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# The Arkangel Editorial

With each day that passes animal liberation comes one step closer and with each day that closes the industries and individuals who abuse animals are being buried deeper in the cesspits of their own making.

The corrupt and the greedy who tried to turn vegetarian animals into carnivores are now reaping what they have sown - disease and huge financial loss. While governments were still reeling in the wake of the BSE/CJD scandal, along came another reminder of just how sick the society in which we live has become. E. Coli, and with it unprecedented cases of fatal food poisoning, is the result of a society which demands the flesh of other animals.

Fortunately, there are people who have woken up to the reality of the horror surrounding them. Enquiries to both the Vegetarian and Vegan Societies have reached record levels, with more and more people turning to meat-free and dairy-free lifestyles. Of course, it is easy to become

despondent in the face of such overwhelming cruelty perpetrated against animals, but the Animal Liberation movement is growing by the day and more people than ever before are fighting for the lives of other creatures.

Governments may pass laws which protect the guilty and imprison the innocent but that will never stop the tide of compassion now sweeping into the hearts of so many. There are those who it appears will never change and who will go on feeding off murdered animal corpses, wearing their skins and torturing their bodies, but they will be swept aside and left to pay the ultimate price.

The Animal Liberation movement has the ability to achieve its aims and objectives now that it has become fully aware of its inner strengths and purpose. This movement is comprised of a body of people both strong and determined, a powerful force to be reckoned with, and one which can never be defeated.

## 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 This is because Arkangel Magazine is produced less frequently than the ALFSG information and could be out-of-date by the time you read it; so this change is for purely practical reasons.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:*  
**ALF SG, BCM 1160, London WC1N  
3XX**

*Prisoners at the time of going to press:*  
**Dave Callender, Darren Cole,  
Rod Coronado, Michael Green,  
Kenny Gloster, Barry Horne,  
Frank Kocera, Eric Van De Laan,  
Keith Mann, Gillian Peachey,  
Mike Roberts, Geoff Sheppard,  
Charles Skinner, Joe Taylor,  
Barbara Trenholm, Justin Wright.**

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# Local Group Reports

## **Animal Rights Cambridge**

*74 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QA  
(01223 311828, Fax: 01223 300318)*

There are two campaigning groups in Cambridge - Animal Aid and Animal Rights Cambridge. Between them they have met monthly for the last 20 years and held weekly street stalls for 17 years. The two groups, although having separate identities, work very closely together as well as with local hunt sabs and recently they have had a number of joint campaigns - going together to live export demos, and to protest at the Eid Festival in France. The group has concentrated on the live export issue but has also given much time to protesting against the exotic meat trade, and locally against an intensive poultry rearing complex, joining others at Bernard Matthews.

Animal Rights Cambridge meet at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge. The group look forward to seeing new members and welcome all to their meetings.

## **Animal Rescue**

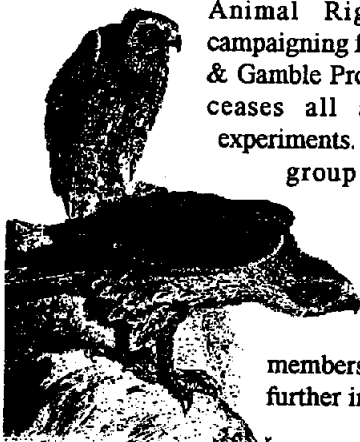
*PO Box 233, Liverpool L69 7LF*

Animal Rescue have successfully campaigned for the closure of a puppy 'supermarket' at Tarleton, Lancashire. The group ran an intensive investigation against the company, including secret filming of bad practises, months of weekly stalls, and heavy lobbying of the local council - regularly making headline news in the local and national press. They have also campaigned against intensively reared lambs, which caused supermarket giant Sainsbury's to cease trading with rogue farms. Contact the group for further information on these and other campaigns.

## **Animal Rights Warrington**

*c/o Winmarleigh Street, Warrington, Cheshire  
WA1 1NB*

Animal Rights Warrington are campaigning for a boycott of all Procter & Gamble Products until the company ceases all animal research and experiments. On receipt of an s.a.e. the group will happily provide petitions, leaflets and postcards to assist with their campaign. They are a new group who would welcome new members. Contact the group for further information.



## **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. Regular leafleting sessions are held on a Saturday morning in Barnet or Finchley. New supporters are always welcome.

## **Belfast Animal Rights**

*PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ  
(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 information, details of the group, etc. please write to the above address.

## **Bristol Animal Rights Network (BARN)**

*Box 53, Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston Street,  
Bristol BS1 5BB  
(0117 951 2942)*

BARN campaigns against all areas of animal abuse including factory farming, bloodsports, the pet trade, live exports, etc. They hold fortnightly meetings in central Bristol and organise regular actions and events.

## **Beagle Breeders Closure (BBC)**

*c/o MARC, 54 Alison Street, Digbeth, Birmingham  
(0121 643 2445)*

In June 1996, a new campaign against Consort and Interfauna was launched and a small demonstration against Interfauna took place. Since then regular picketing has taken place at Consort, and national demonstrations have seen the liberation of some dogs. For more information about this ongoing campaign please write to BBC.

### **East Kent Animal Welfare**

*Tremont, Claremont Road, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent  
CT14 8BU  
(01304 363071)*

EKAW have been active since 1993, supporting national animal welfare groups in the UK and abroad. The group has been very involved in the campaign against live exports. EKAW raise funds for hunt sabs, hold circus demos, run stalls and public meetings, and run a small animal sanctuary/rescue service.

### **Eltham Station Pigeon Campaign**

*c/o 1 Chesterfield Court, Granville Park, London  
SE13 7DU  
(0181 852 0347)*

This campaign was launched to provide help to pigeons trapped in netting put up above the platforms at Eltham Railway Station in South East London. Many young and adult pigeons have died of starvation after being caught in the nets and despite a concerted effort the rail authorities seem unwilling to provide a satisfactory solution. This method of 'pest control' is common to many places and anyone with a similar problem in their area should get in touch.

### **Friends of Animals Under Abuse (FAUNA)**

*PO Box 156, Cardiff, South Wales CF5 5YD  
(01222 569924)*

FAUNA is an active group whose campaigns include lobbying local councils about pigeon culls, ostrich farming and pet shop licences. They have been targeting chicken and meat production, and have produced a video which was secretly filmed revealing the disgusting conditions in which broiler chickens live out their short seven week lives. For further information about the group's activities, please write or phone.

### **Gosport and Fareham Animal Aid**

*26 Brune Lane, Rowner, Gosport PO13 9RA  
(01705 5880516)*

This group has had a busy year working closely with other groups in the area and also arranging their own protests against local establishments. They run regular stalls and have helped with CIWF campaigns. Together with other local groups they held a demo and rally against Wickham

Research Laboratories which received favourable attention from the local press. Contact the group for further information on current campaigns.



### **East London Animal Rights / Epping Forest Animal Welfare**

*PO Box 216, Forest Gate, London E7 9RB  
(0181 555 6683)*

These two groups have recently merged and are dedicated to ending cruelty and suffering to all animals. They organise circus pickets and regular vegetarian fairs. They hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Contact the group for further information.

### **London Animal Action**

*BM 2248, London WC1N 3XX  
(0171 278 3068)*

LAA have continued to be very active over the last six months. The anti-fur campaign is the main focus of activity with weekly pickets and the occasional big demo at one of London's few remaining fur shops. Home visits to various furriers and other pro-fur people have also proved a success. The group organised a successful and noisy demonstration at the meat industry's Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court, which was supported by campaigners from all over the country. The artist Damien Hirst has also been a target for campaigners since he opened his new restaurant, Quo Vadis, in London's Soho, which displays some of his gruesome artworks. Successes include Janet Reger resigning as unofficial spokesperson for the fur industry and Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber giving up the notion of running an ostrich farm. Both these changes of heart were entirely due to strong pressure from activists. The group hold regular protests against circuses, vivisection establishments and events and support other groups' activities in the area. They hold weekly stalls, and produce an excellent monthly newsletter, London Animal Rights News, which includes a diary of forthcoming events and is available for £5 a year for 12 issues.

### **London Vegans**

*c/o 7 Deansbrook Road, Edgware,  
Middlesex HA8 9BE*

London Vegans organise various social events, 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 an excellent mailout list on the activities taking place both in London and countryside. They can now also be contacted by e-mail on 100121.1167@compuserve.com.

### **Midlands Animal Rights Coalition (MARC)**

*PO Box 43, Dudley, DY3 3DG  
(01384 456682)*

MARC have found it very productive working with other AR and hunt sab groups in the West Midlands area. MARC is a coalition of Wolverhampton Hunt Sabs, Animal Rights

Campaign Group, Dudley Animal Concern, Walsall Animal Rights, Wyre Forest Action Concern. MARC is launching a new campaign in 1997 against its local laboratories and will be producing a leaflet and factsheet on vivisection. They carry out regular leafleting sessions and protests against all types of animal abuse in the area. Another campaign is Justice for Kangaroos - targeting shops and businesses selling all types of exotic meat. MARC is a very active and effective campaigning group - contact them for further details.

### **Kent Action! Against Live Exports**

*PO Box 177, Deal, Kent CT14 8GB*

Kent Action! Against Live Exports has 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 pleased to welcome new protesters and would be grateful for any donations to finance the ongoing campaign.

### **Newcastle Animal Rights Coalition**

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

Please write to NARC for information.

### **South London Animal Action (SLAA)**

*PO Box 594, London SW9 6YA*

SLAA members have maintained a busy schedule of action and have supported a wide range of animal rights campaigns. Joining forces with other groups they have made regular trips to Dover to support the live export campaign. SLAA campaigns against all forms of animal abuse in the South London area and, following a sustained campaign, have recently forced a local pet food supplier to stop selling live food for reptiles. SLAA runs a catering service called the Green Marmoset Catering Company, which donates profits to numerous local groups in need of financial support. The group meets on the first Thursday of every other 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 are very active throughout the year, continuing their campaign against Glaxo Wellcome laboratories. Demonstrations are held on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of each month and the group would appreciate support. They would also like support for a demonstration at Glaxo Shareholders AGM on Monday 19th May - 2pm, Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London (contact 01438 359424). The group produces a cruelty-free guide to cosmetics, household products and restaurants and also have a range of T-shirts and badges for sale. SAR produce a very informative newsletter available through subscription for £4.50 a year.

### **Surrey Badger Protection Society**

*PO Box 911, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9AF  
(01883 344662)*

This registered charity is affiliated to the National Federation of Badger Groups. The SBPS was formed to watch over the local badger population and to respond to any activities which may be detrimental to the animals' welfare. They give free advice and practical assistance in all problems involving badgers. Family membership is £5 with reductions for single adults, senior citizens and under 18's. A regular newsletter published by the SBPS is available to members.

### **West Sussex Wildlife Protection**

*PO Box 99, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 4GL*

This group, together with the relaunched Bognor and Chichester Action for Animals group, ran a successful campaign to get wildfowl shoots stopped at Whites Creek, Pagham Harbour, West Sussex. WSWP are also active in fox hunt sabs. Anyone interested in further details can contact them at the above address.

### **West Norfolk Animal Rights**

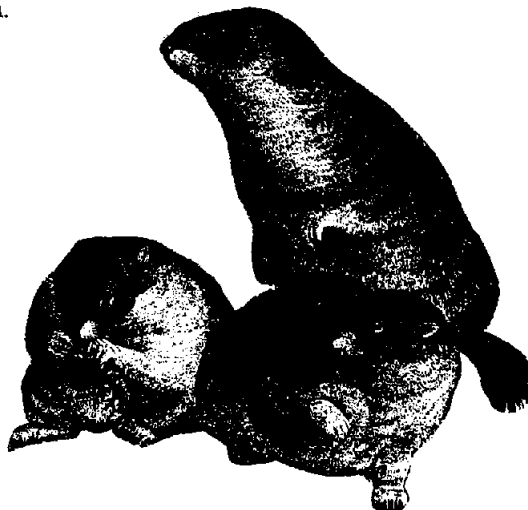
*(01553 617521)*

West Norfolk Animal Rights campaign against all forms of animal abuse and support their local hunt sabs and protests at Bernard Matthews' home. Contact WNAR on the above number for news of their current campaigns.

### **Yeovil Animal Action**

*PO Box 1760, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PN  
01935 25195 / 410535 Fax: 01722 327146*

YAA are continuing their campaign against the Porton Down hell-hole where animals are experimented on with toxic gases resulting in death and serious illness. YAA have produced a leaflet highlighting the charities, including the Leukaemia Research Fund, which fund animal-based research.



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campaigns ~ contact Arkangel Magazine!**

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# SANCTUARIES

## 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 help with DIY - please contact them. They've also been given the use of a shop by the local council and welcome items to sell. An adoption scheme and merchandise are available.

## Widewalls Animal Sanctuary

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

The sanctuary is home for over 30 horses, and donations of building materials, animal bedding and food will be gratefully received.

## Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre

*East Lodge Farm, East Lane, Ince Blundell,  
Liverpool L29 3EA  
(0151 931 1604 or 0421 535237 mobile)*

The shelter welcomes help with fund-raising. They urgently need voluntary live-in workers for short or long term. They would also be most grateful for offers to home rescued animals but run a strict vetting service.

## Celia Hammond Animal Trust

*High Street, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6AG  
(01892 783367/783820)*

The sanctuary is in need of voluntary help to care for the animals in their care. Literature is available from the above address and over 100 permanent residents can be adopted either individually or as in groups. Help is also desperately needed by Celia at her Lewisham Way clinic - caring for the stray cats and kittens, the odd rabbit and dog that stay permanently at the clinic until homed. Good A/R people are needed to generally tidy, clean, mop and Hoover up and feed, water, clean out and befriend / fuss over the patients and strays. The address of the clinic is: *Cat and Dog Neuter Clinic, 233-235, Lewisham Way, London SE4 1UY (0181 691 2100)*.

## Pigeon Recovery

*8 Vermont Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3EQ  
(0181 644 7349)*

Pigeons are considered vermin by the majority of people which makes the running of this sanctuary all the more essential and pigeons could not have better friends than



the two sisters who care for them, nursing them back to health and returning them back to the wild. Lyn and Maggie Allen work tirelessly and in the face of adversity to care for these birds. They would greatly appreciate any financial help whatsoever.

## Abandoned Animals Association

*101, Bryniau Road, West Shore, Llandudno,  
Gwynedd, North Wales LL30 2DZ*

The AAA was formed over ten years ago in response to the ever increasing problem of unwanted pets in the North Wales area. The association has a non-destruction policy so no fit animal is ever destroyed. The AAA exists for all animals, however most of them are dogs, some of whom remain for a very long time, perhaps due to age, behaviour problems or poor health. These long-term dogs are greatly helped by our 'befriend a dog' scheme whereby people may sponsor a particular dog with regular donations thus helping to provide a few extra comforts. 'Befrienders' may also visit/walk their sponsored dog which hugely relieves the animal's stress and boredom. Recently, the AAA formed a Junior members group which aims to educate young people about the welfare of all animals in an interesting and enjoyable way. For more details contact Lucinda at the above address or telephone 01492 877233.

## Farm Animal Rescue Sanctuary

*25, Springhill Road, Fen Drayton,  
Cambridge CB4 5SR*

The sanctuary has been in existence for 8 years and the number of animals brought in has grown steadily. There are 450 sheep, 8 goats, 3 pigs, 2 calves, 3 bullocks and numerous small animals all in desperate need. The sanctuary now finds that due to the rising cost of animal feed and veterinary fees the sanctuary may have to close. It may be possible to find homes for some of these animals, but if funds cannot be found the fate of the vast majority is too dreadful to contemplate. They desperately need people to fund-raise.

## **Wildlife Rescue Centre (Wildlife Hospital & Education Centre)**

*29, Berkeley Drive, West Molesey, Surrey KT8 1RA  
(07050 264625)*

Established in 1982, the Wildlife Rescue Centre has developed many services specifically for wild animals that are sick or have been injured. The threatened closure of the Wildlife Rescue Centre in 1992 by the local council met with tremendous resistance and a successful campaign to save it began. The Rescue Centre is located in two and a half acres of what was scrubland in Cobham, Surrey. Many hours of hard work has left the site ready for a new centre to include aviaries, pens and a hospital wing for the on-site treatment of animals. Donations are essential for the survival of the centre.

## **Sussex Horse Rescue Trust**

*Hempstead Farm, Uckfield,  
East Sussex TN22 3DL  
(0825 762010 / 0403 864200)*

The Trust acquires horses, ponies and donkeys which would otherwise be extremely cruelly treated or have their lives cut short in the slaughterhouse. The Trust visits auctions, rodeos and showgrounds to save as many of these animals as they can and to report on the terrible cruelty that takes place at some of these events. The Trust also loans horses, ponies and donkeys to suitable homes where they are visited regularly, but unfortunately for various reasons, such as behavioural problems or illness, they are sometimes returned to the sanctuary. A horse, pony or donkey can be sponsored for £10. Write for further details.

## **County Hall Animal Welfare & Rescue Club**

*c/o Ann Clarke, 105 Geraldine Road,  
Wandsworth, London SW18 2NJ*

The Rescue Club rehomes unwanted, stray and feral cats. Following two break-ins during 1996 at the sanctuary, security has to be improved. Work on this is being carried out and donations are needed for the upkeep of the place. There are approximately 100 cats and sponsorship is available as well as merchandise. The club also produces a regular newsletter.

## **Hounslow Animal Welfare Society**

*PO Box 234, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 2QG  
(General enquiries 0181 560 5443)*

In 1996, a total of 459 creatures were taken into the society's care for rehoming, including cats, dogs, rabbits, chinchillas, guinea pigs, terrapins and a hamster. The society also aided another 182 animals, mostly with routine and veterinary treatment but also by the provision of transport, occasional temporary accommodation and assistance in helping people with their animals in times of need. The number of generally

assisted creatures comprise 136 cats, 32 dogs, 4 field mice, 3 rabbits, 2 foxes, 2 pigeons, 2 frogs and 1 hamster. Animal food can be donated to the society which leaves money available for other necessary expenses such as medical bills. Just £2 a month will help pay for the treatment of sick or injured animals.

## **Hillside Animal Sanctuary**

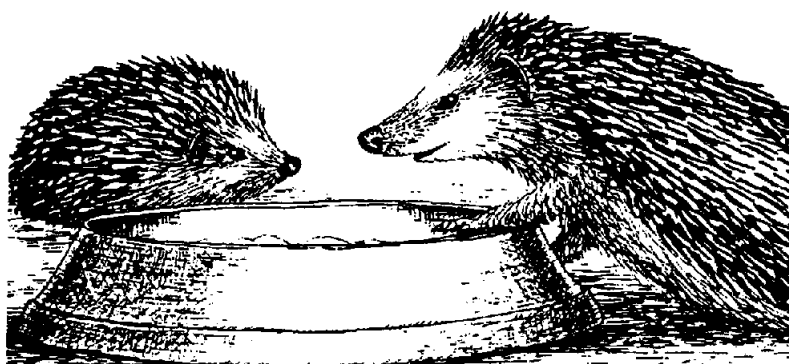
*Hall Lane, Frettenham, Norwich NR12 7LT  
(01603 891237)*

Hillside campaigns to raise public awareness about the plight of farm animals, particularly those abused in factory farming. Hillside will do everything possible to make sure that the animals in their care live out their natural life spans unaffected by human greed or neglect. There is now another sanctuary at *Bridge Farm, Downham Market, Norfolk PE38 0AU*. An adoption service is available for Doris Duck, Tessa Turkey, Pollyanna Pig and Dennis Donkey amongst others.

There are numerous other animal sanctuaries in the British Isles (far too many to list) and if you would like to find out about these, write to:

*Veggies, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW  
(0115 958 5666)*

for a copy of the Animal Contacts Directory (1997/98 Edition), price £4.



## **Eltham Station Pigeons**

*Helpers are urgently needed to help save pigeons which have become trapped under netting which has been put up above the platforms and walkways at Eltham station, South London. Many young and adult pigeons have died as a result of becoming trapped. If you are able to offer any assistance please contact:*

*Eltham Campaign,*

*c/o 1, Chesterfield Court, Granville Park, London  
SE13 7DU (0181 852 0347 after 8pm)*

# National Groups

**Animal Liberation Front  
(Supporters Group)**  
BCM 1160 London WC1N 3XX  
(01203 632873)

*E-Mail 100302.1616@compuserve.com*

The ALF (SG) exists primarily as a prisoner support group, helping those imprisoned for ALF activities in practical and financial ways. They produce an excellent quarterly newsletter with news and letters from prisoners and articles on previous liberation raids. Membership is £2 a month or £24 per year which is all used to help prisoners and their families. A wide range of merchandise is available with a discount to any SG member.

**Animal Liberation  
Front (Press Office)**  
BM 4400  
London WC1N 3XX  
(01954 230542)

The ALF press office is independent of the Supporters Group and, indeed, the ALF itself. Its purpose is to explain to the media the reasons why activists are prepared to break the law to help animals. Speakers are available for meetings. The Press Office is run on a shoestring budget and donations are always welcome.

**Animal Action  
(formerly Animal Birth Control)**  
30 Westwood Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth PO2 2QH  
(01705 679541)

A 24 hour helpline is available for all animals and due to good relations within the area Animal Action can provide aid and advice to cover most instances be they traffic accidents, cruel owners, neglect, etc. The group also runs an animal ambulance. They are a self-supporting group and any money sent goes towards the welfare of animals.

**Animal Help, Advice, Information &  
Rescue Service (Animal Hairs)**  
2 Benedict Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EX  
(01749 860350)

If you have, or know of, any animal welfare problems -

from needing a free name-tag to requiring assistance with transport - they can help! If you find an animal in distress or know of one being ill-treated they can attempt to rescue it. These services are free but the group is always seeking help and fund-raisers, and needs foster homes (which will be properly vetted).

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

The Society is a national pressure group which campaigns peacefully against all animal exploitation. Recent campaigns have included investigations and protests at livestock markets, the proposed mass slaughter of Ruddy Ducks and the funding of vivisection on horses and ponies by the horse racing industry. They publish an informative bi-monthly magazine, 'Outrage'.



**Animal Concern**  
62 Old Dumbarton Road,  
Glasgow,  
Scotland G3 8RE  
(0141 334 6014, Fax: 0141 445 6470)

Animal Concern are a Scottish-based animal rights group which incorporates the Scottish Anti-Vivisection Society. They produce a quarterly newsletter and continue to run a variety of campaigns. They are currently experiencing financial difficulties however, so any donations would be gratefully received.

**Animal Aid and Advice**  
(0181 889 9714)

This north London-based group encourages responsible pet care. They reinforce the fact that neutering and spaying is essential to prevent unwanted litters. AAA also rehomed abandoned and unwanted pets and run a fostering service.

**Action Against Puppy Farming**  
PO Box 2, Llandysul, Dyfed, SA44 4EB  
Dyfed is known for its puppy farming where puppies are



bred for profit and therefore suffering, cruelty and neglect are inevitable. AAFP spreads the message to not buy puppies from pet shops as they are usually bred in appalling puppy farms.

**Animal Rights Coalition (ARC)**  
*PO Box 339, Wolverhampton WV10*  
*(01902 711935)*

ARC encourages the coming together of all local animal rights groups. They produce a monthly newsletter which contains a diary of events, current campaign news and information from local groups around the country. ARC also sends out lists detailing addresses of current animal abuse establishments supplied by Arkangel Information. They urge all local animal rights groups to get in touch.

**Arkangel**

*BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX*

Arkangel aims to provide information and support for the AR movement, to encourage unity and to provide a forum for the exchange of news and views. Please keep Arkangel up-to-date with local and national group activities, newspaper cuttings of direct action reports, etc. Subscription to the magazine is currently £8 for 4 issues (£15 outside of UK.) Donations are always gratefully received.

**Anti-Bullfighting Committee**

*PO Box 175, Liverpool L69 8DX*

This group liaises with Spanish animal rights groups to persuade holiday-makers not to attend the bullfights and asks travel companies to publish a statement in their brochures discouraging people from attending bullfights.

**British Anti-Vivisection Association (BAVA)**

*PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF*

BAVA has useful information on medical fraud. They campaign to abolish all animal experimentation and to increase public awareness of the hazardous nature of most medication. A current campaign is to persuade the BBC to introduce balance and impartiality into its reporting of matters concerning animal 'research', health, medicine, environmental pollution, etc. Posters, booklets and petitions are available. Subscription to the group is £6 a year.

**Campaign Against Leather and Fur (CALF)**

*BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX*

Leaflets are available on the fur, leather, silk and wool trades. The group's aim is to draw people's attention to the fact that fur and leather are basically the same thing - the skin of murdered animals. CALF sends out information packs to promote veganism, and these are free of charge, but please send an SAE to help towards postage!

