 9/6/95)

CANADA

In response to extensive campaigning by animal

protectionists, the Biodome of Montreal has cancelled its plans to add Beluga whales to its exhibits. (Zoocheck Canada, 29/3/95)

Six leading restaurants & delicatessens in Ottawa have taken paté de foie gras off their menus. (Humane News, March/April '95)

The Ontario Government has passed new regulations to improve the treatment of downed livestock in Ontario. The new regulations require veterinary examination and certification for the movement of non-ambulatory animals (i.e. those unable to stand or walk) from the farm etc. and govern the management of casualties that occur in transit, at auction markets and at abattoirs. (Humane News, May/June '95)

The Canadian government has begun efforts to save the decreasing number of grizzly bears by increasing fines for poaching and restricting hunting in British Columbia. (Ceefax, 8/7/95)

CANARY ISLANDS

Two lions, which suffered years of abuse in cages 9ft by 6ft on the roof of a bar on the island of Tenerife, are to start a new life at a wildlife park in Kent, where they will join 5 other lions. (Teletext, 3/4/95)

CENTRAL AMERICA

Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador have designed a unified strategy to combat the illegal flow of wildlife from Central America to markets across the Northern Hemisphere. After more than a year of planning, high-ranking officials from these nations have agreed to implement an anti-smuggling programme that includes tactical military support. (Animals' Agenda, Aug. '95)

CHINA

The Xishuangbanna Intermediate People's Court has sentenced 5 men to death for killing 16 endangered Asian elephants and smuggling 11 pairs of tusks out of

China. The accused, two of whom are policemen, used semiautomatic rifles and a machine gun to kill the elephants and to injure 4 others. (Animals' Agenda, March/April '95)

Officials in western China are cracking down on international smuggling of falcons. (Ceefax Newsround, 21/4/95)

China is to set up 14 new nature reserves as part of an effort to save the Giant Panda. (Daily Telegraph, 31/5/95)

A man who killed a panda and tried to sell its fur has been sentenced to life imprisonment. (Teletext, 22/6/95)

EGYPT

The Egyptian government has banned hunting in its desert for 5 years to protect dwindling desert life - including all varieties of gazelle and fowl. New regulations are also to be adopted to control desert tourism, often done in 4-wheel drive vehicles. (Humane News, March/April '95)

EUROPE

Eleven European nations have agreed to a moratorium on dumping offshore oil rigs at sea. (Ceefax, 1/7/95)

FRENCH GUYANA

Thousands of sloths, armadillos, monkeys, tarantulas and other animals, all facing death after a man-made dam flooded their rainforest habitat, have been rescued and relocated in another part of French Guyana's rain forest in an operation funded by the French government and EDF, the electricity company which built the dam. (Independent, 21/5/95)

GERMANY

The German state of Hessen has forbidden the breeding of white cats or cats with no tails (Manx), because some white cats go deaf as kittens and Manx cats are troubled by spina bifida and other problems. It is expected that similar bans will eventually be enacted in other German states. (FIFe News, Spring '95)

Over £7 million damage has been caused in an arson attack by animal liberationists on a huge intensive poultry farm being built near Gehrde for chicken-baron Anton Pohlmann. (Neue Oz, 24/7/95)

Animal rights activists convinced Schwabengarage, the world's largest car dealership, to cancel an animal act scheduled to "entertain" crowds at its open day. Clowns were hired to replace two bicycle-riding bears from the Moscow Circus. (Animal Times, July/Aug. '95)

At Weterhausen in the Harz Mountains, 100 animal rights campaigners disrupted a chaffinch singing competition, prior to which the birds are kept for months in dark, cramped cages. The contest eventually had to be abandoned. (Tierbefreiung Aktuell, Aug. '95)

HOLLAND

The number of supporters of Proefkoneen, an anti-vivisection organization for young people, doubled in 1994. (Proefdiervrij, April '95)

Medical students at Erasmus University in Rotterdam are now using bicycle inner tubes and fig leaves, rather than rats and frogs, to practice their dissection skills. The students fill the tubes with foam rubber to get a feel for cutting into a human body and they've discovered that the veins in fig leaves are similar to those in humans. (Animal Times, May/June '95)

HONG KONG

Two marshes have been declared as Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention. The marshes are home to some 300 species of birds as well as many other animals and plants. (Ceefax, 9/9/95)

INDIA

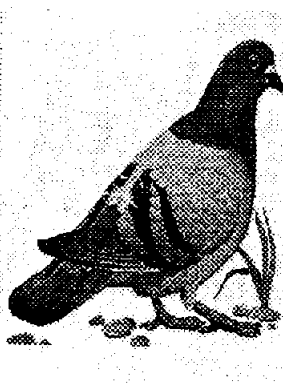
The Chief Minister of Punjab has ordered the closure of a slaughterhouse in Patiala District following protests by the Jain community and others. He stated, "My conscience does not allow me to sacrifice thousands of buffaloes in the slaughterhouse". (Compassionate Friend, May '95)

INDONESIA

The Indonesian government has allocated \$125m to preserve the country's coral reefs, which are in critical condition. (Ceefax, 25/8/95)

INTERNATIONAL

Canada and Sweden are testing the use of wolf urine to make scent barriers that might keep moose and elk off busy roads. (Animal People, April '95)



ISRAEL

The first centre for animal rights in Israel, the Anonymous Educational and Environmental Awareness Centre, was opened at the beginning of March. (Anonymous Newsletter, May '95)

Another fur store on Ben-Yehuda Street in Central Tel-Aviv has closed following weekly pickets. (Anonymous Newsletter, May '95)

During a school field-trip a young girl refused to take part in one of the activities which involved riding on the back of a small donkey. She was threatened with detention and later with suspension. But, after Anonymous sent letters of protest and threatened legal action in terms of her right of freedom of conscience, the school backed down and held an animal rights day in which she presented a lecture, distributed leaflets and gave a radio broadcast discussing animal rights. (Anonymous Newsletter, May '95)

The import of dolphins to Israel in commerce or for "entertainment" has been banned. (Animal Times, July/Aug. '95)

IVORY COAST

The Ivory Coast has signed an international convention that bans the trade in ivory. (Humane News, March/April '95)

JAPAN

The Fuji film company, having substituted seaweed for gelatin in the production of its photographic films and papers, now claims that it does not use any animal material in its products. (Animal Liberation, 31/3/95)

LEBANON

Following pressure from Brigitte Bardot, environment minister Pierre Pharaon has promised to ban hunting in 1996 if he is still in office. The Lebanese government had earlier reversed a decision to bring in a hunting ban. (Ceefax, 9/9/95)

MEXICO

The Kemp's Ridley Turtle appears to be making a comeback. The Ridley's population had been decimated nearly to extinction by shrimp trawlers' nets in which they become entangled and by poachers who remove

their eggs from a Mexican beach. Regulations mandating the installation of turtle excluder devices on shrimp trawlers and efforts to dig up and protect the eggs in guarded corals may prevent the Kemp's Ridley Turtle from becoming extinct. (Animals' Agenda, March/April '95)

NAMIBIA

The Namibian government has taken measures to protect lions and wild dogs which are facing extinction. A protection list has been drawn up prohibiting either species from being killed. (Ceefax, 9/9/95)

NORWAY

Four days before the start of the whaling season the Norwegian government cut the whalers' quota from 301 to 232, saying that an overestimation of the Minke whale population had led it to set too high a quota. Whalers claimed they would lose about £5,000 for each of the 69 whales they were not allowed to kill. (Animals' Agenda, Aug. '95)

SOUTH AFRICA

Three poachers were shot and killed in the Kruger National Park during a battle with a game ranger after they had been caught poaching giraffe and buffalo for their meat. In a separate incident game wardens shot and killed a poacher who had killed 4 white rhinos in KwaZulu-Natal's Umfolozi game reserve. (Animals' Agenda, March/April '95)

SPAIN

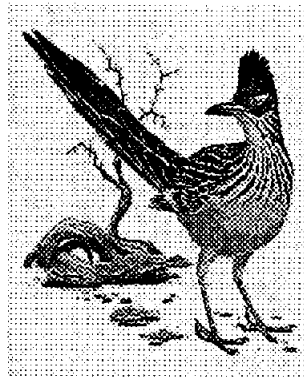
A Spanish Vegan Society (la Asociación Vegana Española) has been formed and is publishing its own magazine every 3 months. (Veganismo, Spring '95)

SWITZERLAND

The International League of Doctors for the Abolition of Vivisection continues to gain support and now has 1,600 doctor members in 83 different countries. (Animals' Agenda, Aug. '95)

TONGA

The government of Tonga has rejected a request by the Japanese to hunt whales in its pacific waters. (Ceefax, 27/5/95)



TURKEY

A Ukrainian show featuring performing seals and dolphins has been banned from operating in Turkey after protests by animal welfare groups. (Ceefax, 17/6/95)

UKRAINE

Dolphins formerly used by the Soviet navy are now forming part of a "dolphin therapy" scheme to help children with neurotic disorders. (Ceefax, 2/9/95)

U.S.A.

After 8 years, the California Desert Protection Act has been approved. It is the largest land preservation law to pass Congress since 1980 and desert areas totalling 7.3 million acres are now protected as Wilderness Areas. (Humane News, March/April '95)

Office Depot discontinued its television commercial featuring scenes from the Calgary Stampede Rodeo after receiving many letters of protest from animal protection campaigners. (Animals' Agenda March/April '95)

Following a protest organized by PETA, a Maryland housing organization decided to drop plans to trap and kill beavers living on its property. (Animal Times, March/April '95)

Several top models have signed PETA's "Models of Compassion" petition, declaring they would speak up for animals by refusing to wear fur. (Animal Times, March/April '95)

The Iams and Timberland companies have dropped their sponsorship of the 1,000 mile Alaskan Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, during which 6 dogs collapsed and died in 1993. (Animal Times, March/April '95)

After receiving permission from the property owners, Animal Advocates of upstate New York sawed off all 4,000 six-inch spikes from a six-foot high, half-mile long fence on which deer were being impaled. (Animal Times, March/April '95)

After PETA exposed the abuse of horses whose urine is collected to make Premarin, the most commonly prescribed oestrogen-replacement drug, 63% of U.S. doctors who responded to a survey said they would now be more likely to prescribe synthetic oestrogens. (Animal Times, March/April '95)

The states of Virginia and Vermont have now joined Maine in passing legislation prohibiting greyhound racing. (Greyhound Network News, Spring '95)

The city of San Jose is issuing vouchers for the free spaying/neutering of cats, including ferals. (Animal People, April '95)

"This was the single worst season since the 1930s," said Robert Meltzer of fur traders Evans Inc. after sales at the 12 Evans stores fell by \$6.2 million during the third quarter of 1994. And at the Danish Fur Sales auction in December, an industry barometer, the average mink pelt price fell to \$20.15 from the 1993 figure of \$29.91. (Animal People, April '95)

Hours before the scheduled start of a day of protest against the sale of coyote fur garments by the 300-store Eddie Bauer chain was to begin, the firm announced "Due to declining customer interest in this style, we will no longer carry it. We have no further plans at this time to carry fur-trimmed garments." (Animal People, April '95)



Two dolphins kept in an undersized tank at the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco are to join others of their kind at a state-of-the-art oceanarium elsewhere, according to the new director of Steinhart. (Animal People, April '95)

As of mid-March, 375 deer had been killed during the winter cull in the 11 DuPage County Forest Preserves, down markedly from the 642 killed the previous winter. County officials said the drop was due to the midwinter cessation of rocket-netting, after video surreptitiously obtained by the Chicago Animal Rights Coalition showed deer suffering in the nets. Nearby Highland Park, Illinois, on Feb. 17 extended a 60-day moratorium on deer-culling until 1st Sept. (Animal People, April '95)

After killing 37,000 laughing gulls over the past 4 years, the New York Port Authority has been testing non-lethal means of keeping gulls away from Kennedy International Airport - because the federal agencies that grant the killing permits are withholding them pending resolution of a lawsuit against the killing brought by the Fund for Animals. (Animal People, April '95)

Oregon animal shelter intakes fell from 116,490 in 1991 to 88,898 in 1993, euthanasias dropped from 79,713 to 53,577 and adoptions went up from 19,105 to 25,866. (Animal People, April '95)

Mobil Oil agreed to cap all stacks at company refineries

by May 1, to prevent accidental bird deaths, following a campaign by PETA. (Animal People, April '95)

Columbus, Ohio city council has voted to bar novelty animal acts, such as wrestling bears, boxing kangaroos, and diving mules. The ordinance also increased the penalty for cruelty to animals from \$750 to \$1,000. (Animal People, April '95)

A District Judge has issued a permanent injunction under the Endangered Species Act to keep the Pacific Lumber company from logging a 237-acre portion of the Owl Creek Forest in Humboldt County, California, which may host the rare marbled murrelet. (Animal People, April '95)

Hunter and rock musician Ted Nugent agreed to pay \$75,000 to Heidi Prescott, national director of The Fund for Animals, in an out-of-court settlement of a defamation suit after Nugent had made disparaging remarks about her during a radio interview. Heidi plans to use the money to fight hunting and protect animals. (The Fund for Animals, 4/4/95)

On April 6, the intentional tripping of any equine for sport or entertainment was banned in the state of New Mexico. (Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection Inc., May '95)

Wall Street firm Morgan Stanley has scrapped the traditional crab race at its annual party after receiving complaints. (Animal Times, May/June '95)

At least 17 U.S. fur stores went out of business last winter, according to a list published by the Humane Society of the United States and the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. (Animals' Agenda, May/June '95)

At least 8 fashion designers have now dropped furs from their lines. (Humane News, May/June '95)

The Bald Eagle, which was once near to extinction, is now no longer classed as an endangered species following an increase in its numbers. (Teletext, 14/7/95)

The U.S. Food Lion supermarket chain has confirmed that its products are not tested on animals. (Animal Times, July/Aug. '95)

Quincy, Massachusetts has become the fourth city in the U.S. to ban animal circuses. A new ordinance, passed unanimously by the city council, forbids the display of animals for public entertainment. (Animal Times, July/Aug. '95)

In response to a campaign launched by the American Anti-Vivisection Society, the University of Pennsylvania Medical School has decided to close one of its laboratories where narcotics and other drugs were tested on dogs. The decision follows similar resolutions by medical schools at Yale, Stanford and the University of Chicago. (Animals' Agenda, Aug. '95)

Spay Day USA (Feb. 28th), a national campaign to reduce companion animal overpopulation, was a great success with about 28,000 animals being spayed or neutered, thanks to the hard work and cooperation of thousands of groups and individuals across the country. Vets played their part by making their services more accessible and offering low-cost or free surgery. (Animals' Agenda, Aug. '95)

VANUATU

Five protected areas for endangered turtles are being set up by Vanuatu's environmental authorities. It is hoped these areas will reduce the traditional slaughter of endangered sea turtles on the island of Malekula, where some 50 turtles are killed each year for a feast to celebrate the yam harvest. The protected areas cover around 34,500 acres of Malekula island. (Ceefax, 26/6/95)



VIETNAM

A 2-year plan to save the country's 300 elephants has been agreed by the Vietnamese government and the WWF. The plan will focus on building up the elephant population which WWF claims could be wiped out in 1 to 5 years if something isn't done now. Thousands of elephants were killed during the Vietnam war and the population has continued to fall since then. (Ceefax, 8/7/95)

Farmers in Vietnam have halved the quantity of pesticides they use, following trials where unsprayed crops grew well. (Teletext, 4/9/95)

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe has cancelled a proposed cull of 8,600 elephants because of fears it might encourage an increase in illegal sales of ivory. (Ceefax, 15/5/95)



The Live Exports Diary

Dover, 19th June: While some protesters joined the demonstration in Brussels, 80 protesters were present at Dover's Eastern Docks, with more people spread out along the A2 and at the top of Jubilee Way. One convoy of 9 transporters passed through.

Shoreham, 23rd June: 63 protesters leafletted passengers at the Port of Newhaven against Stena Sealink's decision to resume carrying livestock from Rosslare to Fishguard. Stena are gravely concerned about these demonstrations which will grow in size.

Wales, 28th June: Farmers at Carmarthen Market were taken by surprise when over 50 protesters demonstrated at one of the locations where live exports begin. This received excellent media coverage all day, being the first item on each of the three main TV channels. Front page status in the Welsh national press was also received.

York, 28th June: Protests took place last Monday and Wednesday evenings at Albert Hall Farm, with only a couple of transporters driving in and out. While seeking spiritual solace en route to the pub, the local vicar of Strensall and a great supporter of the Hall family, failed to avoid a crowd seeking rights for God's creatures. He was serenaded to and from his public devotions with an alternative version of All Things Bright and Beautiful.

Brightlingsea, 2nd July: A public meeting was held where the results of the Brightlingsea postal survey, randomly addressed to 500 people on the electoral roll, were released. With an 80% response rate, it ended months of speculation on the feeling of the town concerning the export trade. Some of the figures include: 97% thought that people disagreeing with shipment of live animals should be allowed to protest. 86% approved of nonviolent demonstrations. 77% are against the trade. 62% thought the police should stop the lorry owners sending the animals through the town. 58% disagreed with the use of the Public Order Act.

London, 8th July: Respect for Animals launched a 4-part high profile campaign to a crowd in the region of 500 at Trafalgar Square. Impressive hard-hitting speeches were delivered by well known campaigners to animal protesters from all over England.

Birmingham, 8th July: Probably the largest animal rights demonstration to date has heralded a major success by the Coalition Against Animal Exports. Over 300 people attended from Wales, NW and NE England.

Dover, 8th July: A rally was held at the end of the Shoreham/Brightlingsea to Dover walk, 20 protesters having marched the whole distance. Almost 6,000 leaflets were distributed to passers-by on the walk. For the last leg from Folkestone, many hundreds joined the march.

Shoreham, 3rd July: The Campaign Against Live Freight office and homes of its prominent members were raided by the police. It transpires that the whole exercise was a deliberate attempt to intimidate, disrupt and destabilise the organisation. Solicitors have been instructed to act on the group's behalf.

York, 5th July: Early in the evening at Albert Hall Farm, two people managed to dash under one of the transporters. It took three policeman quite a few minutes to remove the demonstrators. The police emerged looking dirty, greasy and dishevelled. Their vanity at stake resulted in aggressive police tactics for the rest of the evening.

Dover, 7th July: Last week protests were held in the village of Bridge, a route used by the animal transporters, which received a good response from the locals. A delay was also caused by a protest outside Capel lairage. The 7th July saw the best turnout at the Eastern Docks since the protests started, with about 250 protesters, the majority from Shoreham and elsewhere.

Yorkshire, 11th July: A protest took place at one of the main entrances on the first day of the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate. Leaflets were handed out and a petition against live exports was signed by visitors and even some farmers. Although verbal abuse was forthcoming from a few farmers, the overall reaction was felt to be encouraging.

Brightlingsea, 11th July: An old 42-seater coach without any front wheels was dumped in the road in front of the wharf gates. The road was completely blocked off. The ECO Cowboys, who were visiting Brightlingsea, were chained together inside the vehicle. Some were welded to the underside of the coach while others sat on the roof. As police cut away the protesters with boltcroppers, crowbars and saws, the screams sent shivers through Brightlingsea protesters on one of the hottest days so far. The coach was removed by lifting gear.

Coventry, 14th July: Christopher Barrett-Jolley's

company Pheonix Aviation went into liquidation at 5pm on Friday, 14th July. Proud B-J insists that it has nothing to do with protests and smugly claims the reason for his downfall was Coventry Council, who kept increasing their prices.

Dover, 17th July: The number of protesters was swelled by a party of 70 primary school children who joined the demonstration at the end of a long walk to St. Margaret's Bay and back. Quite spontaneously, they chanted "Ban Live Exports" to transporters entering the docks.

Dover, 26th July: 50 protesters at Petham lairage were outnumbered by police who claimed they delayed the transporters entering the lairage because they couldn't guarantee their safety. At 11pm the protesters were cautioned under Section 14, and were dispersed. 20 of them then went to visit Mr. Skinner at Coxhill Farm. He and his bodyguards greeted them with iron bars so they didn't stay too long.

Plymouth, August: A protest was staged outside a local Italian Restaurant which includes 11 Dutch veal dishes on its menu. The vocal protesters sang to the proprietor asking him to remove veal from the menu - until he threatened them with a visit from the MAFIA!

Brightlingsea, 5th August: A regular demonstration was held outside the home of wharf owner, Earnest Oliver, who lives 7 miles from Brightlingsea. A large crowd assembled outside his home just as he was departing for his weekly drink at the Kings Head pub in Brightlingsea. However, when Oliver came out and saw the protesters, he went back in for his camera and started taking snaps. Mr. Oliver required police assistance when he eventually left for the pub.

York, 6th August: A mass protest at Albert Hall Farm was well attended by groups from all over the country. After the speeches by various organisations in a residential area nearby, designated by the police who feared obstruction of the highway, the protesters returned to the farm to find that barriers had been placed across the entrance with security increased to four men, instead of the usual two. Thousands of purple ribbons were attached to the fence and surrounding trees and shrubs.

Stoke-on-Trent, 29th July: 200 young people with a vision of a better future and committed to ending the suffering of farm animals, joined a march organised by VIVA!, and distributed thousands of leaflets to passers-by. Press and media coverage before and after the event was extensive.