**Cetacea Defence**

*PO Box 11, SEDO Office, Manchester M18 8GU*

This group is principally involved in protecting the world's whales and dolphins. They have recently been involved in the Free Corky campaign. They need people to act as on-the-spot investigators. Contact them at the above address.

**The Captive Animals Protection Society (CAPS)**

*171 Cherry Tree Road,  
Blackpool,  
Lancs. FY4 4PQ*

*(Tel/Fax: 01253 765 072)*

This organisation continues the important work of requesting local authorities not to allow circuses with animals on to council owned sites. CAPS also continues to support and give encouragement to established and newly-formed groups overseas who work under difficult circumstances and

often face strong opposition.

**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. The group produces an informative newsletter.

**Doctors and Lawyers for Responsible Medicine (DLRM)**

*104b Weston Park, London N8 9PP*  
*(0181 340 9813, Fax: 0181 342 9878)*

The objective of this organisation is the immediate and unconditional abolition of all animal experiments on scientific and medical grounds. Animal-based research cannot be extrapolated to humans because of species differences and is therefore misleading and counterproductive. Contact this important organisation for further details and membership subscriptions.



## **Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)**

*2, Pear Tree Court, London EC1R 0DS  
(0171 490 7040)*

The EIA has campaigned for most endangered species since its foundation in 1984. Write for further details.

## **The Fox Project**

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

This group has saved the lives of many foxes 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. They also produce T-shirts, sweatshirts, leaflets and a newsletter. Write for more details.

## **The Fellowship of Life**

*43 Braichmelyn, Bethesda, Bangor, Gwynedd,  
North Wales LL57 3RD*

A Christian-based animal rights group who support all aspects of the movement. They produce a regular informative newsletter. They plough every penny raised back into the group's work and always welcome new members.

## **Greek Animal Rescue**

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

This group rescues stray, injured and abandoned animals in Greece, where strays are often thought of as vermin - in some cases being disposed of by being thrown alive over cliffs. A thirty minute video is available showing some of the atrocities towards animals that occur in Greece. The video also features the sanctuaries and shelters which are provided for abused and neglected animals.

## **Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA)**

*PO Box 2786 Brighton, BN2 2AX  
(01273 622827, E-mail: hsa@gn.apc.org)*

The HSA prevents hunting by direct intervention on the killing fields. They have a large network of local groups all round the country. The head office provides legal and tactical support for local groups, can provide speakers for talks, and sells a wide range of merchandise. They produce the brilliant magazine *Howl* four times a year.

## **Hedgehog Preservation Society**

*Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow,  
Shropshire SY8 3LQ*

For a very interesting newsletter and information concerning the campaign to protect hedgehogs, please write for further details.

## **International Animal Welfare Alliance**

*PO Box 43, Dudley DY3 3DG*

This group was set up in the early 1980's, primarily to campaign against animal circuses. The group now has expanded and has several different projects namely, Circuswatch - campaigning against circuses, Seas in Crisis, Justice for Kangaroos - campaigning against the exotic meat trade, and the Campaign for Reptiles - against the pet trade.

## **Justice for Keith Mann Campaign**

**(JFKM)**

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

In November 1995, Keith Mann was sentenced to an outrageous 14 years in prison, which was reduced to an also outrageous 11 years on appeal. JFKM continues to campaign on Keith's behalf on issues such as parole and other matters.

## **Justice & Rights Associates**

*PO Box 83, Bracknell, Berks RG12 7QH  
(01344 411468)*

J & R Associates are a group dedicated to ending the abuse of ostriches, emus and rheas. They have recently recorded a song, *Ostrich*, as a fund-raiser, which is available on cassette. The group formed part of the campaign which successfully stopped Andrew Lloyd Webber from taking part in ostrich farming.

## **Jewish Vegetarian Society**

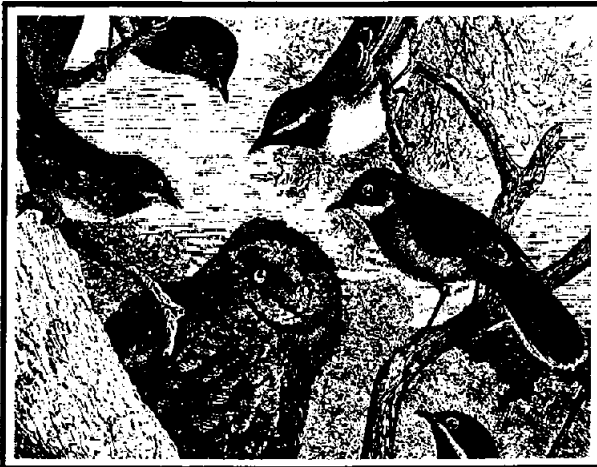
*855 Finchley Road, London NW11*

The JVS is an international movement and membership is open to everyone. They also produce an excellent magazine packed with information.

## **The Marine Connection**

*PO Box 2404, London W2 3WG  
(Tel/Fax: 0171 706 9715)*

The Marine Connection campaign against dolphins and other marine mammals being kept in captivity. Their current



campaign is against Anheuser Busch, manufacturers of Budweiser beer, who own several amusement parks in America housing various dolphins and killer whales. They have held several demonstrations outside the headquarters of Anheuser Busch in London.

### **McLibel Support Campaign**

*5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX  
(0171 713 1269)*

This group was set up to provide support for the two London activists who were sued for libel by McDonald's. The trial has ended and a verdict may have been reached by the time you read this. For an up-to-date report see the article elsewhere in the magazine.

### **National Anti-Vivisection Society**

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

NAVS produce the magazine 'Campaigner' which is issued to members. For details of their campaigns write to the above address.

### **National Canine Defence League**

*17 Wakley Street,  
London EC1V 7LT  
(0171 837 0006)*

NCDL exist to promote the welfare of dogs. They campaign against the Dangerous Dogs Act (DDA) 1991 and give help and advice, regularly putting dog owners in touch with solicitors. NCDL

is committed to a non-destruction policy. They have rescue centres where they take in registered pit bull terriers and re-home others when they are able.

### **National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC)**

*PO Box 66, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 2TR*

Every year in Britain tens of thousands of wild animals are chased, terrified and brutally killed in the name of sport. The NAHC is campaigning for a national ban on hunting with hounds, and an end to all bloodsports. They produce a news magazine giving details of their campaign reports and merchandise products.

### **NOW Against Live Exports**

*St. Joseph's, Souldern, Bicester, Oxon OX6 9LA*

NOW are continuing with the campaign against live exports. Leading from the front, NOW have supported demonstrations wherever animals have been shipped from. NOW produce a newsletter giving campaign news from around the country.

### **Nurses Anti-Vivisection Movement**

*PO Box 32, Matlock, Derby DE4 3JY*

NAVVM seeks to bring together those members of the nursing profession who are committed to the abolition of experiments on live animals conducted during medical research, including the testing of drugs and in the field of behavioural sciences. Among their stated aims are the intention to publicly denounce vivisection, ensure the subject is discussed via the official nursing colleges and boards, to ensure the subject is published in journals and the media, to publicly debate the issues involved and to co-operate with other anti-vivisection organisations.

### **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**

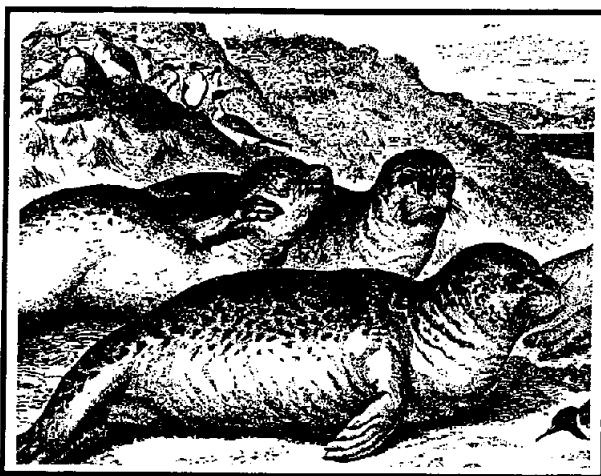
*PO Box 3169, London NW1 2JF  
(0181 785 2707)*

PETA were formed in America and have had an office in the UK for several years. They claim to be the world's largest animal rights organisation and campaign against all forms of animal abuse. They produce an informative magazine, Animal Times, four times a year.

### **Pet Stealing Alert**

*PO Box 94, Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire*

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



### **Plan 2000**

*234 Summergangs Rd, Hull HU8 8LL  
(01482 786855, Fax: 01482 786195)*

Plan 2000 aims to see all animal experiments banned by the end of the century. A video is available of a debate between Dr Vernon Coleman and the notorious Professor Wright (or wrong in his case!). Plan 2000 also produce a newsletter.

### **Prevent Unwanted Pets (PUP)**

*28 Rushworth Ave, West Bridgford,  
Nottingham NG2 7LF  
(0115 969 6018)*

PUP provides help towards the cost of doctoring pets for people on a low income and thereby prevents the suffering of unwanted animals.

## **Pisces**

*PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND  
(0117 955 9814)*

*E-mail: [pisces@pisces.demon.co.uk](mailto:pisces@pisces.demon.co.uk)*

*Web site: <http://www.envirolink.org/arrs/pisces/index.html>*

Pisces is the national campaign against sport fishing. Current campaigns include opposing the anglers' proposal for cormorants to be taken off the protected species list. Anglers have suggested shooting cormorants so that they don't interfere with their fishing. Every year they co-ordinate National Anti-Angling Week, which coincides with the traditional start of the coarse fishing season in June. They produce a quarterly magazine and can provide speakers for talks.

## **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 booklet 'Reptiles: Misunderstood, Mistreated and Mass-Marketed', please send them a cheque for £2.50.

## **Sea Sabs**

*PO Box 5, Dover, Kent  
CT15 4GD*

The Sea Sabs are a marine action group who confront animal abusers on the water as so much cruelty happens there. They all have animal rights and/or environmental backgrounds, and many have been involved in waterborne activities for many years. So far, much of their activity has been directed against the live exports trade at Dover and the Canadian and Norwegian embassies in London. They also offer assistance in the rescue of stranded cetacea and other forms of sea life.

## **Shark Protection League**

*BM LAPL, London WC1N 3XX  
(0589 173033)*

The SPL was set up to expose the horrific cruelty involved in shark angling and to campaign against this 'sport'. The group produces leaflets, factsheets, petitions and a very informative newsletter.

## **The Shellfish Network**

*Springside, Forest Rd, East Horsley, Leatherhead,  
Surrey KT24 5AZ  
(Tel/Fax 01483 282995)*

Please note the new address and telephone number. This group campaigns to increase public awareness of the cruelties involved in the production of shellfish for food. They recently spearheaded the campaign to stop supermarket giants Tesco and Waitrose from selling live lobsters.

## **Society for Neutering Islington's Pussies (SNIP)**

*228 Highbury Quadrant, London N5 2TZ*

The aim of SNIP is to protect and assist the stray/feral cat population of Islington. For further information you should write to the above address. If you could take in a homeless cat or kitten, please telephone Tricia: 0171 609 8182, Kate: 0181 800 7758, Janine: 0181 800 4468 or Linda: 0171 837 0766.

## **South West Animal Rights (SWARC)**

*PO Box 1760, Yeovil,  
Somerset BA21 5YD*

SWARC has been set up to try to keep the animal and environmental groups in the South West informed about current campaigns and events and to provide a format for

individuals and groups to express their views.

## **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 dogs and cats. All of the money, which is desperately needed, goes towards food, vets' bills, neutering and spaying. They have a selection of cards for sale to raise funds.

## **Teachers for Animal Rights**

*c/o Lynwood Rd, London SW17 6HP*

Please write for an information pack. A donation or SAE to help cover costs would be appreciated.

## **Uncaged**

*14 Ridgeway Rd, Sheffield S12 2SS  
(0114 253 0020)*

Uncaged is a national group campaigning against vivisection on scientific and ethical grounds. Their main



campaign is against Proctor and Gamble who test their household products on animals. They organise a 'Rage Against the Cage' march against vivisection in Sheffield each June.

**Vegan Prisoners Support Group**  
*PO Box 194, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3HD*  
*24hr Arrest Helpline: 0181 292 8325*

VPSG is an impartial body that endeavours to ensure the human rights of vegan animal rights prisoners of conscience within prison walls, and where finance and time allows, to other vegan prisoners of conscience. They offer support for day-to-day problems prisoners may encounter, giving practical assistance and moral support where needed. They are always in need of new volunteers and any practical and financial assistance.

**Vegans International**  
*c/o 11 Guinea St, Bristol BS1 6SX*

This very important group unites those who want to make the world a decent place to live - where veganism is the norm! They produce an excellent magazine. Membership is a well spent £7 per year.

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

Animal liberation will never be achieved until everyone becomes vegan! It is essential that as many people as possible join the Vegan Society and turn this dream into reality. With increased membership, the Vegan Society can spread the vegan message far and wide, but they need your help.

**The Vegetarian Society**  
*Parkdale, Dunham Rd, Altrincham,*  
*Cheshire WA14 4QG*  
*(0161 928 0793)*

An important organisation for those taking the first step towards veganism. They are currently campaigning against the exotic meat trade. They produce an informative magazine and also 'Greenscene', a magazine for younger readers.

**Veggies**  
*180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HU*  
Veggies produce the monthly 'Veggies Calendar of Events' which lists all forthcoming events of interest to animal

rights campaigners. They also publish the Animals Contacts Directory, which is a comprehensive list of all local and national animal rights and animal welfare organisations in the UK, along with sanctuaries, vegan businesses and a selection of international contacts. This is financed by their catering co-operative, which travels all round the country providing delicious cheap vegan food. They also provide a selection of posters and leaflets.

**VIVA!**

*12 Queen Square, Brighton BN1 3FD*  
*(01273 777688 / Fax: 01273 776755)*

VIVA! (Vegetarians International Voice for Animals) are a very active organisation who have recently launched a nationwide campaign to stop the sale of ostrich meat. They produce a very informative magazine called 'VIVA' and a range of literature for vegetarians and vegans. A recent 'Vegetarian Mother and Baby' guide is also available. They have a BSE helpline which is open between 10am and 7pm.

For more information about their campaigns please ring the above number.

**Welsh Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

*PO Box 6 Llandysul,*  
*Dyfed, Wales SA44 5YR*  
*(01559 371 354)*

Please write for details about this group's important work.

**World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)**  
*2, Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ*  
*(0171 793 0540)*

The WSPA is involved in many issues concerning the plight of animals across the world. They run campaigns against Spanish Fiestas and the plight of bears around the world through their 'Liberty' campaign. They also provide a Holiday Horrors package designed to give information to people appalled by the animal suffering they see abroad.



**Local Group Update**

*Belfast Hunt Saboteurs Association:*  
*c/o 3/5 Donegall Lane, Belfast BT1 21Z*  
*Phone (daytime): 01232 244640*  
*Phone (evening/weekend): 0802 840116*

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## AUSTRIA

Five provinces have outlawed fur farming as being contrary to the nation-wide law against cruelty to animals - and the remaining 4 provinces are expected to follow suit. Only recently there were still more than 40 fur farms active in Austria. All but 8 have been closed due to prosecutions brought by animal protection groups, and it is expected that the remaining 8 will close too, because of the provincial laws. (ARC News, January '97)

## BELGIUM

A ban has been imposed on the traditional 'pastime' of frog-racing. (Ceefax, 12/2/97)

## BELIZE

When the Cockscomb Basin wildlife reserve opened in 1988 there were only 20 jaguars left in the region. Now there are 60 to 80. (Ceefax, 21/8/96)

## BRAZIL

Fishermen who used to live off turtle eggs are now helping to save the endangered species from extinction. Some 400 fishermen are taking part in the Brazilian Marine Turtle Project. (Ceefax, 20/9/96)

According to the WWF a long-running campaign to save the Golden Lion Tamarin monkey from extinction has been successful. The WWF believes the number of Golden Lion Tamarins has increased from 100 to 800 since 1984 and the number should carry on increasing over the next 30 years. Local farmers have been protecting the monkey which lives in Brazil's Atlantic Forest, where much of its natural habitat has been destroyed. (Ceefax, 20/12/96)

## CANADA

The owner of Polar Park, a dilapidated Edmonton, Alberta, zoo, announced its closure, attributing dwindling attendance to the success of animal rights groups that deterred visitors. (Vancouver Sun, 6/9/96, 23/10/96)

## CHINA

9 Asiatic black bears, which were due to be killed so their bile could be extracted for 'medicine', were instead handed over to IFAW to be placed in a sanctuary. In total, nearly 300 of the estimated 10,000 bears in bile farms are to be released in this way. (Liberate!, January '97)

Three men who sold 2 panda skins were jailed for 15 years by a southern China court. (Times, 24/1/97)

Fresh measures have been announced to protect the panda, including the setting up of 14 new preservation zones. (Ceefax, 10/2/97)

## COLOMBIA

Colombia has ended the practice of electrocuting stray dogs after the WSPA and other groups promised to work with government officials to implement more humane alternatives and spay/neuter programmes. In Bogota alone, 300-500 dogs were killed this way every week. (The Protector, Winter '96-'97)

## EUROPE

European Community farm ministers have agreed to ban the use of cramped veal crates by the year 2006. (Teletext, 19/12/96)

## GERMANY

An increasing number of universities in Germany no longer use animals to teach students in biology, veterinary and medical school courses. Medical schools in Hanover, Marburg, and Saarbrücken, among others, have stopped using animals in physiology and biology labs, while several other schools provide the option of using non-animal alternatives. (Civil Abolitionist, Winter '96-'97)

## INDIA

One of the world's rarest animals, the Asiatic Lion, is making a come-back after being close to extinction. Indian conservation officers say they have counted nearly 40 new cubs this year in the Gir Forest national park in the state of Gujarat - the lions' only remaining refuge. (Ceefax, 29/9/96)

The Ahimsa Animal Protection Society successfully filed a court case against Gemini Circus who were illegally displaying wildlife in a Mini Zoo, which had to close down following the case. (Ahimsa, December '96)

## IRELAND

The Irish Council Against Bloodsports (ICABS) has successfully challenged tourist boards in both Northern and Southern



Ireland over their respective promotions of bloodsports. ICABS exposed Bord Failte (The Irish Tourist Board) for promoting fox and deer-hunting holidays, which were then dropped from all Bord Failte holiday brochures. Next, ICABS turned its attention to the Northern Irish Tourist Board office in Dublin, which had a window display featuring bloodsports and advertising a game and country fair in County Antrim. The Tourist Board promptly removed the offensive display after ICABS called on it to do so. (Wildlife Guardian, Autumn '96)

## ISRAEL

The Israeli army now allows soldiers to wear vegan boots instead of leather if they so wish. (Animal Times, Autumn '96)

Rabbi David Golinkin, chair of the conservative movement's law committee in Israel, has urged Jews to boycott veal and foie gras, saying that the cruel way calves and geese are treated to produce these products violates Jewish law. (Animal Times, Xmas '96)

## JAPAN

According to a British animal rights activist who visits Japan regularly, there are now about 200 animal protection groups in Japan, including an anti-whaling network of societies and individuals. They campaign by extensive media disclosure about animal abuse and hold exhibitions in many public places. Animals liberated from laboratories include 7 dogs from one and 200 mice from another. (Letter to Arkangel, 17/8/96)

## NAMIBIA

A young white rhino born in a German zoo is to be released into Etosha National Park. He will be kept in an enclosure in the park until he becomes acclimatized. The project is being funded by a private German company. (Ceefax, 26/9/96)

## NICARAGUA

The eating of green iguanas, the main ingredient in favourite Holy Week dishes, has been banned. (Teletext, 6/2/97)

## NORWAY

50,000 Norwegians have signed a European petition against animal experiments in the cosmetics industry. The petition has about 6 million signatures altogether. (Arbeiderbladet, 14/9/96)

A court has determined that an egg carton displaying a picture of happy chickens roaming around a farmyard violated Norwegian marketing

law because it misrepresented the way the hens really live - in tiny cages. (AP, 16/10/96)

## PHILIPPINES

The Philippines has banned the export of Crocus Clams. (Traffic Bulletin, August '96)

## RUSSIA

A recent survey has found about 450 Siberian tigers. The last survey, in 1985, identified about 250. (BBC Newsround, 22/11/96)

The Yakutia region has made a deal with the WWF to protect Arctic lakes and forests in a quarter of its territory. (Teletext, 17/2/97)

Wolves, which were culled every year during the Soviet period, are now enjoying a revival and are even returning to highly-populated areas. (Teletext, 17/2/97)

## SOUTH AFRICA

National Park authorities are injecting female elephants with contraceptives in a bid to control the population without culling. Appeals from pressure groups ended the culling of hundreds of elephants each year, and the park is resisting calls to restore hunting to keep numbers down. (Ceefax, 13/11/96)

## SOUTH EAST ASIA

Malaysia and the Philippines have signed an agreement that will establish the world's first marine turtle reserve to extend across two territories. (Traffic Bulletin, August '96)

## SOUTH KOREA

The South Korean government has announced a ban on all trade in bear and bear-related items. (Ceefax, 8/10/96)

## SPAIN

According to an opinion poll in Natura magazine, 96% of those questioned are opposed to bullfighting. (Veganismo, Autumn '96)

## SWEDEN

All fur shops in Umea have closed following daily direct action against them. (Underground, Winter '96)

## SWITZERLAND

The International League of Doctors for the Abolition of Vivisection has reported an end to the notorious cat neurophysiology experiments conducted at the Institute of Anatomy in Lausanne. ILDAV also succeeded



in closing the lab down, although some of the cats were placed in other laboratories. (LIMAV-Newsletter, Sept '96)

## USA

A Florida circuit court judge has ruled that 'hot dog rodeos', where several dogs are released to attack a single, confined boar, violate the state's anti-cruelty and public nuisance laws. (PETA, 9/8/96)

In Defense of Animals won its lawsuit against a Mississippi couple who kept exotic animals in deplorable conditions. The couple were convicted of 73 counts of animal cruelty and fined about £7,500, with one of them also receiving a 10-day jail sentence. IDA coordinated the rescue and relocation of the 80 lions, tigers, bears and cougars that had suffered from lack of food and water in cramped, overcrowded cages. (IDA, 2/1/8/96)

Chevron has agreed to cap all its exhaust stacks in the US so preventing birds and bats from burning alive in open stacks. (Animal Times, Autumn '96)

Toymaker Mattel has told furrier Yolanda to immediately cease selling fur-bedecked Barbie dolls. Mattel said, "We would never design a fashion for the Barbie doll using real fur." (Animal Times, Autumn '96)

The National Rifle Association has laid off 30 employees, halted production of its weekly cable television show, and plans to eliminate its hunter services division as a result of financial difficulties. (AP, 23/9/96)

The US Department of Health and Human Services has announced new criteria for determining substance carcinogenicity that emphasize cell cultures over animal testing. (Reuters, 26/9/96)

Susan Paris, president of the pro-vivisection Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), has admitted that the ALF has had a significant impact against vivisection. In a letter on AMP's website, she wrote, "Because of terrorist acts by animal activists ..., crucial research projects have been delayed or scrapped. More and more of the scarce dollars available to research are spent on heightened security and higher insurance rates. Promising young scientists are rejecting careers in research. Top-notch researchers are getting out of the field. (No Compromise, October '96)

The Public Broadcasting Service killed funding for the series 'Wild America'

after The Denver Post reported allegations that a film-maker had staged wildlife scenes and mistreated animals during filming. (AP, 2/10/96)

A US District Court judge has ruled that the US Department of Agriculture's regulations for the care of animals held in roadside zoos and research labs violated the federal Animal Welfare Act by not being strict enough. It is now hoped that better standards will be developed. (Animal Legal Defense Fund, 31/10/96)

Massachusetts and Colorado voters approved bans on the use of leghold and body-gripping traps. The Massachusetts measure also bans hunting with hounds. Washington voters approved a measure to ban bear baiting and the hound hunting of bears, cougars and bobcats. (HSUS, 6/11/96)

Tony Silva, an internationally known expert on exotic birds, was sentenced to nearly 7 years in prison and fined £50,000 for organizing an international parrot-smuggling ring and a related income tax violation. The sentence was one of the most severe ever imposed for bird smuggling. (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 20/11/96)

The Hegins, Pennsylvania pigeon shoot, the world's largest and most notorious live bird shoot, seems to be losing support. There was a visible decrease in spectators at last year's event and only 170 shooters entered the contest, down from the 250 that usually take part. Also the local newspaper has turned against the shoot after years of defending it. (Animals' Agenda, Nov/Dec '96)

The Clarence Jordan Mink Ranch in Olympia, Washington state, has closed following a raid by the ALF. (Underground, Winter '96)

Gillette announced that it did not use animals to test its personal care and consumer products or ingredients during the 1996 reporting period, making it the third consecutive year that no animals were used to test its cosmetics line. The company assured PETA that it is not currently using animals to test non-prescription products/ingredients and has no plans to do so. PETA has now ended its campaign against Gillette. (PETA, 10/12/96)