Shoreham, August: More than 100 protesters carrying banners gathered outside the Shoreham Port Authority building to welcome the new manager and hand him a

petition and letter from local residents. Early indications are that he is on our side and will do all he can to lawfully discourage the trade from returning. Hove Council have now publicly condemned the trade and will fight any attempt to resume live exports from Shoreham.

Plymouth, August: A visit was made to Hugues Inizan of Choakford Farm, Plympton. As three lorries and trailers loaded with calves were leaving, protesters successfully managed to make one lorry take the wrong route. Hugues, accompanied by a couple of heavies, drove out of the farm narrowly missing protesters and shouting threats in French and English. Only 10 days earlier he had been found guilty of ABH. Police arrived to escort the other two lorries and trailers onto the A30. The lorries went through Dover the following day, no doubt to Inizan's veal finishing farm in Le Folgoet.

Boughton-on-the-Water, 28th August: Nearly 200 noisy people from all over the UK attended the protest here which received excellent media coverage. It is believed that £40,000 was forked out to police the protest (which included a helicopter).

Dover, 29th August: A papier mache sheep, pig and calf were chained across the A20 near the Eastern Docks causing disruption until a boorish motorist ran the calf over. The Sea Sabs were cautioned and warned about the hazards of obstructing traffic. The sight of the arrested paper animals being driven away in a police van was difficult to forget.

Brightlingsea, 30th August: Seven Sea Sabs in paddle boats caused havoc in front of the Caroline, with one rib chasing the ship as it sailed into the port. The police, aided by a helicopter and two launches, only just managed to prevent Sabs in the water reaching the ship. A navigational warning to stop the ship was ignored by the captain. An expensive day out for the police.

Dover, 30th August: On Bank Holiday Monday 40 protesters were at Dover Docks at 6am for the shipment on the Northern Cruier. The Cap Canaille had sailed at 3am, delayed from the previous Saturday due to mechanical problems. 35 protesters were at the docks from midnight on the 30th August to 4am on the 31st for this sailing.

Dover, 2nd September: 20 protesters visited Eurotunnel to express their disgust at their continuance of bringing empty transporters back through the tunnel.

Coventry, 4th September: A live export protest was held at Gloucester market, frequented by the Gilder Brothers.

Manchester, September: Manchester Airport has

banned the import and export of live animals from next year because of expensive facilities needed under new EU rules.

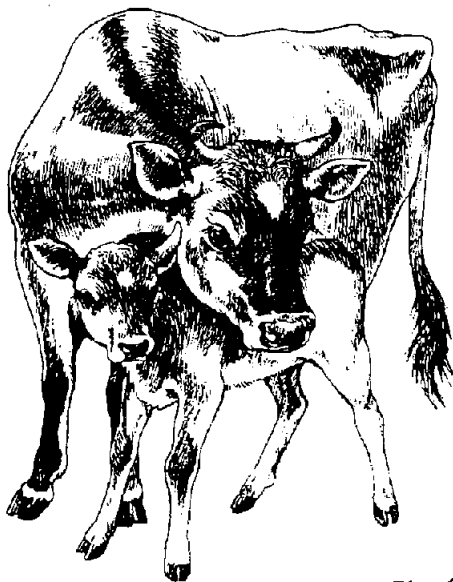
Coventry, September: At Bourton recently, Peter Gilder and his sidekicks showed their true colours by almost throttling one protester with his megaphone strap before smashing it to the ground and stamping on it, breaking two umbrellas and knocking several people about. As a result, Mr. Gilder has been charged with criminal damage!

Dover, 21st September: Despite the large numbers banned, there have been several days with good turnouts at the docks. Tony Benn visited the Eastern Docks then made a rousing and positive speech at the Leisure Centre where banned protesters were also able to listen.

Ipswich, 30th September: 400 people joined the dignified and silent march through the town, to the tolling of a ship's bell. Children in animal masks led the main banner 'Stop Death Journeys', and a dedicated group marched all the way from Brightlingsea! Leaflets outlining action initiatives were handed out on the route.

Brightlingsea, 4th & 5th October: On Wednesday and Thursday nights, larger demonstrations than normal took place, with protesters angry that the animals had been left cramped in their lorries for hours on the wharf. About 400 protesters turned out on both these nights and this meant that confrontations took place and events became more heated than usual. On Wednesday night, a lorry driver's windscreen was hit, and on Thursday night the same thing happened to the infamous 'No Fear' lorry.

York, October: Protest evenings are now very quiet at Albert Hall Farms. It is understood that North Yorkshire force have told Geoffrey Hall they can no longer afford to police the protests, the cost of which to date is reputed to be £250,000.



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CRIMINAL INJUSTICE

On the 3rd November 1994, sections 68 and 69 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act came into force. These are the infamous sections effectively making hunt sabotage a criminal offence. In reality the new law has not deterred saboteurs one bit, in fact it has probably increased the number of people involved in direct action against bloodsports. It has succeeded in uniting people affected by the CJA such as hunts sabs, anti-road protesters, squatters, ravers, travellers and general animal rights protesters. This has led to an influx of new people into hunt sab groups. Also, a large number of police forces around the country are refusing to use the new act, claiming it is unworkable. As of May 1995, 154 people have been arrested or reported for summons under the CJA. Only 11 have been convicted, while 67 cases have been dropped before coming to court, with 76 pending. The heaviest sentences given have been £200 fines, with no-one having been sent to jail, even though the Act allows magistrates to impose a three month jail sentence. The CJA has failed to stop hunt sabotage just as the 1986 Public Order Act failed to stop it.

NORTHERN IRELAND

If we think we've had a bad deal where the law is concerned, sabs in Northern Ireland have had to contend with draconian laws and biased policing for many years. The Prevention of Terrorism Act has been used for trivial offences or allegations which means sabs have very few legal rights whilst in custody. RUC officers have also been extremely biased towards the hunt, turning a blind eye to assaults on sabs and being uncooperative to the point of corruption with sabs' solicitors.

Despite these obstacles, Belfast sabs have been very busy, successfully sabbing a number of hare-hunts throughout Northern Ireland. The previous season also saw the very first fox-hunt sabs in the Republic of Ireland, with groups from Galway and Dublin sabotaging the prestigious Galway Blazers. Sabbing in Eire looks like it will continue into the

SCOTLAND & WALES

Hunt sabotage in Scotland has also been extremely successful during the last season. Edinburgh hunt sabs and other Scottish groups have been regular visitors to a number of fox-hunts, especially the Duke of Buccleuch's foxhounds. Hunts along the border have also been targeted in conjunction with sabs from the north of England. The CJA was used a fair bit towards the end of the season, with eleven Edinburgh sabs facing charges under the Act.

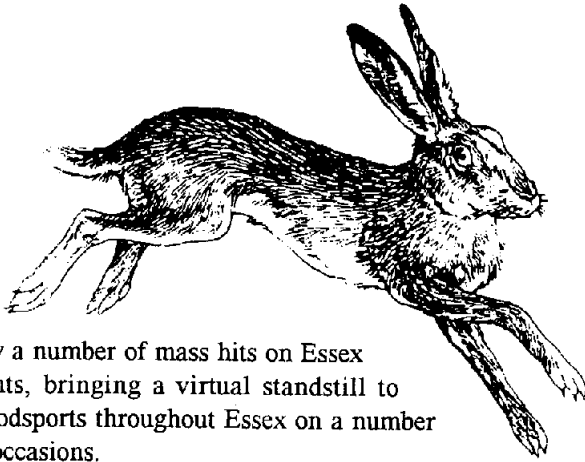
Wales sabs have had a good season with hunt violence having subsided from the heights of previous years and no arrests being made under the CJA so far. A 'Wales Week' of action is planned for the coming season to which all sab group are invited.

ENGLAND

Hunt sabotage in England has been ticking over nicely in most regions with no real increase in the number of arrests. What has happened is that the CJA is now being used more instead of the old Section 5 of the Public Order Act (Harassment, Alarm or Distress). Sabs from Essex and Cheshire seem to have had the worst deal.

ESSEX POLICE EXPOSED AS LIARS

The much-hated Essex Constabulary have been on their usual form, taking time out from beating up old ladies at Brightlingsea to regularly harass hunt saboteurs. Essex sabs have responded tactically, moving around a lot and visiting neighbouring hunts in Kent and Hertfordshire. The season



saw a number of mass hits on Essex hunts, bringing a virtual standstill to bloodsports throughout Essex on a number of occasions.

As mentioned in Arkangel 13, one such hit on 19th November 1994 saw violent scenes stirred up by the police and 31 arrests. Two hunt saboteurs were charged with violent disorder and spent over a month each in custody for allegedly attacking a police officer. Press coverage at the time reported that one police officer had his arm broken and another was kicked unconscious. The cases came to court in June 1995 and resulted in humiliation for Essex police as the case against one sab was thrown out of court because there was no evidence that he had committed any offence. He had in fact just been picked out of the crowd at random by the police officer, Sergeant Hayter, who had himself attacked several sabs during the day and left a woman semiconscious. The other defendant was found not guilty of causing actual bodily harm to a police officer but was convicted of resisting arrest, and plans to appeal against this. The arresting officer who was reported a having had his arm broken, had in fact just sustained a minor sprain to the wrist. The doctor who treated him at the time told the court that the policeman, PC Crawley, had told him that the injury was caused by someone falling on him. Further cases from the day have been hampered by the difficulty of finding a magistrate in the Chelmsford area who is not connected in some way with hunting.

The Essex police have been exposed as liars, which comes as no surprise to those familiar with them, and their heavy-handed tactics against saboteurs has totally backfired and become counter-productive. Another mass hit in Essex in January succeeded in stopping no less than three Essex foxhunts. The Fox and Hounds public house which was the meet for one of the hunts later had all its windows smashed. A month later there was yet another country-wide hit on Essex hunts, stretching police resources and successfully preventing any kills, with only a few arrests for minor offences.

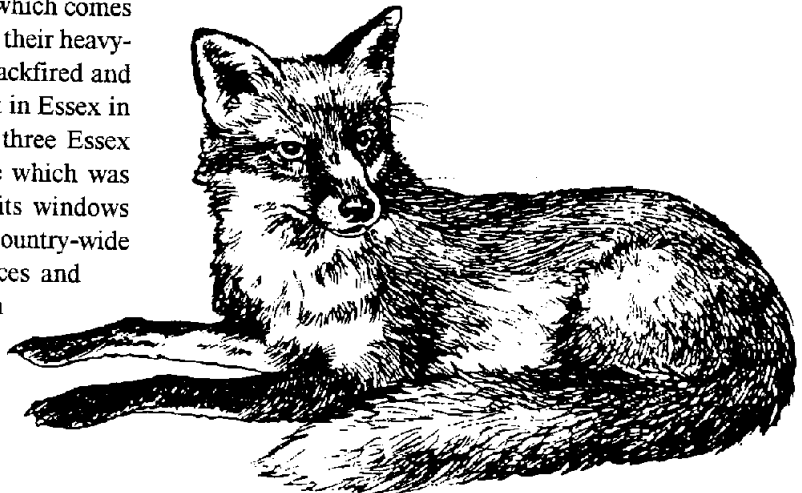
CHESHIRE ATTACKS

The Cheshire Beagles are still hunting, but remain underground and very elusive. This is the hunt at which Alan Summersgill killed saboteur Mike Hill in February 1991. Cheshire sabs bumped into them a couple of times including New Years Day, and quickly sent them homeward bound. Other hunts sabbed in Cheshire include the Cheshire Forest foxhounds, the Cheshire foxhounds and the Royal Rock Beagles.

A few days after a successful big hit on the Cheshire FH on the fourth anniversary of Mike Hill's death some sinister events took place. Two Liverpool sabs had their homes visited by masked thugs armed with baseball bats and knuckle-dusters. Luckily one of the sabs was out at the time and the other managed to prevent them gaining entry to the house. A few days later two masked intruders attacked a sab at her home in Manchester, leaving her with fractured ribs, facial bruising and concussion.

BIG EARS

Our beloved Prince of Wales, the well-known lover of wildlife, rode with the Cheshire FH shortly afterwards, and sabs were there to make known their feelings about him. One of the supporters there that day was Anthony Kirkham of Ridley Farm, Ridley, Cheshire, who together with Geoffrey Park of The Elms, Tushingham, Whitchurch, Cheshire, was convicted of violent disorder (Section 2 of the 1986 Public Order Act) two weeks later. They were sentenced to twelve months each but were released on bail pending appeal. Another Cheshire hunt supporter, Christopher Thorne of Holmes Capel pleaded guilty to a charge of causing alarm and distress after verbally abusing and pushing around two hunt monitors from the League Against Cruel Sports in Cheshire. These cases contrast with the fact that Cheshire sabs have not had one conviction against them last season, despite almost one hundred arrests during the season.



DORSET SCUM GETS OFF LIGHTLY

A supporter of the Cattistock foxhounds in Dorset pleaded guilty in Dorchester Crown Court to assault occasioning actual bodily harm to a Weymouth sab. This man is well known for his violent behaviour on Dorset foxhunts and the Ytene minkhounds. Paul Martin, 30, received a conditional discharge with £70 costs, with no compensation to be paid to the victim of the attack, which occurred when he was an "official steward" for the hunt. This was despite the victim of the assault being on medication following head injuries sustained in the attack. The judge for the case was clearly pro-hunt from his attitude and vocabulary which explains the extremely light sentence.

AMERICAN HUNTERS TARGET YOUNG PEOPLE

Worried by the fact that American children are turning their back on shooting in ever-increasing numbers, hunters have managed to get state and federal wildlife agencies to spend taxpayers' money on indoctrinating young children into hunting. Children as young as eight are taken on hunts and encouraged to kill animals such as doves, rabbits, pheasants, squirrels, deer, elk and Canada geese. The idea is for experienced blood junkies to brainwash the children into thinking that it is good to kill animals and teaching them how to shoot, often letting them practice on squirrels. The California Department of Fish and Game, who sponsor twenty-nine hunts, release captive-bred exotic pheasants directly in front of kids with guns to reduce their chances of missing. The Missouri Department of Conservation sponsors a deer hunt for children aged eleven and over.

THE INGLORIOUS TWELFTH

Things haven't quite got as bad over here as they are in the USA, but the 12th August saw the start of the grouse shooting season and hunt saboteurs were out in force, notably in Cumbria and on the North Yorkshire moors. For some reason - some sources suggest it was due to an infection amongst the grouse population - there was not very much shooting going on anyway, but whatever shooters there were soon packed up when sabs arrived. Shoots aren't being neglected during the rest of the year, but will be targeted throughout the season, with there also being a whole week devoted to sabbing shoots in late August.

VIOLENCE AT MINKHUNT

Ten hunt saboteurs on the Ytene minkhunt in Dorset received hospital treatment after an ambush by hunt thugs armed with sticks, cudgels and a slingshot. Out of twenty-three sabs attending the meet, only four escaped injury. The

attack was probably due to the fact that the Ytene mink-hunt had been forced to go home for the two previous weeks due to the presence of large numbers of sabs. Apparently the police were aware that the ambush was going to take place and did nothing to try to prevent it. The one police officer present warned sabs not to go near the hunt because of the number of hunt heavies that were there, and that he wasn't going to be around to pick up the pieces. Shortly afterwards the attack took place and the police officer had mysteriously disappeared. Cameras were also smashed in the attack and sab vans were damaged.

FREE SHOOTING FOR MP's

With the recent controversy over cash for questions, several Tory MPs have been declaring free shoots they have been on, paid for by various companies. James Paice (SE Cambridgeshire) has had free shooting off Bass Breweries and Littlewoods Pools, and Sir Cranley Onslow (Woking) has been a guest of Phillips Petroleum on a shooting party. Bernard Jenkin (Colchester North) has also been at it with RT Steward, a local transport company.

HUNT SABS ON THE INTERNET

The Hunt Saboteurs Association is now on the Internet. Anyone wishing to contact them is welcome to e-mail them on hsa@gn.apc.org, though this may have changed recently. The World Wide Web site is <http://envirolink.org/arrs/HSA/hsa.html>.

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What the Papers Say

A Selection of Cuttings from the Past Few Months

Animal activists suspected of firebomb attack on meat firm

A MEAT wholesaler's depot was firebombed in Gloucestershire yesterday in an attack thought to have been the work of animal rights activists.

Police investigating the blaze at A.F. Ensor in Cinderford found more than 20 incendiary devices, some of which had failed to go off.

A lorry tractor unit was burnt out and four other lorries were damaged in the attack. Petrol and paper were strewn inside the main building, causing minor damage. The total damage was estimated at between £30,000 and £40,000.

Police were trying to trace a man who made a 999 call to the fire brigade at 3.30 am from a

telephone kiosk in the area. Inspector David Morgan of Gloucestershire police said: "We are investigating whether the attack has an animal rights connection."

No group has admitted the attack.

Army bomb disposal experts dealt with the unexploded devices.

Last month, similar attacks on two milk tanker depots in Macclesfield and Crewe, Cheshire, caused more than £2 million worth of damage. Incendiary devices destroyed or damaged 38 tankers.

These attacks were also blamed on animal rights extremists.

A RESTAURANT was daubed with red paint by animal extremists because it sells frogs' legs.

Tim Webb, owner of Jonti's Bistro in Ampthill, had to pay £1,000 to redecorate the front of his restaurant after attacks by the Animal Liberation Front on Sunday night.

An ALF spokesman, who would not give his name, said: "It was a drop of paint thrown over the building as a friendly warning. It was a shot over the bows but we might do something more drastic next time. We disagree with frog legs being sold because the legs of the animal are sliced off while it is still alive."

But Mr Webb says he is strongly against cruelty to animals and will not sell veal in his bistro because of the way calves are treated.

He said: "If these people have a problem they can call me and tell me their problem. If they can prove the frogs I am selling are being inhumanely treated, I will take them off the menu. I support the ideals the ALF are working for, but not the way they go about it. This was bloody pathetic."

Mr Webb was sent a

Paint bomb attack on restaurant

threatening note from the ALF in June warning him to take endangered species off his menu. He was selling ostrich and was planning to introduce crocodile and kangaroo.

"When I started a more exotic menu I went through the menu with Greenpeace and they had no arguments. I will not support cruelty to animals but equally I will not run a vegetarian restaurant."

THE GUARDIAN 12/6/95

Living in the shadow of the ALF

THE South West farming community was this week on alert after animal welfare groups took their anti-live export campaign to individual farmers.

In a series of raids on three farms in the South Hams members of Plymouth-based Animal Concern Today tied purple ribbons to boundary fences and left placards at three farms saying "we export live animals". Animal Liberation Front initials were also discovered by worried farmers.

But there were fears that all livestock farmers were at risk of a witch hunt after one of those targeted said he had never had anything to do with live exports.

A spokesman for Animal Concern Today said that by highlighting individual involvement in live export, they would be "publicly shunned".

ACT leader Chris Deacon described those singled out as "legitimate targets". He said the "exposure" would continue but insisted it would be peaceful.

But one of the first victims of the "outing" campaign, Modbury sheep and

by ALISON BARBER
Farming Correspondent

cattle farmer Wilf Walters, cast doubts on the justification for any of the protests when he "categorically denied" any involvement with live export.

Mr Walters returned to his farm on Sunday afternoon to find "thousands of ribbons" tied to his fence and signs daubed across the driveway.

"When I first saw them, I thought one of the neighbours was having a party and then I saw the signs," he said.

"One of the signs said 'ribbons today', as if we were supposed to expect something worse tomorrow. I have young children. I barely slept Sunday night. What are they likely to do next. Our animals have never to our knowledge gone to live export. I wouldn't know how to go about it. They've made a mistake."

He said some of the signs were signed with the initials of the extremist Animal Liberation Front group, a claim Animal Concern Today dismissed as "rubbish".

FIREBOMBERS raided a chicken farm causing £200,000 worth of damage to eight trucks. Animal liberation activists are suspected to be behind the attack at Mayfield Chicks, Ewood Bridge, Haslingden, Rossendale, which breeds chickens for the food industry. Cab windows had been broken and incendiary devices tossed inside.

EVENING NEWS 17/4/95

BEDFORDSHIRE ON
SUNDAY 30/7/95

Police seize Green Anarchist magazines

DETECTIVES have seized magazines produced by the Oxfordshire anarchist Paul Rogers as part of a nationwide investigation.

Undercover officers from Hampshire Police swooped on the Frontline Bookshop in central Manchester on Thursday confiscating three publications including the magazine *Green Anarchist*, once edited by the campaigner Paul Rogers who lives at various addresses in Oxford.

The magazine reports on environmental issues and campaigns, including letter bombings by animal-rights groups.

Paul Rogers, an animal-rights and anti-pornography campaigner, phoned *The Oxford Times* to say police were pursuing a campaign against the Animal Liberation Front.

But he would not say who now edits *Green Anarchist*.

Police also took copies of *Scumbuster* magazine and *Eco defence* by David Foreman from the Manchester bookshop, which they suspected may contain instructions on bomb-making.

THE OXFORD TIMES 7/7/95

Abattoir animals let loose

An animal rights sympathiser set a herd of cattle free from a slaughterhouse, saying it was wrong for the animals to die.

Victor Golding, aged 20, visited the Shrewsbury abattoir with other ex-employees and opened gates to let out 15 cows yesterday.

Unemployed Mr Golding, who claims to have links with the Animal Liberation Front, was arrested, but released without charge.

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3/6/95

EXPORTER Roger Mills yesterday vowed to carry on shipping live animals to the Continent after his Land Rover was damaged for the third time outside the port of Brightlingsea.

Speaking at Colchester police station where his vehicle had been taken by police, exporter Mr Mills, 53, said: "It is an open situation and that contract will continue. I will still be exporting after six months."

The controversial trade brought more than 40 people on to the streets of Brightlingsea yesterday morning to protest against lorries entering the port.

Mr Mills, who travels to the port every day, ran the gauntlet of the protesters and was forced to shunt a gate with his Land Rover, damaging its front, in order to escape from them.

His brother-in-law, Colin Howard-Stones, then produced a camera and took pictures of several protesters.

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Deadly messages — but just who is sending them?

ANIMAL rights extremists will stop at nothing to transmit their chilling messages to their targets.

Not content with causing financial mayhem to farm-based industries, they relish leaving sinister threats and their own "signatures" to taunt their victims.

But while the letters "ALF" — representing the best-known group, the Animal Liberation Front — are often those daubed at scenes of carnage, police frequently remain baffled as to who is actually behind the activities.

Activists work in strictly-guarded cells and all communications are carried out through a magazine.

Their criminal activities are investigated by Special Branch officers, who concentrate purely on extremists — not peaceful animal welfare groups.

These specialist officers rely on intelligence to track down members of the ALF or another group calling itself the Justice Department. Many believe the two are linked.

The ALF says it does not know who the Justice Department's members are, but it acts as its mouthpiece, giving warnings and making claims on its behalf. The Justice Department is

Animal rights activists have been blamed for a new wave of letter bombs. WMN Crime Correspondent **DEBBIE POGUE** reports on the shadowy fanatics at the extreme end of the the animal rights lobby.

judged by the ALF to be more ruthless.

"The ALF takes every precaution not to harm life. The Justice Department argues that if the animal could fight back there would be a lot of dead animal abusers already," an ALF spokesman has said.

Between October 1993 and the end of last year, the Justice Department waged an aggressive campaign, fire-bombing shops and sending explosives and syringes in the post.

It was also linked with one of the worst of the West-country's most recent attacks — at the Treburley abattoir, near Launceston, last October.

Damage, expected to run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, is still being assessed following a petrol bombing which left the slaughterhouse gutted and five refrigeration lorries destroyed.

Yesterday a Special Branch officer with Devon and Cornwall police said he

was sure the two organisations were linked.

He said the job of the police was made more difficult because the ALF was not an actual organisation.

Normally, ALF press officer Robin Webb claims responsibility on behalf of the activists, but he is serving a jail sentence for claiming battery-farmed eggs at Tesco stores had been contaminated.

A message on his telephone answering machine yesterday said he was unavailable because of his "enforced absence".

As well as the Special Branch officers, New Scotland Yard's animal rights national index officers liaise with forces nationwide to gather information and intelligence.

"We treat these incidents like any other crime," the Westcountry Special Branch officer said. "But because they rely on concealing their identity, we have to rely much more heavily on intelligence."

Fire-bombs wreck 38 milk tankers

David Ward

POLICE were last night investigating whether militant animal rights activists were responsible for fire-bomb attacks which wrecked 38 milk tankers and other vehicles at two depots in rural Cheshire.

If a link is established it could mark a violent twist in the campaign against the export of live veal calves as protesters target the dairy industry.

Milk Marque has asked for security to be stepped up at 55 depots across the country and has warned other milk suppliers.

The raids, which caused damage estimated at £2 million, happened half an hour apart in the early hours of yesterday at Adlington in the north-east of the county and 30 miles away at Wardle, between Chester and Crewe.

Twelve vehicles were attacked at Adlington and 26 at Wardle at yards owned respectively by Tankfreight Ltd and Wincanton Transport, haulage contractors for Milk Marque, which succeeded the Milk Marketing Board five months ago.

Most of the damaged vehicles were small tankers which collect milk from farms, but a few bigger vehicles, capable of carrying up to 23,000 litres, were also attacked.

At Wardle, where vehicles were parked close together in rows, cabs were reduced to steel shells and the smell of burning rubber hung in the air.

Assistant Chief Constable John Dwyer of Cheshire police said at a press conference that many incendiaries had been used.

"It would certainly have taken more than one person at each depot to have laid the number of devices concerned."

THE GUARDIAN

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Warning to livestock haulers

Livestock hauliers in Northern Ireland have been warned to be suspicious of packages received in the post, after a hoax bomb was sent to a haulier who transports live calves to the continent.

"Animal rights extremists — the Animal Liberation Front — were being blamed for sending the device to Sam Smith, who farms in the Crossgar area.

Any army bomb disposal expert dealt with the hoax device after the man became suspicious of the brown jiffy bag which had been posted in Monday in Belfast.

Subsequently the RUC, issued a 'do not touch' warning to other people in the industry.

This week's news sees the return of ALF activity to the area. Four or five years ago they were active in Newtownards and the surrounding area when they targeted poultry farmers, hunt kennels and huntsmen.

Their use of explosive devices does not break new ground either. In the past, several Belfast shops which stock animal-related goods have discovered packages left in their stores.

However, the farmer concerned — who transports calves to and from England — is not believed to have been affected by the scare. Sources have revealed his latest load of calves will set off for the mainland later this week.

NEWTOWNARDS
CHRONICLE
6/7/95

Milk depots bombed

ANIMAL rights militants were yesterday believed responsible for bombing two Milk Marque depots.

The attacks, within 30 minutes of each other,

wrecked 20 tankers at Wardle, near Crewe, Cheshire, and set alight 12 at Adlington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, causing £2 million worth of damage.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS 26/6/95

Charity shops target for animal activists

ANIMAL rights extremists have fired bullets at windows of charity shops in Richmond and Twickenham, it emerged this week.

The extremists targeted Imperial Cancer Research shops because their organisation carry out "barbaric" experiments on animals. The Animal Liberation Front claimed.

The group, who are believed to have been behind a number of bombings on organisations that perform experiments on animals also stated that the attacks will continue.

Staff at the targeted

shops said they were shocked at the attacks which happened on Tuesday and Friday of last week.

Suzie Mahdadr, whose shop window was hit by a bullet, said: "We were shocked, but we are not frightened."

She explained: "Sometimes it is necessary to do experiments on animals to find a cure for cancer.

"We are all volunteers here and we are doing something to help those suffering from cancer. We are raising money for cancer."

In an anonymous letter sent to the Richmond and

Twickenham Times the group said: "The Animal Liberation Front carried out acts of economic sabotage on Cancer Research Charity shops at Richmond, Twickenham, Barnes and Chiswick on Tuesday and Friday of last week. Locks were glued and windows broken."

The letter continued: "Similar attacks will continue while these organisations carry out needless, cruel, barbaric experiments on countless thousands of innocent animals in the name of science despite there being many alternatives available."

Norah Hughs, who works for Imperial Cancer said: "They are a wretched lot."

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Now MI5 spies on animal extremists

WALES ON SUNDAY 14/5/95

By Michael Settle

RAIDS IN WALES: It's just harassment says ALF man

UNDERCOVER detectives are closely monitoring suspected animal rights extremists in Wales.

Six suspected leaders of the Animal Liberation Front and 18 homes have already been raided by Special Branch officers in an operation which also covers England and Scotland.

The operation comes in light of MI5's recent admission that the biggest single terrorist threat to mainland UK now comes from animal rights fanatics.

Special Branch and MI5 are shifting resources to mount an on-going operation to identify suspects. ALF spokesman John

Curtin told Wales on Sunday last night that the group had contacts in Wales and he knew of a handful of raids in the last two weeks.

"It's just harassment," he said. "Now that things have improved in Northern Ireland, they are looking for new bogeymen and they have picked on the animal rights movement."

Mr Curtin denied the public were at risk from the ALF, but he said that he supported the targeting of some people and "making their lives a misery because of the horrors of animal abuse."

He expected the monitoring and

raids to continue. According to New Scotland Yard's Animal Rights National Index, last year there were 934 incidents, including 53 incendiary devices.

The estimated cost of damage is put at £10,470,000.

In the latest figures for this year - for January and February - 189 incidents have been recorded, including eight incendiaries, causing damage estimated at more than £500,000. A

Metropolitan Police spokesman told Wales on Sunday: "The index was set up in 1987 and continues to monitor criminal activities of animal rights extremists and to supply intelligence to local forces, which may form part of prosecutions."

When asked about the on-going police operation, the spokesman said: "It's a matter of secrecy."

Wales on Sunday contacted all four of Wales' police forces, none of which say they are involved.

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES

ANGRY demonstrators smashed a lorry window last night as tempers flared at a live exports protest in Brightlingsea.

The incident came after more than 250 protesters had spent more than three hours surrounding the dock gates at Oliver's Wharf. They gathered after learning that three truck loads of calves and sheep had been marooned on the dockside as exporter Roger Mills awaited the arrival of the ship, *MV Caroline*.

POLICE attempts to scale down Manning levels in the Brightlingsea animal protest were thwarted yesterday as more than 300 people demonstrated against live exports.

There were ten arrests and three women injured during the angry demonstration patrolled by 200 officers.

CAMBRIDGE EVENING NEWS 13/4/95

Animal rights officer in court

■ CAMBRIDGE: An animal rights press officer, allegedly involved in a hoax campaign to contaminate Boots' and Tesco's produce, has been committed for trial before a crown court jury.

Robin Webb, 50, of High Street, Over, appeared before Andover magistrates on four public order charges and one charge of conspiracy.

Webb, press officer for the Animal Liberation Front, is accused of claiming "contaminated" products had been planted in Tesco stores.

He was charged under the Public Order Act with causing economic loss of some £50,000 to Tesco stores by reasons of goods being shunned by the public.

Webb was remanded in custody.

Harris lays off 150 at factory

SCORES of jobs are being axed at an Ipswich food processing factory, it was announced today.

Meat company Harris is laying off up to 150 at its Ipswich factory - and a further 100 jobs are under threat at its Elmswell plant, according to union sources.

The company is making about 400 people redundant at its plants across the country.

Company officials were today not prepared to give a breakdown of the number of jobs to go at each factory - but workers and union officials were expecting many redundancies at the plant in Hadleigh Road, Ipswich.

Group managing director Peter Wright confirmed there had been discussions with workers and union officials, but would not say any more about the redundancies.

Officials from the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers were today holding talks about the extent of the job-losses.

Harris is one of the largest bacon and sausage manufacturers in the country. Its Ipswich factory has had several large-scale redundancies over the past 15 years.

In the mid-1970s the plant employed more than 1,200 people, but that number dropped to little more than 200.

EVENING STANDARD 6/6/95

SPECIAL Branch anti-terrorist detectives were today investigating a nationwide bombing campaign by animal rights extremists.

It came after four letter bombs were intercepted yesterday, including one which arrived at Parliament.

And today police warned the public to guard against further devices.

Two of yesterday's packages were sent to senior Conservative politicians and two to Scottish companies linked with the animal trade.

One was addressed to Agriculture Minister William Waldegrave.

It was discovered at a Royal Mail sorting office in Radstock, near Bristol.

A second device was delivered to former Government minister Tom King, an outspoken advocate of hunting.

Bomb disposal experts were called to Mr King's Parliamentary office in Westminster, where they made the device safe.

KENT TODAY 26/4/95

THE overwhelming majority of the British public wants fox-hunting to be banned in this country. And they believe that the Royal Family is setting a bad example by taking part in bloodsports. According to a Mail on Sunday/MORI poll, support for fox-hunting is at an all-time low, with 70 per cent of those questioned now saying that it should be made illegal.

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Protester shot

UXBRIDGE AND LONDON RECORDER 24/5/95

THE CIRCUS is coming to town — but animal rights protesters are planning a big showdown at Cowley after one of them was shot by an air rifle at a demonstration in Ruislip on Friday.

Vicky Fitch, 25, was hit in the back just below the spine after arguing with circus workers at Breakspear Rd.

She is considering private legal action after police say they did not have enough evidence to prosecute as no-one saw the actual shots being fired.

Vicky was rushed to Mount Vernon hospital but doctors said removing the pellet

by **MATTHEW TAYLOR**

would risk serious spinal damage and they opted to leave it inside her back.

She said: "A first I thought it was a kids' catapult before I realised what had happened.

"If it had been an inch higher up I could have been paralysed.

"I had only been there five minutes — I went to the main entrance to hand out leaflets then I walked further with three others and was hit."

Mother-of-two Vicky was on her first demo but despite her injury bravely went back to protest again on Sunday

Circus King are performing in Cowley High St for the next 10 days with acts involving lion cubs, leopards, camels, ponies, bears and elephants.

Animal rights groups say animals trained for circus tricks suffer great cruelty.

One said: "We're not against circuses — we just don't think animals should be involved."

Hillingdon Council say they won't allow circuses on their own grounds but are powerless to stop the circus on private property.

Police arrested a man at the circus on Sunday in connection with the shooting but he was later released because of insufficient evidence.

Restaurant attacks by veal protestors

By **MIKE HARRISON**

Lunchtime diners see activists storming in

EXTREME animal rights activists are believed to be behind two attacks yesterday on Kent restaurants serving veal.

In one case protesters burst into a restaurant as customers were having lunch and threatened the owners through a loud hailer.

In the other graffiti was daubed on a window proclaiming: "ban the live export".

Both restaurants — which police are not identifying — are in Dover and both have veal on their menus. Dover continues to be the centre of

the campaign to stop the live export of veal.

Kent police say the incidents are a cause for concern because they mark a significant change in the type of protest seen at the port in the past few weeks.

Spokesman Mark Pugash said an appeal for witnesses was being made with a possible reward for information leading to the identification of those responsible.

But there is evidence to suggest a link between the attacks and members of the Animal Liberation Front.

Mr Pugash said: "The incidents are cause for concern. In the first, which took place overnight, graffiti was daubed on a front window and signed ALF."

The person who reported this to police was particularly concerned because it was deterring customers from coming in.

"In the second incident at another Dover restaurant the caller said that animal rights protestors had used a loud hailer to shout 'take veal off your menu if you value your windows.'"

The attacks have been condemned by mainstream animal campaigners.

Clare Baumberg, the Kent representative for Compassion in World Farming, said: "This sort of thing alienates the public and is totally stupid. I would condemn this. It is not the way we do things. I am sure those responsible are not local."

Anyone who has any information should call Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111.

KENT TODAY 1/6/95

Threat of animal rights attack

ANIMAL extremists have sparked fears of a terrorist campaign after a graffiti attack in Bolton.

Signs for a new branch of the burger chain McDonald's on Trinity Street, Bolton were daubed with paint and slogans for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF).

But the fast food chain are vowing not to be affected by vandalism.

A McDonald's spokesman told Metro News: "I am concerned for the future, but I do not think anybody

should be swayed by vandalism and violence."

He added that they would never listen to the ALF as long as they continued to engage in criminal activity.

There is a strong ALF network operating in the North West. In January this year Metro News reported how a chicken factory in the town was the target of an arson attack.

The former China Gardens building is expected to open up as the town's second McDonald's store in two

months bringing a total of 50 new jobs to the area. An ALF spokesman said: "It is not the graffiti people should be worried about but the group may be planning something else."

"The graffiti is a threat and may be a warning for whatever is built there." The organisation has also been responsible for attacks on restaurants in Manchester.

A McDonald's spokesman said that they would be removing the offending boards as soon as possible.

BOLTON METRO NEWS 3/8/95

Fire destroys tackle firm

TACKLE manufacturer Clarke's has been wiped out after fire gutted its Redditch premises.

Ninety five per cent of stock — shot and accessories — were destroyed in the blaze. Clarke's is also distributor for Dave Harrell's MAP tackle range.

The fire broke out after joyriders abandoned a stolen car next to the works, torching it before making their getaway. Fire soon spread from the vehicle to the premises. Inspectors are currently assessing

the damage, but it is believed it could run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

It is the third blow to Redditch-based dealers in just a few weeks. Maver and DAM were ransacked by tackle thieves earlier this month.

Bob Bignell, Clarke's accounts manager, said: "This is going to take several months to put right."

"We are fully insured, but it will take some time until we can service everyone with our goods — hopefully people will stay loyal in the meantime."

SCIENTISTS who carry out experiments involving animals face a terrifying new threat from doorstep assassins.

They have been warned by police and intelligence experts that animal rights extremists are planning to escalate their campaign.

Explosives, car bombs letterbombs, firebombs and poisons were used last year by Animal Liberation Front fanatics in an attempt to end the experiments — but without success.

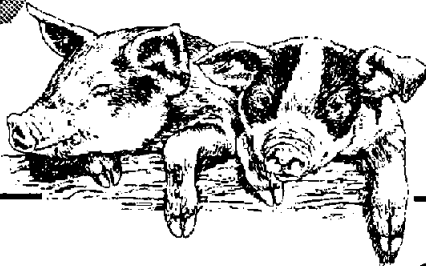
A high-level police source said last night: "We know they are getting hold of guns. They are always looking for more violent tactics."

"It may well start with a scare campaign with shots being fired at a car or at a home. But if that doesn't get the desired result, they could decide that only deaths will get what they want."

Two known activists have already been arrested and charged in London with the illegal possession of a sawn-off shotgun and ammunition.

Now scientists are lobbying the Home Secretary for new legislation to outlaw extremists as terrorists.

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 will save us a lot of typing, but we welcome your thoughts in any form - especially if they are typed or neatly hand-written!

Premarin Horror

by PETA

You don't have to love animals to wonder how a company could treat them like objects. Yet for more than 65,000 baby horses born each year, that's exactly what happens. These foals are by-products of the PMU (pregnant mares urine) industry, which uses pregnant mares urine to make the oestrogen replacement drugs Premarin and Prempak-C. Wrenched from their mothers' sides just months after their birth, they are sold to feedlots to be fattened and later slaughtered for human or dog food.

The mares are 'objects' too. Profit-making objects. Impregnated over and over again, confined in tiny dark stalls for most of their 11 month pregnancy (they can't turn around and can hardly lie down comfortably), they stand with rigid rubber bags strapped to their bodies in order to collect their urine. Even their access to water is limited, since water would dilute the concentration of the hormone in their urine.

Years of Confinement and Suffering

This gruelling cycle of pregnancy, confinement, birth and pregnancy can go on for up to 20 years; until these magnificent animals are too old, sick or weak to be 'useful' any longer. And the sole purpose of this cruel system? It all exists so that a company called Wyeth Laboratories can make big profits from its drugs Premarin and Prempak-C.

You see, Premarin is the world's most commonly prescribed oestrogen replacement drug for menopausal discomfort. Prempak-C, an oestrogen and progesterone combination

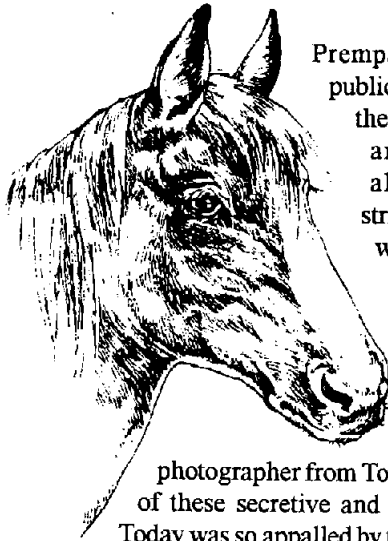
drug, is also widely prescribed in the UK. In fact according to the company, Premarin brings in worldwide sales of more than £450m annually. Premarin and Prempak-C are taken by nearly one million British women, even though there are effective alternatives. If only these women realised what they were really putting in their bodies or knew the trauma innocent animals go through.

Routine Abuse and Neglect

PETA learned first-hand what the animals endure during their undercover investigation of the PMU industry last year. They sent their investigative team to dozens of PMU farms in North Dakota and Canada, where they discovered horses kept in truly appalling and abusive conditions.

At farm after farm, they took photographs and kept detailed logbooks on the shocking mistreatment they witnessed. Horses were tethered around the clock in dark cramped stalls, unable to take more than a couple of steps in any direction. Many had 'stiff-leg', an excruciating ailment that comes from standing on a hard, cold concrete floor for months on end.

As was mentioned above, more than 65,000 of their foals are killed for food. Others suffer the same fate as their mothers; a lifetime on the production line. As for the mares, those who are 'spent' are doomed to a date at the slaughterhouse. You can help end this terrible and unnecessary cruelty by supporting PETA's massive public education campaign to end production of Premarin and



Prempak-C. PETA's urgent public battle to tell the world the truth about Premarin and Prempak-C has already made huge strides in alerting doctors, women and others to the suffering caused by this industry.

*PETA's undercover investigators escorted a reporter and photographer from Today newspaper to some of these secretive and secluded PMU farms. Today was so appalled by the conditions that they ran a week-long expose on the 'cruel cost' of Premarin and Prempak-C.

*PETA has given their documentation to the US Government and demanded that it inspect conditions on farms in North Dakota. In Canada, they are working with local activists to change conditions on PMU farms there.

*PETA has exposed the abuse at press conferences and international conferences on animals, the environment, and women's issues as well as medical meetings. They have shown the public that with effective alternatives available -

Estradiol, Estraderm Patch, Climagest and others - Premarin and Prempak-C are completely unnecessary!

*And PETA has mailed education packs to tens of thousands of physicians and others across the country, garnering support from pharmacists, nurses, doctors, midwives and nurse practitioners. They have asked obstetricians and gynaecologists for their opinions on Premarin after reading their documentation, and 61% of those who responded stated that in light of the facts, they would now be more likely to prescribe synthetic oestrogen.