Pepsi, responding to concerns about its advertisements at Latin American cockfighting arenas, announced that it would no longer be involved in cockfighting and stated that any support or sponsorship of cockfighting, bullfighting or any similar sport was against its policy. (Friends of Animals, 24/12/96)





PETA, and residents of Corpus Chisti, Texas, working together, stopped a secret plan by Animal Damage Control to use leghold traps to catch and kill an unlimited number of coyotes over a two-week period. Now, Corpus Christi residents have formed a wildlife protection group and, working with the mayor's office, are teaching their community how to live with coyotes. (Animal Times, Xmas '96)

After a vegetarian bus driver risked (and lost) his job by refusing to distribute hamburger coupons to passengers, the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled that Bruce's employer discriminated against him for his "strongly held moral and ethical beliefs" - putting vegetarianism on a par with religious convictions for the first time. (Animal Times, Xmas '96)

Animal activists in Alameda, California learned that ducklings were drowning in an artificial lagoon because a 12-inch vertical drop made exit impossible once mother ducks led their babies into the water. After the board of directors of the building to which the lagoon belonged refused to help, the local media were alerted and a letter-writing campaign organized. Within weeks the entire area rallied with support, the officials who had refused to help resigned, and a new board and property management company installed escape ramps for the ducklings. (Animal Times, Xmas '96)

Animal abusers face tougher punishment in Michigan under a new law that allows judges to give stiffer sentences to those convicted of a

second or subsequent offence of cruelty. (Michigan Humane Society, 30/12/96)

Basketball games where players stand on the backs of donkeys were cancelled at two colleges in Duluth, Minnesota, after protests from the local Animal Liberation League. (Animal Liberation League, 10/1/97)

A recent study of psychologists' attitudes toward animal research suggests that experiments on living animals are losing support within the profession. (Animals' Agenda, Jan/Feb '97)

According to a 1996 opinion poll, 74% of Americans believe leghold traps should be outlawed. (Animals' Agenda, Jan/Feb '97)

New regulations to protect northern Right Whales mean that ships, jet-skis, swimmers and even aircraft will have to divert their course to avoid disturbing the animals, and vessels must now give them a 500 yard berth. (Teletext, 24/2/97)

## VIETNAM

A man who killed a domesticated elephant for its tusks has been jailed for 20 years. (Ceefax, 28/10/96)

## WORLD

Oslo Fur auctions has reported that world mink production declined 5.5% from 1995 to 1996, including a 38% reduction in Russia. World mink supply has dropped from 41.7 million pelts in 1989 to a projected 24.1 million in 1997. (Animals' Agenda, Jan/Feb '97)



## Vegan Camp

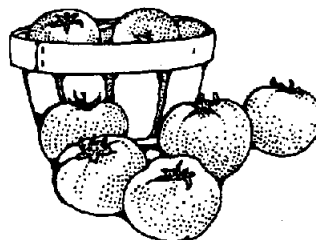
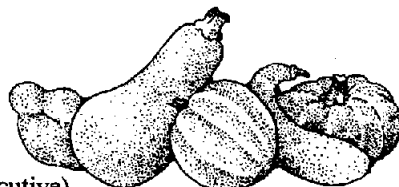
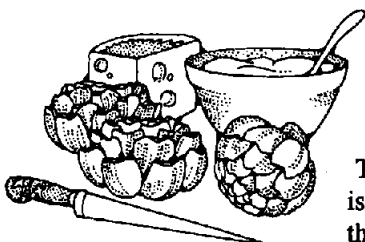
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This year's annual Vegan Camp ( the 17th consecutive) is to be held in the peak district from Saturday the 9th to the 23rd of August 1997. Further details can be obtained by sending a large SAE plus 3 LOOSE stamps to:

**Box VCTM, The Rainbow Centre,  
180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW.**

This year's Vegan Camp is to be held at the Pindale Outdoor Centre, Pindale Lane, Hope, Sheffield S30 2RN (O.S. Grid ref 163 825). The camp is open to all vegans and anyone else who is interested

(we merely ask that you be vegan for that period). Activities taking place include sports, indoor games, walks, discussions, guided tours.... See you there!



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# Sabbing News



## Trinity Foot Beagles

Cambridge University harehunters, the Trinity Foot Beagles, have reported the theft of five 11-month old puppies from their kennels. It is suspected to be the work of ALF activists, but no claim of responsibility has been made. A local spokesperson for the British Field Sports Society (BFSS) said: *"This is a very cruel act and one that could endanger the good welfare of the pups."* Hunts are well-known for shooting hounds that don't have a suitable bloodlust or that are past their prime, often feeding their corpses back to the others.

## Jackie Charlton

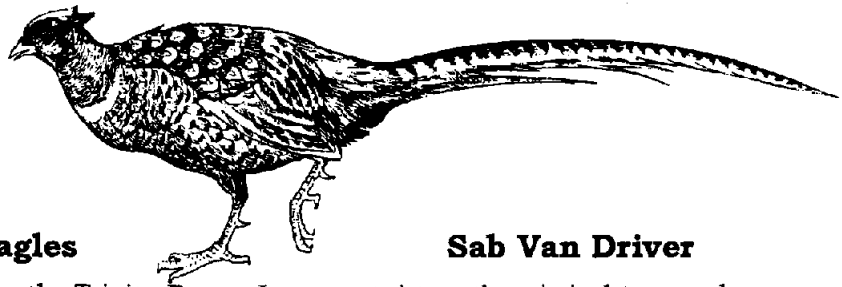
The former manager of Ireland's football team is a keen all-round bloodsports enthusiast. He was fined £30 last year after pleading guilty to fishing without a licence and was also ordered to pay £45 costs. He was trapped with 30 others following a crackdown on licence dodgers by Environment Agency inspectors and gave the lame excuse: *"It was an oversight on my part and will not happen again."* Well, that's not good enough. You know what they say, Jack: There's NO excuse for animal abuse!

## Wildlife Network

Former director of the League Against Cruel Sports, Jim Barrington, has set up a new organisation which won't so much try to stop hunt scum abusing animals, more like politely ask them to be a bit nicer while they do it. It's called the Wildlife Network and you can contact them at PO Box 11061, London E17 5TZ.

## BFSS Attempt Take-over of RSPCA

Last year saw the pro-bloodsports BFSS attempt a 'take-over' of the RSPCA, which is totally opposed to hunting with hounds. Over 3,000 blood junkies joined the RSPCA prior to their June AGM but fortunately a minimum of 3 months has to elapse before new members can vote. At a packed meeting it was unanimously decided to reaffirm the opposition to hunting and to kick out any hunt scum that might have joined. The BFSS is contesting this decision, saying that as a charity, the RSPCA shouldn't be allowed to refuse membership to animal abusers, as this is somehow 'political'.



## Sab Van Driver

In a new twist on the criminal trespass laws, a person driving a van was convicted of 'aiding and abetting criminal trespass'. Sabs from the north-west came across a party of anglers and after disrupting their 'sport', went on their way. The driver was traced through the registration number of the van and pleaded guilty to avoid a threatened criminal damage charge. He was ordered to do 120 hours community service and pay £75 court costs.

## Hunt Scum Bound Over

Three supporters of the Vale of Clettwr foxhounds have been bound over to keep the peace for 12 months following an incident where sabs were surrounded in their van and the driver dragged out and held upside down. Terrierman Emyr Davies and two other supporters, John Glanmore Jones and John Geraint Owens denied violent disorder and stealing hunting horns, whips and other sabbing equipment.

## Terriermen Suspended

Two terriermen with the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Foxhounds have been suspended whilst an enquiry is carried out into an incident where a live fox was released in front of hounds, contrary to official guidelines. The Master of Fox Hounds Association Code of Good Fox Hunting Practice states as one of its three golden rules: *"A fox which has had to be handled by a terrierman or his assistant must be either freed or humanely destroyed immediately; under no circumstances may it be hunted."* Luckily for the fox, sabs were present and managed to distract the hounds enabling the fox to make good its escape.

## BFSS Launch Fighting Fund

In November 1996 the British Field Sports Society launched an appeal for a £1million fighting fund to defend bloodsports from a possible parliamentary ban. Since so many hunt scum are filthy rich you'd think they'd get this no problem, but apparently it's going slowly.

## National Beagling Day

Following the demise of the heavily-sabbed Beagling Festival that used to be held yearly in Newcastle, the BFSS were promoting 'National Beagling Day' on 23rd November

to promote beagling to a wider audience. The normally publicity-shy harehunts were persuaded to advertise their meets, much to the delight of sabs who took the opportunity to have a 'National Beagling Sabbing Day'.

### **Vine & Craven Assault**

Two sabs, from West London and Basingstoke, on the Vine & Craven foxhunt were assaulted by a landowner wielding a large stick last November. Strangely, the hunt distanced themselves from the attack to the extent of packing up and apologising to the sabs.

### **Hound Deaths**

Several hunts have been losing hounds in road accidents recently. The Ledbury Hunt lost one and the police may prosecute the hunt for allowing the animal on to the road. At the East Sussex and Romney Marsh foxhunt three hounds were killed and five injured after being hit by a bus on a main road. The Cheshire Foxhounds got some bad press when they were secretly filmed shooting two of their hounds in the head and tossing their bodies into a bin. The League Against Cruel Sports estimates that every year 10,000 hounds are killed in this way by hunts to make way for younger ones. The Chiddingfold's huntsman went even further and reportedly butchered over half his pack following a poor showing whilst out hunting when a deer was ripped apart and two pet dogs were killed. It is rumoured that he was sacked by the hunt masters following this mass slaughter.

### **Garth Broken Bones**

The huntsman of the Garth & South Berks foxhunt based near Reading was hospitalised early in the season with a multiple fracture of the pelvis. Unfortunately sabs can't claim the credit for this one - it was due to his horse turfing him out of the saddle in a somewhat ungainly fashion.

### **Scotland's CJA Case Collapses**

The first case for aggravated trespass to be tried in Scotland under the new Criminal Justice Act was thrown out of court last year after someone was seen during the trial passing information to prosecution witnesses who had yet to take the stand.

### **Cheshire Pigs Sued**

The Chief Constable of the Cheshire Constabulary has had to fork out £500 in damages to a sab arrested in 1991 following a demonstration. They were detained for ten hours following a demonstration at the house of Cheshire Beagler Alan Summersgill, who had earlier killed sab Mike Hill by running him over.

### **Albrighton Woodland Hunt Fined**

Hunt staff with the Albrighton Woodland foxhunt were fined large sums of money in November 96 at Kidderminster

Magistrates Court. The offences were in connection with disposal of cattle corpses which hunts frequently collect from farmers to feed to their hounds. The remaining waste is taken to a renderers but bits that could contain BSE-causing organisms must be kept separate, and this was not done.

### **Shooters Rallies Post Dunblane**

Shooters have demonstrated that it isn't just animals they care about (NOT!) by organising several demos against the proposed post-Dunblane massacre firearms controls. Having been used to letting hunting with hounds shield them from flak from animal rights activists, this bunch of inadequates is now getting worried that their own sick sport might be on its last legs.

### **Whipper-in Guilty**

A whipper-in with the New Forest Foxhounds was found guilty of careless driving in October 96 after an incident where a sab was crushed between a van and a landrover. The Southampton sab suffered a badly sprained ankle amongst other injuries. The court imposed a fine of £180 with £150 costs and seven penalty points were put on his driving licence.

### **Hunt Balls**

An essential long-term strategy against hunting is the constant barrage of demoralising abuse hunt scum receive which can eventually lead to them stopping hunting just for a bit of peace. An excellent way of really getting them down is by targeting their hunt balls. Virtually all hunts have some sort of a 'do', usually towards the end of the hunting season. These range from bog-standard dinners for the more plebby hunts to full-scale dinner jacket and bow tie affairs for the toffs. Traditionally, these have also been attended by various 'uninvited' guests intent on spoiling their big day.

A number of hunts have already had their Balls totally ruined so far this season. The Old Surrey and Burstow foxhunt held their hunt ball in Feb 96 at the tacky "High Rocks" in Tunbridge Wells. Such was the level of anger against the wildlife killers that they had to be protected by hundreds of police. Whilst all the hunt was at the ball, however, and the police occupied there too, the huntsman's house was left totally unguarded - numerous windows and vehicles parked outside were trashed.

The Chiddingfold received similar attention at their ball at Walberton, near Arundel in Sussex, except this time police were outnumbered by sabs and failed to prevent party-goers from getting a good pounding. Headlines from some of the national press give a flavour of what went on: "Police 'looked on' as mob stoned hunt ball", "The hunter hunted: Rampaging saboteurs turn ball into a battle" and "Hunters are hunted as saboteurs go to the ball." There were no arrests.

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# VEGANS INTERNATIONAL

## VEGAN OUTREACH

Vegan Outreach is a national campaigning network of vegan activists across America who focus on "preaching to the convertible" on a massive scale. Every month they give away several thousand copies of their pamphlet "Why Vegan?", mainly on college campuses, which allows for easy leafleting and which offers an environment with open minds. The booklet has evolved over several years into something concise, inexpensive, yet powerful.

In the past Vegan Outreach have tried traditional "in your face" slogans, celebrity endorsement and campaigns against fur and vivisection, but found they had little impact on ordinary people. Instead they've discovered that detailed, compelling information on veganism, the key to all other issues, can cut through the wall of denial. Wherever they go, the following year they return to find thriving new vegan groups.

Anyone who'd like to do the same or donate to this group, write to **Vegan Outreach, 10410 Forbes Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, USA. Tel +1-412-247 3527**  
Email: [mba8+@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:mba8+@andrew.cmu.edu)  
<http://envirolink.org/arrs/vo/index.html>

## GERMANY

*VI Country Coordinator Heidrun Leisenheimer reports:*

We have a very good magazine called *Vegetarisch fit* that is available monthly (very similar to *Vegetarian Living*) with reports on Veganism. Many recipes are vegan and they are very open towards the vegan idea.

A booklet about "Animal ingredients and their alternatives" has been published by Lars Thomsen from the animal rights group "Face IT". He has also published the German version of the "Manual of Animal Rights" by David Cowles-Hamar and translated the book "Why Vegan" by Kath Clements.

I cooked "Tofu-stroganoff" on TV in a youth talk show called "KARACHO". The topic was meat. A butcher was there, an organic farmer, a vegetarian, a vegan and a vegetarian cook and myself.

The organisation "Vegetarische Initiative" in Hamburg published an advertising campaign in major newspapers: "I don't eat anything that has eyes". People who helped pay for the ad were mentioned by name.

## VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN?

**"Necessary remarks to an unnecessary debate"**

Vegetarians don't lead easy lives. Up until a short time ago

they were mocked by meat eaters, and now more trouble, this time from the other side - criticism from vegans. In immediate response to that here are two propositions to begin to illustrate the problems and explosive effect of the question "Vegetarian or Vegan?"

*Criticism by vegans of vegetarians in terms of ethics and fact is completely right.*

*Criticism by vegans of vegetarians in terms of policy and strategy is completely wrong.*

As always when it comes down to emotionally charged and many-sided discussions, it is advisable at first to look at the facts in a dispassionate way:

Every commercial "use" of animals stands for "exploitation". In addition, the likes of the dairy, egg and leather industries are so comprehensively and intrinsically connected to the meat industry that every consumption of such products supports the meat industry at the same time. On the other hand, it is completely out of place to lump vegetarians and meat eaters together, as is not uncommon, and imply that "eating cheese is equivalent to eating meat". Obviously carnivores cause more damage because they promote the meat industry directly as well as indirectly.

Another fact to take into account is that becoming a vegan is not done in one step. On the contrary, it is common to turn from meat eater to vegetarian before becoming vegan. So it could be said that it is foolish to damn vegetarians if it is the first stage of veganism. Also, for vegetarianism, persuasive, frank and public advertising is sensible and necessary. The ethical and practical reasons for abstention from meat can not only be justified, but made feasible in view of lifestyle. To abstain from "everything" in one step can ask for too much and provoke fear, anger and escape.

You can guide people to vegetarianism, but the step to veganism takes place in private. Nevertheless, in general this is only under one condition: if people are motivated to dispense with the exploitation of animals for ethical reasons. This sensitivity almost always comes from an ethically-founded vegetarianism, to which, therefore, it is so important to guide people.

Condemnation of vegetarians does not make vegans, but prevents vegetarians. Condemnation of vegetarianism is of no use, but is of immense damage. That is why those who have the honest intention to abstain from meat, as well as vegans, and those in between, need to pull together and avoid conflict. This conflict would be invented by the marketing men of the meat industry and be a brilliant idea,

if we did not do their job for them, and harm the animals as a consequence!

*Dr. Helmut F. Kaplan, University of Salzburg  
(First published in EVU News.)*

## VEGANS IN RUSSIA

Toni Vernelli of PETA Europe recounts her first hand experience of life for vegans in Russia and America.

### Space Monkeys

I arrived in the Russian capital in July for a demonstration in Red Square. PETA and Greenpeace Moscow had combined to expose the Russian Space Agency's vicious monkey experiments which are funded to the tune of \$33 million by NASA as part of the Bion project. We gave out leaflets in Russian explaining how 14 electrodes are inserted in rhesus monkeys' arms and legs, with wires under the skin exiting through their back and screws in their skulls to keep them still. As if this weren't unbelievable enough, wire coils are also inserted into their eyes. The survivors are then sent into space for a mere 14 days to see how they respond to weightlessness. This information is already well documented from the astronauts who've spent up to 400 days up there.

Ordinary Russians were outraged when they heard about these job-for-the-boys antics, which are just an American subsidy to the scientists to keep them in jobs while the future of the space programme is uncertain. Unlike the USA, Russia has no freedom of information act and it's up to us to provide activists with the truth and get it into the media.

### Secret Shelters

Soon afterwards I was taken to one of the secret animal shelters run by the Russian Society for the Protection of Animals. Animal sanctuaries are illegal while some people are still homeless, so this one was concealed in a private house. The Russian SPA has scored a spectacular success recently by getting the first anti-cruelty laws introduced. It's now illegal to abuse an animal for money or entertainment, specifically dog and cock fighting and shooting stray cats and dogs.

There is a huge cat and dog overpopulation problem. There were packs of dogs sleeping all day outside my hotel and howling at night, while cats wandered in and out. People just leave them alone to go about their business. There is no animal control programme at all and rabies does exist. The RSPA runs a free spay-neuter service but have been told by the government to charge. Given that it costs \$10,000 to build a shelter, which the government will not permit while people are homeless, the illegal shelters are inevitable. I saw the two RSPA vets use desks as operating tables, using only local anaesthetic and a sedative as no general anaesthetic was available. RSPA Vice-President Vera Maksimova and her husband produce 10,000 copies of a bi-monthly newsletter.

There is an annual cruelty-free fashion show with Russian celebrities modelling real fur coats. Real fur? The women

with shelters in their houses brush the animals every day, collect and weave the fur into wool, hand dye it and make beautifully patterned fur coats from animals that are still alive. All this in a country where -20C is a warm winter's day and gortex has yet to reach the high street. Is it vegan? Who knows, but it's a step away from the trapped and farmed fur and wool coats that everyone else wears.

## VEG TV

One of my hosts was Karen Saakyan, the producer of Goloka TV, a weekly ten minute vegetarian programme that goes out nationally. The first half of each episode looks at issues; why you should be a vegetarian or vegan. The second part shows how easy it is with cooking classes.

## RADIO VEG

As well as Veg TV, Russians also have a one hour vegetarian programme every day on Radio Krsnaloca. This is not some amateur station - they have two million listeners in Russia, Ukraine and Bulgaria, and no material is repeated. It's based in a house in Moscow, where I was taken to discuss animal rights, veganism, and, er, God.

## VEGANS IN CHECHNYA

Karen took me to the Hare Krsna temple, the only place with a totally vegetarian canteen. There we bumped into someone from an animal rights group that he used to run before he introduced me to the Food for Life volunteers just returned from three months in Chechnya. They had risked rockets and gun fire three times a day to feed thousands of people in Grozny and other cities. Most Chechens shelter all day in basements, emerging only to seek food, but the Krsnas are up there all day. Some of his co-workers had been killed this year.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

As in other countries, there are many Russian animal rights groups working independently on different projects. The Food for Life volunteers, the workers in the underground animal shelters, the people who put out daily radio and weekly TV programs, and the many activists who demonstrated against the space monkeys are an inspiration and deserve our encouragement and material support.

To support Food for Life, contact:

**Paul Turner, 10310 Oaklyn Dr, Potomac, MD 20854, USA. Tel +1-301-299 4797.**

The Russian SPA desperately needs donations of old veterinary equipment and drugs, and money to produce more newsletters to educate people. Equipment is better than money. When PETA sent them money the government took \$300 of it. They have a US\$ bank account which is the best way to donate money directly.

**RSPA, 2-nd Neopalimovsky pereulok 3, 119121 Moscow, Russia. Tel 095-2471704, Fax 095-2467556.**

**US\$ account 0010702576 of Mosbusinessbank or 608205281 with Republic National Bank of New York, USA.**

# What the Papers Say

A Selection of Press Cuttings from the Past Few Months

## Fire bomb attack hits poultry firm

□ Action 'in support' of prisoner

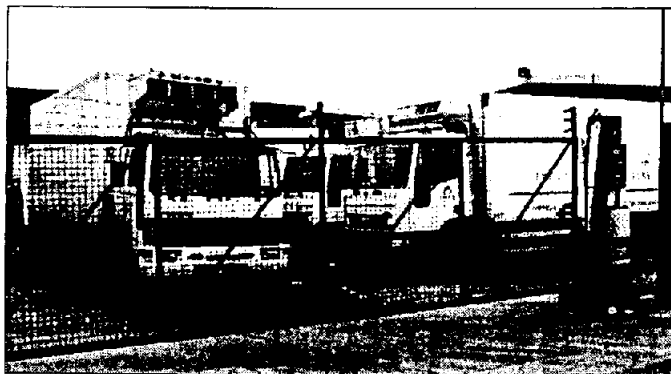
By PAUL WARNER

AN ANIMAL rights activist claimed an arson attack carried out at a Brackley poultry firm was in support of a hunger striker.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) told the *Banbury Guardian* the actions of the individuals were in support of Barry Horne who has been on hunger strike for four weeks.

Activists used incendiary devices to set fire to seven lorries parked on the premises of Buxted Poultry Sales Distribution on the Boundary Road industrial.

Police believe the activists, who said they were not from any particular animal rights group, struck between 10pm on Saturday and 1am on Sunday.



■ FIREBOMB TARGET: Lorries at Buxted Poultry Sales Distribution on the Boundary Road industrial estate in Brackley.

A security guard who spotted smoke from one of the lorries alerted the fire brigade and police.

Emergency crews arrived to find seven out of 10 lorries on fire.

One vehicle was destroyed in the blaze while another two lorries were badly damaged. The rest were damaged by the intensity of the heat.

The ALF spokesman,

Robin Webb, who distanced the organisation from the attack, said the individuals would have carried out the attacks with Barry Horne in mind.

He said: "Barry is on hunger strike, fighting to get the government to end its support for vivisection.

"This attack is part of an on-going campaign against the meat industry and is in support for Barry and the

sacrifices he is making."

Horne, aged 44, was being held on remand at Bullingdon Prison, near Bicester, accused of conspiring to cause explosions in Bristol. He has since been moved to the hospital wing of a Bristol prison as his condition worsens.

A Northamptonshire police spokesman said the damage to Buxted would run into 'thousands of

pounds'. Det Insp Bob Smart said: "Although this happened in the early hours, some people may have seen something suspicious."

The activists telephoned the Press Association in London claiming responsibility for the attack.

Police refused to comment on the nature of the devices. Buxted declined to comment.

## Scientists create an adult sheep

A WORLD in which scientists can create identical clones of human beings has been brought closer by genetic experiments at a British research centre.

Scientists at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh have grown an exact copy of an adult sheep using nothing more than a single cell taken from its udder.

By side-stepping the need for both sperm and egg from different animals, the scientists have opened the way to mass-production of creatures made "to order", identical in every way to the creature from which the original cell was taken.

Ethics experts last night expressed concern over the development which, they said, benefited only science and not society.

The results of the success-

by ROBERT MATTHEWS  
Science Correspondent  
and JACQUI THORNTON

ful cloning are to appear in this week's issue of the science journal *Nature*, which describes them as "far-reaching."

But while scientists will hail the research as a breakthrough, the wider implications are likely to spark a furor over the direction of genetic research.

For by succeeding in making the first clone of a mammal, the scientists have also raised the spectre of a race of "perfect" humans by a process once dismissed as nothing more than science fiction.

The possibility of creating clones has always existed, however. Every cell in a living creature contains all the

instructions needed to make a replica. Now the scientists have turned that possibility into reality simply by taking a cell from the udder of one sheep, and inserting it into an unfertilised egg stripped of its own genetic code. The cell successfully turned into an embryo, which was then implanted into a surrogate mother.

Weeks later, a lamb was born — identical in every way to the "parent" and is now seven months old.

"The lamb born after nuclear transfer from a mammary gland cell is, to our knowledge, the first mammal to develop from a cell derived from an adult tissue", the team, headed by Dr Ian Wilmut, reports.

While carrying out similar experiments on humans is prohibited in Britain, concern

will focus on other, less tightly regulated countries.

Dr Richard Nicholson, editor of the *Bulletin of Medical Ethics*, said he was surprised that the Home Office Animal Procedures Committee had sanctioned the experiment.

He said: "It was a nice technical problem, but what is its value if it comes with the enormous risk of some nut trying to clone himself?"

Dr Patrick Dixon, author of *The Genetic Revolution*, said the advance had "horrendous" implications.

"We will probably be able to recover the dead from cells taken from their bodies before they die. In this way parents could 'reproduce' a carbon copy of a child who tragically died. This is something that needs to be regulated and outlawed."

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# Live lobster plan goes off the boil

WAITROSE, which found itself in hot water over plans to sell live lobsters at some London stores, has dropped the idea.

In the wake of an Evening Standard report two weeks ago, Waitrose received a number of complaints from animal rights activists, customers and company partners.

"We took these extremely seriously," said a Waitrose spokeswoman today.

"In fact we were never thinking of selling them live. We were considering cooking and preparing them in-store so we

by NICOLE SWENGLEY  
Shopping Correspondent

could offer them to customers as freshly as possible. But when we looked at the logistics of handling them it made no financial sense."

Instead, Waitrose will continue to sell pre-cooked lobster and extend its raw fish and vegetarian sushi range which has proved popular since its introduction last autumn.

# Hunters are hunted as sabs go to the ball

By Clare Garner

A MASS attack on 150 guests attending a hunt ball in rural Sussex saw anti-foxhunting saboteurs resort to unprecedented levels of "indiscriminate" violence, police said last night.

Members of the public who were "minding their own business" were attacked by the 120 protesters, said police, as were the guests who arrived by car for the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt's end-of-season black-tie dinner-dance at a hotel in Walberton near Arundel.

"The hunt protesters were more violent than we have known them in the past... they threw stones and other missiles, not only at the people who were attending the hunt ball but also indiscriminately," said Superintendent Phil Clarke of Sussex police, who co-ordinated the 80-plus officers brought in to contain the violence.

Outnumbered by the demonstrators, the police were unable to make on-the-spot arrests. "The saboteurs had balaclavas, helmets, whips, sticks and goodness knows what else, but police let them pass," said Mr Reed.

A spokesman for West Sussex Hunt Saboteurs, who refused to give his name, said yesterday: "Last night's hunt ball was a celebration of cruelty. Our demonstration represented public opinion slapping back."

# Dogs stolen and lorries burned in protests

Eight beagle dogs were stolen and one man arrested during a protest by animal rights activists at a Midland kennels.

Activists also claimed responsibility for a fire, which left seven meat lorries badly damaged in Northamptonshire.

Police are examining video footage of the demonstration at the Consort Kennels at Harewood End, near Ross-on-Wye.

The Animal Liberation Front has admitted it was behind the break-in.

Police in West Mercia said yesterday they were investigating the theft of eight beagles from the kennels on Saturday, and added: "The incident occurred during an organised demonstration by animal rights activists at the premises."

"One man was detained, and is now on police bail pending further inquiries."

The ALF said the demonstration was in support of hunger striker Barry Horne, who is on the 22nd day of a fast at Bullingdon jail, Oxfordshire, in protest at government vivisection policies.

The arrested man has not been named.

Meanwhile damage running into thousands of pounds was caused in an arson attack on lorries at Buxted Fresh Quality Poultry at Brackley, Northants, on Saturday night.

The Animal Liberation Front said incendiary devices were placed beneath the vehicles.

One was destroyed.

Police said the lorries were loaded with frozen poultry.

# Damage to farm 'costs thousands'

By DAVID HORNE

CAT breeder Chris Brown has hit back at animal rights protesters who stormed his farm and left a trail of damage.

"They are completely misguided and misinformed," he said. "They have pretty evil minds and seem to think that people doing medical research have no respect for their animals."

Mr Brown's Minster Lovell cattery was targeted on Saturday by about 20 campaigners in sympathy with hunger strike prisoner Barry Horne.

He is on remand at Bullingdon Prison, near Bicester, on charges of trying to plant bombs in Bristol city centre.

Doors and windows were smashed as they broke into the cattery at Hillgrove Farm, stealing 14 cats. All but five were recovered by police. They arrested eight people, including two 16-year-olds, who were interviewed and released on police bail.

Mr Brown said the damage would cost thousands. It was the first break-in at his cattery since the mid 1980s - though there have been demonstrations outside. He has been a cat breeder since 1970.

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# Animal terrorists target butchers

ANIMAL rights activists are thought to have gone on a £10,000 wrecking spree in a car park at a butchers' ball.

Seven cars had tyres slashed or paint stripper thrown over them at the charity event in Horwich, near Bolton, Lancs.

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# Arson at chicken factory

Animal rights activists claimed responsibility for a fire which left seven meat lorries badly damaged.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said incendiary devices had been placed beneath lorries at Buxted Fresh Quality Poultry at Brackley, Northants, on Saturday night.

Police confirmed they were treating it as arson.

The lorries - one of which was gutted - were loaded with frozen poultry. No-one was hurt, but the damage ran into thousands of pounds.

In another incident, the ALF said it was behind Saturday's break-in at Consort kennels at Harewood, near Ross-on-Wye.

Eight beagle dogs were stolen and one man was arrested during a demonstration in support of hunger striker Barry Horne.

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# 'Memorial' sabotage arrests

MORE than 80 animal rights protesters were arrested during a weekend of attacks in the Cheshire countryside to mark the anniversary of the death of hunt saboteur Michael Hill who was trying to stop a hunt six years ago. In one incident at Rockly Hall, Tattenhall, six people attacked a 21-year-old man with a whip and clubs. In another two middle-aged men shooting pigeons were "terrorised" by convoy members, who stole their shotgun cartridges. Police said later that all but four of those detained had been freed. No one was charged, but some were released pending further inquiries.

Michael Hill, aged 18, died when he fell from the back of a pick-up truck taking hounds to a meet in Little Budworth, near Crewe, Cheshire.

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# LONDONER'S DIARY

## Sir Andrew yields to ostrich terror

IF SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber is looking drawn, he's not just troubled over how to deal with the £7.5 million writ he faces in America. The popular composer has been the victim of an appalling — obviously unconnected — campaign of threats and intimidation, about which he has bravely



Lloyd Webber and friend: fowl play

whispered not a word in public.

A year ago, Sir Andrew announced his intention to build an ostrich farm at his grand Sydmonton Court estate in Hampshire. The proposal — widely publicised in local newspapers — immediately attracted the criticism of animal rights activists.

Some censure was thankfully peaceful. John Rowes from Ascot denounced "a barbaric trade — these crea-

tures can't be treated like poultry". Sadly, other detractors have resorted to unlawful activity in an attempt to intimidate Lloyd Webber.

A series of deeply threatening letters and — on one occasion — a razor blade have been posted to the maestro, who will soon take his seat as a Conservative peer. Lloyd Webber has abandoned his ostrich plans but, even so, "he wanted the threats kept as quiet as possible," reveals a member of his staff. "We've been sworn to absolute secrecy."

Even Sir Andrew's public relations adviser has been kept completely in the dark. "I have been told nothing about it," reveals a troubled Nicole Levene of Lowe Bell, "but it sounds awful."

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## Cover-up claim over BSE statistics

GOVERNMENT officials have been accused of deliberately trying to hide vital information about "mad cow" disease from independent researchers.

One scientist involved in BSE research at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food reportedly said the secrecy was "deplorable".

The claims were made in the scientific journal *Nature* which attacked Government agencies for compromising openness to protect their own and "client group" interests and highlighted MAFF's

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## Arts action

Damien Hirst's work has again hit the headlines, but this time because it's been putting folk off their supper. Seemingly, five people were charged with affray after an incident at Damien Hirst's Quo Vadis restaurant. The two skinned cows heads in formaldehyde on permanent display have made the venue a focus for protests since it opened in January.

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# Scientists 'find mad cow link'

By Aisling Irwin and George Jones

THE FIRST experimental evidence that mad cow disease has been passed to humans is published today.

Scientists have discovered a critical similarity between the new type of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease which has infected humans and bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle.

The finding adds powerful backing to claims that BSE has crossed the species barrier between cattle and humans.

The characteristic signature sets the new strain distinctly apart from other forms of CJD — but it is almost indistinguishable from the molecular hallmark of BSE.

Scientists see this as strong supportive evidence that the new CJD variant arose from BSE in beef.

The Government said last night that the findings did not require any additional measures to protect the public or restrict the consumption of British beef.

Roger Freeman, the minister co-ordinating the Government's response to the BSE epidemic, said present mea-

sures had been introduced after the new variant of CJD was first acknowledged earlier this year.

But Labour's health spokesman, Chris Smith, called for an immediate Government statement on the implications of the research, to be published in the magazine *Nature*.

Prof John Collinge, who made the discovery, called for his test to be used to find out whether scrapie, a similar disease in sheep, originated from BSE in cattle. "If BSE is in sheep it should be treated with the same respect as BSE in cattle," he said.

A team of scientists led by Prof Collinge at the Imperial College School of Medicine at St Mary's, London, examined the prion protein, the infectious agent that appears to cause BSE and CJD.

They developed a test that identifies the molecular differences between the strains of prion, and found that the prion present in patients with "new variant" CJD were almost identical to the prions found in BSE cattle.

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## John Lewis attacked over pheasant shoots

The John Lewis Partnership, famed for its ethical approach to business, organises pheasant shoots on one of its country estates, the *Observer* can reveal. The revelation has sparked a nationwide campaign by animal rights activists to boycott the company's stores, writes *Danny Penman*.

The partnership, which owns the Waitrose supermarket chain, has already begun legal action against protesters for alleged libel.

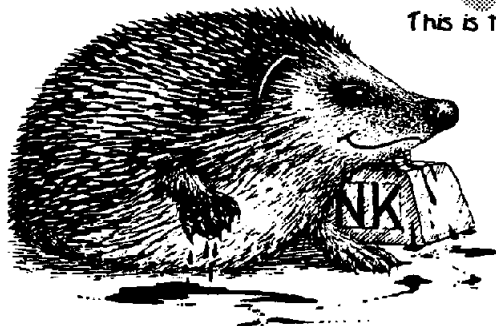
Niel Hansen, a National Anti-Hunt Campaign organiser, claims about 8,000 birds per year are shot on JLP's Leckford Abbas Estate in Hampshire. He said: "The John Lewis Partnership is very careful at presenting itself as an ethical caring company and we feel their customers have a right to know what's being done on this estate."

Greg Williams, a JLP spokesman, said pheasant shooting was an important part of the estate's management and they rigorously followed all codes of conduct on the rearing and shooting of game birds.



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# Arkangel Comment



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## ART CRIME

*By Nel Brioan*

Damien Hirst, artist, Turner Prize winner and butcherer of animals. Anyone who reads the popular press or watches TV will have heard of him. He became the darling of the pop art world which the pretentious and innovative inhabit. What fewer people are aware of is that Hirst doesn't actually create the 'sculptures' which involve dead animals, he only has the idea. He hires a third party to clean up the corpses and place them in tanks of formaldehyde which then sell for staggering amounts of money. The shark which was specially caught only to end up as a preserved corpse fetched £50,000 and is currently on display at the Saatchi gallery in London. Another piece of work entitled 'Away From the Flock', which features a gutted sheep standing in a glass tank, sold to a private collector for £25,000.

A campaign against Hirst was initiated by the Animal Rights Coalition (London) in June 1994 when Hirst was displaying 'Away From the Flock' at the Serpentine gallery in London. The sheep was placed in such a way that it was 'peering out' of the window at the grass outside. Truer words were never spoken when Hirst exclaimed at the Turner Prize ceremony that he had a "warped imagination". At the Serpentine gallery, about 10 protesters surrounded the poor dead sheep, linking arms and protecting the sheep's spirit from the gaze of the curious and the morbid. Some protesters held placards whilst being harangued by disgusted onlookers, not by the sight of the poor dead sheep but by the "sheer arrogance" of taking away the right of the visitors to the gallery to see the 'sculpture'. After being told that the police had been called the demonstrators, after about 20 minutes, made their way out of the gallery. There were no arrests.

Another protest was organised when Damien Hirst exhibited the grotesque 'Mother and Child Divided', which included a cow sawn through the middle with a chainsaw and placed in two tanks of formaldehyde allowing people to walk between the two halves of the animal, and a calf placed separately. Similar tactics were used as before and this time flowers were layed on the glass coffins as a mark of respect for the beautiful and the innocent whose lives were cruelly cut short. A Times photographer and a journalist attended the protest and a piece appeared in the Times the following day. A few days later about 50 people converged on the gallery after a demonstration against live exports which had taken place nearby in Parliament Square. This time the gallery closed due to the sheer numbers of protesters that arrived.

On the 11th December 1996, the Quo Vadis restaurant opened in London's Soho. The restaurant, partly owned by Hirst, became a focus of attention not just of the media but also of animal rights campaigners. The Quo Vadis boasts not only the most expensive starter in London at £250, but also some of the most wealthy and famous clientele. What also singles out the Quo Vadis is the fact that some of Hirst's 'animal art' is displayed in an upstairs bar, namely two flayed bulls' heads in glass cases of formaldehyde.

On 23rd January about 10 people stormed into the bar at the Quo Vadis, giving out leaflets and attempting to explain their abhorrence at the use of these beautiful animals whose lives were so cruelly taken away from them only to end up as so-called 'art'. The protesters were forcibly removed by

staff before the police arrived. By this time the number of demonstrators had swollen to 24 (and 2 dogs!) and after some lengthy discussion with the police, the protesters were given permission to stand directly outside the restaurant. This resulted in a two-hour protest which involved the use of a megaphone to inform passers-by and customers alike not only of the warped art of Hirst but of the restaurant's being a party to it. At several times the noise outside the Quo Vadis was overwhelming, with a siren, hooters, shouting, whistles and 2 dogs barking all at the same time. The police made no objections. The following day, the protest was given extensive coverage in all three editions of the Evening Standard and also featured in the Independent and the Guardian.

On the 30th January, after a day of action around London in support of Barry Horne's hunger strike, about 20 people made their way to the Quo Vadis for another protest. This time the police pushed people from outside the restaurant

across to the other side of the street with about half of those present being made to stand behind a large van. After a fairly brief protest lasting about half an hour, the campaigners dispersed. Later that evening several people were arrested outside the Quo Vadis restaurant and charged with serious offences including affray, criminal damage and common assault. They were held at a police station overnight and were remanded at court the following morning. After several applications for bail they were eventually released from prison having spent 14 days in custody. Their condition of bail is that they must not enter the W1 area. Their case is due to come up in the near future.

As animal rights campaigners know, the world is a cruel place for all animal species. Vivisection, the meat industry, the fur trade, animals circuses, angling, dog and cock fighting, hunting, trapping, the list goes on and on. Now we have a new dimension of animal abuse to contend with - 'Art'. The likes of Damien Hirst have opened up a new avenue where animals can be exploited for personal glory and financial gain. Damien Hirst (and 'artists' like him) stand alongside all the other animal abusers that this sad world has to offer and should be treated accordingly, with contempt and disgust.

## The 'Artist'- in his own words...

(The excerpt is from the British Art Show web page 'Damien Hirst Biography - Working with Animals'.  
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*Marcelo Spinelli: How far do you think you can push this idea of working with live things? Do you feel quite restricted now?*

*Damien Hirst: No, not yet. I never know what I'm going to do next; I've never known what I'm going to do next. But I don't feel restricted so far.*

*MS: What are you working on now, other than the video?*

*DH: Peeled cows f\*\*\*ing with no formaldehyde, but so that you don't smell the rotting. They f\*\*\*, without any formaldehyde; they rot and fall apart, but you don't smell anything. I've got carbon filters and ammonia filters and god knows what to take away the smell.*

*MS: What happens with the conservation of these pieces, or does that not really bother you?*

*DH: That's not really my problem. There's a way to conserve anything. Show me something that can't be sold, and I'll show you a way to sell it.*

*MS: There's an interview somewhere where the conservation department were telling you that the fish are going to rot eventually - it doesn't bother you that the work's not going to stay?*

*DH: Well no. The work will stay; you can get a new case, you can get a new fish, new formaldehyde, the whole thing's constantly replaceable. It's back to that whole f\*\*\*ing thing of what's more important, the artist's original idea or the original work.*

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# A Question of Violence

By Rabbix

This is an open letter in response to the Editorial of the Lancaster Bomber magazine, January 1997. In its Editorial the LB was highly critical of the Animal Liberation Front on the grounds that a) the ALF put animals before humans, and b) the ALF hasn't killed any human (a rather contradictory argument).

To the first point, animal libbers oppose all suffering in all animals including the human animal. All inflicted suffering is wrong, regardless of the species. For the LB to try and say that human suffering is any worse than non-human suffering is just speciesist rubbish and it instantly creates a hierarchy of suffering. I would like to know whether LB considers this hierarchy of suffering as a two-tier structure or are there other levels? Is the suffering of a mouse less important than the suffering of a dog? Is the suffering of a mentally-handicapped human less important than the suffering of a non-mentally handicapped human? Once people start saying that the suffering of one is less important than the suffering of another you create a hierarchy and as a Green Anarchist publication the Lancaster Bomber is meant to be against ALL hierarchy.

The second point the LB made was that it is a weakness of the ALF that they have never killed anyone. What?! The fact the ALF has managed to do so much for so many and never injure or endanger life, either non-human animal or human animal is a strength not a weakness. The deliberate creation of pain and suffering is wrong. Plain and simple. We already live in a society governed by fear. As an Animal/Earth Liberation activist I want to help create a world free from human-generated suffering. A world where all species can live life as nature intended and where the individual human is free from coercion and free from the threat of violence (both external such as assault, rape, etc., and internal, such as self-mutilation, anorexia, etc.) I don't want to help perpetuate a system that controls by fear, or help create a new system that replicates the violence of the old.

Much to my shame, three years ago I wrote an article entitled 'Ethical Violence'. Although the article did not try to encourage violence it did say that people should not be critical of Animal/Earth activists whose actions are judged to be violent. The article argued that activists in groups such as the Justice Department were obviously well-intentioned, caring, compassionate people who reasoned that their violence would negate a greater amount of violence. Therefore, as they genuinely believed that their action would have an overall effect of reducing the overall level of violence, the JD etc. should be supported. Since I wrote that article I have rethought my views on violent direct action and I am now opposed to it. Violence is not the way forward. People that use violence are misguided

and must change tactics. For example, take the anti-technology terrorist the 'Unabomber' who letter-bombed a number of companies, universities and airlines. Now what good did their actions do? Properly planned and carried out non-violent sabotage actions would have made them just as notorious and allowed them the reputation to publish their manifesto if that was their aim and if it wasn't, then what was the point of their violence? What good did it do? The big multinational industries targeted by the Unabomber didn't care about the victims of the Unabomber. They were easily replaced. All that the murders achieved was the creation of grief and suffering for the family and friends of the victims.

Recently I heard that a group of Hunt Retribution Squad activists clubbed and whipped a blood-junkie scum to commemorate the death of hunt sab Mike Hill. Why? What good did that do? Has the attack stopped people from terrorising and murdering wildlife? Will it prevent more good people like Mike Hill, Tom Worby, Jill Phipps, Fernando Pereira (the Greenpeace activist murdered by the French Secret Service when they used explosives to sink the Rainbow Warrior vessel) and William Sweet (an LACS activist shot dead on 6/1/76 after an altercation with a man shooting birds) from being killed? Trashing the Cheshire Beagles property would have been a much better tribute to Mike than deliberately trying to create pain and suffering in another. After all, Mike was a sab because he wanted to stop the creation of pain and suffering.

No doubt some people will say I've gone 'fluffy' because of this open letter. Others will say I am only writing it to gain favour with the courts in my forthcoming trial. Both are wrong. I am writing this open letter because I have matured over the last three years. I've grown up and I've come to realise that violence is the problem, not the answer. Animal/Earth Liberation is about creating a world free from suffering. You win people over by sound argument. You close down the animal/earth abusers through non-violent direct action and by educating the general public. You do not win people over by physically assaulting everyone who disagrees with you. Violence in the Animal/Earth liberation movement is wrong and it must be condemned.

Or will the people who now cheer if they hear of a blood-junkie being whipped also cheer if they ever hear of a female blood-junkie being kidnapped, raped and murdered by a sexual abuse pervert? Did they cheer when the IRA shot dead the Protestant butcher in Ulster just before they declared their long ceasefire? Violence is wrong.

For Animal/Earth liberation.  
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# Developed to Death

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*Taken from The Silent Ark by Juliet Gellatley (director of Viva!) with Tony Wardle. Published by Thorsons*

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It's amazing how easy it is to become blasé. My first visit to Majorca many years before was a magical mystery tour of foreign lands and foods, an unintelligible language and extraordinary blue seas and golden sands. It didn't take many years before all European countries melded into an homogenous blend of similar architecture, identical advertisements and international food. It wasn't until I went to Kenya that I again relived that feeling of being abroad.

The coach from the airport to my hotel went through Mombasa and I could almost feel my jaw sagging as, dazed with the time difference, I perspired in a baking winter sun, breathed in new aromas, some of them on the demanding side, and watched the throngs of people going about their day. This was abroad, this was developing world, this was chaos. The 1930's art deco shop fronts, rusting corrugated iron roofs, jostling black and Indian traders; the car horns, moped engines, bicycle bells and the clamour of human voices selling and buying and shouting; the awareness that this was normality and I was the visitor. I was the foreigner.

This was the continent that the British, Germans, Belgians, French, Italians, Dutch and Portuguese divided up between themselves in order to share out the rich pickings. Ruler lines drawn through thousands of miles of territory, through the middle of tribal lands and customs and languages - French to the left, British to the right. A wealth of culture and history, knowledge and understanding reduced to the level of commodity suppliers.

The colonists arrived and ruled, learning almost nothing from those they subjugated; integrating hardly at all. And here I was, still part of that ruling culture. The pith helmets and white knees of the infantry regiments which enforced order might have gone but our control is still absolute. It is now done through the United Africa Company or Lohnro or Unilever or Rio Tinto Zinc and other multinational corporations but the control is absolute.

Import tariffs are part of it. For the import of cheap, cash crops into Europe we charge little in the way of duties but if the African countries try to increase the value of their exports by processing them, turning them into products, raising their value, we impose heavy duties, pricing them

out of the market. We preserve the right to add that value ourselves, enabling our industries to prosper. When we have done so, we export back to the same countries the products we originally obtained from them but at inflated prices.

We have encouraged the obnoxious elites who rule so many African and other ex-colonial countries, providing them with their ethos as well as the loans with which to buy their armies and their weaponry - usually from us - as insurance against revolution by their own people. And having established them in power and saddled them with debt, it is the poor of those countries who are pushed further and further into a subsistence existence by having to pay the interest on the debts. Despite the overpowering wealth of Western countries, the net transfer of money is from the developing world to the developed world.

It is disturbing but no other economic system is on offer anywhere in the world. From Borneo to Brazil, Somalia to Sumatra profit is now the global penicillin. The philosophy which has created a world of haves and have-nots claims to be the only one which can eliminate those divisions. It is tantamount to a 17th-century quack physician prescribing bleeding for a patient dying from a haemorrhage.

And of course it is a lie. Our leaders do not care how many children die from starvation or how impoverished are their parents. The world's problems are discussed by suited men whose vocabulary is lacking such words as vision and compassion, care and concern, honesty and trust. All the great concepts which have exercised philosophers through the ages have been reduced to profit and loss. We have set the greatest store by the things of least value and nothing can be considered unless accountants can define it in terms of cash flow and profit projections. We would stand a better chance with Frank Bruno as Minister for International Salvation.

Our supposed leaders think no further than the next election and the monumental challenges of the world are reduced to a debate about tax cuts. I doubt if they ever lie on their backs at night and look at the stars to gain a sense of the enormity of it all and our role in it. Instead, they continue to exploit all those things which might provide some short-term advantage - humans, other animals, the world's

resources. They destroy without knowing or caring about the long-term effects of such actions and even when they do know they continue to destroy because today is much more important than tomorrow. It is by today's boasts, today's achievements, today's profit margins that they judge one another.

They have the resources and knowledge to end hunger throughout the world but reduce their aid budget. They ensure that the gulf between rich and poor widens at home, profess concern for the growing poverty abroad and do nothing about either. There is no longer any dialogue about development issues only excuses and clichés and cynicism has been elevated to an art form.