There are Alternatives...

Clearly, PETA are making substantial progress. Companies which produce synthetic alternatives are stepping forward to let customers know the alternatives. Concerned women are deluging their doctors with questions, and demanding cruelty-free medications. Yet they need to continue and expand all their efforts, because time is running short. Millions of baby-boomers are nearing menopause and to meet the potential demand, Wyeth plans to triple its output, announcing in a recent annual report a £74m expansion.

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PO Box 3169, London NW1 2JF.*

The Exploitation of the Ostrich

The ostrich is a non-migratory bird that is being shipped and flown from the African Continent and Israel to the Member States of Europe, including Britain. It is being exploited to produce expensive meat and useless commercial trinkets.

Airports and ports, embassies and high commissions, and the EC have been called upon to ban exports to Britain and to and from the member states of the EC. This trade must stop. Unlike the export of sheep and calves, which is highly visible and has been well-publicised, people do not see these creatures coming into the country. Importers and farmers can get away with whatever they want.

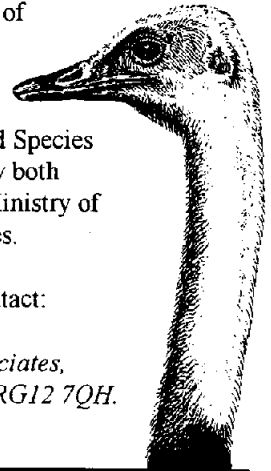
The guidelines that are laid down in Britain are irrelevant. They are not worth the paper they are printed on - with bad diet, wrong environment, lack of space and many laws broken. The normal diet is seeds, berries, plants and small animals. In this country these creatures are fed on broiler-type pellets containing slaughterhouse by-products. This is totally inadequate and unjust. Both parents care for their chicks for the first 10 months of

their lives. These impressive birds are now confined to small paddocks. The chicks are herded into sheds away from the British climate. For the first 3 months of their lives the chicks are very delicate, often dying for no apparent reason. In their natural habitat ostrich chicks are strong and hardy. The people who farm and exploit these birds want all their protection taken away. The ostrich, in its natural habitat, which is hot and dry, can live to the age of 80 years old. Naturally, they would travel in small flocks and cover large distances, often running at speeds of 43mph.

Even though these birds are on the Customs & Excise Endangered Species list their plight is being ignored by both politicians of all parties and the Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Fisheries.

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The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights

by Karen Davis

Several years ago I published an article in *Between the Species* entitled "The Otherness of Animals" (Autumn 1988). In it, I urged that in order to avoid contributing to some of the very attitudes towards other animals that we seek to change, we need to raise fundamental questions about the way that we, the defenders of animals, actually conceive of them. One question that needs to be raised concerns our tendency to deprecate ourselves, the animals, and our goals when speaking before the press and the public. Often we "apologize" for animals and our feelings for them. In *Between the Species*, I argued, "Anxious not to alienate others from our cause, half doubtful of our own minds at times in a world which views other animals so much differently than we do, we are liable to find ourselves presenting them apologetically at Court, spiffed up to seem more human, capable, ladies and gentlemen, of performing Ameslan [American sign language] in six languages. . . ."

We apologize in many different ways. More than once, I have been warned by an animal protectionist that the public will never care about chickens, and that the only way to get people to stop eating chickens is to concentrate on things like health and the environment. However, to take this defeatist view is to create a self-fulfilling prophecy. If we, the spokespersons for animals, decide in advance that no one will ever really care about them, we will convey this message to the public. Insisting that others will never care about chickens projects the feeling, "I don't think that I can ever care much about chickens."

This negative attitude about chickens epitomizes the apologetic mode of discourse in animal rights. It is the "I know I sound crazy, but . . ." approach to the public. If we find ourselves "apologizing" for other animals, we need to ask ourselves why we do this. Is it an expression of self-doubt? A deliberate strategy? Either way, I believe that the rhetoric of apology harms our movement tremendously. Following are some examples of what I mean:

1. Reassuring the public:

"Don't worry. Vegetarianism isn't going to come overnight." We should ask ourselves the question: if I were fighting to end human slavery, child abuse, or some other human-created oppression, would I seek to placate the public or the offender by reassuring them that the offence will still go on for a long time and that we are only trying to phase it out gradually? Why, instead of defending vegetarianism are we not affirming it?

2. Patronizing animals:

"Of course they're only animals. Of course they can't reason

the way we do. Of course they can't appreciate a symphony or paint a great work of art, but . . ." In fact, few people live their lives according to "reason," or appreciate symphonies, or paint works of art. As human beings we do not know what it feels like to have wings or to take flight from within our own bodies or to live naturally within the sea. Our species represents a smidgeon of the world's experience, yet we patronize everything outside our domain.

3. Comparing competent, adult non-human animals with human infants and people who are mentally defective:

This is an extension of number 2. Do we honestly believe that all of the other creatures on earth have a mental life and range of experiences that are comparable to diminished human capacity and the sensations of newborn babies? Except within the legal system, where all forms of life that are helpless against human assault should be classified together and defended on similar grounds, this analogy is both arrogant and logically absurd.

4. Starting a sentence with, "I know these animals aren't as cute as other animals, but...":

Do you say to your child, "I know Bill isn't as cute as Tom, but you still have to play with him"? Why put a foregone conclusion in people's minds? Why even suggest that physical appearance and conventionalized notions of attractiveness are relevant to anything that matters in a relationship?

5. Letting ourselves be intimidated by "science says," "producers know best" and charges of "anthropomorphism.":

We are related to other animals through evolution. Our empathic judgments reflect this fact. It does not take special credentials to know that, for example, a hen confined in a wire cage is suffering, or to imagine what her feelings must be compared with those of a hen ranging outside in the grass. We are told that humans are capable of knowing just about anything we want to know—except what it feels like to be one of our victims. Intellectual confidence is needed here, not submission to the epistemological deficiencies, cynicism, and intimidation tactics of profiteers.

6. Letting the other side identify and define who we are:

I once heard a demonstrator tell a member of the press at a protest at a chicken slaughterhouse, "I'm sure Frank Perdue thinks we're all a bunch of kooks for caring about chickens, but . . ." Ask yourself: does it matter what the Frank Perdues of this world "think" about anything? Can you imagine

Frank Perdue standing in front of a camera, saying, 'I know the animal rights advocates think I'm a kook, but . . .'?"

7. Needing to "prove" that we care about people, too:

The next time someone challenges you about not caring about people, ask them what they're working on. Whatever they say, say, "But why aren't you working on _____? Don't you care about _____?" We care deeply about many things; however, we cannot devote our primary time and energy to all of them. We must focus our attention and direct our resources. Moreover, to seek to enlarge the human capacity for justice and compassion is to care about and to work for people.

8. Needing to "pad" and bolster our concerns about animals and animal abuse:

This is an extension of number 7. In keeping with the need to recognize the links of oppression and the indivisibility of social justice concerns, it is imperative to recognize that the abuse of animals is a human problem that is as serious as any other abuse. Unfortunately, the victims of homosapiens are legion. As individuals and groups, we cannot give equal time to every category of injustice. We must go where our heartstrings pull us the most, and do the best that we can with the confidence that is needed to change the world.

The rhetoric of apology in animal rights is an extension of the "unconscious contributions to one's undoing" described by the child psychologist, Bruno Bettelheim. * He pointed out that human victims will often "collaborate" unconsciously with an oppressor in the vain hope of winning the oppressor's favour.

In fighting for animals and animal rights against the collective human oppressor, we assume the role of vicarious victims. To apologize in this role is to betray "ourselves" profoundly. We need to understand why and how this can happen. As Bettelheim explained out, "But at the same time, understanding the possibility of such unconscious contributions to one's undoing also opens the way for doing something about the experience—namely, preparing oneself better to fight in the external world against conditions which might induce one unconsciously to facilitate the work of the destroyer."

We must prepare ourselves this way. If we feel that we must apologize, let us apologize to the animals, not for them.

*Bruno Bettelheim, "Unconscious Contributions to One's Undoing," *Surviving and Other Essays*, Vintage Books, 1980.

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North American ALF Support Group Burglarized

On Friday October 22nd, the North American Animal Liberation Front Support Group's editor's home was burglarized. It is unclear at this point whether the motive for the break-in was profit or politics. The ALFSG has sustained severe financial losses; a Macintosh computer, fax modem, computer disks, and petty cash were taken. In addition, the thieves took personal items of no commercial value—a personal address book, underwear, a datebook, a diary, a telephone and personal computer disks.

The thieves' choice of items is certainly bizarre. The editor's house-mates' stereo, VCR, TV and some jewellery was left behind (although some expensive items were taken). The house next door was also burglarized, and again the choice of items was strange. It is clear that this was a professional job. The neighbour's house is protected by a dog and was recently overhauled by a locksmith—neither prevented the thieves from gaining entry. The thieves had less than 90 minutes to completely ransack both houses. No prints were left in the editor's house. Phone lines were cut and ripped out of walls.

Whatever motivation of the thieves, they failed to destroy the Support Group. The backups of all computer files were not taken, as they were in a different location than the other disks. All information on the computers was password protected, so ALFSG is confident that the files will remain secure. All supporters should note that the most recent version of the mailing list was not backed up, so if you do not receive an answer to your letter or subscription, please write again.

This burglary is a potent reminder of the need to take the time to safeguard the work done; all the work on the most recent issue of the ALFSG magazine was taken. It has also put the Support Group in a desperate situation financially. Before the burglary, SG were \$1500 in debt; now that runs several thousand dollars higher.

ALFSG is asking that people give what they can to help them continue their work supporting jailed North American animal liberation prisoners. They do all they legally can to support the work of the ALF. With some hard work and creative juggling of their remaining resources, they are determined to publish the magazine this month.

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Campaign for Cows

Campaign for Cows is a lively new group which concentrates on exposing the cruelty and suffering inflicted on cattle by the dairy industry. The main issue that we push in our literature is the fact that the industry relies upon the separation of calves from their mothers and that these calves will be sold at market and end up being exported, slaughtered as infants, reared as bulls in solitary confinement, reared for beef or reared as dairy herd replacements, suffering the same cycle of continual pregnancies as their mothers.

We also raise awareness about the environmental and human rights arguments against animal farming in general.

We produce a range of literature, from leaflets to recipe books and have just produced a newsletter. We depend totally on donations to fund our work.

Send an A5 sized SAE for an information pack, or send a donation of at least £3 (or whatever you feel you can afford) and we will put you on our mailing list and send you regular information and news updates.

Cheques/postal orders made payable to 'Cavy Print', or send second class stamps.

**Campaign for Cows,
PO Box 339, Wolverhampton WV10 7BZ**

In Sadness and in Anger

*I hate the human race.
It shouldn't show its face on this Earth, once
pristine and fine.
It's an evolutionary mistake,
For it's kill, kill, kill and take, take, take.
Could it be that Mother Nature's lost her mind?
What a crazy world this is,
Where the just are punished for their good,
While evil men are safe and free as air.
Will the time ever come when the tables are turned
and we look upon this Earth as being fair?
With our greed, our dominance and our birth,
birth, birth,
Polluting every corner of our sphere.
We'd do a favour for other creatures
If our species left the Earth.
There'd be less, less, less
Of their torment, their destruction and their fear.*

Eileen Clarke



*The Vegan
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"'Vegan Nutrition' is a comprehensive, in-depth survey of a much maligned diet which is as easily assimilated as a tofu steak." - Colin Spencer, food writer and broadcaster.

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Vegan Nutrition examines the latest research findings into completely animal-free diets and debunks the myths surrounding vegan eating.

DID YOU KNOW...

- * The majority of the estimated 170,000 vegans in Britain are women?
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- * Vegan diets have been used successfully to treat high blood pressure, angina, diabetic neuropathy, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma and kidney disease?
- * The calcium from kale is absorbed as well as, or even better than, the calcium from cow's milk?
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The general health of vegans, vegan diets as therapy, vegan mothers and children, milk and health, protein and energy, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals - 'Vegan Nutrition' covers them all.

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Vegan Nutrition may be obtained directly from the Vegan Society for £9.90 (p&p inc.).

**The Vegan Society,
Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA (01424 427393).**

Pisces ~ The Campaign Against Angling



'A man has been accused of repeatedly causing animals to start suffocating, after impaling their flesh with a metal object, purely for his amusement'.

This does sound barbaric and well it should. Unfortunately, as the suffocation and impalement on hooks is being inflicted on fish, many people appear indifferent to the suffering caused. Is it because fish are not cuddly and cannot scream in pain; is it because they live in an alien environment, so seem alien themselves; or is it because people continue to believe the old myth, that fish don't feel pain and stress?

Pisces, formerly the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling, was formed back in 1981, the year after the RSPCA's sponsored Medway Report was published. This report concluded that all the evidence shows that fish do feel pain, and this conclusion has been the RSPCA policy ever since.

The aims of Pisces are to raise public awareness of the cruelty involved in angling: the pain, stress and fear inflicted on the fish, together with the death and injury caused to thousands of wild animals every year, who fall foul of anglers' lost and discarded fishing tackle. Additionally we show the true environmental costs associated with a pastime, which far from protecting our fish stocks and aquatic habitats, causes degradation to habitat and damage to rare fish species and even whole fish populations. We are repeatedly reminded that angling is supposedly Britain's most popular participation pastime (though I think sex would come rather higher on the list). Just because angling is popular does not make it morally acceptable in a supposedly civilised society, but it does make the job of abolishing this bloodsport a long struggle.

There is a body of opinion that wants to concentrate on banning hunting before tackling angling, believing that the angling issue detracts from the anti-hunting debate. While it is true that the British Field Sports Society are doing their best to frighten anglers into supporting pro-hunting campaigns, the majority of anglers confess to as much disgust of hunting as the majority of the population. They have no wish to be linked to the hunting fraternity and realise that they should do their best to disassociate angling with other bloodsports.

Pisces works to spread the facts about angling, primarily through the literature it produces. We particularly concentrate on schools and receive regular requests for project information from all over the country. As most anglers start young, being introduced by family or friends, we need to get the true facts to these young people before they become indoctrinated with the 'fish don't feel anything' myth. The active sabotage of angling using nonviolent methods has increased in recent years, although it is still at a much lower level than hunt-sabbing. One of the reasons

for this, is that the tactics are still very much in their infancy.

Although Pisces is the only group solely campaigning against angling, groups both here and all around the world are getting involved in the issue. We regularly receive requests for our video, which has been translated into a number of European languages and has gone as far afield as Peru and Australia. We have also been encouraged by the increasing number of local groups in this country getting involved in campaigns against angling.

Media coverage is another area where Pisces has been very successful. With 3.3 million anglers in Britain (according to the National Angling Survey '94), a debate on angling appears very controversial to editors and programme makers. Coverage concentrates around our annual National Anti-Angling Week, which this year was phenomenal, even by our standards. Over the years the tone of coverage has moved from frequently ridiculing extremists who care about fish, to a serious discussion of the issues, including the scientific evidence showing that fish do suffer.

Although the number of people who agree that angling is cruel is growing in leaps and bounds, we still have little support in local and central government (although many councils have banned angling on their waters due to wildlife tackle victims). In 1995 the Labour Party has come out in favour of anglers, (presumably thinking there are more votes to be had in supporting this bloodsport, than in staying neutral on the issue), published their 'Charter for Anglers'. Labour appears to be pressuring local authorities to overturn angling bans, for example at Lambeth in South London, (see below for action you can take).

Despite all the good news about the increasing tide of opinion against angling, Pisces still has a hard job ahead of it. Most people who are against angling are also against other forms of animal cruelty and usually it is the larger, richer organisations who get their support in terms of money and membership. Pisces is run by a small group of volunteers and is always struggling to find the next penny for campaigning. So here's how you can help our fishy friends:

- 1) *Send for a free info/action pack on angling (large SAE please).*
- 2) *Join Pisces - £6 per annum; £4 unwaged/youth; £50 life subscription.*
- 3) *Send us a donation to help our vital campaigns.*
- 4) *Write urgently to your Labour MP (if you have one) and to local Labour councillors expressing your total condemnation of angling.*

PISCES

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Straight from the Shoulder

Exactly what kind of people are we? In the main, are we kindly, compassionate people, hypocrites, lacking in imagination or just perniciously apathetic? Many things we enjoy in this tight little island of ours but lack of imagination stops the majority of people from realising just how much they should be thankful for. When should we start to put our own houses in order?

Let us take the manner in which we treat the animals in this country. 'Painless' killing of home-reared animals was secured only a few years ago, but the majority of people have rested on their oars ever since. Great numbers of British sheep and cattle are being exported to other countries where they will not be 'painlessly' killed; creatures we have been responsible for, even for their births, and now this shameful betrayal. Then there is this heinous paradox of importing carcasses of sheep and cattle from countries where they have not been 'humanely' slaughtered for us to eat. In this country ritual slaughter takes place as does vivisection. Experiments so utterly callous. So apathetic

have people become that only about 5% will endeavour to seek alternatives to the horrors mentioned above. There is a whole welter of suffering in many other directions. The vast majority of people are indifferent to terror and pain for just as long as it is not affecting their own precious skins. It will be remembered by a few how a campaign was waged for years against the fiendish steel-toothed gin-trap. Finally this devil's own instrument of torture was outlawed. But now, years after, steel-toothed gin-traps are manufactured in this country and exported abroad where millions of creatures are trapped and often lie for days in agony. That is the true cost of a fur coat. Right, let us shrug our shoulders and turn the other way, but a day will surely come when we have all to give an account of our stewardship, our duty to the animals is great. They need, and have a right to our protection.

This article has been edited and was supplied by Edward Edwards A.D.

The Way Forward for DBAE

We need all hands to the wheel. If everyone gave just a little bit extra time and effort, we could hasten the day to achieving our goal. Are you doing enough? Ask yourself, could you do more? There are many ways: distributing our leaflets, writing to the press, keeping us informed, organising public meetings, or speakers to clubs, schools, universities, etc. (which we can provide), recruiting members to DBAE (medical, associates or friends); organising fund raising events; coffee mornings, car boot sales, baby-sitting, gardening - or write us a cheque. Remember DBAE in your will (write to us for details).

No organisation can exist or expand successfully without finance. DBAE is not a rich society and depends largely on the support of its supporters who raise money in a variety of ways to ensure that DBAE can not only survive, but can move forward and spread out. To our network of activists nationwide, who contribute in so many ways, our warm thanks, and to all who continue to support us even if you are unable to give as much. You are DBAE's lifeblood! We do not operate from plush offices and our staff are volunteers. In its short life DBAE has hosted three international scientific congresses, and has achieved worldwide recognition and produced a number of important publications. We have constant interviews with the media, including TV and radio; we write letters to the newspapers (some do get published!); we respond to a stream of inquiries from a variety of sources seeking information. All this costs

money - rent, telephone, equipment, postage, stationary, etc.. We are also in touch with important organisations across the world.

DBAE has recently published a new leaflet, 'HUMAN VICTIMS OF ANIMAL-BASED MEDICAL RESEARCH'. One way of following Dr. Fadali's advice is to order copies of this leaflet and distribute it as widely as possible (cost £2.00 per 100 inc. p&p).

Here are some suggestions to reach people:

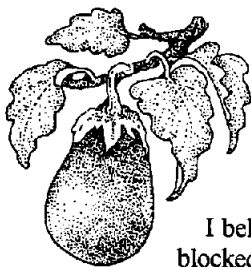
- 1) Distribute in public places, in your local Broadway, outside railway and bus stations, outside public meetings, conferences, exhibitions, etc.
- 2) Pass to members of your family, neighbours, work colleagues, friends
- 3) Place in libraries, health shops and hospitals
- 4) Distribute in universities, schools, etc.
- 5) Include in the envelope when you are writing business or other letters and with payments for bills
- 6) Let us have YOUR further ideas for us to pass on next time.

For further information please contact:

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VEGANS INTERNATIONAL

— Vegans helping Vegans to change the World. —



Vegans International is a network of vegan activists in 50 countries on six continents. We support each other in the creation of vegan activists and activist trainers. Our aim is to create a vegan planet in our lifetimes.

I believe there are no lazy activists, only blocked activists. Starting a vegan campaign in a hostile country like France can seem impossible, but through V.I. dreams are turned into deeds with the help of others who have already walked the same path. We can all learn from each other. For example Britain leads the world in animal rights campaigning, Germany in green campaigning, and USA in vegan medical knowledge. We support new groups in Eastern Europe and Africa, and these new groups are an inspiration to activists in countries which as yet have no vegan movement. We are not concerned with promoting any organization or "leader", but veganism itself, and work with anyone who share our aims.

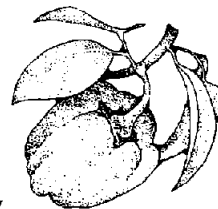
The quarterly V.I. Newsletter reports successful campaigns in plain English with no slang or difficult words. News reports are concise, hard-hitting, inspiring, uplifting and empowering. Contact addresses are given so that you can get campaign materials directly from their creators, without having to go through a central office which would eventually become a bottleneck. There are no articles about why you should be a vegan, just how to promote veganism. And if you need help, you can ask for it in the section Vegans for Vegans.

Examples of successes reported recently in the V.I. Newsletter include a weekly vegetarian programme on Russian TV, a Polish vegetarian magazine that after two years is in every kiosk and has 50,000 readers, how to get vegan food into your canteen, vegan guides to capital cities, and a town in Sweden that is 25% vegetarian. Features includes how to use the media, vegan videos, and profiles of the most successful vegan campaigning groups such as the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine.

Inventing and sharing new ways to create vegans is the way ahead. Although it has been said that we learn best from our mistakes, it is much cheaper and quicker to learn from other people's. Together we have all the skills and knowledge to create a vegan world. V.I. unites independent individuals and groups into one fast growing movement.



V.I. members send reports of their activities to the Newsletter Editor. My job is to turn these into clear, concise English (if necessary) and send a quarterly newsletter to the International Coordinator, who sends copies to each of the Country Coordinators. They in turn send them to subscribers in their country. Typeset articles that fit onto one page are especially welcome.



V.I. strategy is decided at two-yearly Vegans International festivals in meetings of those who actually did the work since the last festival, the Country Coordinators. We deliberately keep V.I. poor financially, but rich in ideas, aiming to help "doers" but avoid wasting time with "talkers" and freeloaders trying to hustle free flights to festivals. V.I. gives no subsidies, only information, though we are happy to publish appeals for financial support. All our energy goes on helping as many people as possible to get active, save animals and create a vegan world in our lifetimes. If you share our ideas, please join us.

To join Vegans International costs US\$10 or equivalent in your currency. You will receive the newsletter four times a year, details of international festivals, and addresses of vegan societies and V.I. contacts around the world.

In the UK, send a cheque for £7 payable to Vegans International to *Brian Gunn-King, V.I. Treasurer, 120 Knockan Road, Nr. Broughshane, Ballymena, N. Ireland BT43 7LE.*

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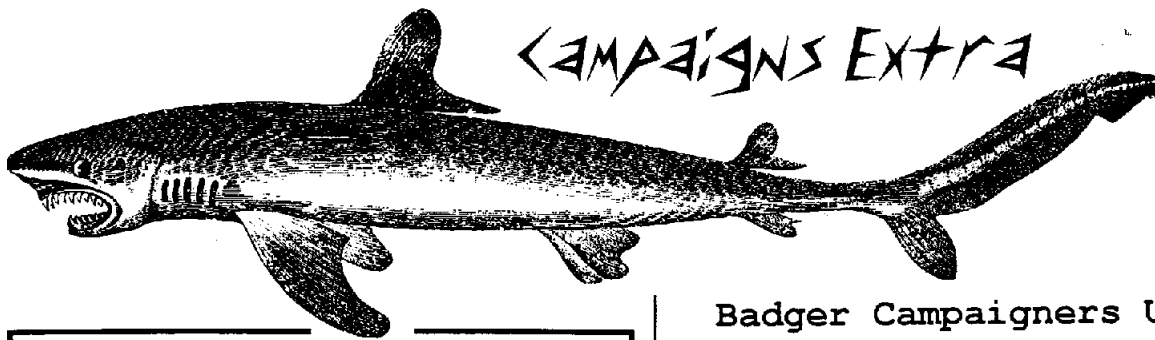
Send articles and news in English (preferably), French, Italian or Russian to *Alex Bourke, V.I. Editor, 11 Guinea St., Bristol BS1 6SX, UK.*

In 1988 a team of crack vegan campaigners founded an organization to change the world. If you've got a problem, if no one else can help, maybe you could call...

The V-TEAM

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**National Demonstration
against the Slaughter of Sharks,
Dolphins, Whales and ALL other
Marine Life.**

**Saturday 9th December 1995. China Town, London.
Meeting in Leicester Square (by the fountain) at
2.30pm. Nearest station is Leicester Square, London
Underground.**

Following the 'trial run' protest in May against the slaughter of sharks for shark fin soup (at which between 80-100 people attended and from where some important lessons were learnt about organising future events), the Shark Protection League will be holding a much larger protest against the destruction of the marine environment, and the slaughter of millions of sharks and hundreds of thousands of dolphins, whales, and other marine life by Japanese and Chinese tuna fishing vessels using drift nets, some up to 6 miles long. The SPL feel it is important we all confront those responsible for such slaughter, not just abroad, but also people in this country, who buy the produce of those who are wiping out the world's marine life in such a cruel and barbaric way.

The demonstration will enter China Town just as the restaurants prepare for their busiest time of the day. The customers arrive in the late afternoon and early evening. The protest will continue until 8pm. Posters, leaflets and stickers will be provided for use in the campaign against the shark fin trade, but feel free to bring your own leaflets, posters, megaphones or anything else you can think of. Please attend this important event. It is time the slaughter of ALL marine life is stopped. Together we can at last start to put an end to the wholesale destruction of the marine environment and to protect the animals whose home it is. The SPL would like to make it very clear that their protests in China Town are in no way meant to condemn all Japanese and Chinese people. Only those who carry out and profit from the slaughter of marine life.

For more information please contact the
**Shark Protection League, BM L.A.P.L.,
London WC1N 3XX. (0589 173033).**

**Badger Campaigners Unite
to Fight
Ministry Slaughter**

A new Coalition for Badgers, comprising an alliance of badger and wildlife groups, independent experts and scientists has been established to fight the official badger killing by the Ministry of Agriculture. Further groups and badger workers have been invited to join.

The Coalition is pledged to campaign for an end to all Ministry badger slaughter. It recognises that nearly a quarter of a century of badger killing has not reduced Bovine Tuberculosis in the national cattle herd. It says that the Ministry (MAFF) has even failed to offer any evidence that badgers can infect cattle with TB under field conditions. Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money has been wasted killing badgers when the real cause of TB is almost certainly cows slipping through the inefficient net of the current cattle test. It says that the MAFF has deceived the farming community by suggesting this simplistic and pointless butchery. It calls for better TB compensation for farmers whose cattle are afflicted by Bovine TB. The Coalition demands that all animal and conservation bodies withdraw from MAFF's Consultative Panel on Badgers and TB, which is merely a rubber stamp, funded and serviced by MAFF, and used to justify the unjustifiable, namely the killing of thousands of healthy badgers.

The Coalition calls for all of the unworkable attempts to vaccinate badgers to be dropped in favour of the better cattle tests currently being trialed in Ulster. The Coalition calls on all political parties to pledge an immediate end to badger slaughter and promises a long and hot campaign against Ministry killing until a more open-minded approach to dealing with Bovine TB is achieved.

For further information please contact:
**South Devon Animal Rights(01626) 52592
South West Badger Patrol Group. (01225) 314040.**



JUSTICE FOR KEITH MANN

On the 19th December 1994, Keith was sentenced at the Old Bailey to 14 years' imprisonment. His so-called crimes were: "Possession of explosive substances under suspicious circumstances" (This was common garden weed killer, white spirit and electrical wire.) "Incitement" (This was for allegedly writing animal rights literature.) "Economic damage to meat vehicles" (Amounting to £6,000 damage.) "Escaping from custody" (After being on remand for 20 months without trial.)

Keith pleaded guilty to his so-called crimes so he wouldn't face a biased court case. Unwritten rules allow you 1/3 off your sentence for saving the Court's time and money, yet still he was given the outrageous sentence of 14 years. Crimes that equal this are: armed robbery, the import of class A drugs, double rape, manslaughter, kidnapping with violence, and murder. Keith is appealing against this outrageous sentence and the first stage of appeal has been accepted. It is of paramount importance that you should write to your local MP, local and national newspapers, and anyone (in)famous who will support the campaign to reduce the sentence and free Keith Mann.

What has happened to Keith will not be 'out of the ordinary' unless we put a stop to it now. From a non-personal level Keith is just an ordinary person campaigning for the rights of the voiceless, whatever species that may be. This sentence could be dished out to anyone of us who dares to open our mouths and speak out against the abusers.

How many of us have spoken at demonstrations, public meetings, information stalls? How many have written articles for magazines and newspapers? It is as simple as that. 'Incitement'. There are dozens of people who could fall victim to the system because they had the nerve to speak out. This is not to scare anyone, but just to point out the reality of the situation and how important it is not only for Keith and the animals but for us as well, that we campaign for his reduction of sentence and eventual release.

Since Keith's arrest in April 1994, now over 18 months ago, Keith has been an 'A Cat' prisoner. Basically Keith cannot breathe without being noticed. Visitors have to go through strict security proceedings before being cleared to visit, hence only close family have been allowed this 'privilege'. Unless he stays in a prison that can cater for 'Cat As' he cannot participate in education or gym because of lack of staff. He cannot move around the prison unless escorted by at least two officers. All phone calls are taped, all correspondence is read and copied and kept on file.

Unless something drastic happens with Keith's appeal he could well stay a 'Cat A' for the majority of his sentence. Keith's scandalous sentence has been borne out of Michael Howard's new Criminal Justice Act, which appears to have given the likes of Judge Stephen Mitchell *carte blanche* to carry out an unjust sentence upon a compassionate individual like Keith Mann, whose only crime it seems is one of 'Compassion'. This realisation augurs ill for all of us who seek to fight injustice.

Make this campaign come to fruition by enlisting the help of public figures; celebrities; your local MP at **The House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA**; your MEP at the **European Parliament, 2 Queen Ann's Gate, London SW11 9AA**; clergy; media services; or indeed anyone who can help stop this discrimination against compassionate individuals.

For further information write to:

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c/o ICA, PO Box 1135, Downs View Road, Hassocks,
West Sussex BN6 8AA.

Groups Update

Staffordshire University Animal Rights Group
(& Stoke-on-Trent Animal Rights)
c/o Staffordshire University Students'
Union Offices, Animal Rights pigeon hole,
College Rd., Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

They are a local group who actively campaign for animal rights, supporting other local and national groups. They hold regular meetings at the University and are also the local hunt sab group. They are trying to get a van as they don't have regular transport so if anybody has any ideas on that please contact them. Also, if anyone has access to a video camera to loan please contact the above address.

Green Anarchist Magazine
BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX

An invaluable magazine which contains news, views and an ALF hit list amongst other things of interest. Write for further details.

Animal Rights is not Single Issue Politics

This article was to have appeared in Arkangel 6. Police action led to the confiscation of that issue so we were unable to publish it. However, it has since reappeared so we print it now!

Some children, probably most given half a chance, are on a far higher intellectual plane than they are given credit for; and succumb to the lack of stimulation at school, and the pressures of sexual stereotyping, so lose their special qualities and gentle ways. This is especially true of boys, where sexism is already in operation, by the contempt shown for those qualities more usually attributed to girls. Yet it is a joy to be in the company of a child with an aura about them that is strong enough to be almost tangible. It should be nurtured, not quashed. But of course, in the relentless fight to control, the greatest enemy of the Establishment is individuality. This goes for any society, but particularly pertains to the doctrine established here over the past decade. I truly fear for the future.

The summer months in this country have seen a phenomenal number of upper-respiratory infections and hospital admissions due to asthma. I don't think you can afford to dismiss this as simply due to the weather having been dry and hot, it is far more serious than that; atmospheric pollution is undoubtedly to blame. We have to now take charge of our own destiny, because for as long as we live in a society which permits the nuclear industry to make leukaemia the biggest killer of children under five, a few thousand consumptives are going to pale into insignificance by comparison.

By joining an Animal Rights group and becoming active in any sphere, be it direct action, petitioning, leafleting, etc. we can effect changes to the far reaches of society. All evil is intertwined, and until we recognise this, there will never be the changes we wish to see with regard to the animal kingdom. This is why the media are so ready to discredit the movement, and direct action in particular, because the heightened awareness of the public to the suffering of animals has a domino effect. It draws our attention to the other evils that the perpetrators of these crimes also participate in. For as long as the vast majority of people have no real sense of priority above the superficial THEY (vivisectors *et al.*) are safe. But those barriers are being broken down, too slowly as far as any animal rights supporter is concerned, but significantly enough for some companies to be rethinking their policies. It is not that the majority of people are deliberately bad, in the style of our more prominent world leaders (!), but having the type of people in high office that we have, running the world, is it any wonder that their example in lack of moral values reflects on down throughout the population, while our every institution is infected by them? Those who set themselves up as anti-Establishment (e.g. The Animal Rights

Movement) are only a threat to the individuals, whose sole interest is in the personal profit afforded by their own legislation; they are not a threat to the community as a whole, as the media would try and have us believe, and sadly are unwittingly supported in the task by the less radical Animal Rights organisations. 'Divide and conquer' has been a ploy that has worked in keeping people (and animals) oppressed throughout history and it is working today within the Animal Rights Movement. There cannot be a single individual supporter who does not respect the dedicated work done over the years by Animal Aid, BUAV, RSPCA, etc. but, sadly, there has never been any real change to the law which has truly had the interests of animals at its heart. All that has happened are the offers of minor concessions, which ensure the continuation of the profitability of evil. The Animal Liberation Front has come along, hungry and impatient for change, and has effected some of that change by economic sabotage and nonviolent direct action. No different than 'Greenpeace' but without the same media support or deserved respectability. By all means let the mainstream animal rights societies condemn individual actions, if as individuals they disapprove, but let it be coupled with the offer of constructive criticism and praise for a common cause, not just allow themselves to be tricked and coerced by the media into indirectly supporting the very institutions we all wish to see join slavery, child labour, etc. in the annals of our shameful history.

Outside of the immediacy of specific targets for direct action, if everybody worked to the best of their ability in every aspect of their lives, conscious of the good of all as being the aim, the Establishment would have to tow the line. Ultimately our spending power and the choices we make as consumers are the things Governments listen to. It simply isn't good enough to be vegan or vegetarian (though it is a very good starting point) when we are buying products from a company with a record of say, international arms dealing. We don't need official sanctions; we need to find a sense of priority and compassion because then we would automatically refuse to buy the cash crops that hold the Third World to the ransom of international debt and starvation. If we all refused to buy Nestle products, it would be abundantly clear that we disapprove of their powdered milk being responsible for killing thousands of babies in the Third World. If we didn't eat fish there would be no seals or dolphins shot at or caught in the drift nets which are by no means restricted to the tuna industry. If we didn't eat meat, aside from the millions and millions of creatures subjected to the inherent barbarism that so dehumanises us, there wouldn't be the pollution of our land and

waterways, and there would probably be enough tropical rainforest left so as not to have disrupted the climate.

One can go on *ad infinitum*, without even having to refer to the overtly despicable, such as the arms trade; but the point is we do nothing because the Establishment has brainwashed us into thinking there is nothing we can do. It has all become too big, too global for us to comprehend, and that is yet another governmental safety net. But it is precisely because it is global that we must try to do something, because if we don't, the Animal Rights Movement, in all its formats, may just as well pack up and stop trying. That would be a tragedy, because our level of consciousness and selfless lifestyle puts us into a position of responsibility because of high media profile, that draws public attention to the fact that Animal Rights should never be accused of being single issue politics. We should be as involved in starting and participating in selective consumerism because an effective boycott will always be more powerful than a ballot box. By voting, you are ironically showing approval for all these global crimes; but in refusing to deal with shameful companies or regimes, you are knocking the balls out of their economic structure. Eventually they have no option than to go with public opinion.

The average (non AR) member of society, if asked, would be in unison in condemning the type of injustices referred to here, yet will do absolutely nothing about it. We must convince them that we really are powerful and that those with the vested interests work very hard, and largely succeed, in convincing us otherwise. A classic example was the call for sanctions against South Africa. According to Margaret Thatcher they don't work, and "anyway it's the blacks that would suffer" being typical of the feeble excuses. Yet the moment conflict occurred in the Middle East, with characteristic xenophobia, ruthless sanctions ensued. It may be a simplistic analogy, but in all truth what is the difference between the economic strangulation of Iraq or South Africa, or Nestle or L'Oreal?

So, I reiterate, if we all did as much as we possibly could in our day-to-day lives, the effect could be phenomenal. This is why we must nurture the children, particularly those who have that obvious extra spirituality about them, and they in turn can then go on to nurture others. We should not continue to poison them by destroying all potential, so their main qualification will be in perpetuating the contamination of this planet. We can gather the momentum to effect the changes all decent people would like to see come about. Let us ask ourselves why else the standards in education have been all but destroyed by this Government's policies? Could it be in part because, if people cannot read and write they are automatically at a disadvantage and lacking in social development and communication skills, and without these skills they are less equipped to question or to mobilise against their oppressors?

So, it is not that most people are wicked on purpose, it is just that by doing nothing they condone the wickedness of others, and evil is perpetuated by, and results from, their own thoughtlessness and ignorance. Somehow, we who care must break down these walls, because ultimately their apathy is inexcusable, as information is readily available which enables us to make informed choices, especially as almost without exception there are alternative choices we can opt for. Not seeking confirmation that detriment will come from our actions, is as much a sin as deliberately ignoring badness when it is more blatantly obvious. The situation we find ourselves in has gone on for so long, and is all too acutely illustrated by the treatment meted out to animals, that when one delves into one's own actions, the realisation that the level of corruption and evil has such a knock-on effect as to permeate absolutely every aspect of one's life, comes as quite a shock. Until this revelation, our stagnant and brainwashed minds are secure in complacency, brought about by our perception of change as being an overt threat at worst, and at best, not worth the effort. So many times I've heard "What can YOU do?", "It's a drop in the ocean," or most recently, "Do you think Heinz are bothered because YOU no longer buy their products?" Well, I say I can do something, because if enough 'individuals' make the effort to vote with their pockets, it will work (and as a direct result of organised boycotts Heinz have seemingly now dispensed with their involvement in driftnet tuna fishing).

So we make choices, but all too often we choose to do wrong, and then proceed to justify our wrong-doings. There is no doubt it is difficult to implement, and no-one can have a one-hundred percent clear conscience, but to do one's utmost is giving one-hundred percent of what you can. In the drive towards such behaviour *en masse*, surely individual shortcomings can be absorbed by the greater good? For this reason, as long as we have a modicum of our all but eroded freedom of speech, I for one will shout, because it means that the multinationals and corruptions of government have not quite got control of everything yet. Until the smack of '1984' and 'Thought-Police' in our midst succeed in disassociating us all from our quest for truth and peace, I anticipate us having the momentum to swim against the tide of apathy. The bottom line is, if we do not regain our affinity with the ecology of this planet and hence achieve true and lasting liberation for all animals, there quite simply is no hope. In the meantime we must console ourselves with the fact that the greatest social changes throughout history have been brought about by the campaigns of minorities. The difference here is that we are on a very short span of borrowed time, and if the fundamental truth of this continues to evade us, we will forgo our last chance to make amends, and will all be guilty of an unprecedented act of genocide. Let us fight to destroy society as we know it, before we destroy society in its entirety. In saving animals, we also save ourselves. We have the choice...



Bears Rescued

On August 19th 1995 the first six Turkish ex-dancing bears, rescued from a life of cruelty on the streets of Istanbul, were released into a forest sanctuary at Karacebey, near Bursa in Turkey.

The semi-wild sanctuary, funded and built by the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) Libearty campaign for bears, is situated in a beautiful forest and mountain area of protected National Park. The sanctuary, enclosed by an electric fence, contains areas of dense trees and bushes as well as open grassy areas and ponds where the bears played and splashed in the sun.

It was officially handed over at the opening ceremony to be run by the Turkish Ministry of Forestry, Wildlife and National Parks. The release is the final phase of a long term project by WSPA and the Turkish government to end the cruel spectacle of dancing bears. Taken from the wild as cubs, their mothers often shot, the young bears have their muzzles pierced for rings and chains which are used to control them by pain. They are dragged around the streets and beaches by their gypsy owners to pose for tourist photos.

The Turkish Ministry of Tourism approached WSPA for help after hearing of the Libearty campaign. In October 1993, in an overnight operation involving Turkish police

and government officials, WSPA staff, vets and animal specialists, 14 dancing bears were rescued from a park in central Istanbul where they were left chained every night - often without food or drink - by their gypsy owners. A further six or so bears, some still cubs, have been rescued since, including a two-year-old named Anzac rescued from Kusadasi on the Aegean coast last week. He has a broken jaw and is very thin. Anzac will be examined and treated at the Wildlife Rescue Centre at Uludag University in Bursa, also built and funded by the Libearty campaign, where all the rescued bears have spent the months since their rescue.

After the veterinary treatment and a diet of fresh food, the bears at the centre are released into a two acre area with trees and a pool. Here they learn to socialise with the other animals. The release of this first group of bears has made space at the veterinary centre for more dancing bears to be rescued and rehabilitated. WSPA estimates that there may still be as many as 40 or so dancing bears on the streets and beaches of Turkey. There are thought to be only around 2-3,000 bears left in the wild in Turkey.

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The Right Road?

by 'K'

This comment is not meant to be judgemental as I am too aware of my own failings to wish to judge others. However, everyone has the right to voice an opinion. I believe that Robin Webb is proud of being able to say, "No one on the animal abusers' side in this war has yet to be seriously harmed in the fight for freedom", (I assume he means "has yet been" instead of "has yet to be", I may be wrong.) Perhaps he feels entirely neutral about this or is even ashamed of it but I assume not.