All these thoughts were no longer abstract in my mind as the coach headed beneath the metal, elephant-tusk arch over the only dual carriageway in Mombasa, out of the city and its bustle and along the bush-fringed road towards Malindi. The hotel was on the coast some 12 miles from the city, although it was in itself a mini conurbation. Small blocks were distributed throughout the most wonderfully colourful grounds, dripping with bougainvillea, shaded by coconut palms and tended by deferential hotel staff. It was, of course, fenced off from the rest of the world and patrolled by tall, black, silent, robed security men who looked like extras from the film *King Solomon's Mines*.

Outside the fence was a complete mini-shanty town from which the labourers to run the hotel were drawn. They lived two families to a two-room shack with mud walls, papered with the pictures cut from old newspapers. Worldly possessions amounted to part-share of a small cardboard suitcase beneath a settle bed.

These and the people like them, we are told, are the cause of the world's great problems with their non-stop production of children. These criticisms, of course, conveniently ignore reality. A child of the United States will, in its lifetime, consume 12 times as much of the world's resources as the children born to these Kikuyu tribes people, huddled beneath the perimeter fence of a posh hotel - 12 times as much oil, copper, zinc, water, steel and, most importantly, land.

In a world of profligacy, these people's struggle for survival

is made worse by tourism. The demands of new hotels, which stretch along the coast from both sides of Mombasa, distort local food prices, driving them upwards and placing some produce out of the hands of the poorest.

You could, however, feel the sense of community and sharing. They cooked communally, food almost entirely free from meat and after their evening meal they sat together, talking, laughing and listening to the BBC World service. Crying babies were passed from hand to hand until soothed and satisfied. And they talked proudly of their beautiful, colourful country beneath the flaming, scarlet blossoms of a flamboya tree. My theory of third world impoverishment had become real. Inside the hotel, Europeans smeared themselves with sun tan oil, ate European food, drank European drinks and spoke infrequently to each other.



At lunch and dinner they were carved thick slices of meat from huge roast joints or helped themselves to pieces from enormous baked fish. The clash of cultures was so extreme that it could have been Martians and Venusians on an intergalactic weekend break.

While the carvery offered, presumably still offers, an inexhaustible supply of cooked dead animals to a select few, much of the world's population is starving. It is phenomenon which stretches across Africa, Asia and South America, all continents which have been invaded and colonised. Through the eyes of a visiting European, the problem looks exactly as we have been taught - too many poor people struggling against an inhospitable land and climate and producing too many children as a form of insurance. That is only partly true.

People with a history older than our own and with a rich and vibrant culture could not have spent that entire history struggling on the margins for survival. And, of course, they didn't. Many things have played a part in the impoverishment of great tracts of the world and high amongst them is the West's addiction to meat and animal protein. The little vignette of the carvery and its overloaded plates inside the hotel and the meagre dishes of maize and rice outside, lies at the root of many of the world's seemingly most intractable problems.

When the early explorers of the 16th and 17th centuries landed in Africa they didn't find starvation they found an

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abundance of food. Everyone lived from the land and it was common for people to have two or three harvests preserved or stored away. The whole concept of buying and selling food did not exist.

The needs of our industrial revolution were for plentiful and cheap raw materials and for those we scoured the world. When we found them, not only did we take away raw materials but sovereignty and independence, dispossessing unsophisticated people of their land and then charging them rent for what had once been theirs by right. In order to meet the demands of their landlords, these new tenants were obliged to grow the crops which their masters valued - cotton, hemp, cocoa - and it was the masters who determined the price they would pay for these crops.

You don't even need to go as far as Africa to witness the effects of colonisation, a simple trip across the Irish Sea will do. The expropriation of land from poor farmers and its gift to the landed gentry led to the depopulation of Ireland. When blight destroyed the potato crop in the 1840s and country people could not pay their rents, they were simply evicted from their homes and the homes destroyed. One million died and two million emigrated while England imported twice as much food from Ireland as would have been needed to feed the entire population of that country.

It was the same all over the world. The colonists took a system which worked well for Africa or Asia, destroyed it and substituted a system which worked for Europe. It set indigenous people on a cycle of debt and dependency which was enforced by the elites of their own kind, who were courted and flattered and shaped in the image of the colonists. It continued until well into this century but unfortunately the raising of new flags, the writing of new and independent constitutions did not alter the situation in the former colonies. They were and still are as indebted to the West as ever.

The first section of the road from Mombasa to Malindi is flanked on either side by woods and bush land, with occasional villages surrounded by small vegetable patches and coconut palms. This homogeneity ends dramatically, giving way to mile upon mile of sisal, neatly planted rows of vegetation which are not for local use but for export. How many villages were uprooted, how many people dispossessed, how many vegetable plots ploughed under to provide the land?

This kind of scheme is frequently enforced by the World Bank or International Monetary Fund as part of "debt restructuring" or to qualify for "development loans". But it is still the West calling the tune and the rest of the world dancing to it. Part of that control is to ensure that plentiful and cheap cattle fodder is available to satisfy our enormous appetite for meat.

A set of simple statistics provides a perspective. One-fifth of the world's population lives in extreme poverty and one-third of the world's entire population of children is malnourished. Over 12 million of them die every year from poverty and hunger-related diseases. Meanwhile, one quarter of the world's fish catch is fed to animals as is one-third of the grain production. In the US and EU the figures are more startling - almost three quarters of their grain is fed to livestock. It is now necessary to scour the world in search of feed for the swelling numbers of livestock - and with the human population expected to increase by almost 20 per cent in the next decade, the makings of a world-wide food crisis are in the offing.

In Britain, in 1946, approximately two million cattle, 7.4 million sheep, 2.2 million pigs and about 40 million chickens were slaughtered. In 1994 numbers had increased to 3.2 million cattle, 19 million sheep, 15 million pigs and 676 million chickens. This growth is reflected across the whole of the developed world, each country swelling its meat production in an orgy of consumption which, in many cases, has led to animal protein being consumed at virtually every meal. There have not been corresponding increases in the human population, in fact these have been extremely small in most countries.

There is not enough grass for the huge numbers involved and the speed at which animals grow on this natural diet is too slow for the profit-hungry producers. It is substituted by grain, oil seeds, soya, fish meal and often the ground-up remains of animals, including their own kind.

In fact, 60 per cent of EU animal feeds and 90 per cent of the protein concentrates used for animal feed in Britain are obtained from the developing world - the same countries whose children are dying for want of protein - and much of the animal fodder is ideal for human consumption. It has been estimated that the amount of food required to eliminate the most extreme cases of hunger around the world is about 40 million tonnes. The amount of grain which developed countries feed to animals is some 540 million tonnes.

The answer to all these problems, we are told, is the market philosophy, whereas it is, in fact, the cause. The same grains can be used to feed either animals or humans, but they are not distributed on the basis of need or the promptings of conscience but sold to the highest bidder. The highest bidder is invariably the wealthy, the livestock owners, the possessors of capital.

Most grain is produced in the West and some of it is exported to the developing world, but the trade gap in food is all in our favour. We import 40 per cent more high-quality protein from the developing world than we export to it. Two of these foods - peanuts and soya - are imported into Europe because it is cheaper than buying animal feed which is

grown here. India alone, with some of the greatest health and malnutrition problems in the world, has increased its exports of soya beans five-fold between 1974 and 1982.

This phenomenon is exacerbated by the growing inequalities in wealth. The fewer people who can afford to buy the food grown in their home countries, the greater the incentive for their own governments and landowners to grow cash crops for export instead, particularly animal fodder as the demand seems inexhaustible.

Of all the Western appetites, the United States has the most voracious. It is responsible for 75 per cent of the entire global production of soya beans. Every vegetarian and vegan knows the extraordinary value of soya beans and the huge variety of high-protein, low-fat foods which can be made from them. Despite this, the US feeds almost its entire crop to animals in the most inefficient, wasteful and damaging addiction the world has ever seen.

According to Professor Colin Spedding of the University of Reading's Agriculture Department, a Western meat-based diet uses four and a half times more land than is necessary for a vegan diet and two and a quarter more than for a vegetarian diet. An analogy commonly quoted is this: imagine an area of land the size of five football pitches (10 hectares). It will grow enough meat to feed two people; or maize to feed 10; or grain to feed 24; or soya to feed 61. There is more than enough arable land to feed the present world human population on a vegan diet, but nowhere near enough for the animal produce centred American one.

For every ten kilograms of soya protein fed to America's cattle only one kilogram is converted into meat, the remainder being excreted. Almost the entire population of Indian and China, nearly two billion people, could be fed on the protein consumed and largely wasted by the United States' beef herd.

When you take a global perspective, the problem assumes such proportions that it is hard to comprehend. So much land in the poorer, developing countries has been turned over to growing feed for livestock that it now amounts to 14.6 million hectares - and that is solely to supply the EU. If that figure leaves you cold then try visualising the amount of productive land - not the mountains or swamps or deserts

or jungles but crop land - that would make up the entire area of the United Kingdom. Add to that France, some four times our size, Italy and New Zealand and you have some idea of the area. That in itself is a big enough problem but compound it with the complete lack of independence of those who produce the fodder and you have the potential to turn disaster into catastrophe.

There are worrying portents for the future. After 40 years of steady expansion, the world's grain harvest began to fall in the late 1980's. From a position where stocks amounted to 459 million tonnes, enough to feed the entire world for a hundred and one days, stocks have reduced to 240 million tonnes, only enough to last 54 days.

Part of the problem is the reduction in soil fertility after so many years of monoculture supported by saturating the soil with chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides. As grain stocks reduce, all the evidence shows that cattle will take precedence over people and the downward spiral of starvation and poverty will be given another vicious twist.



Not satisfied with imposing its greed and economic system on the world, the West is now increasing the demand for animal fodder by exporting the abhorrent factory farming systems which were responsible for the explosion of meat eating in the West. Throughout the Indian sub-continent, battery hen systems and broiler houses have become widespread. Employing almost no people and consuming valuable protein, these systems don't even begin to address the needs of the population, the majority of whom can't afford to buy the eggs and meat.

But that was never the intention. Apart from satisfying its own middle classes, much of the production is exported to the Gulf States, providing even more and cheaper animal protein to countries already saturated with choice.

People are not starving because of a shortage of food - there is more than enough for everyone. The problem is one of use and distribution. The incredible inefficiency of animals in converting vegetable protein into animal protein - a ratio which can be as high as 16:1 - is obviously one of the most significant factors at work. It is encouraged by the all-pervasive concept that West is best. Quite naturally, people who are impoverished look at our affluence and think they would like some of what we have. It is our habits, practices



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and tastes which we encourage the rest of the world to emulate and that includes eating meat. For them it is a totally unachievable aspiration.

The present population of the world is about 5,600 billion people. On a plant food diet every single person could receive the 2,360 Kcal (calories) daily necessary to live a healthy life. In fact, even with the amount of food currently grown, another 600 million people could be fed on a vegan diet. However, if 35 per cent of those calories are supplied by animal protein, the world can support only 2,500 billion people.

In simple, brutal terms, the world can feed less than half its present population using a typical US, meat-based diet. With the population expected to grow by 90 million a year for the next forty years, the prospects are dismal.

The problem of overconsumption is a problem of the West, the problem of overpopulation is a problem of the developing world - and the two are intimately linked. The cure for overpopulation is security, sufficient food, stability, access to health care and the possibility of fulfilling aspirations, all of which remove the need for 'insurance' births. Meantime, however, exploitation continues.

I visited Thailand in 1994 and its capital city, Bangkok, is a monument to the "thrusting", "dynamic", "successful" economies of the Pacific Rim. On the other hand you could call it a concrete jungle with the worst traffic problems in the world - a monument to capitalism unhindered by the costs of little things like health services, secondary education or even fundamental welfare.

One of the most shaming and highly-visible failures of this philosophy is the seemingly endless supply of teenage prostitutes of both sexes. They are on display in the bars and clubs of Pat Pong and Sukhumvit, at the tourist resorts of Patia and Phuket and almost every newspaper and magazine is filled with not-so-discreetly worded advertisements for their services. They arrive most days at the huge and crowded Hualumpong Station, nearly all on trains from the north.

Along the road beside the station are the offices of numerous agents who sign up young people with promises of wealth and then sell them into virtual slavery in backroom factories. The sex industry recruiters are more subtle, usually having struck deals with the children's parents before they even left home.

I spoke to some of these very young people, most of them high or slurring on drugs or drink, and their stories were all individual but had common threads running through them. They were all the sons and daughters of northern rural families who had become impoverished through loss

of land, failing water supplies or low-prices. Typical was the great tapioca fiasco.

Over the ten years to 1985, thousands of square kilometres of rainforest were cleared in order to grow tapioca for the EU's livestock. When beef and pork production levelled off and mountains of unused meat began to grow, the EU simply stopped buying Thai tapioca. People who had impoverished themselves to buy farming equipment to help them meet the demand suddenly found themselves without an income. I was assured that some were so poor that they would scrape slime from the bottom of ponds and eat it because of the nutrients it contained.

Meantime in Haiti, officially designated as one of the world's poorest countries, much of the best agricultural land is used for growing alfalfa. In an act of complete obscenity, multinational beef concerns fly cattle from Texas to Haiti to graze and fatten on the alfalfa before flying them back to Texas as carcasses for US hamburgers.

Poor, dispossessed Haitians have been pushed on to the mountain slopes where they try to live by farming the poorest soil on the island. The result is overgrazing, soil depletion and a drop in soil fertility leading to environmental degradation. A disaster from whatever perspective it is viewed and one which is being repeated all over the world. Increasingly, the poorest two-thirds of the planet is sliding inexorably deeper into a life of starvation and poverty in order to support the wealthiest one-third.

So our much-vaunted lifestyle based around "choice" is not choice at all, because the true effects are hidden from us and choice without information is valueless. In reality it is the right of large companies and national governments to prosper on the backs of starving and increasingly impoverished people - and to threaten the existence of the planet in the process.

Prior to its Sandinista revolution, Nicaragua was the leading Latin American supplier of beef to the US but it also had huge social problems which remained largely ignored by its right-wing dictatorship. The condition on which the US extended aid to Nicaragua had nothing to do with helping the poor but an insistence that it increased its beef supplies. As a consequence, 1000 kilometres of rainforest was destroyed annually to provide grazing for cattle.

Similarly in Costa Rica, another big supplier of beef to the US, hamburgers took precedence over the preservation of vital forest. The World Bank, which holds the ultimate levers to world finance, would only advance loans in the 1970s on condition that rainforest was cleared, again to supply beef to a section of the world which is drowning in a surfeit of the stuff.



Between 1971 and 1977, over \$3.5 billion in loans and technical assistance poured into Latin America for cattle farming. This is a systematic effort by multinational corporations to control the world's industries for the benefit of developed nations at the expense of the poor. These loans have been responsible for dispossessing the powerless and catastrophic environmental damage. Countries like Mexico are hardest hit by this newest form of neocolonial exploitation, as more and more land is converted to grassland for cattle. Mexico ships much of its cattle to the USA, where it is killed for meat.

In Brazil, 23 per cent of agricultural land is currently used to grow soya beans, of which half are for export. This has resulted in less food for the native people as staple foods become increasingly expensive, as farmers switch to growing soya for the more lucrative international animal feed market.

The latest batch of statistics from the World Health Organisation, in its report entitled "Bridging the Gaps" (1995), reveals that the shaming problem of impoverishment is getting worse:

"Poverty wields its destructive influence at every stage of human life, from the moment of conception to the grave. It conspires with the most deadly and painful diseases to bring a wretched existence to all who suffer from it."

The report shows a gulf developing between rich and poor, north and south, men and women, employed and unemployed, young and old. It even identifies the same problem in the wealthy, developed nations where the poorest, most disadvantaged groups are falling further and further behind:

"The unemployed are a potent reminder of the dangers of assuming that the general prosperity of a country will trickle down to all its members."

And:

"There has been a disproportionate flow of resources from the developing to the developed world - poor countries paying money to rich ones - because of debt servicing and repayment and as a consequence of prices for raw materials that favour the latter at the expense of the former. Structural adjustment policies (that is, IMF and World Bank loan

conditions) aimed at improving the economic performance of poor countries have, in many cases, made the situation worse."

What the report is describing is a global catastrophe. A similar damning report was produced in the late 1970's by the Brandt Commission, headed by the ex-German Chancellor Willie Brandt. Ex-British Prime Minister Edward Heath was also on the commission. The conclusions were utterly forthright, almost imploring. They said that unless there was a dramatic change in the attitude of the wealthy countries of the world to the poorer, and a major shift of resources, there would be famine, bloodshed and catastrophe on a scale never before seen in history.

It was ignored, just as this report will be ignored. We are witnessing the abject failure of the only economic system on offer to the entire world. Governments will not change their policies because to do so would threaten the control and resources which maintain them in power. Fortunately, we, as individuals, can do something.



Meat consumption is obviously not the only reason for world hunger but it is high up there in the major league. It is also something which we don't need permission to do something about. We can wield an immediate influence today, simply by changing our diet. By not eating meat or fish, vegetarians reduce the need to import food from poor countries, but a vegetarian diet does more than that. It throws down a challenge to the established order and breaks the cycle where people go hungry while ever-increasing numbers of appallingly-treated animals are fed huge amounts of food in a hopelessly inefficient system.

Vegetarians, and even more so vegans, use far less of the world's resources of food, land and energy and offer the only feasible example for the future. Unless there is a positive global move towards this way of living, the expanding world population will be condemned to disease and suffering on an unimaginable scale. In a desperate search for protein, all the living creatures on the globe will be hunted and killed. The wonderful diversity of living things, the last of a species, the most beautiful of creations will mean nothing more than a mouthful of food to get a family through another day. And we will wring our hands and ask how on Earth it happened.

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# Genetically Engineered Food...

## ...a Serious Health Risk

Genetically engineered foods containing genes derived from animals, fish, insects and bacteria are now starting to appear in the shops. The genetic changes now being made in our food are completely different to those resulting from traditional methods of breeding. Yet, the sale of these foods is being permitted without proper assessment of the risks and without adequately informing the public, even though many scientists say that genetically modified foods could cause serious damage to health and the environment.

### What is genetic engineering?

Genes are the blueprints for every part of an organism. Genetic engineering is the process of modifying this information, particularly artificially transferring the genes specific to one type of organism into another.

### Why do it?

Scientists want to transfer desirable qualities from one organism to another, for example, to make a crop resistant to a herbicide or to enhance food value.

### Is it necessary?

At first sight it may seem appealing. However, closer examination of the issues gives a different picture. We should by now be alert to the dangers of interfering with nature. We already have the ability to feed the world's population economically without the risks posed by genetic engineering. Commercial and political motives are taking precedence with little regard to the possible dangers.

### What are the dangers?

Those identified so far include:

- new toxins and allergens in foods.
- other damaging effects on health caused by unnatural foods.
- Increased use of chemicals on crops resulting in increased contamination of our water supply and food.
- the creation of herbicide-resistant weeds.
- the spread of diseases across species barriers.
- loss of bio-diversity in crops.
- the disturbance of ecological balance.
- the artificially induced characteristics and inevitable imperfections will be passed on to all subsequent generations and to other related and unrelated organisms.

They can never be recalled or contained. The consequences of this are incalculable.

### What is the position now?

Genetically modified foods available, or about to appear, in UK shops include tomatoes, yeast, corn and soya. Genetically modified organisms are also used to produce cheeses and rape seed oil. But this is just the beginning. In a few years it may be almost impossible to find natural food.

The food industry and government appear to be complacent. They assume that these new foods are not substantially different to existing foods and pose no special risks, but this assumption is wrong and dangerous. The radical changes being made by biotechnologists could not happen in nature and have already caused toxic side-effects. Currently a minimal degree of safety testing is required for some foods, and none at all for others. In no case is testing required on the long term impact on health.

Most genetically modified foods will not be labelled, since labelling is required only for some unprocessed foods. Under present regulations manufacturers are already introducing genetically modified ingredients into many processed foods, without informing consumers. The government is ignoring the wishes of the public. A survey by the Consumers Association found that 93% of consumers want clear labelling of all such foods.

### Despite their advantages many technologies produce disastrous side effects

There is now a serious debate on the acceptability of some of these unpredicted side-effects, such as nuclear pollution, global warming, and the toxic effects of pesticides and herbicides. Medicines are often withdrawn because the side-effects turn out to be too poisonous. In every case, it takes time for the effects to come to light and be evaluated before action can be taken.

Genetic engineering poses the greatest danger of any technology yet introduced. Safety testing will never be adequate, because organisms once introduced can never be recalled from the environment and their effects will spread without limit. If action is not taken now, virtually everyone in the world will soon be eating genetically engineered foods and will be at risk.

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## **Dangers of genetically engineered foods. The scientific facts demonstrating the need for an immediate worldwide ban**

Given the huge complexity of genetic coding, even in very simple organisms such as bacteria, no one can possibly predict the effects of introducing new genes into any organism or plant. This is because: the transposed gene may act differently when working within its new host. The original genetic intelligence of the host will be disrupted. The new combination of the host genes and the transposed gene will have unpredictable effects; and therefore there is no way of knowing the overall, long-term effect of these foods on the health of those who eat them. The following are some of the facts:

### **Unnatural gene transfers from one species to another are dangerous**

Biotechnology companies erroneously claim that their manipulations are similar to natural genetic changes or traditional breeding techniques. However, the cross-species transfers being made, such as between fish and tomatoes, or between other unrelated species, would not happen in nature and may create new toxins, diseases, and weaknesses. In this experiment the public are at risk from unknown effects.

Biotechnology companies also claim their methods are precise and sophisticated. In fact there is a random element in gene insertion methods. Genetic research shows that many weaknesses in plants, animals and humans have their origin in tiny imperfections in the genetic code. Therefore, side effects and accidents are inevitable, and scientists have assessed the risks to be unlimited.

### **Unpredictable health damaging effects**

When genetic engineers insert a new gene into any organism there is a 'position effect' which entails an unpredictable pattern of gene expression and genetic function. The protein product of the transposed gene may carry out unexpected reactions and produce potentially toxic products. There is also serious concern about the dangers of using genetically engineered viruses as delivery vehicles (vectors) in the generation of transgenic plants and animals. This could de-stabilise the genome and also lead to horizontal gene transfers to other species, including mammals. This could cause dangerous new diseases, resistance to antibiotics and severe immune reactions.

### **Genetically engineered products carry more risks than traditional foods**

The process of genetic engineering can thus introduce dangerous new allergens and fatal toxins into foods that

were previously naturally safe. Already, one genetically engineered soya bean was found to cause severe allergic reactions, and bacteria genetically engineered to produce large amounts of the food supplement, tryptophan, have produced toxic contaminants that killed 37 people and permanently disabled 1,500 more in the USA.

### **Increased pollution of food and water supply**

It is estimated that about 57% of research by biotechnology companies is on the development of herbicide-resistant plants and that this will lead to a three-fold increase in the use of herbicides, resulting in even higher concentrations of chemicals in food and in the water run off from the land.

### **Health-damaging effects caused by genetic engineering will continue forever**

Unlike chemical contamination, gene pollution can never be cleaned up; effects of genetic mistakes will be passed on to all future generations of a species.

### **Inadequate government regulation**

Biotech companies claim that government regulatory bodies will protect consumers. However DDT, Thalidomide, L-Tryptophan, etc. were approved by British and US regulators with tragic results. Recently, US tests found that 80% of supermarket milk contained traces of either medicines, illegal antibiotics used on farms, or hormones, including genetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone. The facts show that regulators are not protecting the public adequately.

### **Ethical concerns**

Transferring animal genes into plants raises important ethical issues for vegans, vegetarians and religious groups. It may also involve animal experiments which are unacceptable to many people.

### **Genetic transfer across species and competition from new species damaging the environment**

When new genetic information is introduced into plants, bacteria, insects or other animals, it can easily cross into related organisms, through processes such as cross-pollination. This process has already created 'super weeds'. Existing species can also be displaced from the eco-system with disastrous effects, as happened with genetically modified *Klebsiella* soil bacteria.

Crops are now being engineered to produce their own pesticides. This will promote the more rapid appearance of

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resistant insects and lead to excessive destruction of useful insects and soil organisms thus seriously perturbing the eco-system. In addition, the pesticide produced by the plant may be harmful to the health of consumers.

### Inadequate safety at research facilities

UK research institutions have little protection to ensure that experimental genetically engineered organisms are not escaping. For example, seeds can be blown by the wind over low fences or carried great distances by birds very quickly. It is not possible for anyone, any farm, or any country to isolate itself from the potentially disastrous effects of genetic manipulation.