It therefore follows that he should take a stand against, for example, the incendiary devices placed under the cars of 'two prominent figures from Wickham labs'. Perhaps he feels unable to condemn the 'Justice Department' for this but at least he could decline to publicise those of their actions which could very well injure someone. This is also important since animal abusers are not likely to be the ones harmed by "letters booby-trapped with razor blades", it's

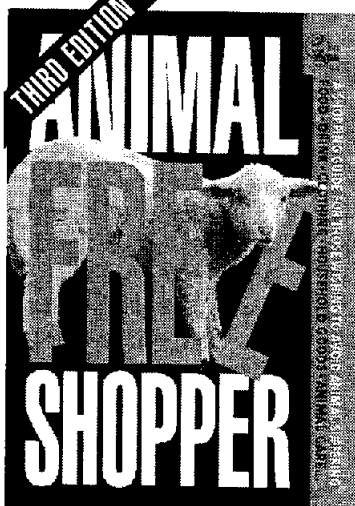
more likely to be their secretaries who get hurt opening the mail. Well, one might think, secretaries don't have to work for animal abusers, but the rules concerning which jobs unemployed people can refuse without losing benefit are less than clear. How many of us can say we have never worked for an animal-unfriendly firm, either because we needed the money or because we were less aware then? I can't say, "I have only worked for ethically sound firms".

On this subject I know that a previous correspondent objected to your listing people executed in China for animal abuse being listed under the title 'The Road to Victory'. I share their opposition to capital punishment and I also think you should not list (say) accidents to anglers under this heading. They may be anglers now, they could be animal rights campaigners in a few years' time. Perhaps Arkangel could reprint 'A plea for tolerance' from Arkangel 9. I never got hold of a copy of that issue and only read that article when another organisation borrowed it for their magazine. There must be other people besides myself who would agree with it but could not obtain Arkangel 9 either.

Nor do I feel happy to read about threats of violence under the heading 'The Road to Victory'. Robin Webb may be sceptical of claims that such threats "set the movement back years", and he may be right. All I can say is how I feel. Instead of feeling elated at seeing the live exports demos on the news, I kept thinking, "Shit, I hope nobody puts a police officer in hospital." It demoralises me. The more they have any cause to accuse us of violence, the less clear it is that they are the violent ones. Why play into their hands?

I'm also demoralised because I don't want people I've only just met asking if I would ever scatter nails on roads! It isn't altogether relevant whether animal rights activists have ever placed nails on the road, the point is that unless the movement affirms (by words and actions) a commitment to nonviolence (except in self defence), the clear arguments are muddled, people like me become more depressed and we almost certainly lose some respect from many sympathetic people. Yes, I know that sounds really pompous. Who on earth am I to say what the movement should do? I just wanted to say this, that's all. I suppose I'll be accused of sounding like the 'anti-Christ' Mark Gold, only less articulate, but please note that I have not condemned illegal actions *per se*, only harmful ones.

(Ed's note: Just for the record Robin Webb is not any way associated with Arkangel magazine!)



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The Pigeon - Friend or Foe?

by Lyn & Maggie Allen

We, at Pigeon Recovery, felt the need to put pen to paper on this subject because, firstly, as we care for orphaned, injured and sick pigeons it is an issue close to our hearts. As vegans, all life is precious to us, but we choose to dedicate ourselves to the welfare of pigeons since as we and many of them live in London, their needs are more immediate. Secondly, we've noticed an almost hysterical antagonism gaining ground among councils and public alike for the gentle pigeon. So we feel that a few words of support to you are in order.

The pigeon has very little to be thankful to Man for, being one of the few species that suffers under ALL categories of Man's abuse. They are shot for fun, vivisected, farmed as meat, hunted and made extinct in distant lands (the Dodo and Passenger Pigeon were pursued to oblivion), and finally, labelled as vermin and decimated by officialdom and its lackeys. Once, people fed pigeons in this country for pleasure, now they feed them under threat of constant harassment and in one case, imprisonment, while council tenants are even threatened with eviction for the unforgivable crime of throwing food to hungry birds. Why this sudden hatred? Pigeons have been with us and have shared our urban environment for centuries, presumably depositing droppings on the Stuart, Georgian and Victorian rooftops as well as our own with no previous animosity. In fact pigeon waste helped fertilise fields and especially in the 19th century there were plenty of pigeons happily cleaning up fallen grains from horse nosebags unmolested.

Why now, in our time full of pollution, worldwide recession, people freezing in cardboard boxes, hospitals lying derelict etc. can councils afford to employ armies of well-paid and pitiless pest-controllers to slaughter humble street pigeons? To justify this criminal waste of taxpayers' money and life they trot out the usual self-serving sophisms (anti-fox hunting groups will sympathise here) and blatant lies to vindicate their fat salaries and get the public on their side. As Joe (and Jill) Public will believe anything from anyone in a white coat (anti-vivisection groups will sympathise here) they jump on the anti-pigeon bandwagon too. So, if you feel like getting out a bag of peanuts in the street or even in your garden, be warned! You will eventually be harassed.

Here are some helpful arguments if you are verbally attacked or which can be used to challenge anyone proposing to cull pigeons. It counteracts the scare-mongering propaganda produced by councils, a good example being shown in Westminster. It is just as well for civilisation that we don't all take the view that genocide is the only (or final!) solution to something we don't like.



Accusation No 1: Pigeons are increasing in numbers.

So what! So are people! Most wild animals sadly are not. But then, if Man cannot profit from it, it follows there are too many of them, and this seems to be the case with the feral pigeon. Pigeons, and indeed other creatures that can learn to tolerate Man and his environment such as rats, gulls, crows, foxes, etc. have all increased due to one thing, rubbish. MuckDonalds and others of their ilk are a rat's best friend and it is down to their litter that all scavenging species have proliferated; not little old ladies feeding 'their' flock, but thousands of tons of chips, burger buns, pizza bases and other edible garbage. You can't blame any animal taking advantage; it was not pigeons and foxes that littered up our streets, we did. Councils neglect their responsibilities by diverting money from cleansing to culling.

Accusation No 2: Pigeons are dependent on Man for food and therefore aren't 'natural'.

Although the feral pigeon was originally a domesticated 'meat' bird who colonised cities, being dependent on us does not mean they are somehow inferior. As humans destroy the countryside, converting it to either a poisoned green desert or concrete housing, creatures have to make the choice of 'live with it' or become extremely rare. As trees were felled, most woodland species such as blackbirds, robins, jays, thrushes, bluetits, etc. sought refuge in suburban gardens relying (especially in winter) almost totally on bird-table charity. Does this make them somehow less natural? The urban fox, hunted and persecuted in the dwindling countryside, depends on pity too, and the discarded waste of dustbins and rubbish dumps. If the law of survival-of-the-fittest is applied, these animals, far from being inferior, are to be congratulated for their opportunism and resilience.

Accusation No 3: The presence of pigeons is prejudicial to human health.

All living things are subject to disease but what vivisectors will not tell you is that most illness is restricted to a particular type of creature and is not easily caught across the species barrier - eg. animals cannot catch pigeon pox and birds cannot catch rabies. As any honest vet will point out, pigeons represent less risk to human health than do

pet cats, dogs, contaminated meat, pollution and of course that huge repository of infection, Man himself. If pigeons must die because it is possible that someone might catch a minor problem from one (and there is no reliable evidence that anyone has suffered seriously from a feral pigeon) then on the same argument, all foxes and dogs should die because you can catch mange from them (and as for the common cold...!) Sensible hygiene precautions when dealing with any sick creature is all that is necessary. The street pigeon is often deformed by losing toes, not through disease, but by becoming entangled in fishing tackle. One cannot expect the sort of person who goes fishing to be responsible enough to tidy up their junk, but to blame pigeons for being unsightly and crippled due to these bloodsport enthusiasts is ludicrous.

Accusation No 4: The buildings and statues of our historical heritage are damaged by pigeon droppings.

They weren't for over 400 years! Droppings are biodegradable and are washed away with rain to a large extent (otherwise we'd be knee-deep in the stuff). By an odd coincidence, with the rise in air pollution of sulphides and carbon monoxide, all of which, when mixed with rain water, create acids that kills vast tracts of forest in Germany and Sweden, suddenly pigeon droppings get the blame for the erosion of buildings. Would it be naive to suggest that the conveniently vulnerable and visible pigeon is an easier target to condemn than the internal combustion engine we all rely on or Man's heavy industry. Pigeons are easily prevented from roosting on buildings by the use of netting which, when fitted correctly and maintained, is a humane and permanent solution to their mess. Do you cull dogs because you've just put your foot in it? Education and using resources to clean up are the civilised solution, not resorting to shooting. As to destroying our 'heritage' it might well be argued that feral pigeons in London ARE part of our heritage. They have been there longer than all the statues and the vast majority of the buildings. In the past 50 years our so-called heritage has, with the full approval of successive governments, been in part destroyed utterly and in part distorted in various ways and by various factors (eg. the Criminal Justice Act) in none of which feral pigeons are, or ever could be, involved.

Accusation No 5: Pigeons deprive other birds of food.

Pigeons are one of the most docile and harmless of birds. Being largely denizens of inner cities, there are few other bird species to compete with. Anyone who has ever fed or observed pigeons in a city park will be well aware who usually grabs the food; Canada geese, Mallards and Sparrows are often in the habit of taking food out of pigeons' mouths. If we as a nation care so much for garden birds (as opposed to pigeons) then why allow the hideous waste of their lives caused by our addiction to slug pellets and pet cats?

The Final Solution is always, in the case of councils, killing in one form or another. Culling (an non-emotive term for slaughter) is a misuse of council funds because all it achieves is a temporary gap asking to be filled by other pigeons

moving in from surrounding areas. After a cull more food is available to those remaining; hence more pigeons are fit to breed and can replenish their numbers to again be the scapegoats for inefficiency, and victims of misguided priorities and wasted resources. As with all wild creatures a given population, be it lions or elephants, will level off to a density rate that the available food can sustain. When that point is reached less robust pairs will not reproduce and natural losses tend to stabilise the flock. So basically, if left alone the flock will not grow *ad infinitum*, but regulate itself without the unnecessary savagery of traps, drugs and guns. Falconry is often defended as a 'green' alternative but remember, it is also a bloodsport, and the falcon has to be constantly starved to make it kill repeatedly.

Pigeons are here to stay. We must learn to live with them. If certain people want to extend a helping hand, it is their right to do so and they should not be penalised for offering food to the hungry so long as it is in a sensible place where the less charitable cannot object. In the pigeons' interest it is important not to throw food where notices prohibit it as doing so will attract a large flock and adverse attention from authority. It is best not to feed bread near gutters as hungry birds will be tempted to follow stray crumbs into the path of traffic. If you can, feed mixed corn (from pet shops). It is nutritionally superior and is quickly consumed with less risk of crusts being left to encourage rats and still more unsympathetic notice.

If you find a young or injured pigeon it will almost certainly need picking up (babies can very rarely be returned to their nests). Be wary of leaving it at clinics as the general view is that pigeons are vermin, and because they receive no legal protection do not feel obliged to treat them. It is not advisable to leave a pigeon at a vet or major charity without checking what will happen to it. Alternatively you can contact Pigeon Recovery (0181 644 7349) who can collect in the South London area, or if you live a long way away you can post it to us via AMTRAK Freephone 0800 717177.

It is our view that most people who feed wild or feral birds, be they pigeons or any other species, do so for personal reasons of which the most common are sympathy with, pity for or delight in the appearance of the birds. They don't want some official telling them what birds to feed or how to feed them. In the sterile and dangerous concrete messes we are responsible for, feeding a creature who is not threatening and indeed friendly is entirely therapeutic. We and many others believe that so far as beauty and the sanctity of life are concerned, that provided by the pigeons themselves far outweighs any mess or inconvenience their droppings make.

If we, as a nation, have the monetary resources to support a parasitic and decadent Royal Family, subsidise a completely wasteful and unnecessary system of animal farming, finance the development of destructive nuclear technology and the insanity represented by the arms race, then it is not unrealistic to believe that we can afford to live WITH the descendants of the gentle rock dove.

The Shellfish Network

My first and only direct acquaintance with shellfish was 25 years ago when I was a kitchen porter in a restaurant. One of my tasks was to carry containers in which the live animals were moving about in water, from the store to the kitchen where they would be boiled alive. I felt, in a vague way, that I didn't want to have a part in this, and asked if I could be excused that duty. The request, put rather apologetically and exposing me to some teasing, was granted. Perhaps it was more a matter of squeamishness than a matter of principle, but I felt better for it. Not that the shellfish did. I wasn't the only kitchen porter.

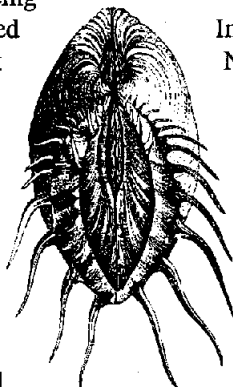
For the next 23 years, I almost entirely forgot about it. My conscience, such as it is, seldom looked beyond my own species. Quite why it came back to me, with some feelings of concern and regret, I don't know. I suppose it was partly that, although various animal rights campaigns were in the news, nothing, as far as I could tell, was being said about what happened to shellfish. I wondered whether shellfish were still being cooked in that way. A perusal of the latest cookery books on the shelves of Waterstones made it clear that they were. But would they feel much pain? They had these protective shells, and wouldn't it be over very quickly?

I sought information from the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) and EarthKind Humane Education Centre. I was sent literature on scientific experiments on crabs and lobsters which strongly indicated that they probably did feel pain and distress when boiled. UFAW had published guidelines on more humane methods involving precise techniques for stunning these animals by piercing their nerve centres prior to boiling. The RSPCA also had stated its opposition to the live boiling of crabs, lobsters and crayfish. But none of this had made much impact on fish processors and restaurateurs.

Smaller shellfish didn't seem to get much mention. The UFAW guidelines said: "The smaller ones, such as shrimps, prawns and crayfish, will die in a matter of a few seconds if placed in plenty of rapidly boiling water". It struck me that this begged the question of what it felt like for them during the few seconds. Surely boiling any creature alive was a drastic thing to do? Did we need experiments to establish this? Instead of asking, "How do we know they feel pain?", would it not be more logical and more humane to ask, "How do we know they don't?"

I later found that the Agriculture Department in New South

Wales, Australia, had produced more comprehensive guidelines which included a recommendation that all shellfish should be anaesthetised by a period of freezing in an ice slurry. However, experts have expressed concern about the pain that might be caused by ice crystals. In fact, doubts of one sort or another surround all of the various 'humane' methods. And even if there were some incredible breakthrough here, it would do nothing to alleviate the many cruelties in trapping, transport and storage. Traps lost in storms keep their prey trapped indefinitely. Transport is in overcrowded conditions and traders expect casualties and fatalities. Storage should 'ideally' be in properly designed tanks, but it isn't always, and they can be left gasping in excessive heat and light in shop-windows or market-stalls. Lobsters claws are tied to prevent fighting among themselves, and they are kept unfed, sometimes for months, to prevent excrement polluting the water in the tanks.



In the face of so much cruelty, when the Shellfish Network was formed, we decided that our objective should be a ban on the trade rather than the promotion of 'humane' procedures. Not that I dreamed of an organisation in the early days. I tried to get the issue taken up by a number of key communicators - the Food Programme and 'Punters' on Radio 4, and the RSPCA on a more pro-active basis than providing information if anybody asked. Yes, I was naive. So I wrote a letter in 'Pisces' which was taken up by other animal rights papers, and I went through the strange experience of speaking at an Animal Rights Coalition meeting. Thus I stumbled into the Animal Rights Movement. The Network was formed out of concerned organisations and individuals in various parts of the country.

By leafletting; distributing our petition; writing letters to local papers; some radio interviews; and answering enquiries, we have gone some way in raising the profile of shellfish. At the time of writing (Sept. '95), a picket of the London Docklands Seafood Fair is coming up, in association with London Animal Action and the Shark Protection League.

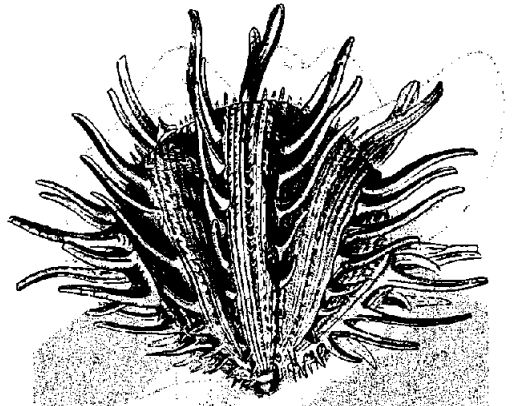
The farming of shellfish and fish such as trout and salmon is a growing business. There is an EC Directive on farmed animals, and, though not mentioning fish of any kind, it would seem to apply to those that are farmed. It lays down that farmed animals must be spared "...any avoidable excitement, pain or suffering" at the time of killing. Regulations for implementing it in Britain, which refer to a range of species, but not fish or shellfish, have been made

by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In correspondence with the Network, the Minister has refused to regulate how shellfish should be killed. This would seem to offer us some good campaigning points, but, on the other hand, it would mean pressing for the dubious 'humane' methods as the best which the present system can offer. This is a thorny question, which the Network is currently debating.

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ASHANIKA SANCTUARY Healing and Light Centre

Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty in West Dorset. Offering daily and residential retreats at a vegan animal rights centre. Where one can receive teaching and advice on holistic healing of animals, comprising Naturopathy, Diet, Herbalism, Bach Remedies, Energy Rebalancing, etc. Also, compassionate natural methods of alleviating stress-related behavioural problems and understanding the animal kingdom on a deeper more rewarding level.

The centre is the home of Sue and Steve. Sue began campaigning in her early teens, and later, whilst working voluntarily in RSPCA clinics and also, professionally for vets, managing their postoperative and boarding kennels, she gained knowledge of orthodox veterinary practice. In her early twenties she was introduced to Herbalism and started to use natural medicines in place of chemical drugs. This she found very rewarding, obtaining successful results with animals pronounced incurable by orthodox means, while moving away from vivisection-based products fitted in with her animal rights philosophies and campaigns.

With the help of her partner, Steve, she has cared for and healed many creatures at their centre, as well as, giving advice to numerous others wishing to cure their own animals in this way. Their retreats have been borne from continuing requests from those who wish to come and learn.

Advice on human health and healing is also available. Steve takes on most of this side, therefore where necessary people can be healed alongside their creature companions. As so many animal ailments are closely related to the emotional dispositions of their human carers this holistic approach is most beneficial. Steve also practices and teaches meditation along with Herbalism, Iridology, and Naturopathy.

For more information please phone 01297 678597.

The Friends of Animals Under Abuse (FAUNA)

The South Wales Animal Rights Group FAUNA has launched a new campaign against chicken meat production. During June to August 1995, FAUNA investigators secretly filmed conditions inside a local South Wales poultry unit. The film was shot throughout the short seven-week lives of one shed of broiler chickens destined for the table and shows conditions from day one right through to the final day fifty when the birds are seven weeks old and being caught and crammed into crates for the journey to the slaughterhouse.

At one of our most recent inspections on 10th September 1995, at a different farm, a FAUNA investigator inspected and filmed pitiful conditions of animal suffering at one of Sun Valley Poultry Ltd.'s, private broiler chicken sites in Gwent. Upon entering one of the chicken sheds, our investigator found that many of the birds had been left to suffer terribly in the most distressing and pitiful conditions. Many were suffering with grotesque hip and leg deformities, many were so crippled that they were unable to stand. Some birds were dying, unable to drag themselves to the feed and water points. This evil-smelling, windowless shed, contained many thousands of birds. They were only a few weeks old; how much longer would they have been left to endure this pain and misery before being slaughtered? Our investigator immediately reported these pitiful cases of neglect and cruelty and made an official complaint to the Ministry of Agriculture. A Ministry vet inspected the farm that afternoon. We hope that those responsible for allowing such suffering will be prosecuted (NB: News just in: MAFF have okayed the farm and said that conditions were quite satisfactory. I wonder what they would find unsatisfactory? Obviously we are taking the matter further).

During an inspection of a broiler unit owned by the well known company Buxted, we found dead birds piled up outside the sheds. Upon entering one of the main sheds we found dead, decomposing and dying birds piled up inside and a lorry loaded with chickens ready for the slaughterhouse. On another inspection at a poultry farm on the outskirts of South Wales we found yet more dead and dying birds.

FAUNA has produced a narrated video and a full colour leaflet. For more details about their campaign please contact them at PO Box 156, Cardiff CF5 5YD, South Wales.



EMPLOYMENT

Low Pay and No Guaranteed Hours - Sid Nicholson, McDonald's UK Vice President (former Head of Personnel), admitted that McDonald's set their starting rates for crew employees for most of the country "consistently either exactly the same as the minimum rates of pay set by the Wages Council or just a few pence over them". He agreed that for crew aged 21 or over the company "couldn't actually pay any lower wages without falling foul of the law". However, he said "I do not accept that McDonald's crew are low paid".

About 80% of crew people are 'part-time', averaging about 20 hours per week. Mr. Nicholson admitted that employees do not have any guaranteed hours or pay at McDonald's. He agreed that managers have the power, while any crew person is working their scheduled shift, to compulsorily cut or extend the hours being worked (the crew handbook states: "On occasions you may be asked to continue working past your normal finishing time. You will be released as soon as the need for your service has passed").

Exploiting Young Workers - Approximately two thirds of McDonald's crew are under 21, and nearly one third are under 18. But Mr. Nicholson denied McDonald's "chase to employ a high percentage of young workers so that they could exploit them for lower wages and make greater profits". McDonald's UK has admitted that it was convicted of 73 offences in relation to the employment of young people in the 1980s.