### Global threat to humanity's food supply

The introduction of genetically engineered foods amounts to a dangerous global experiment by giant transnational biotechnology companies who control large segments of the world's food supply, including food patents, seed companies and other aspects of the food chain. Short term commercial gain is being placed before the health and safety of the whole population. This could result in many unanticipated, irreversible problems leading to food shortages and large-scale health threats. There is no logical scientific justification to change suddenly almost all foods through irreversible genetic engineering. The genetic structure of plants has been nourishing people and animals for millennia. Tampering with the genetic code of food is reckless and poses a serious threat to life. It could easily upset the delicate balance between our physiology and the foods we eat. There is already ample scientific justification for an immediate ban on the release of all genetically modified organisms in order to safeguard our health.

Further reading: '**Genetic Engineering: The Hazards, Vedic Engineering: the Solutions**', by John Fagan PhD - an award winning geneticist who returned his government grants and began new research in Maharishi's Vedic Science. To order, telephone 01695 51015.

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## We must act before it is too late!

### What is needed:

It is quite clear even from existing research that a ban on genetically engineered foods, and a moratorium on the release of all genetically modified organisms is essential to protect health.

In the meantime, labelling should be required for all foods which contain any modified ingredient, even if it is only one, or where genetically modified organisms have been used in the production of the food.

Full disclosure labelling will allow consumers to choose what they eat. It will also help scientists trace the source of health problems arising from these foods.

### What you can do

Write to your MP and MEP, supermarkets, the press and consumer groups, expressing your concern and enclosing a copy of this information. Make copies of this information or send off for leaflets and distribute freely.

### Further information:

To support the 'Campaign to Ban Genetically Engineered Food' and/or for leaflets containing the above information contact:

**The Natural Law Party, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire  
LU7 0QH (Fax 01296 662486) or: Beacon House,  
Willow Walk, Skelmersdale, Lancs. WN8 6UR (Fax  
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# ENDING VIVISECTION - we won't give up!

by *Uncaged Campaigns*

Uncaged Campaigns is one of the most active, dynamic and radical anti-vivisection pressure groups in the UK. In the face of initial political apathy and media disinterest Uncaged Campaigns have worked incredibly hard to keep anti-vivisection in the public consciousness. Such efforts account for the renewed interest in and opposition to animal experiments. And Uncaged Campaigns will not cease campaigning until vivisection is dead and buried.

Uncaged Campaigns' outlook is positive and democratic. We are committed to achieving the abolition of vivisection through working with a wide range of sympathetic individuals and organisations. We have a holistic view of campaigning and we attack vivisection from many different angles and on all levels, from having vegan ethics both as individuals and as an organisation, to using scientific facts to OUT the flawed arguments of the pro-vivisectionists. But most importantly, Uncaged Campaigns believes that social change has to be democratic in order to be successful, long-lasting and morally compelling. Therefore Uncaged Campaigns puts a huge effort into campaigning directly in the public arena. At the same time we are developing the skills needed to attract the media to our cause and to affect change on a political level.

Our literature is well researched and accessible to the general public. Campaign resources are available to all - and many local animal rights groups are participating in our campaigns all over the UK as well as using our information leaflets to address any questions the general public may have about vivisection. (please contact us if you would like a copy of the resources catalogue)

## PIGS MIGHT FLY

Our campaign against the use of pigs as spare parts for humans is one we can win; the tide is turning in our favour as the dangers and cruelty of xenotransplantation become widely known. It is vital to disseminate information and give people the facts.

## GLOBAL BOYCOTT OF P&G

Our boycott of Proctor & Gamble has grown into a worldwide campaign, with groups all around the world taking part. The pressure on P&G to stop experimenting on animals is growing. P&G have been quoted as saying "We're very concerned about the boycott and would like it to go away.": Deborah White, P&G public dept.

## YOUR VOTE IS OUR VOICE

Don't underestimate how much people care about animals. Thousands of people sign petitions against all areas of animal abuse; thousands are motivated to attend marches and rallies. Many people are prepared to change shopping

and eating habits in order to be cruelty-free (an estimated 2,000 people become vegetarian each week in the UK). We are determined to turn this concern for animals into effective political action.

## ANIMALS UNCAGED

In response to the wholesale slaughter of millions of animals in laboratories as 'surplus to requirements', Uncaged Campaigns with Sir Andrew Bowden MP have tabled an all party Early Day Motion. The EDM (no. 101) has received considerable support from many MPs and is calling for an amendment to the current law, which could save an estimated 5,000,000 animals every year.

## RAGE AGAINST THE CAGE

Every year we organise a national march against vivisection; each year it has grown in size and has developed into an exciting carnival style event with music, food, fun and a really positive atmosphere.

We are working very hard to achieve our goal of ending vivisection. In our relatively brief history we have reached many thousands of people with our positive campaign against animal experiments, giving information and encouragement about a cruelty-free way forward.

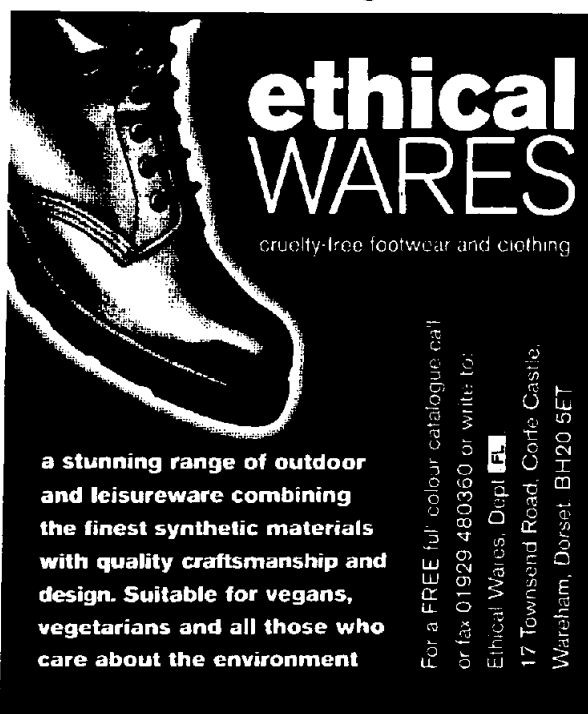
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# Justice for Keith Mann!

It is just over two years since Keith Mann was jailed at the Old Bailey. The outrageous sentence of 14 years, meted out to him on December 19th 1994 for actions of animal liberation, was political. It had more to do with revenge and spite than any sort of justice.

Keith's original judge was hunting, shooting, sheep farming Judge Alliot, who had said in October 1994: *"The Animal Liberation Front needs a good deal of attention. That is my next major trial."* Alliot was eventually replaced, but a 14 year sentence (bearing in mind that Keith pleaded guilty) confirmed many people's suspicions that Judge Alliot still had a firm hold of the strings. If they thought such a sentence would be a deterrent to Keith or others, they have not learnt from history. People like Keith, who carry out actions out of compassion for others, do not stop caring just because someone tells them to. In fact, it is generally human nature for them to do the opposite of what they are told, and with individuals like Keith, who seem to have an innate responsibility to help those unable to help themselves, it just strengthens their resolve to resist and fight even harder.

The Justice For Keith Mann Campaign (JFKMC) happened almost simultaneously with news of Keith's incarceration and has gone from strength to strength. Its first victory was at the Appeal Courts where, on November 13th 1995, Keith's sentence was reduced to 11 years after an extensive campaign of what can only be called 'People Power'. The success was not just in the reduction, but in the act itself. It signified a tacit acknowledgement by the judiciary that it had acted harshly towards Keith, and by accepting Keith's undertaking not to pursue the cause of Animal Liberation illegally in future, deemed him no longer a danger to the public. This admission by the authorities augured well for the Campaign's next target - the removal of Keith's Category 'A' status.

Category 'A' - 'terrorist' - status is reserved for prisoners said to be the most dangerous in the country. They are kept in maximum security prisons, such as HMP Full Sutton and subjected to harsh security measures. Keith was made a Category 'A' prisoner before sentencing when he was on remand, despite the fact that he had not harmed anyone, and not even tried or intended to harm anyone. There was not much time between Keith's Appeal Hearing and his category status review but everything went according to plan and the aim was achieved. Keith was decategorised from 'A' to 'B' on November 30th 1995.

The Campaign's positive progression was inevitably offset by the prison's petty-minded bureaucracy and nebulous

policies, which were sometimes interpreted differently by different staff and applied on an ad-hoc basis depending on what type of mood they were in. This made life very difficult for Keith when trying to obtain proper vegan toiletries, food, clothes, etc. Keith also had, and continues to have, problems with his property and mail, and has been discriminated against, subjected to degrading treatment, and assaulted on a number of occasions.

In April 1996, Keith and JFKMC learnt that London Weekend Television Productions (LWTP), under the auspices of the police, had made a documentary entitled 'The Bomb Maker', designed to discredit Keith and the animal liberation movement. It set out on the pretext of promoting the forensic expertise of the police which, according to them and them only, brought about Keith's capture and conviction. In reality, it was tantamount to character assassination in cold blood. LWTP refused to consult with Keith, his solicitor, his mother Doreen, or the Campaign, which could have gone some way in ensuring truth, fairness and impartiality. JFKMC orchestrated an unremitting opposition to the showing of this programme, which delayed the scheduled broadcast, followed by a Court Injunction to stop it being shown altogether. The injunction failed. Despite having seen numerous write ups of the programme in newspapers and TV listings, and then seeing the trailers for it, the judge stated that we could not deem the programme prejudicial against Keith if we had not seen it. The fact that LWT would not allow us to see it did not enter into the judge's equation. Keith is now suing LWTP.

In April 1996 again, Keith found out, purely by chance, that when he was decategorised to category 'B', five months earlier he should have been informed of a condition that was attached. The condition was that Keith was to remain at Full Sutton (or another dispersal prison) for 24 months instead of the usual 12 months. This was a major problem as it meant that there was no way of keeping Keith moving through the system. It also meant that he would not be eligible for his first parole hearing in February 1998. JFKMC, knowing that this condition had to be removed, pursued the issue relentlessly taking advantage of every little game and success along the way. It paid off. In November 1996, half way through the 24 months, the condition was dropped. This now allows Keith (in theory at least) to be downgraded to category 'C', to move to a lower security prison, and to be considered for release on parole early next year.

Another chapter arose in the spring of 1996 when the campaign suddenly discovered that Keith's father was terminally ill. With a letter from Mr Mann's doctor, Keith

applied for Temporary Release on Compassionate Licence so that he could have an escorted (or un-escorted) visit to see his dad. However this is one issue that has not seen progress. Ten months of persistent campaigning, further letters from Mr Mann's doctor and the involvement and support of Keith's MP, amongst other things, have been to no avail. The prison and Prison Service have refused to allow Keith a last visit with his father, saying they would need to know when his demise will take place, with the caveat that should his condition suddenly worsen to the extent that Mr Mann is rushed to hospital, they will review their decision. They are all heart.

Keith is currently in the process of applying for category 'C' status, and is also waiting to see if HMP Full Sutton are going to implement the Prison Ombudsman's recommendation that Keith be provided with free vegan toiletries (instead of having to pay for them out of his weekly spending allowance). JFKMC is applying pressure in support of Keith's application for 'C' status and will then be preparing for the next, and hopefully final, stage of the Campaign - to get Keith released on Parole in February 1998.

JFKMC is run by volunteers and survives financially via donations. There is no membership or subscription, simply a mailing list. If you would like to receive the latest information with a view to getting involved in the next phase of the Campaign, tentatively scheduled to begin in August 1997, send an A5 SAE to:

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

If you would like to write to Keith his current address is:

**Keith Mann EE3588, HMP Full Sutton,  
Near Stamford Bridge, York YO4 1PS.**

Please bear in mind that Keith's mail is opened and read by prison staff.

The Justice For Keith Mann Campaign is one example of how an unyielding, persistent and well run campaign can have the desired effect (often in a very short time) and that 'People Power', in its varying forms, is the establishment's most feared weapon.

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## **Boycott Proctor & Gamble**

Tens of thousands of animals die at the hands of Proctor & Gamble around the world every year. Vivisection carried out on fully conscious animals has included force feeding dogs with toxic chemicals, burning rabbits' eyes with chemicals, and skin irritancy tests on rabbits and guinea pigs (chemicals are put onto shaved, raw skin).

Research reveals that in the UK, animal testing on behalf of Proctor & Gamble is conducted in contracted laboratories - eg. Hazelton laboratories in Harrogate. Proctor & Gamble uses profits made from the sales of their products to pay for animal abuse. Proctor & Gamble UK is a member of BIBRA (British Industrial Biological Research Association), an animal research laboratory which carries out contract testing for many different companies.

Proctor & Gamble is a profit seeking multinational company which relies on your money to prosper. Public pressure and boycotting products can force such companies to stop animal testing.

Boycotts have worked in the past. Make Proctor & Gamble stop now! Boycott their products today.

When challenged about their animal testing policies, Proctor & Gamble claim that they are "*committed to eliminating the use of animals for safety testing as soon as good science permits.*" What this really means is that Proctor & Gamble are insisting on carrying out animal experiments.

Proctor & Gamble state that they use animals in experiments to ensure product safety. But sound research tells us animal experiments are misleading. Reactions to different chemicals and substances can vary widely from one species to another; hence these tests can do nothing to predict the possible dangerous side effects on humans.

From decades of use we know which chemicals and products are for example toxic when consumed by humans or are damaging to human skin. Many companies produce similar products to Proctor & Gamble without resorting to animal experiments. In time, given sufficient public pressure, Proctor & Gamble will have no choice but to join them.

### **Proctor & Gamble products to boycott:**

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For further information on companies which fund animal experiments write to:

**Uncaged Campaigns, 14 Ridgeway Road,  
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# SUPPORT THE GANDALF DEFENDANTS



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Last 16th January 1996, four editors of *Green Anarchist*, the *ALF Supporters Group Newsletter's* editor and Robin Webb, the Animal Liberation Front's press officer were arrested by Special Branch, Britain's secret police, for conspiracy to incite criminal damage. The Gandalf ('GA-aND-ALF') Six's only 'crime' was writing the uncensored truth about animal liberation or knowing others that did. Their punishment could be up to ten years imprisonment.

According to StateWatch, "Britain has the most repressive conspiracy laws in Europe". For the Thought Police to prove their case, no damage need be done nor anyone incited to it; the 'conspirators' need know no-one doing damage and may know each other only tenuously (in this case, having attended the same rally - along with thousands of others); it's all down to their *intent*, which in practice means the defendants have to prove a negative in court, that they didn't intend anything. Conspiracy / incitement is a 'catch all' law, it's heavy penalties making it a useful tool in surpressing direct action after the Criminal Justice Act's failure.

The Gandalf prosecution is not just about animal rights. It's about fundamental freedoms--*your* freedom of speech, association and conscience--being taken away. The defendants are in the front line for you - defending them is only defending yourself, stopping a potent new instrument of State repression before it reaches you.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

The State won't use the conspiracy / incitement laws in future if they lose more than they gain now. The cops want to silence their critics and make the movement smaller and less effective. Do *not* be intimidated! Use this case to expose the Thought Police and to make the movement larger, louder and angrier.

- ◆ Affiliate your group to the defence campaign.
- ◆ Donate to the defence campaign and buy its mail order goods.
- ◆ Invite defence campaign speakers in your town or at your event.
- ◆ Organise your own defence campaign group, holding local talks and demonstrations in support of the defendants and selling mail order goods.
- ◆ Support national demonstrations, such as at the start of the Gandalf defendants' trial at Portsmouth Crown Court, 26th August 1997.
- ◆ Take exactly the action the defendants are accused of inciting if they're convicted -- that way the jury will have incited you, not this!



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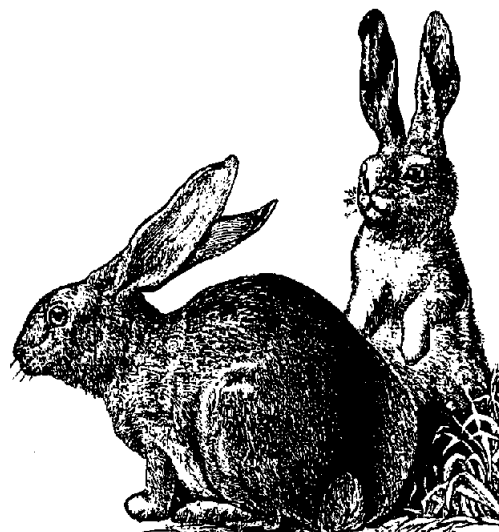
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# Turtles

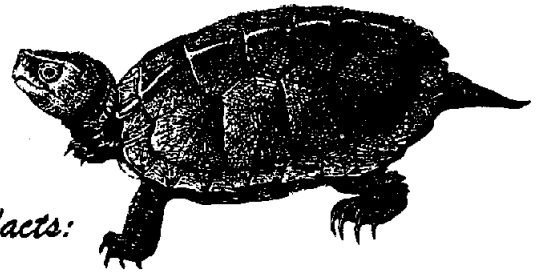
By Diane Westwood

Turtles may not immediately spring to mind when you ask people to think of endangered animals. Yet, they are in big trouble. More than 155,000 sea turtles drown every year in shrimp nets. So people who eat shrimps are not only supporting their deaths but inadvertently the slaughter of turtles. Other turtles are killed by pollution and coastal developments. Some dead turtles are found having suffocated after swallowing rubbish such as plastic.

The battle to save the world's turtles is on, and some victories have already been won. A notorious turtle slaughterhouse in Mexico has been closed, and Japan has stopped importing the Hawksbill sea turtle, used in jewellery.

The American based Sea Turtle Restoration Project has two campaigns at present. The first is to stop coastal development of the world's largest sea turtle nesting beach - the Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary in India. The Indian government wants to build an industrial port that will bring large scale commercial fishing and shrimp trawling. The Sanctuary is home to crocodiles and sea eagles, turtles and mangrove forests full of fish and birds. Already thousands of turtles are being drowned in nets outside the sanctuary.

The second campaign is to stop the turtles being drowned in shrimp nets. The Sea Turtle Project suggest fitting turtle excluder devices to shrimp nets. Personally I would like to urge a boycott of shrimp (for their sakes as well as the turtles') and hope to get funding to produce a leaflet.



## *Turtle facts:*

Sea turtles have been around for 150 million years and have seen the dinosaur age come and go. Some turtles can live over 100 years. It can take up to 50 years before they are sexually mature. The gender of a sea turtle is determined by environmental temperature, not genetically as occurs in mammals. All of the seven species of sea turtle are endangered.

## *How you can help:*

**Write to the Indian government officials, asking them to protect the Bhitarkanika Sanctuary.**

**Write to Prime Minister PV Narashimha Rao, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi 110011, India.** Say that the construction of a fishing port will destroy the Bhitarkanika Sanctuary. It is one of only 4 sites on Earth where turtles nest simultaneously. We would like to see the area made into a National Park and World Heritage Site.

**Send a copy of your letter to Chief Minister of Orissa, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India** (he has called for stronger protection for Bhitarkanika). Urge your friends and family to boycott shrimp and tell the shrimp producing companies why.

**Send the IAWA a donation, which we will use to produce an informative turtle leaflet:**

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## Fur Goes Underground

On the face of it, the Japan (UK) Property Company in Wimbledon, South London, looks like a typically respectable business, but lurking in its basement is a fur department. The subterranean shop is well stocked with expensive fur coats, including fox and mink.

Protesters visited the shop after a tip-off and discovered the furs in the basement even though the manager, when confronted, denied that they were selling furs.

The shop is situated at 92, High Street, Wimbledon, London SW19 5EG and the telephone number is 0181 944 7611.

## VIVISECTOR

by David Carr

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*Truth's deprecator.*

*Beauty's violator.*

*Vivisector!*

*God will deal with you later.*

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# Let's Change the World!

by Alex Bourke

## *What is your life about?*

"Search for the hero inside yourself, and then you'll find the key to your life," sings vegan Heather Small of M-People, who also appears in the video "Truth or Dairy." We can all be heroes.

The American psychologist Abraham Maslow proposed that we have a hierarchy of needs. Once we've managed to take care of basic survival and shelter, we'll seek to belong to a group and to improve self-esteem. If we get this far then we can go for the pinnacle of 'self-actualisation', integrating all parts of ourselves and doing something for humanity. In so doing we achieve our highest potential. Along the way we have 'peak experiences', experiencing the ecstasy and serenity of inner fulfilment.

Can animal rights be a path to spiritual peace and transpersonal success? We believe so.

In their teens, everyone gets into some kind of "opium of the people" whether it's sport, organised religion, sex, drugs, music, computer games, work or something else. It gets us into a group, and we enjoy the pleasure of mastering the knowledge or skills that go with group membership. All of us are chasing the delicious surge of endorphins in the brain when we belong and succeed, or simply the absence of stress. This is fine as long as you don't surrender control of your entire life to group leaders and give up making your own decisions. Instead of turning you into a zombie, becoming a vegan requires a healthy dose of thinking for yourself. It teaches you to stand up to coercion from people who think they have the right to tell you what to do in your own space, whether relatives, friends, priests, teachers or co-workers.

People today feel helpless in the face of corrupt governments and giant businesses. The fact is that it just ain't so - we are as powerful as we choose to be. We must exercise our personal power to change those around us, and we must take political power or it will go by default to those who will abuse it.

Jacques Cousteau once recommended people to infiltrate the establishment and rise as high as they could, then use their power for good. Imagine what you might do if you woke up tomorrow and found that you were Minister for Agriculture, or Director of the Meat and Livestock Commission, or Chair of the Health Education Council, or Editor of the British Medical Journal. All these jobs and

many others will be up for grabs in the future. And one day they will be filled by people who will do the right thing with their power and influence - people like you.

Edward Lear once asked "If it takes a cat ten minutes to kill a rat, how long does it take to kill 1,000 rats? Methinks the rats would kill the cat." It's time for us all across the world to take power and change things for the better. It may take our lifetimes, but we are the last generation before it's too late who still have the chance to wake everyone else up. Will you join us?

## *Blueprint for world revolution...*

We have personal power to change ourselves, and by our example and provision of knowledge, those around us. When we are in the majority, as we now are for not wearing fur, not hunting for fun, and not testing cosmetics on animals, business then follows, and eventually we can force changes in the law to mop up the last pockets of brutality. The giant cosmetics company Gillette announced at the end of 1996 the end of animal testing - as a direct result of PETA's global campaign to wake people up, taken up by thousands of activists and millions of sympathisers. (Proctor & Gamble next!) Soon hunting foxes will be banned in Britain, as a direct result of campaigns by animal rights activists. We can change anything we want. It's just a case of picking off the easiest targets first and moving on, building momentum for the harder targets ahead. The bad guys can't resist truth, justice, compassion and love forever.

In the United Kingdom the National Alliance for Animals (NAFA) was formed in 1995 to unite the vegan animal rights movement for the general election. It will "out" all the candidates who won't make a stand for integrity and compassion towards animals. The vegetarian vote is enough to swing any election, and we will give everyone an informed choice of candidates. We want Tony Banks to be just the first of many to speak out for animals without compromise. After all, a vegan world will have huge economic benefits. Instead of speaking for less than a million meat workers, encourage MP's to speak up for six million vegetarians, sixteen million almost vegetarians, 26 million who've cut their meat consumption, 36 million whose children have been exposed to BSE by a government bribed by the meat barons, and 600 million feeling beings doomed each year by our collective insanity and inaction.

Here's a checklist of twelve things we can do to change ourselves, those who ask our help, and eventually the world,

person by person and country by country. The first six are the essential stages for getting your "degree" or "black belt instructor" in veganism and animal rights, ready to deal with any situation. The other six steps are ways to use your new-found knowledge and skills to create permanent, life-saving change in others and turn all vegetarians into vegan activists.

If every vegetarian in the United Kingdom creates one more each year, the whole country will be safe for animals in just seven years. Why not? Nothing is impossible unless you believe it is.

Desk top publishing on home computers plus the Internet have for the first time in history ended the rich's monopoly on information. There is nothing whatsoever to prevent us using our new-found power to put things right in one generation.

The animal rights movement jointly contains all the knowledge you need to be part of the greatest social revolution in history, so that when you look back on your life you'll be able to think "We did something really fine. Together."

## ***12 Steps to Change the World...***

### ***1. Get the facts and go vegetarian***

Send a cheque or postal order for £4.80 to Viva!, PO Box 212, Crewe CW1 4SD. Ask for a full set of Viva! guides, the giant Reasons to be Veggie leaflet, and the book list. At the very least, send 50p for The Good Veg Guide to get you started. Do it today. If you're not already, use this information to become vegetarian. The guides will tell you how to deal with your family and friends. Or buy the book The Livewire Guide to Going, Staying and Being Veggie by Juliet Gellatley of Viva! which is chock full of bullet-proof facts and techniques for verbal self-defence against meatheads.