Anti-Union Practices - Mr. Nicholson said the company was not anti-union and all staff had a right to join one. Under questioning he admitted that any McDonald's workers interested in union membership "would not be allowed to collect subscriptions... put up notices... pass out any leaflets... to organise a meeting for staff to discuss conditions at the store on the premises"... or "to inform the union about conditions inside the stores" (which would be deemed 'Gross Misconduct' and as such a 'summary sackable offence'). In fact, Mr. Nicholson agreed, "they

BIG MAC

STILL ON THE GRILL

Arkangel presents a further episode of the mammoth legal battle between two campaigners, Helen Steel and Dave Morris, and the \$26 billion a year McDonald's.

The 'McLibel' Trial began in June 1994 and it's estimated to continue into Spring 1996. Recently, the evidence in court has focused on the pay and conditions of McDonald's workers, and the company's hostility to trade unions.

would not be allowed to carry out any overt union activity on McDonald's premises".

Employee Safety - Jill Barnes (McDonald's UK Safety Officer) was challenged over a previously confidential internal report into the death by electrocution of Mark Hopkins in a Manchester store on October 12th 1992. It had catalogued a number of company failures and problems, and had made the damning conclusion: "Safety is not seen as being important at store level". In addition, a Health & Safety Executive report of 1992 concluded: "the application of McDonald's hustle policy [i.e. getting staff to work at speed] in many restaurants was, in effect, putting the service of the customer before the safety of employees".

Coming Soon - From October 1995, Helen and Dave will be calling up to 30 ex-employees of McDonald's together with trade union officials and activists from around the world, including two TU officials from Lyons (France) who will relate how five McDonald's managers were arrested in July 1994 for trying to rig union elections.

NUTRITION

McDonald's are suing over the following statement made in the London Greenpeace Factsheet - "A diet high in fat, sugar, animal products and salt and low in fibre, vitamins and minerals - which describes an average McDonald's meal - is linked with cancer of the breast and bowel, and heart disease". - which had been characterised by McDonald's lawyer as the central and most 'defamatory' allegation. Helen and Dave quoted a McDonald's pamphlet, written in 1984: "There is a considerable amount of evidence to suggest that many of the diseases which are more common in the western, affluent world - diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high bloodpressure, heart disease, stroke, and some forms of cancer - are related to diet. The typical western diet is relatively low in dietary fibre and high in fat, salt and sugar."

Robert Beavers (US Senior Vice-President), when challenged with the two quotes stated: "I cannot spot any difference". In fact, later he criticised their own extract mistaking it for the 'defamatory' London Greenpeace one!

DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

RAINFORESTS

David Walker, the Chairman of McKey Foods (the sole supplier of the company's UK hamburgers), gave evidence for McDonald's. Mr. Walker admitted that he had personally organised the direct import of 5 consignments of Brazilian beef for McDonald's UK stores in 1983/4 - sold to them by the Vestey's plant at Barretos, Brazil. A letter from Mr. Walker to a Vestey company was quoted in court. It revealed that the imports were a matter of great controversy. The letter stated that Prince Philip, the President of the World Wildlife Fund, had recently met the President of McDonald's Canada and had said: "So you are the people who are tearing down the Brazilian rainforests and breeding cattle" to which the reply was: 'I think you are mistaken', whereupon HRH said 'Rubbish' and stormed away". Following this, the letter stated that the Chairman of the McDonald's Corporation, "issued a worldwide edict that no McDonald's plant was to use Brazilian beef". The same letter revealed that the Managing Director of McDonald's UK had given Walker permission to use the Brazilian beef imports. The imports went through, and were kept secret from Prince Philip, from the World Wildlife Fund, from the BBC (who were sued the following year) and from Friends of the Earth (in meetings in 1985). The whole scandal only came to light due to a handwritten letter mistakenly disclosed by McDonald's solicitors in a bundle of other documents to the McLibel Defendants last year.

PACKAGING

Robert Beavers (US Senior Vice-President) was challenged on why McDonald's is still using ozone-damaging blowing agents (HCFCs) in their packaging in the Philippines, Turkey and Hong Kong, 15 years after the US Congress banned aerosol sprays because of concerns about the ozone layer. Helen & Dave referred to a 1995 Corporation leaflet distributed in Hong Kong admitting HCFC use by McDonald's H.K. under the heading "We Care About The Ozone Layer"!

LITTER

Stacey Stump, the manager of McDonald's, Kings Road (London) gave evidence about the problems of company litter. The Kings Road store provides "something like 10,500 potential items of litter" (such as bags, straws, cups and napkins etc.) every day. Mr. Stump recognised that

"there is a lot of McDonald's litter" and admitted that there are "times when the volume of business is so great and generates so much litter that [the store] cannot effectively deal with it in the course of a day". He claimed that 'trash walks' (litter patrols) to pick up all litter around a set route of nearby streets are done approximately every 30 minutes. Colin McIntyre, Press Officer of a local residents association gave evidence for Helen and Dave. He said that since the Kings Road McDonald's had opened, rubbish in his street had got "incredibly worse" and stated "I would say approximately 70% of litter is McDonald's". He produced photos that he had taken as evidence, showing McDonald's litter in his street and the surrounding area. He said that despite continuous complaints to McDonald's, there had been no litter patrol down his street for two and a half years. He said "I have seen one McDonald's litter cleaner, it was enough of a joke we all made a note of it in our diaries". Mr. McIntyre told how local residents associations were also angry about the store causing increased traffic, noise and cooking smells and how they eventually set up an action group to consider legal action. "I object to litter in front of my house and in my basement" he said. "I do not really see why I should be condemned to litter for the rest of my life".

ANIMALS

David Walker of McKey Foods admitted that "as a result of the meat industry, the suffering of animals is inevitable".

PIGS

Ashley Bowes, Director of GD Bowes Ltd. (McDonald's pig meat supplier), said that Bowes owns roughly 100,000 pigs. During his opening speech at the start of the trial, Mr. Rampton QC had claimed that the London Greenpeace Factsheet was libellous because it stated that some of the animals reared for McDonald's products - especially chickens and pigs - spend their lives in factory farms with no access to the open air. He asserted that "Whilst it is true that a lot of chickens live in large sheds, it is not true of pigs. The pigs used for McDonald's food in this country at least, live in the open air in fields."

Dr. Gregory (expert witness for McDonald's) had visited Bowes in order to prepare his expert report for the court, but had only been shown the outdoor system. When questioned by Mr. Rampton QC, Mr. Bowes' testimony concentrated on the outdoor system of rearing that the company uses, rather than the indoor. But under cross-examination by Helen and Dave, Mr. Bowes admitted that there are "two separate buying channels for pigs" (indoor and outdoor) and that McDonald's buys indoor pork and only gets outdoor pork if there is some left over. Asked if it was the case that McDonald's are not willing to pay as much as other customers to purchase 'free range' meat, Mr. Bowes replied "I wish they would".

CHICKENS

Pigs are slaughtered at a rate of 220-240 an hour at Bowes' own slaughterhouse. They are stunned using "head only stunning". When Dr. Gregory had visited the plant, he calculated that the current used to stun the pigs was 0.45 amps. The Government's Codes of Practice state that for head only stunning the current should be a minimum of 1.3 amps, otherwise the pig "is unlikely to be stunned effectively". Mr. Bowes claimed that Dr. Gregory's figure was wrong because he hadn't taken into account the fact that Bowes spray the piglets with water before stunning, which he said "improved the conductivity". Dr. Alan Long, for the Defence stated that he has "a great deal of concern" about this, because there is a danger that "the current tracks round the conducting wet surface instead of going through the more resistant part of the head", so the pig "would not be properly stunned and would be stuck while it still had a sense of feeling". Mr. Bowes admitted that some pigs are stunned with the tongs "on each side of the neck". The Codes of Practice state "electrodes should not be applied behind the ears or on each side of the neck, otherwise the animal may be paralysed without being rendered unconscious and may suffer severe pain".

CATTLE

The court heard that McKey's calculated that McDonald's used beef from one in twelve (8%) of all cattle slaughtered in the UK. Timothy Chambers from Midland Meat Packers Ltd. (the largest of dozens of abattoirs supplying beef for McDonald's hamburgers) admitted his company uses electric shock goads to move cattle around, contrary to claims by McDonald's that this practice was banned by their suppliers. Company documents stated that one of their concerns is to prevent "animals escaping". Mr. Kenny (McDonald's Senior Quality Assurance Supervisor) asserted that McDonald's has a policy against the use of electric goads to move cattle, but was unaware that their largest supplying slaughterhouse is still using such goads.

The evidence for the Defence of Dr. Alan Long (an independent researcher for over 40 years) was that animals have been turned into production 'machines', subject to stress and distress, disease, abuse, and a short and totally unnatural life. Dairy cattle (as used for McDonald's burgers) have a particularly exploited existence based on continuous forced pregnancies and almost constant lactation until exhausted, and then transported under extreme stress to be 'burgered' at 5 or 6 years old. A whole series of what are termed 'production diseases' affect dairy cows - effectively brought on by "excessive pressures of production". These include mastitis (a painful udder condition) which affects about 35% of dairy cows in Britain. Dr. Long said output from a modern dairy cow is approx. 5,500 litres a year, about twice what it was at the end of the 1940s. Sometimes the strain on the udder causes it to drop and then, in order to avoid kicking the udder, the cows walk in an unnatural way which causes lameness.

Mark Pattison of Sun Valley Poultry Ltd. ('SVP') gave evidence for McDonald's about the conditions under which chickens are reared to produce the meat for chicken McNuggets and McChicken sandwiches. 27 million chickens are reared every year in Europe to supply meat to McDonald's. Dr. Pattison said that SVP hatches "in the order of 200,000 chicks each day". Eggs that do not hatch out are put through the macerator, which he agreed might include chickens still alive in the eggs. The company kills an additional 200-300 unwanted chicks each day, by gassing them.

Despite his being on the committee of the Farm Animal Welfare Council which produced the Report on the Welfare of Broiler Chickens (for the Government), Dr. Pattison accepted that SVP are not complying with its recommendation that the 34kg per square metre stocking density "should not be exceeded at any time during the growing period". The stocking density at SVP is "about 36.5kg per square metre". He accepted that the birds "have less space each than an A4 sheet of paper", but said "I do not believe it is cruel". Dr. Pattison said "economics are a very important factor, of course" in why the company has not reduced stocking density.

At SVP, birds are caught and loaded into crates in modules and transported by lorry to the slaughter plant. Catchers are instructed to carry up to 6 birds in one hand, holding them by one leg. They are crammed 18-30 birds to a crate of approx. 3ft x 2ft x 10 inches. Dr. Pattison said that the kinds of injuries which birds may suffer in the process of catching include dislocation of the hip joint (which may cause haemorrhage), broken legs and crushed heads (if their head is caught between the crate and the module when the drawers are being shut). Dr. Pattison claimed such injuries were not common. However, defence witness John Bruton (a former catcher for Sun Valley) said that such injuries were a regular occurrence as the catchers were not given enough time to take care with the birds, despite voicing their concerns to the company. This was particularly so after the company reduced the number of catchers to cut costs. A team of 6 catchers was expected to load a lorry with between 4-6000 birds, about every 45 minutes.

Clare Druce (researcher for the Farm Animal Welfare Network) stated for the Defence that the modern broiler chickens' "living conditions are unacceptable, being unsuited to the birds' needs and insanitary" with "overcrowding, dim lighting, inadequate ventilation, and filthy litter". The broilers' parent stock are made to suffer "a state of acute hunger for extended periods" to get them to reproduce satisfactorily. Additionally, she questioned the effectiveness of electric stunning and neck cutting during chicken slaughter, as well as all aspects of the rearing, transportation and slaughter process imposed upon

hundreds of millions of chickens every day in this country. In her opinion "welfare problems" are due to "thinking only of profit and quick growth, with no regard whatsoever for the behavioural patterns or needs or the feelings of the birds".

FOOD SAFETY

A UK 'McFact' card states: "every consignment of beef arriving at the [McKeys] meat plant is subject to a total of 36 quality control checks, carried out by a team of qualified technologists. If a consignment should fail on any one check, it will be rejected by McDonald's." All the raw beef consignments are microbiologically tested, and categorised as 'satisfactory', 'passable', and 'unsatisfactory'. David Walker (Chairman of McKeys) stated that 'unsatisfactory' relates to beef which has a total colony of more than 10 million bacteria per gram. He then admitted that such consignments are, in fact, not rejected and are used for McDonald's burgers.

McDonald's have refused to call their own expert witness on food poisoning, Colin Clarke, who prepared a detailed report following a visit he made to three company stores. The court heard that, regarding the cooking of hamburgers (which he had tested), Mr. Clark in his statement "recommends that 73 degrees C be the internal minimum temperature of the final product, and that their temperatures were not reaching that in all cases. The minimum was, in fact, 70 degrees C."

TEARS OF A CLOWN

Protesters surprised the makers of the burger giant's latest advert when they arrived at their location shoot in a London park in June. Ronald McDonald's cheesy grin faded when the protesters appeared behind him with a banner reading "McDonald's - guilty of exploiting workers, destroying the environment, murdering animals". The production company's plans of filming the clown by the pond and the bandstand (painted specially for the purpose) were completely frustrated all day, at an estimated cost of £100,000. The production company then abandoned its plans to film in the park the following day.

MCDONALD'S TO PULL OUT?

At the time of the first anniversary of the trial (28th June 1995), it was widely reported that McDonald's had initiated secret settlement negotiations with Helen and Dave. They twice flew members of their US Board of Directors to London to meet with the Defendants to seek ways of ending the case. McDonald's are clearly very worried about the way the case is going for them and the bad publicity they are receiving. Helen and Dave made their preconditions for settling clear: McDonald's should undertake not to sue

anyone for making similar criticisms again, apologise to those they have sued in the past, and pay a substantial sum to a third party in lieu of the Defendants' costs.

TRANSCRIPTS SCANDAL

Following the worldwide publicity that the first anniversary of the trial received, McDonald's decided to withhold copies of the essential daily court transcripts from Helen and Dave in an attempt to sabotage their ability to conduct their Defence, and to deter reporting of the case here and around the world.

Helen and Dave, with no legal aid, are unable to afford to pay for the vital transcripts (over £350 per day), and the \$26 billion a year burger giant are withholding photocopies of their paid-for transcripts. The Judge stated that he would feel 'uncomfortable' having transcript copies which were not available to Helen and Dave, and therefore decided to forego his access to the transcripts.

This denial of transcripts will sabotage Defence preparations for the rest of the case and make a fair trial virtually impossible. In fact, McDonald's demanded a 'undertaking' by the Defendants not to disseminate any transcript extracts "to journalists and the McLibel Support Campaign, and similar like-minded [people]". This attempt to gag them and the media is outrageous and unacceptable censorship. Leave to appeal on this was refused so the only alternative is to buy the vital transcripts. The McLibel Support Campaign is calling for public donations to raise up to £35,000 to pay for the remaining daily trial transcripts. The public have a right to know what is going on in this historic case - with the public's help and generosity, McDonald's will not be able to bury the evidence in their lawyers' vaults.

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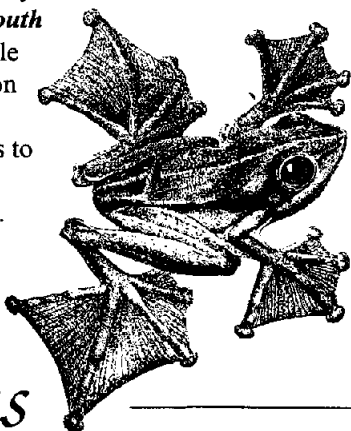
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Some Recommended Reading...

- ALF Supporters Group Newsletter:** BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. £1.50. Contains information concerning A/R prisoners and defence funds, articles and news. Quarterly.
- ARC NEWS:** PO Box 339, Wolverhampton WV10 7BZ (01902 711935). Free with SAE. Contains reports of local group activities as well as an up-to-date list of events.
- THE ANIMALS CONTACT LIST:** Veggies, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. £3. The list provides a coordinated means by which groups can contact one another with details of their work, news of campaigns or requests for support.
- ECO-VEGAN:** c/o BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX. Contains information concerning A/R and Earth Liberation activities and much more besides. Free with SAE.
- THE LIBERATOR:** PO Box 80, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 4GH. £1.50. Excellent Animal Liberation magazine!
- THE NEW ABOLITIONIST:** B.A.V.A. PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF. Available through subscription of £6. An invaluable magazine for those wishing to know about medical fraudulence of vivisection.
- 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.
- VEGAN VIEWS:** 6, Hayes Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7AD. Available through subscription of £3 for 4 issues. The magazine aims to act as an exchange between its readers.



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Animal Rights Prisoners

Arkangel gives its full support to animal liberation prisoners. In the past we have given details of names, locations and prison numbers. Now we only list the names of those in prison and ask those who wish to make contact with prisoners to contact the ALF Supporters Group for up-to-date information. This is because Arkangel Magazine is produced less frequently than the ALFSG information and could be out of date by the time you read it; so this change is for purely practical reasons.

For further information please write to:
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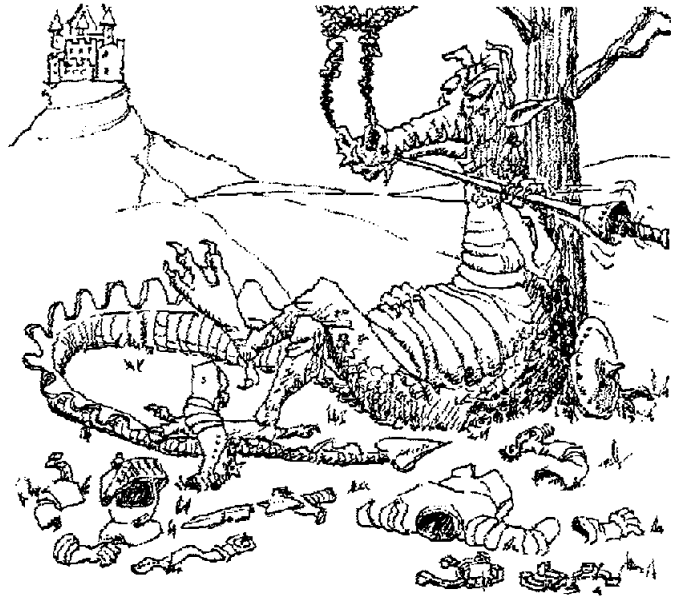
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THE ROAD TO VICTORY

*Sometimes
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Anti-hunt supporters vowed to step up the fight after the C.J.A. gave police new powers of arrest. Police arrested 7 hunt saboteurs at Meon Valley Beagles yesterday for aggravated trespass. They were picked out of a group of 40 protesters mingling with the hunt at Corhampton Golf Course. (Daily Echo 3.1.95)

Pressure is mounting on William Waldegrave to stop sending calves to Europe. Two senior Tories urged Waldegrave to stop the trade, as CIWF revealed further film of live export ill-treatment. (Independent 10.1.95)

Brigitte Bardot has threatened officials near Toulouse with legal action if an annual pigeon cull goes ahead. She proposes chasing the birds away or feeding them contraceptives. (11.1.95)

Sussex police incurred £155,000 in costs on one day at Shoreham, but the ship used to transport cattle didn't turn up. Meanwhile, Civil Aviation Authority inspectors refused a permit for flight to a Phoenix Aviation plane after examining the plane. (Independent 13.1.95)

'Do we still have the stomach for meat?' Pointing out demonstrations by thousands of Britons at Shoreham, the Vegetarian Society's Steve Connor says it will go down as a watershed in history, alongside Ruth Harrison's 1964 *Animal Machines*, which coined the phrase 'factory farming,' and BBC 2's documentary, 'The Animals'. A Gallup poll has noted 2,000 people converting to vegetarianism a week, and 40% of the population consuming less meat. Colin Spencer points to the Christian emphasis on meat eating and the association of meat eating with power and wealth. Until the 1840's, vegetarians were called Pythagorans, after the 600BC Greek philosopher, mathematician and vegetarian. Also, the link between saturated fat and heart disease wasn't noted until the late 1960s and the public made aware until the 1970's, when it was killing 200,000 Britons a year. A survey of children found 59% were more concerned about cruelty to animals than any other issue. (Independent 14.1.95)

Wildlife enthusiasts and children have built an artificial earth for foxes which are seen regularly at

Thornaby Yard, Cleveland. (Rail News, Jan. 95)

Britain could invoke Article 36 of the European Union's Treaty to ban the live export trade. The article permits unilateral 'prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports of goods... on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security... protection of health and life of humans, animals and plants...'. (Mail on Sunday 15.1.95)

95% of people interviewed for an NOP poll said British wildlife should be protected, 97% thought that hunting was cruel. (Sunday Express 29.1.95)

Belgian riot police had to break up a demonstration by animal rights protesters as the animal rights bandwagon rolled across Europe from Britain. (Independent 30.1.95)

Animal-rights demonstrators are being infiltrated by violent militants intent on criminal activity, Acting Deputy Chief Constable of Warwickshire police, Mick Brewer, said yesterday. After the death of Jill Phipps, 31, forty hooded activists attacked the home of Christopher Barrett-Jolly, managing director of Phoenix Aviation. Mr. Brewer said after the fatality, criminally minded people joined the demonstrations. The ALF, founded in 1972, claimed responsibility for actions, monitored by the Animal Rights National Index, formed in 1986 by Special Branch. Figures for the first 8 months of 1994 recorded 585 incidents, causing £5.4m damage. There were 29 incendiary attacks over the same period. Detectives are now investigating links between ALF and

Class War. (The Times 4.2.95)