### ***2. Find out about veganism***

Send some stamps to The Vegan Society for a full set of leaflets and a catalogue. Invest in a copy of their Animal Free Shopper, containing everything you always wanted to know about veganism but didn't know where to ask. Unless you're moving towards 100% vegan, few people in the animal rights movement will take you seriously. The next two steps will take care of any fears you may have about "coming out" as a vegan.

### ***3. Become a masterchef***

Get a vegan cookbook. Visit local wholefood shops and buy a new food every week. People don't generally choose

food because it's healthy or kind but because it looks good and tastes nice. Become a master of cuisine so that people are always queuing up to come to dinner.

### ***4. Learn about nutrition***

Be ready for questions about calcium, protein, iron and vitamins. Know the facts about why vegans are the healthiest folk on the planet. Invest in superb reference books like Peter Cox's Guide to Vegetarian Living, Vegan Nutrition - Pure and Simple by Dr Michael Klaper and Vegan Nutrition by Dr Gill Langley. If funds are limited, make sure they're in your library and share books with vegetarian friends.

### ***5. Learn about vegan babies***

Often you hear people say that veganism is all very well for adults, but children need milk or meat. All complete and utter bollocks of course, but if they got it from their doctor then you'd better be ready with the truth from the real experts. Learn about vegetarian and vegan babies by sending £1.75 to Viva! for their Mother and Baby Guide parts 1 and 2. Learn even more about vegan children from the book Pregnancy, Children and the Vegan Diet by Dr Michael Klaper and Vegan Nutrition by Dr Gill Langley. If your doctor tells you veganism is unhealthy for babies, give him or her these leaflets and books to read, and if that fails then change to a doctor who bothers to keep up to date. If we get all the doctors in the country to go vegan, they might just do the rest for us.

### ***6. Learn about animal rights and ecology***

Be ready to explain to pre-vegetarians the truth about animals and what we're doing to the planet. Read up on animal rights literature regularly to refresh your memory. Get extra leaflets to give out at bulk rates from the nationals. Invest in a copy of The New Why You Don't Need Meat by Peter Cox and The Silent Ark by Juliet Gellatley.

### ***7. Become a campaigner!***

Get stuck into the ideas above. Learn to use a word processor, write letters, give school talks, talk to the media. If you have any difficulty getting along with certain campaigners or with the public, try some of the "people" books we recommend, especially the brilliant How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie.

### ***8. Help your local group financially***

If you're working, then give money to buy leaflets to your local groups which they can take into schools for maximum impact. Invest in the videos Truth or Dairy (Vegan Society),

Their Future In Your Hands (Animal Aid), Food Without Fear (Vegetarian Society) and others from the nationals, or give them to your local school library.

### 9. Read campaigning magazines

Keep up to date by joining a campaigning national organisation or ten, or exchanging magazines with friends. Each of "the nationals" produces thoroughly researched materials written by the leading experts, as well as doing undercover investigations and getting the truth into the media at national level. When you've read their magazines, pass them on. If you want to help campaigning vegans abroad, join Vegans International.

### 10. Tithe

If you're working and don't have much free time, you can still make things happen big time and create loads of new vegetarians by using your wages to "contract out" your campaigning. How? Consider "tithing" your income to animal rights organisations. This is the old system where people gave 10% of their income to the church. Why not start with 1% and see if you miss it? If you're single with no dependents, will you really miss £5 or £20 a month paid by standing order to Viva! or Animal Aid? We suggest these two first because virtually all their "clients" are children who can't afford to buy leaflets. £10 pays for 10

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### 11. Get skilled

If you're an ambitious campaigner, get toolled up for action! Contact the nationals and offer your services as a volunteer. You can go further and take a course in journalism. Remember that the pen is mightier than the sword, but with a computer you can really kick Ronald McDonald's butt. Furthermore the Internet gives us all access to millions of people with money and information technology skills who can become campaigners, if we help them along.

### 12. Take and use power for truth

Get as much power as you can or influence with the powerful (teachers, doctors, caterers, film makers, writers, politicians and the children and students who will one day be leaders) and use it to create a better world. Teach them that being a hero is about saving life.

# Zen

## and the Art of Campaigning

by Jonathon Livingston Vegan

Everything that ever was, started with a dream. Take a walk, sit or lie quietly, reflect and dream.

When you've formulated your dream, it's time to act. Success depends on action. Doing nothing is itself an action, and the most harmful one of all. It's called neglect.

Once you have taken your first steps, the path will reveal itself to you, and others will keep you company on it.

The only difference between success and failure is that success kept on going till she got there. Whatever obstacles you encounter, there are others already on the path waiting to help you in every way we can. Just ask.

You have the power to co-create a vegan world. Help others to join us on the path of truth, respect and love for all life.

We'll see you at the celebration when the last slaughterhouse closes.

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# Ostrich Farming- Protests Continue

Campaigns across the country to oppose applications for ostrich farms (which continue to appear at an alarming rate) are proving effective. Several councils have listened to local objections and decided to reject farm applications.

Gosport & Fareham Animal Aid and Winchester Animal Concern rushed into action when their local paper reported that an application for an ostrich farm near Petersfield was about to be discussed by the Council. They explained the proposals to local residents, distributed leaflets and collected signatures for a petition. Helen Nelson, who co-ordinates GFAA, said that "*local people were absolutely horrified about the proposals*". Regrettably such short notice meant that residents were unable to register their objections in writing and the application was passed. Residents and campaigners planned to fight on.

In East Sussex, during protests against a proposed ostrich farm near Crowborough, campaigners occupied the entrance lobby of Wealden District Council for three hours and quizzed the Council's Senior Planning Officer. The local paper, the East Sussex Courier, quoted the would-be farmer as saying that ostriches were "*less dangerous than rams*" and were "*probably the best looked after animals in the UK*"!

**Action:** Watch out for planning applications in your area. Object to any plans in writing to the local council. Pollution, environmental health and other local concerns are the most useful as well as animal cruelty. Encourage local residents to do the same. **Animal Aid** can give advice and information. Their address is: **The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1AW (01732 364 546).**

A tape featuring a song about the exploitation of ostriches, by Rowena Red and John Rowe, is now available and for further details about ostrich campaigning or the song, contact: **J & R Associates, PO Box 83, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 7Q11.**



# Wolves



These highly intelligent and beautiful creatures have been hunted to extinction in most parts of the world. In other countries wolves are an endangered species and all because of man's ignorance and intolerance of the wild.

In man's brief history few animals have gripped the imagination in quite the same way as the wolf. Feared, hated and reviled they have been systematically hunted to near extinction. Now in an age of science and ecological awareness, some people have come to defend the wolf's role in nature. We have to appreciate the wolf for the natural animal it is.

We have yet to distinguish between the real wolf that is one of nature's noblest animals, and the wolf of fable and folklore that is one of man's oldest creations.

## How you can help:

**Adopt a wolf.** Both the Born Free Foundation's Wolf Project and the Wolf Society of Great Britain (see below) run adoption schemes for wolves at the Iberian Wolf Recovery Centre in Portugal. Wolf adoption costs £15 per year, for which you will receive a certificate, photo of your wolf and regular updates on their welfare and general antics! To adopt a wolf through Operation Wolf write (with cheque for £15 payable to Born Free Foundation) to - **Operation Wolf, The BFF, Coldharbour, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HA.**

**Join the Wolf Society of Great Britain.** Although there are no longer any wild wolves in Britain (as yet! See below), the WSGB are thriving wolf conservationists, involved in campaigns and projects worldwide. Their quarterly magazine, *The Howler*, reports on current wolf issues around the world and is included in the annual membership price of £9.50. For details send SAE; **WSGB, Prospect House, Charlton, Kilmersdon Bath BA3 5TN.**

**Support the Highland Wolf Proposal.** Would you like to see wolves reintroduced to the British Isles? Or would you like to find out more about the feasibility study? If so, please send a SAE to **Roger Panaman, Highland Wolf Fund, 35 Church Street, Kidlington, Oxford.**

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# NEVER MIND THE BALLOTS...

by Armitage Shanks

The general election has been announced for 1st May 1997 and the people are about to be given their five-yearly dose of democracy - an 'X' on a piece of paper. Across the country people will file obediently into polling booths to choose who will rule and tell them what to do for another five years. This charade passes for what is called 'free elections' and we are supposed to be grateful we can take part in it.

Every time there is an election there are calls for those who care about animals to use their vote accordingly. We should support whichever party has the best policies on animal welfare and is most likely to be elected. Usually this has meant the Labour Party, though just before the 1992 election the International Fund for Animal Welfare donated £60,000 to the Conservative Party to 'influence' it in the right direction. It has given money to the other major parties as well, including £1 million to Labour under the guise of the Political Animal Lobby. This is a particularly extreme example of the lengths some groups go to to win political favour, despite over 100 years of betrayal by politicians.

The National Anti-Vivisection Society was formed in 1875 during the drawing up of a bill to regulate animal experiments, which then numbered only a couple of hundred per year. Despite this and the fact that Queen Victoria was personally opposed to vivisection, the resulting Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876, gave the green light and since then over 180 million experiments using animals have been carried out in Britain.

110 years later the government announced it was updating the 1876 Act and the main anti-vivisection societies joined forces in the Mobilisation for Laboratory Animals. Instead of taking an abolitionist stance, they set out 'minimum demands' such as prohibition of cosmetics and warfare experiments. They believed that asking for complete abolition would be dismissed as extremism, whereas by appearing to be moderate politicians would listen to them. As history shows, asking for a little from government means getting nothing at all and the resulting Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986, was in some respects even worse than the legislation it replaced.

Efforts to ban hunting also go back to the last century. The first such attempt failed in 1894. The League Against Cruel Sports was founded in 1924 by people frustrated at the RSPCA's lack of opposition, but it wasn't until the landslide election of a Labour Government in 1945 that there seemed a chance of success. The hunting fraternity launched a

massive propaganda campaign. Earl Winterton called abolitionists 'Bloomsbury Boys', who loathed the sport because of its demands on courage, fitness and endurance: 'Their patron saint is Oscar Wilde' (sic). He needn't have worried. The government appointed a committee but its report in 1951 was a complete whitewash - hardly surprising since eight of its members had hunting connections. Labour, despite having some anti-bloodsports MPs, had no wish to lose the rural vote.

In 1975 another Labour administration did introduce a bill to outlaw hare coursing. It was passed in the House of Commons but thrown out by the Lords. The government could have used the Parliament Act to overrule the Lords, but saving hares was low on its list of priorities.

Can the Labour Party of today be trusted any more than in the past? It has produced a leaflet, 'A New Life for Animals', and has a spokesperson for animal welfare, Elliot Morley, but in fact now promises far less than it used to. In the 1970s and 80s Labour pledged to ban live exports and hunting with hounds completely, whereas now it says it will only make the export of animals more expensive. Apparently the party does not want to risk being sued by farmers if it tried to outlaw the trade. And on bloodsports it will only allow a free vote in the Commons on a private member's bill, it would not itself introduce an abolitionist bill. Private member's bills have far less chance of becoming law than ones introduced by the government.

The omens do not look good. Labour has already reneged on one promise before it even comes to power. A 1994 policy statement said it would 'forbid the use of animals in the testing and development of weapons', but last year Elliot Morley wrote to the director of Animal Aid, Andrew Tyler, stating that Labour accepts animals need to be used in testing antidotes 'for the time being'. In its leaflet the party says it will ban the LD50 test (one of the most notorious experiments), but when questioned admits it will be replaced with another test using animals.

Clearly Labour can no more be trusted to do anything for animals than it could in the past. What about the Liberal Democrats or the Green Party? One could point out that neither stands any chance of being elected - the latter will field less than 100 candidates in the forthcoming election - but more pertinent would be to ask what they could do even if they were 'in power'. The idea that a party can win power and pass whatever laws it likes is a common but profoundly mistaken belief. Any government would have to work within

the prevailing economic system, that of capitalism; multinational corporations whose investments can be shifted around the globe, financial institutions such as the City, World Bank and International Monetary Fund, and of course the European Union. Animal exploitation is a truly international phenomenon which can be moved to wherever there is most profit to be made. For example, when the EEC banned the import of seal pelts in 1983, the commercial sealers sought out new markets such as seal meat for fur farms. Now more seals are being killed on the ice each year than before the ban.

Parliament and the other institutions of our so-called 'democracy' do not exist to represent the views of ordinary people but instead to protect the interests of the ruling class. As the book 'Against all Odds: Animal Liberation 1972-1986' explains:

*'The parliamentary campaign is doomed to failure because, despite our democratic traditions, we live in a political system where MPs have a greater allegiance to their social class than to the wishes of the electorate they*

*have to face every four years. If vivisection was against the interests of the ruling class they could abolish it very quickly, either by the use of their legislative powers or more simply by decisions made at board meetings. Commercial forms of animal abuse such as vivisection and factory farming are in the financial interests of the ruling class, and bloodsports are an essential part of their social fabric. The parliamentary campaign is in fact asking us to petition the ruling class to act against their own best interest.'*

The issue of animal rights will be of peripheral concern in the coming election. The major parties will attempt to win the votes of 'Middle England' by bribing the electorate with promises of less taxation and a clamp-down on crime. If you intend voting on May 1st (and as an anarchist I certainly won't), then vote for whichever party you think will lower taxes and get scroungers off benefits and into work, etc.

**But do not be deluded into thinking your choice will make any difference to animals in laboratories, factory farms or on the hunting fields.**

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## John Lewis - Wildlife Killers

John Lewis Partnership, owners of the food chain Waitrose and a large number of department stores, owns several country estates where the massacre of tens of thousands of birds each year takes place to entertain John Lewis partners.

At one such estate - Leckford Abbas in Stockbridge, Hants. - parties of drunken John Lewis employees blast away at pheasants, ducks, grouse, pigeons, squirrels and anything else that moves. The shoots are staged three times a week, from September through to February. Many of the pheasants, said by a whistleblower at the site to be "so young they can barely fly", are merely injured and left to die agonising and prolonged deaths.

John Lewis have been approached but they have refused to discuss the matter. It is said they are determined to keep the shoots as they allegedly add 75% to the value of the estate. The only way to end the killing is to organise a boycott and generate public awareness on such a scale that they lose more in lost trade than they gain from the shoots.

On Friday 24th January 1997, 35 activists marked the start of a nationwide NAHC campaign against John Lewis by physically preventing their shooting party from killing - saving the lives of an estimated 200 birds. The shooters' convoy of vehicles was intercepted on its way to the killing field and surrounded by activists, preventing it from moving for some two hours until assurances were given to activists and the waiting media that the shoot would not proceed.

We must now capitalise on the considerable embarrassment this event caused John Lewis. To this end, the NAHC will be organising a series of publicity stunts over the coming months, but they also need your help. A leaflet and poster have been produced which all groups can distribute as widely as possible. In addition groups can take their own actions against John Lewis.

### Here are a few suggestions:

\* **Pickets and protests outside (or inside or on top of) John Lewis stores**, including Waitrose, Peter Jones, Jessop & Son (Nottingham), Bainbridge (Newcastle upon Tyne), Bonds (Norwich), Caley's (Windsor), Cole Bros (Sheffield), Heelas (Reading), Knight & Lee (Southsea), George Henry Lee (Liverpool), Robert Sale (Cambridge), Tewis Bros (Watford), and Tyrell & Green (Southampton).

\* **Feature the campaign in your newsletter**, distribute leaflets and campaign postcards at your group meetings.

\* **Hold an anti-John Lewis street stall or publicity stunt**, distributing leaflets and postcards. The postcards are particularly important as they will let John Lewis know the scale of the boycott.

Whatever you do tell your local media what you are doing and why. With your active help, this should be a winnable campaign saving tens of thousands of lives.

For more information about the campaign contact the **National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC)**, PO Box 66, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 2TR (01442 240 246).



# Two Movements - One Struggle

by Anon

In the last few years we have seen an amazing crossover in the radical Green and Animal liberation movements. We have started to realise we are not two struggles but one, and that victory for one movement is victory for both. But realising we have common goals still does not alter the fact that there still exists a wide gulf to be bridged.

Also 'Greens' must accept the case for veganism if we are to build a sustainable, self-sufficient Green society. These questions, plus many more, need to be explored if we really want a liberated society. One worth living in where humans live in harmony with nature, where animals are not abused and where we can live with honour and respect for each other. We need a new outlook, a new way of doing things and a seriousness to achieve all that is obtainable.

No radical change comes easily and to achieve the society we want there is no doubt that we will have to fight for it. The State has a different agenda to our own and it will not give up its power without a fight to the death. In this ongoing struggle, many will be injured, many more will be imprisoned and no doubt many more of us are going to die.

This may sound very pessimistic, but given the choice is it not better to fight this disgusting system and the terrible society it has created than to live like slaves in this sick industrial prison. Industrial society is like a vast prison and we are like animals in a zoo. This is why some of us have come to understand that animal liberation is our own liberation.

We live in a sick society where abuse of the weak has become the norm. Where mental sickness is everywhere, where depravity, apathy, misery, hopelessness, confusion and loneliness have become facets of everyday existence. It would not be much of an exaggeration to say that modern society has become a crime against life itself. The position we are in may seem dire, but we must take heart when a society has reached this level of disintegration as ours has and it cannot continue for much longer. Therefore we must be ready to push forward with our own views of how we are to live. We must make ourselves known now, not wait for future collapse, so the first thing to take into account is just how a liberated society would be. Ideas are powerful and the more certain we are about our objectives the more likely we are to achieve our goals.

Liberated society has three main objectives:

**1) Animal Liberation:** The end of all animal farming and the complete destruction of the meat and dairy industries.

The end of all vivisection, the end of zoos and circuses with performing animals. The end of all hunting and fishing and the end of the pet trade. We must leave areas free from agriculture and building so that wild animals have plenty of habitat. Most of all we must build a society where it becomes our culture to leave animals alone and free from our interference.

**2) Post Industrialism:** This must mean the end of all large scale industry that is not directly necessary in order to live, ie., food, clothing and shelter. We must do away with the private car and build a decentralised public transport system. We must bring about the end of nuclear power, motorways, giant shopping centres, office blocks, cities and giant towns that are a blot on the landscape. We must build village style communities, use alternative energy and technology and create a self sufficient co-operative Green society.

**3) Human Liberation:** Human liberation will be achieved by taking control over own lives and realising we do not need leaders, bosses, or experts to tell us how to think, feel and act. In small communities we will be able to work together and feel a sense of participation and belonging. Also by living close to nature, we will start to realise what industrialised society has taken from us for so long. Our liberation will come about not by some weird spiritual quest as some people would have us believe but by removing ourselves from artificial concrete jungles where we obviously do not belong.

By removing the idea that we are individuals whose lives should consist of not caring for others we can go on to build communities where we are truly social beings. To achieve this we must break the chains that bind us by fighting for change and take the first step out of our prisons as free liberated people. Then we shall have achieved liberation for animals, the planet Earth and all who live upon it.



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# Seal Skins ~ The Missed Outlets

by Dave Callender

Angling kills fish, lots of them. That is abundantly self-evident. It is generally agreed that it leads to the unintentional deaths of many water birds too; swans, wildfowl, and more than likely a small number of reed nesting birds like bunting and warblers. It's a messy business. The richer, allegedly more refined end of rod fishing - the slab of humans with more dosh than sense in other words - specialise in fly-fishing for the cream of fish: salmon, trout and sea trout. It's expensive, it's snobby, it's meant to be skilled, it's meant to be a select craft, it's indulged in by many thousands and it requires the most ludicrous abuse of mammals and birds that I have yet come across. I'm talking about the making, selling and using of game fish-flies of which there are thousands of different types, selling for paltry sums of between 16 pence and 40 pence but a hideous proportion of which rely on a dead creature as their base.

Where do you think is the only place you could expect to buy bits of seal pelt in any town in England? Most of you would shake your head in disbelief. You simply cannot lay your grubby hands on seal skins any more. Crap. It's one of the prized materials of any fly-tying fisher fool. You will find it in such flies as the Clan Chief, the Goat's Toe, the Kildonian Killer, the Red Hopper; the list is endless. I can only quote this foolish fisher Edwin Oxlade in 'Fly-Fishing', July 1995. He says that if seal skins are not used it, "...gives the fly a dreadfully solid and lifeless silhouette, like a cigar stub with a hook in it. A body like this is more likely to result if wool is used in place of seal's fur. It is hard to get life and sparkle into wool."

Let's be clear about this, the Fly Dressers Guild boasts more than 3000 members and has 60 branches specialising in the teaching of methods and materials. It is based at 8 Tidworth Road, Porton, Salisbury. I reckon there are hundreds of outlets that flog fly-tying materials - the majority will include seals' fur. The probability is that there will be an outlet in most towns, usually as part of a larger tackle shop.

The most disgusting aspect of it all must be that most people sell the fur chunks for such pitiful amounts. You will get a bag of tiny squares of pelt in up to 10-15 colours for £1.10. That's about the average. To throw in a couple of examples, Mullarkey & Sons at 184 Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent sells 12 packs of seal fur for £7.50, John Norris at 21 Victoria Road, Penrith has 12 packets of seal skin for £4.50. If Penrith and Burton can openly boast of bits of dead seals for sale I refuse to except that almost every town has not got them somewhere. An advert in 'Fly-Fishing' from Qual-

Tye, 26 Cutlers Hall Road, Shotley Bridge, Consett, Durham, boasts 'beautiful baby seals fur in 32 colours'. Brochures from Fulling Mill, Unit 5, 46 Croydon, Reigate, and Rutland Water Tackle Shop, Oakham, both flaunt their trade in bits of seal bodies. A full survey I have no doubt would astound the movement in the frequency and availability of these seal products.

The first big question that springs to mind is, where are these pelts coming from? - Which nations' seals are being killed for this market? - Who is importing the pelts? - Could any of them be coming from grey seals being shot on licence on the west coast of Scotland? - Do these cheap bags of little squares represent a usage of the off-cuts from the fur trade abroad? - And just how do we tackle such a widespread use of seal skin still in our towns?

A company called Sport Fish, Winforton, Hereford, clearly boasts that all their hairs, fur and feathers are imported from the USA - the 'number one specialist', Rocky Mountain Dubbing, and that includes seal pelts. I have of course deliberately isolated the use of seals. Their emotional appeal dictates that, and I think we all tend to pride ourselves on the obliteration of public displays and outlets for purchase. That needs to be slightly reconsidered. These people, these companies, these outlets also flaunt the sale of dead bits of elk, deer, moose, arctic fox, goat, hare, rabbit, mole, squirrel and mink that I can trace. 'Sport Fish' sell an entire hair mask (the sliced-off face including ears of the noble brown hare) for £1.80. Grahams, of 494 Chorley Old Road, Bolton, sells four dyed masks for £7.50, or a simple pair of hare ears for 60 pence. Fancy being killed so some plasma of higher intelligence can chop off your ears, stick them in a sealed bag with a pretty label in order that other plasma can have his goon faced picture taken next to a fat old pregnant salmon dangling from his hand. The things some people do and the logic they live by!

And birds - well, I've counted over 40 species that fall prey to the mortuary men that package up bits of our wildlife in the name of conservation, and I'm not just talking pigeon and pheasant here. All these species have appeared on one brochure of another: crow, coot, partridge, goose, guinea-fowl, jackdaw, magpie, mallard, maribu, moorhen, jay, ostrich, emu, peacock, snipe, starling, teal, woodcock and more; companies sell the entire skin of a partridge for £18.50; a pair of woodcock wings for £1.15; a pair of grouse wings for £1.35; the entire head of a Lady Amherst pheasant for £7.00, and Rutland Fishing Lodge is the only company to sell bags of 20 hand-selected emu feathers in six colours.

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What about the bizarre actions of the Midlands company Ellis Slater, 47 Bridge Cross Road, Gease Terrace, Walsall (01453 - 671 377), the sole British importer of the whole skins of giant water shrews from South America, which they sell at £3.50 each! These people are serious. They are serious users and abusers of the most varied of species. Whilst pike and shark fisher fools happily employ tie-baiting to attract their victims, salmon and trout fisher fools have no scruples in scouring the world for the pelts and feathers of beings - all in the name of man the hunter. The advertising blurb praising the future use of giant water shrews: - 'the guard hairs are fine and possess a lively silky sheen which reflect a range of colours from brown to blue - dun to silver, depending on how the light hits it; the under fur is of an excellent dun hue'.

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## Hill Grove Family Cats

Hill Grove Family Cats at Hill Grove Farm, Minster Lovell, near Crawley, Oxon OX8 5NA (01993 703120) is a business set up by Mr Christopher Brown in 1970 to provide the vivisection industry in this country and abroad with SPF (specified pathogen free) cats.

Mr. Brown has admitted having "hundreds of cats" but the exact number is not known. He has a staff of at least 12 who come in daily. Mr Brown has said he "likes to keep a low profile".