The dairy industry is set to lose hundreds of farmers over the next 12 months, according to a Devon farmer, because of milk quotas and falling prices. (5.2.95)

Meat processors and distributors in Germany are to boycott British beef because of the BSE scare, after an imposed ban was lifted. (Independent 8.2.95)

Farmers must be more willing to let the public see what goes on, a leading vet, Professor John Webster, has said. At the NFU annual meeting, William Waldegrave, Minister of Agriculture, said new concerns over welfare should be met. He added that it was crucial to get children on to farms before they were 13 and their 'brains descended into their gonads'. Professor Webster said the plight of veal calves was worse than welfare activists realised. Dietary deficiencies led to anaemia, and enteritis, sleep deprivation, early moulting and itching were caused by veal crates. He added that subsidies might be directed away from production to animal welfare. (Independent 9.2.95)

The solidarity of midwives with vegans on new picket lines has astonished the Establishment. Activists no longer wear dreadlocks and army surplus gear. Vegans and midwives acting like the rate cap rebels of the 80's vexes the media. The isolation from political parties has been the campaign's strength. (Independent 10.2.95)

Japanese whalers were caught red-handed flouting an international treaty. Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior 2 tracked them in Antarctic waters as they fired explosive harpoons into a pod of minke whales. The slaughter came just 6 weeks after a ban came into effect. The Japanese boat ignored Greenpeace's request to stop killing the whales and a radio reminder of the treaty. The campaigners finally halted the hunting by putting a helicopter between the whales and the harpoons. Greenpeace claim the whalers were harpooning 750 miles inside the sanctuary. (Daily Mail 15.2.95)

Up to 3,000 British calves a week are being saved from continental veal crates since major ferry companies ceased to transport livestock. At its peak, 10,000 calves were exported a week. It is now down to 7,000 a week. Calf prices have also fallen by 25%. Live sheep exports are down by 50% on last year's figures. Officials said

farmers' incomes could be significantly hit. The MLC said calf exports could be halved permanently to 250,000 while sheep exports could be cut by 70% from 1.9 million to 570,000. (Independent 15.2.95)

A £6,000 tunnel for toads has been built under the A283 to protect them from traffic during their annual migration to mating grounds at Petworth Park, Sussex. (Independent 17.2.95)

Hampshire Constabulary will keep up its guard against possible terrorism during the Irish Peace Talks, as Animal Rights terrorism continues. A report also warns that the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act will lead to further clashes between police and demonstrators. (Hampshire Chronicle 17.2.95)

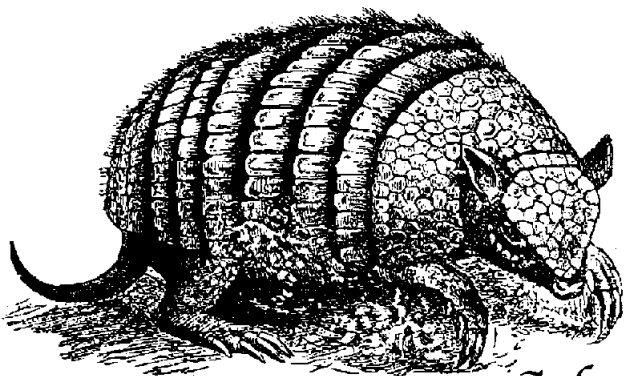
Paul McCartney has appealed to the French President, Francois Mitterrand, to ban the import of live animals from Britain, as French animal rights protesters stopped the docking of a ship carrying live exports from Britain at Cherbourg. (Independent on Sunday 19.2.95)

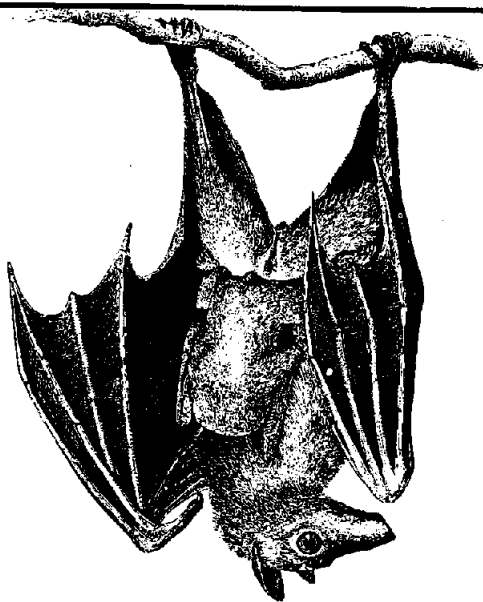
The University of East Anglia, funded by £170,000 from the Humane Research Trust, is using cornea, kept alive in a culture dish, to study cataracts. A researcher hopes that it will lead to fewer animals being used in experiments. Professor Ian Hart, Professor of Cancer Research says he can't experiment using just glass dishes. Senior lecturer Paul Skett at the University of Glasgow has been developing methods of keeping human liver cells alive in culture. He says that while animal researchers get a Home Office licence, human tissue experiments require Ethical Committee consent. (Times 20.2.95)

The great majority of British people want fox hunting banned, reports the Daily Mail. 70% said it should be made illegal, and the Royal family was showing a bad example. (Sunday Times 26.2.95)

The High Court action brought by McDonalds against Helen Steel and Dave Morris, is set to become the longest libel case in history. After 100 days and £500,000, only 40 of the 180 witnesses have given evidence. On one side is one of the country's most expensive lawyers, on the other side are two unwaged supporters of London Greenpeace. There is no jury, just a judge. Dan Mills, for the McLibel Support Campaign, says they have lawyers to give informal advice, but the day-to-day work is done by Dave and Helen. Costs may reach several million. (Times 3.3.95)

Anti-hunt MPs from all parties clashed with pro-hunting MPs at John McFall's Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill. McFall said it was an unacceptable pursuit, deliberately and unnecessarily brutal using dogs which "involved hounding animals to exhaustion and death." This "gruesome sport" that kills tens of thousands of animals, including terriers, was already banned by 80% of county councils. It was not an effective method of pest control. McFall said that redundant hounds could be used in drag hunting. He also condemned hare coursing.





Tony Benn condemned cruelty for fun. He linked anti-hunting to votes for women, abolition of chimney boys and the end of apartheid. A pro-hunting MP linked the debate to an end to fishing, shooting and equestrian events. (The Times 4.3.95)

In Wellington, 26 Pacific nations launched a campaign to save the marine turtle from extinction, calling for a ban on the sale of its meat, oil and shell. 6 species are endangered. (Times 6.3.95)

Health officials in Scotland have won a court order to destroy 528kg of listeria-infected Lanark Blue cheese, worth £27,000. (Independent 7.3.95)

Air France has been fined £1,000 after allowing two cows to suffocate to death in an aircraft hold in Heathrow. (Times 9.3.95)

A Bateleur eagle has had its sight restored with a cataract operation on its left eye, in Johannesburg. (Daily Telegraph 14.3.95)

Gerhard Weisch's guard dogs held firefighters at bay while his factory full of furs burnt to the ground in Berlin. (Independent 19.3.95)

Giant food firm Union International went bust yesterday. Owners of Dewhurst, the Vesty family called in the receivers after bankers refused to bail it out. (Today 23.3.95)

Robert and Margaret Haston, owners of Red House Dairy, were fined £1,000 each after milk from their farm poisoned 60 people, and an 18 month old girl died, in May. (Independent 24.3.95)

The Today paper reports on a joint operation by itself and the BUAV. The trade in hoards of illegally imported long-tailed macaque monkeys, perhaps up to 3 million used in experiments each year, is horrific and often pointless, and done under the guise of medical research. A Today Comment questions the justification for such experiments. (Today 23.3.95)

A Sunday Express investigation has revealed the breeding in Britain of kittens which are exported to Australia for research. The 9 week old kittens, specially

bred to be disease resistant, cost £300 each and are bred in germ-free isolation at the high security Hill Grove Family Farm, at Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire, operated by Christopher and Katherine Brown, the only breeders of such kittens in Britain. The Sunday Express tracked some of the kittens to the Arthur Webster laboratory in New South Wales. British Airways confirmed it had stopped transporting the kittens in late January, issuing a ban on the shipments. (Sunday Express 26.3.95)

Babies fed with cows' milk based formula in the first 3 months of life are 52% more likely to develop diabetes, say Australian researchers. The study confirms an earlier theory on allergy. (Independent 28.3.95)

Leading American animal rights protesters are coming to Britain later this month to learn campaign tactics. They want to use successful 'ban bloodsports tactics' to stop duck and geese shooting. They will use lobbying tactics such as those used to stop the export of veal calves and to help release zoo animals. They will be given private briefings by the LACS, CIWF, Animal Aid, Respect for Animals, and the HSA. Results will be transmitted across the Internet. (Independent on Sunday 2.4.95)

Two lions rescued from cages in a pub in Tenerife have been saved by the Born Free Foundation and moved to Kent. (Daily Telegraph 4.4.95)

Avonmore Foods closed down its German meat processing subsidiary yesterday, because of the particularly difficult meat market in Germany over the past two years. (Independent 7.4.95)

The Food Commission says many meat and dairy products fail to live up to their 'green' image. It criticises, along with the Soil Association, the RSPCA's 'Freedom Foods' label, sold by Sainsbury and Safeway. Supermarkets are jumping on the green bandwagon. Eggs laid by birds that haven't seen natural light can use the symbol, as can the products of farrowing crates for pigs, de-beaking of chickens, docking of piglets' tails and gas stunning of pigs in slaughterhouses. Even outdoor-reared pigs are fattened in open barns. (Independent 7.4.95)

Scotland Yard alone paid out £1.76m in damages last year, as complaints about the force rose. One police force paid out damages in 80 out of 83 cases brought by hunt saboteurs in two years. A solicitor specialising in defending police had never seen a letter of apology from the police in 10 years. (Times 7.4.95)

Adalat, a drug with sales of £1,300m, the world's second best-selling drug, contributed to a greater risk of heart attack. An American study found those taking calcium channel blockers had a 60% greater risk of heart attack than those taking other drugs. The British Heart Foundation said the results were 'interesting.' High blood pressure affects 25% of adults in Britain. Between 8% and 12% of people need treatment. (Independent 10.4.95)



Wildfowling has ended this week in Pagham Harbour as the owner has decided to allow White Creek to be included in the harbour's famous nature reserve. All of the harbour will be managed by West Sussex County Council. Simon Wild of West Sussex Wildlife Protection Association said they were extremely pleased. (Bognor Observer 13.4.95)

One in four women under 24 no longer eats meat and believes a vegetarian diet is healthier, according to Gallup. Over the last 11 years, vegetarian numbers have more than doubled to 4.5% of the population. The numbers avoiding red meat has nearly tripled to 7%. The number of women aged 25-34 no longer eating red meat has increased by nearly 8 times compared with 1984. Vegetarian men declined slightly to 3% compared with 3.2% two years ago, but the number giving up red meat has risen by 10% in two years. (Daily Telegraph 12.4.95)

Britain's fifth-biggest food retailer, the Co-op, plans to 'come clean' with its customers, giving unprecedented information about the health and environmental effects of the products they buy, following a survey of customers. They will label margarines containing trans-fatty acids and cut spending on promoting fatty and sugary foods from more than 1/3 of its promotional budget to nearer 7%. A Gallup survey found 76% wanted fuller facts on supposedly green products. Top issue is animal rights (71%) followed by environment (70%). 60% are willing to pay more for ethical products. (Independent 24.4.95)

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust has banned Tiverton Staghounds from crossing Kings Nympton Park in Devon in pursuit of deer because it believes animals have been killed in the park. (Independent 25.4.95)

Animal rights extremists are thought to be behind four letter bombs sent to politicians and companies. William Waldegrave, Tom King, a fur warehouse and a healthcare company in Scotland each received a bomb. The devices bear the hallmarks of the Justice Department. In January, Mr. Waldegrave received two

booby-trapped packages after the disclosure that calves from his farm were being exported to veal crates. The ALF has been the most active animal rights terror gang over the last two decades. Founded in 1976 by Ronnie Lee, the ALF have caused £15m damage in a single year. Countless letter bombs have been sent to vivisectioners, politicians and fur traders. The group lowered its profile after Ronnie Lee was jailed. The Justice Department has taken over recent attacks. Detectives believe the two groups are linked. The ALF was responsible for the Mars Bar poisoning scare which cost the manufacturer £3m. Animal rights will become the biggest menace since the IRA. Armed police guard William Waldegrave's farm, which has been sent incendiary devices after calves from his farm went for export. Other MPs have been sent letter bombs, as has the Alaska Fur Company in Glasgow, and the Ethicon company in Scotland which tests on animals. CIWF said it was utterly appalled by the violent protests. (Daily Express 26.4.95)

Moves to save dogs from death sentences were backed in the House of Lords, yesterday, when they gave magistrates powers of reprieve. (Daily Telegraph 26.4.95)

Christopher Barratt-Jolly who heads Phoenix Aviation was arrested after allegedly aiming an air rifle at a protester's camcorder near his house. (Independent 2.5.95)

The Bishop of Dover attacked live exports as "an offence before God". (Independent 8.5.95)

Two livestock hauliers challenged the British courts' right to enforce UK laws on transporting animals if part of their journey occurred abroad. Ken Lane Transport Ltd and European Ltd were found guilty of transporting calves in circumstances likely to cause suffering. Both were found guilty of sending animals on a 37 hour journey without a break. (Independent 12.5.95)

Sussex police are to cut back their operation at Shoreham Port, because the £4m cost of a high police presence was draining their budget. (Independent 12.5.95)

The Prince of Wales has been sent booby-trapped parcels by animal rights terrorists linked to a nationwide arson and bombing campaign. Designed to maim, they were sent to at least two palaces. One device, a primed mechanical rat-trap with razor blades, was posted after the Prince took sons Harry and William on their first foxhunt. The device was intended to slice off fingers. A leading MP said animal rights groups should be outlawed under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The devices, sent by the Justice Department, were one of 150 attacks by the JD in the past 18 months, causing millions of pounds of damage. Another device was sent to the Home Secretary, responsible for the Criminal Justice Act that effectively bans hunt sabotage. Devices were also sent to a hunt-riding course organiser. (Sunday Times 14.5.95)

Thousands of animals have been saved after a

man-made dam in French Guyana flooded their rain forest habitat. 150 square miles of Amazon rain forest were flooded when a river, on which the dam was built, burst its banks. (Independent 21.5.95)

Money paid out from the Exxon Valdez oil spill will pay for 152,000 acres to be set aside for Kodiak bears and wildlife on native American land. The money will also be used to halt logging and tourist development. (Times 26.5.95)

Endangered plants and animals are being reintroduced to Britain, such as the red kite, the dormouse, the stinking hawkbeard, the British field cricket and the ladies slipper orchid. English Nature has £400,000 with which to maintain 29 plants and animals. Ecologists are using a wide array of tools to keep tabs on the species. (Sunday Times 28.5.95)

A Chinese food stall owner, known for his snake delicacies, was killed by two poisonous snakes he had just beheaded on South China's Hainan Island. He was bitten on the hand while trying to pick up the heads he had just severed. (Independent 31.5.95)

China will set up 14 new nature reserves as part of an effort to save the panda. (Daily Telegraph 31.5.95)

Demonstrators stopped attempts by Phoenix Aviation to fly calves from Baginton airport near Coventry. Policing there has already cost taxpayers £400,000. (Independent May 95)

Ronald McDonald came under fierce attack yesterday when protesters disrupted the making of an advert. 'McMurder', 'Exploitation in a Bun', and other banners appeared in front of the camera. The director tried unsuccessfully to move the protesters. London ad agency Leo Burnett had over 70 actors and technicians waiting, after others spent days renovating the area around a pond in Ruskin Park, Lambeth. Police arrived and said demonstrators had a equal right to the park. (Independent 6.6.95)

A.F.ENSOR, an abattoir in Gloucestershire, was firebombed by animal rights activists. Police found more than 20 incendiary devices, some of which had failed to go off. One lorry tractor was destroyed, four other lorries were damaged. The total cost was between £30,000 and £40,000. Last month, two milk tanker depots in Macclesfield and Crewe, Cheshire, were attacked causing £2m damage. An animal rights source said it was a classic ALF operation, although not claimed by anyone. (Independent 12.6.95)

The retailer Co-op will tell its customers about the space battery hens live in when they buy battery eggs. Eggs will be labeled 'intensively produced' from today, as well as leaflets criticising 'meaningless' labels used by the rivals. (Independent 13.6.95)

Unigate is to axe 1,500 jobs, 1/5 of its dairy workforce, after a steep decline in doorstep deliveries. This is in addition to the 324 job losses earlier this year. Northern Foods, the country's largest dairy, has already

announced 2,200 job losses. Doorstep deliveries have declined by 17% each year, and the drop is accelerating. The two largest dairy companies have announced 5,250 job cuts in the past year. (Times 13.6.95)

Pisces, formally the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling, was set up in 1981. It now claims 350 members and a mailing list of 2,000. This week it is holding its annual anti-angling week, the start of the coarse fishing season. "Fish are much like other animals, whether they are hot or cold blooded, they can feel pain...so is it right to abuse them for pleasure?" This is based on the Medway report of 1980, which concluded that fish feel pain, along with fear and a liability to suffer. Fishing sabotage includes pre-feeding fish, disruption of the water, noise pollution and frogmen. The BFSS says saboteurs are violent, but Pisces disagrees. Pisces claims anglers discard tackle, rubbish and lead, which harms wildlife, whereas John Parkman, a consultant for the BFSS says this is nonsense. Pisces also organises clean-ups at popular angling sites. (Guardian 19.6.95)

The average angler spends £1,000 a year on trips and tackle, plus a rod licence at £45. 90% of anglers are men. Called the last socially acceptable form of hunting, Pisces' Marianne MacDonald argues that fish feel pain and fishing, as a bloodsport, is totally unnecessary. (Independent 19.6.95)

Hundreds of jobs were under threat today with the news that drugs giant Glaxo Wellcome is to close a research laboratory in Beckenham, Kent, where about 1,550 staff are employed. (The News 20.6.95)

Firemen rescued a man and saved his hamster by giving it oxygen and a heart massage. (Times 20.6.95)

Demolition of a 130 foot industrial chimney has been held up by a family of nesting kestrels. The RSPB advised contractors that they risked a fine of £1,000 if they continued. (Times 26.6.95)

Members of Sea-Sabs, a new environmental group, chained themselves to the Norwegian Embassy in London after Norway extended its whaling season



because whalers hadn't caught their quotas of whales. Sea-Sabs believe it was because there are so few whales. (Guardian 1.7.95)

Four men were injured, two seriously, on the first day of bull running in Spain. (Guardian 8.7.95)

Police are investigating a spate of shop windows being smashed in Gosport. A fish and chip shop, Littlewoods, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus charity shop were included. (The News 8.7.95)

Arsonists are believed to have started a blaze which caused between 1/2 and 3/4 million pounds' worth of damage to Heritage Animal Feeds near Chichester. More than 30 fire-fighters and six pumping appliances dealt with the fire. Crews found a number of goods vehicles on fire. Seven goods vehicles and a ship's container used for storage were destroyed. (West Sussex Gazette 13.7.95)

Phoenix Aviation, the company exporting live calves from Coventry, has gone bust. Christopher Barratt-Jolly, its chief, said it was due to lack of payment from creditors. He added that the situation with animal flights had become impossible, but added that, "this is not a victory for the protesters!" Last December, four air crew were killed in a plane crash, and in February, Jill Phipps died under the wheels of a truck. (Guardian 15.7.95)

Nine young red kites were released in the Midlands yesterday, in the hope that the carrion-feeding birds will establish a second breeding population in England. Since 1989, almost 200 young red kites have been released in Southern England and Northern Scotland in a joint programme between the RSPB and

Government wildlife conservation organisations. The new arrivals have begun breeding in both countries. (Independent 25.7.95)

Researchers from the University of Kentucky have found that replacing meat in the diet with soya protein can lower cholesterol levels by upto 24%. Some researchers believe that the plant oestrogens contained in soya may be responsible. (Independent 30.8.95)

About 50 acres of farmland on the Essex coast is to be flooded in an experiment aimed at reducing the cost of sea defences, and creating wildlife habitats. (Times 4.8.95)

Employees of a Wellington telephone company can claim paid sick leave to tend ailing pets when no-one else is at home, because a dog was "as much of a dependant as a sick child", the firm said. (Times 6.9.95)

Two Chinese herbalists were fined a total of £5,000 yesterday for selling remedies containing parts of endangered animals, in what is thought to be the first such prosecution in the world. (Times 7.9.95)

Brigitte Bardot, the film star and animal rights campaigner, has persuaded the Government of Lebanon, one of the trigger-happiest countries in the Arab world, to impose a ban on hunting just before the season was to have begun tomorrow week. (Times 7.9.95)

A man who kept the severed head of a badger in his freezer was jailed by York magistrates for 3 months. James Pipes, 21, of York, pleaded guilty to possessing part of a dead badger. (Times 8.9.95)

Parliamentary figures on licensed slaughterhouses show a fall from 861 in 1984 to 424 in 1994, more than a 50% fall. (Independence issue No 22)

RSPCA inspectors and police using a surveillance helicopter arrested 17 people after raiding a cock fight on a travellers' site in South East London. Fighting equipment, including betting boards, was seized. (Independent)

Britain's 640th species of spider, an 8 millimetre black spider, has been discovered on a Cheshire bog, Liverpool Museum reports. (Independent)



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