Mr. Brown claims his cats are used for veterinary research only. In 1994, a Sunday Express investigation revealed that he had sold 9 week old kittens for £300 each to laboratories in Australia where they were used for vaccine research before being killed and incinerated. This trade was condemned by MPs, the RSPCA and the Cats' Protection League.

An undercover investigation (1994-1996) by a major British anti-vivisection society revealed that Mr Brown has also sold cats to the Institute of Neurology and Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School in London. The cats are kept in bare rooms with no bedding and at the Institute of Neurology in at least one instance a cat killed and consumed her entire litter of kittens.

Experiments at the Sobell Department of Neurophysiology include cutting or crushing the spinal nerves in old cats (up to 15 years old), studies of nerve connections between adjacent parts of the spinal cord and damaging various nerves with diphtheria toxin. The investigator noted: "The cats are desperate for attention and affection, which makes this job easier said than done". Mr Brown's profits from this terrible trade were £80,000 in 1992.

There is too, a preponderance for those fly-tying outfits to hold lessons or evening classes in our publicly-run educational establishments. I wonder how school governors or regional authorities would react to the presence of dead seals and bits of foxes on their desks. I think not somehow. Few of them would tolerate a fur fashion show or a skin auction. Why should they have those creatures grubbing around with their dyed skins and animal hairs?

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Birmingham B18 4AS.**



Mr and Mrs Brown also run a B&B business from Hill Grove Farm. Guests have no idea what is in the locked sheds behind the main house unless they arrive on protest days. Many have said they would not have stayed at Hill Grove Farm had they known of the cat-breeding business.

Hill Grove Farm is advertised by:

**West Oxfordshire District Council,  
Woodgreen, Witney, Oxfordshire (01993 702941) :  
John Carter.**

**English Tourist Board, Thames Tower, Black's Road,  
Hammersmith, London W6 9EL (0181 846 9000) :  
Sarah Whaley.**

**The Caravan Club, East Grinstead House, East  
Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 1VA (01342 326944) :  
David Hunter.**

Please take the time to write to these people who advertise the Brown's B&B pointing out what hides behind the Brown's business and ask them to withdraw Hill Grove Farm from their accommodation guides. You could also write to your MP. Your support is much appreciated and essential for this campaign to succeed. Please send any replies to the address below.

For more information on Hill Grove Family Cats / petition forms / protest dates, please send a sae to:

**ACT-AV, 22 Church Meadow, Milton-under-  
Whychwood, Oxon OX7 6JG (01993 831338).**

All donations to help this campaign will be gratefully accepted.

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# Why I am in Favour of Free Abortion

by *Les Cahiers antispécistes*, adapted and translated by Vincent Berraud

I do not respect the life of plants, for example. Not because I despise them but because I do not think that they are *sentient*, i.e. that they *feel* what is happening to them.<sup>1</sup> As they don't feel any pleasure to live, nor sufferance to be cut or pulled up, nor regret to have to die, I don't see any reason not to use them as I like it and, especially, not to eat them.

I take this example of plants to show the difference between respecting life *as such* (unconscious phenomenon of development and reproduction), and respecting *sentient* life, i.e. taking into account the interests of the beings which have interests to respect.

Now it is practically sure that the human embryo<sup>2</sup> is not sentient at least for the first 18 weeks of pregnancy (out of 38), because of the absence, and then of the immaturity, of its nervous system (the neurons don't conduct stimuli yet). The new born is sentient; sensitivity thus appears sometimes during the second half of pregnancy. Before that, this being, not feeling pleasure nor sufferance, no fears nor hopes, does not seem morally more significant than a blade of grass, a stone or a brain-dead human.<sup>3</sup> The woman has a great number of interests, which must be taken into consideration - including of course the one not to suffer from the intervention. During the first 18 weeks, an abortion is morally no more than a simple late contraception.

One can of course argue that it is a *future* sentient being, that its *potential* life should be respected; and ask me, for instance: "What about you, would you have liked your mother to abort?"

Now the idea that I could not exist can be unpleasant to me, but it is not more unpleasant if I imagine this non-existence as the result of an abortion than of contraception, or of abstinence from my parents, or of their non-meeting each other. The only thing which is fixed after the conception of a being, and not before, is its genetic stock; but I do not see in what this non-sentient being without history nor projects which possessed this particular genetic code was *me*, no more would I consider as being *myself* an embryo which would be cloned from my body, or an identical twin.

Still, the decision to abort or not isn't insignificant, as it determines the existence or the non-existence of a future sentient being; but it is the same thing with any contraception or absence of fertile sexual relation. I think that besides the envy one has or not to have a child, other elements should be taken into consideration, and in particular on the one hand the happiness the child may

expect, and on the other hand the world overpopulation. But this is another discussion; anyway, one doesn't normally force anyone to have a child.

Thus, if a woman wishes to abort, I think that she should be able to do so without restrictions, *at least* until 18 weeks after fecundation; and considering social realities, that everything should be done to make it easier, and free at least as long as the cost remains an obstacle.<sup>4</sup>

The basic argument of woman's freedom is often opposed by opponents of abortion. It cannot be sufficient if one doesn't add, as I did, that the embryo itself does not have any interests. Without this point, it is a mere principle devoid of substance, just like the 'freedom to eat meat' that is opposed to us when we put the interests of the animals forward. It poses a problem in the case of a late abortion, during the second half of pregnancy when the foetus has already acquired sensitivity, and therefore at least the interest not to suffer.

The ideal in this case would be the guarantee of an equal consideration of the interests of the mother and of those of the foetus. I cannot in this case have a theoretical position as clear-cut as for the first half of pregnancy, when the embryo is not sentient; without going into particulars, and given the rather primary nature of the foetus' interests, I think however that in practice the best is still to leave the decision to the concerned woman.<sup>5</sup>

What could be done in any case for the interests of the 'aged' foetus is to make sure it will not suffer if there is an abortion. The speciesist blinkers worn by the ones and the others lead to disputes over the absurd matter whether the embryo is or is not a human being. Depending on the given answer, its life will be declared sacred, or on the contrary it will be denied any moral significance. The ones and the others forget to take into account what, in my opinion, is the only significant matter, that is to say the actual interests of the beings which have some, and in particular the embryo's eventual interest not to suffer. I understand well that it could be a preoccupation of animal liberation that the interests of these animals (late aborted human foetus) should also be weighed up. And the newly developing interests of the embryo remain so... embryonic, compared to those of the woman that the latter should be considered as a priority.

An easy access to an early abortion also permits to reduce the number of late abortions, which are also more painful for the woman.

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## Abortion and Animal Liberation

The anti-abortion position is the more often based on the attribution to the human embryo of a great significance, an inviolability, a sacred character, simply because of its *belonging to our species*. What the opponents of abortion want to protect is *human* life, independently from its sentient character. This is exactly the contrary of the animal liberation's position.

As Carol Adams says : "*Some opponents to abortion define life as morally pertinent in such a large way that it includes the ovule which has just been fertilised, but at the same time in such a narrow way that adult animals, with a well developed nervous system and social sensitivities, are excluded.*"

It is this 'logic', giving to the label 'human' a religious respect, which makes a problem of abortion - which is then used by reactionary forces (such as fundamentalists or fascists) in order to attack women's freedom of their bodies and of their lives and to re-impose on them a role of wife-

mother. It is no coincidence if they never questioned the male domination, or if they never admitted any other contraception than 'natural' ones like... sexual abstinence before marriage! Yet, this is what anyone would do who cares for *the real interests of the concrete individuals* ; and what the feminists, not the anti-abortions, do.

It is also the same 'logics' of sacralisation (sic) of humanity which legitimates the total despise for the interests of non-human sentient beings, and their exploitation without mercy (or with mercy) for meat, experiments, etc.

Thus, this is an absurd and horrible situation, where the same ideology declares that the life of a living form which cannot feel anything, but which is classified as human, is sacred, whereas any sentient being, because it is not human, is treated with no consideration for its interests, and is, for example, killed for the sole pleasure of eating it!

The concrete, real interests of sentient beings should matter, not their belonging to categories more or less well established such as race, sex, age or species...

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<sup>1</sup> One will find arguments about the plants being non-sentient in Peter SINGER's *Animal Liberation*, and in French in *les Cahiers Antispécistes* no5

<sup>2</sup> The animal is called *embryo* between its conception and its birth, and more specifically at the beginning of the gestation (the 3 first months for humans) and *foetus* when it started to show a recognizable general morphology (head, legs, etc.)

<sup>3</sup> The embryo's health only matters if one does not abort. Then it matters regarding the interests, not of the embryo as it doesn't have any, but of the child who will be born.

<sup>4</sup> The French law only authorizes abortion during the first *twelve* weeks. The 'protection' given after this time limit to a being which does not feel anything and who has never felt anything is totally absurd. Other countries allow later abortions.

<sup>5</sup> One can defend the idea that the being which is not conscious of its existence in time can have an interest not to suffer, but not to be killed. It is Peter SINGER's position in *Animal Liberation* and in a more developed way in *Practical Ethics* (2nd edition, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1993).

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## *Animal Liberation and the Pro-life Movement - Natural Allies?*

by Leslie Dove

As a vegan for over 12 years, I was horrified to discover a few years ago that many vegans/animal liberationists do not oppose abortion. I find this very inconsistent. I used to think that going as far as respecting the lives of animals meant that we had already learnt respect for human life.

The issues of animal rights and the rights of the unborn involve similar principles. In both cases there is a sentient being totally at the mercy of another. In both cases a conflict between the life of one and the liberty of the other. As vegans we have put animals' lives above our own liberty to eat them, because however important liberty is, life is the first principal of rights, as all other rights are dependent on life. We should apply the same principle in the case of abortion - that life comes before liberty.

So why do some animal liberationists deny compassion and respect for life to the unborn? I think there are several

possible reasons for this to do with fear and panic associated with unplanned pregnancy, disruption of lifestyle and the invisibility of the foetus. Because it can't be seen, many people can deny that it is really a sentient life in order to justify abortion. There have been so many films on television about what happens to animals in recent years, but so little about the true facts of abortion and foetal sentience. Unless we educate ourselves about the development of the unborn, the pro-abortion lies will still be believed.

It is relatively easy to be vegan, but much harder to accept responsibility for a baby. Supportive friends and family are so essential in preventing the fear and panic that leads to abortion. Many pregnancy advisors are part of private abortion agencies, making money out of abortion. They rarely mention adoption as an option. But as animal liberationists we would prefer to rehome an animal we can't keep, rather than have it destroyed.

I have friends who now suffer the grief and regret following their abortions. They weren't told the facts or counselled or told about the pro-life crisis pregnancy help that was available. Fear and desperation led to abortion. There was a lack of partner and family support. It was not a liberating experience for these women. Now many do pro-life work to prevent abortion and heal other abortion sufferers. We must be there for friends facing crisis pregnancy.

Supportive friends can prevent a hasty decision, regretted later. They can mean the difference between life and death and prevent a lot of grief. We are all interdependent.

I plead for a greater sense of community among animal rights activists/vegans and for men to take their responsibilities seriously. Too many men run away from the situation. We should all think carefully before we act. We all know how to avoid pregnancy. The only sure way is celibacy. Various types of contraception are available, not many are vegan, some are dangerous to health and all have failure rates. Natural family planning used properly is vegan, very reliable and safe but even this method can have a failure rate. This method relies on women understanding their fertility and abstention during fertile times. We need to go beyond veganism and take responsibility for other aspects of our behaviour and the effect on ourselves and other sentient beings. If we have sex, we must accept the risks and consequences. A sentient life may be created and killed for the sake of our pleasure and this has definite parallels with the use of animal products.

Meat eaters who are against abortion are simply inconsistent the other way round, but are more likely to listen to the animal rights argument if we accept how right they are about innocent human life having a right to protection.

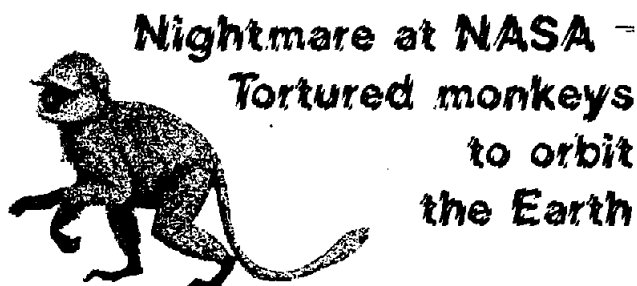
A vegan/animal rights and feminist pro-life movement I heard of recently is called **Hardline** and they are based at **PO Box 5, Sheffield S3 9YH**. I don't personally agree with all their philosophy, as they deal with so many other issues, but many Arkangel readers may want to look into this movement.

For anyone interested in the issues raised in this article or for more information on pro-life groups/counselling etc. contact **Lesley Dove** on **0181 861 1233**.

### **Statement from the editors regarding articles about abortion:**

The subject of abortion was covered in the 5th issue of this magazine. The two articles above were submitted and have been reproduced accordingly.

However, it is not the intention of the editors of Arkangel magazine to print further articles about this issue in the future.



## **Nightmare at NASA - Tortured monkeys to orbit the Earth**

NASA and the Russian Space Agency have joined forces in cruel experiments which force monkeys to suffer agonising, invasive procedures. These multi-million dollar weightlessness experiments known as the Bion 11 and 12 projects are taking place in Russian Space Agency laboratories and are funded by the US National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA).

The monkeys endure six prolonged, invasive operations to implant electrodes in their brains, muscles and abdomens. The wires are threaded under the skin and exit through a hole in their backs. Wire coils are sown to their eyeballs, their tails are hacked off to accommodate the Bion chair and they are strapped down by the arms and legs to render them immobile for the two week orbit.

Bion 12 is scheduled for September 1998 in the US. A total cost to US taxpayers of \$33.2m. - to conduct experiments that many in the scientific community call unnecessary and wasteful and which they categorise as 'welfare' for the Russians.

Although NASA has now asked RSA to stop the wire coil and brain electrode implant experiments, they refused. An American veterinarian saw dandelions being picked for the monkeys at the Russian laboratories when the facility ran out of food for the animals. The same veterinarian called conditions for the animals in these laboratories 'draconian'.

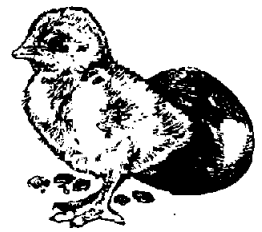
At NASA's Ames Research Centre, Bion monkeys have already died of hypothermia and dehydration, as well as from having bolts screwed into their brains. The head veterinarian at Ames has resigned in protest over the sloppy animal care and incompetence.

RSA and NASA say Bion will help study the effects of weightlessness on humans, loss of calcium in bones and loss of muscle tone. Yet astronauts have spent more than 400 days in space at one time and scientists have 35 years of data from studying them. Published papers on weightlessness make it clear that, even between the sexes, there are differences in reactions to micro-gravity. The enormous physiological differences between astronauts and monkeys make Bion indefensible.

Please write to the **American Embassy, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1AE** and the **Russian Embassy, 18 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QP** and demand that Bion 12 be cancelled now.



# The Myth of the Compassionate Vegetarian



by Enid Daval

I can well understand why someone might decide to become a lacto-vegetarian solely for reasons of health. Numerous studies and a great wealth of statistical evidence exists to support such a position. I can also sympathise with someone who, by degrees, becomes vegetarian for reasons of compassion. People who take this position regard their abstention from eating flesh as a step in the right direction, and by implication as something less than completely freeing themselves from being a direct cause of animal suffering. What I cannot accept though, is that someone who claims to be a lacto-vegetarian for compassionate reasons, should be content to remain so.

I do not see that it is possible to have knowledge about the dairy and egg industries, to think about the issues involved, then to come to the conclusion that to support either is consistent with a compassionate lifestyle. But I will not rely on rhetoric to make my case. Using only the basic facts and simple logic I will show that compassionate lacto-vegetarianism is a contradiction in terms!

First some of the facts about dairy farming. It is a constant source of amazement to me how many people believe that a cow naturally produces an endless stream of milk, and that it is actually a kindness to relieve her of it - otherwise her udder would explode! And of course it would be such a shame to waste this almost miraculously nourishing food! But it is for someone else to discuss the value of milk as a food, I want to deal with the process of producing it...

A dairy cow has a natural life expectancy of about twenty years. Female cattle who are not used for veal and who make it to the dairy herd are killed at between four and six years, when poor health or declining yield make her no longer profitable as a food production unit. In order that she produces milk during her short life, she will be inseminated several times and produce probably four or five calves. She will be pregnant for most of her life. It is a myth that cows have one calf then continue to produce milk indefinitely. I remember this claim being made by woman who, having had children, really ought to have known better!

Time for some logic. One cow produces say, four calves. Males are largely unnecessary, and in any case only one calf is required to be kept to maintain a dairy herd's size. Three of the four calves are killed at a few weeks for veal, or after several months for beef. There is no escape. No pushing the unpleasant facts aside. If you want to drink milk, then someone else will eat cattle.

Let's take the compassionate lacto-vegetarian's aim to its logical conclusion - a Britain where no-one eats meat, but where dairy foods are still in big demand. We have to export all our unwanted calves to countries where....? Silly, isn't it? And I haven't even mentioned selective breeding and drug treatment which produces cows with udders so huge they can barely walk. Compassion? I don't think so. And it's no good talking about the solution being humane slaughter, banning live exports, or generally trying to get people to be nicer to cows! The compassionate lacto-vegetarian has already rejected killing animals in order to satisfy their dietary desires.

Now let's look at eggs. Not surprisingly the situation is pretty much the same as for the dairy industry. The birds live only as long as they are productive, whether battery or free-range. When they are past their best, they are killed and used for foods which the lacto-vegetarian wouldn't dream of eating, like chicken soup or chicken pie. I suppose he or she might be willing to pay more for their eggs so that the hens could be sent to rest homes in the country when their working days are done; would that ease the conscience?

And what about the male chicks? Everyone seems to forget them. No matter how marvellous the free-range existence planned for the girl chicks, if you're a boy chick you won't even get to day two, unless you're headed for the broiler sheds! Can a system which kills half the population for being the wrong sex, and kills the other half when productivity (ie. profitability) falls, be compatible with a compassionate lifestyle? And I haven't even mentioned battery farming. So there you have it; if you want eggs, birds will be bred to die.

Perhaps the 'compassionate' lacto-vegetarian might like to compare him or herself to the 'considerate' neighbour, who keeps their garden neat and tidy by tipping all their rubbish over the fence! Please, if you want to see a world in which animals are not used and abused for human ends, don't stop at vegetarianism, keep moving along...

*For information regarding a vegan way of life you should contact: The Vegan Society, Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA (01424 427393).*

They produce an excellent magazine entitled *The Vegan* which is a must for vegans and those seeking a truly compassionate lifestyle.

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# News from the ALF Press Office

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by Robin Webb

## *The hunger strike: Fire, worms and liberation*

Since the last Arkangel much has happened, surely most notable being the actions in support of Barry Horne's demands during his hunger strike. Refusing all food and liquids except water from Monday 6 January he called on the Government to end its support for vivisection within 5 years and asked all areas of the animal protection movement to use his action in whatever way they could. This wasn't an Animal Liberation Front-inspired event nor was it under any other banner; Barry was calling on the grassroots of the movement to unite in the struggle for our brothers and sisters who couldn't fight for themselves.

## *War in Oxfordshire...*

The first major demonstration of support for Barry's demands began at 12 noon on Saturday 18 January outside Bullingdon prison. More than 150 people attended from all over the country at just 3 days' notice to express their solidarity. Not wishing to give the prison authorities any excuse to penalise other prisoners - which could also have reflected on Barry - the rally ended after an hour or so, thus avoiding any conflict with the afternoon visits.

First stop after leaving the prison was Harlan-Olac in nearby Blackthorn, breeders of many animals for vivisection including rats and mice. The police presence failed utterly in its attempt to control the anger. The perimeter fencing was torn down, windows smashed, doors ripped off their hinges... thousands of pounds worth of damage. When some panicky police heard the first bricks hitting the reinforced windows round the back they thought it was gunfire... maybe they judge everybody by their own very low standards?

Protesters then continued to Hillgrove Farm, Minster Lovell (at least, those who didn't get lost!), where cats are bred for use in the animal Belsens both here and abroad. Again, many thousands of pounds' worth of damage was caused together with a special bonus of cats and kittens liberated. Exact numbers vary but consensus suggests fifteen rescued with 5 being later recovered and returned to Hillgrove by unfeeling, uncaring upholders of laws that no-one respects. That's 10 individuals free to live their lives in peace and free from abuse. That's animal liberation.

At this point the Oxfordshire police implemented an emergency security alert across the whole county with every possible vivisection-related target on condition red, road-blocks on all main routes, helicopters in the air and

reinforcements drafted in from the surrounding counties. What a lot of bother a few angry people can cause!

No arrests resulted from the Harlan-Olac incident but 26 were arrested in the wake of Hillgrove Farm of whom eight were held overnight and released late Sunday afternoon on unconditional police bail. At the time of writing no charges have been brought.

## *Candles and Questions*

Tuesday 21st January was to see a candlelit vigil outside Bullingdon prison so that Barry's campaign was kept in the eyes and minds of the local media. Due to begin at 7 o'clock that evening this totally peaceful event gave the police an excuse to disrupt the entire area. Invoking Section 60 of the Criminal Justice Act, the barmy Old Bill designated the area around the prison, the whole of the nearby village of Blackthorn and the A421 trunk road a 'stop and search' area under special powers. In case you're wondering, this section was introduced under the pretext that it would be used to prevent terrorists smuggling explosives, etc. into the country. It has not been revealed exactly how many candles on the vigil were actually sticks of dynamite. Details are awaited with an air of expectancy.

No less than fifty campaigners attended the peaceful vigil/armed insurrection with many more turned away by police harassment and intimidation - not to mention those who didn't go, thinking a candlelit vigil was too fluffy! Those who were there found themselves followed home by the police. To aid community relations (well, I can't think of any other reason...) police even waited outside pubs while people were dropped off or refreshments taken. This concern extended as far as other counties; hopefully no nice police officers were too late home...

Earlier in the day Tony Banks, MP for Newham North West, put down four written questions and an Early Day Motion relating to Barry, his demands, and the hunger strike.

## *Beagles do a bunk*

Consort Kennels at Harewood End, near Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire was next on the list. Supplying beagles to any hellhole that will pay, a demonstration was called for Saturday 25th January during which the protesters embarked upon a series of meeting points which left the Old Bill in a daze.



When everyone finally arrived at Consort many demonstrators went to the main entrance while a group of intrepid rambler approached the rear of the kennels along a bridle path only to find that the police responsible for the area seemed to have gone for a tea-break. Ignoring several private security guards the rambler made their way through a gap in the fence to the kennels compound from which - lo and behold! - ten beagle puppies disappeared into thin air (or maybe back along the bridle path, I don't know) and were never seen again ...at least, not by anyone from Consort Kennels.

That happened despite a heavy police presence including the now-obligatory helicopter so it was hardly surprising that the Old Bill wanted revenge. Remaining behind to take photographs of the kennels and compound, for circulation to local newspapers, I was arrested on suspicion of burglary, held for several hours while my home was searched (now there's a novelty...) before being given police bail. Well, of course, on my release they couldn't possibly return incriminating items such as my New Scotland Yard-registered press card and NUJ membership card any more than they could resist taking subversive paperwork from my home ...including copies of my CV! West Mercia police have since written to tell me I won't be charged but have I got my property back? Answers on a postcard to ARNI, Freepost, c/o New Scotland Yard.

### *Flaming angry? You bet they'll have no truck with abuse!*

Later that same night, 25th January, a group of animal liberationists launched an attack against Buxted Poultry processing plant (killing camp) at Brackley, Northamptonshire. This action was claimed as being in support of Barry although a different area of animal abuse from his demands. Intended to show that, although vivisection was high on the agenda, no target area of abuse was safe from retribution.

This raid left one refrigerated truck completely destroyed and six others severely damaged from a fleet of ten. Damage was reported to be tens of thousands of pounds prompting Detective Inspector McCully of the Northamptonshire police to warn, "We do not want to cause anyone undue alarm but... want to... urge people who work in the food industry to be extra vigilant". The ALF press office said that the warning was not thought to be aimed at Veggies Catering or similar vegan companies.

### *A malicious move...*

Becoming alarmed at the increasing support for Barry not just in this country but around the world, from New Zealand to New York, and seeing his determination to continue on nothing but water and willpower the authorities had to exact some petty revenge. On Tuesday 28th January, into the

fourth week of his hunger strike, Barry was taken from Bullington prison back to Bristol jail from where he'd been moved the previous Xmas Eve. Shackled in handcuffs, made to carry his own belongings, forced to walk unaided to the prison van under the gaze of the Governor and a line of prison officers. This callous, vindictive act is just one small example of the levels to which the State and the Establishment will sink when trying to protect its rotten interests in exploiting the weak and innocent.

### *Three-in-one*

The following day, Wednesday 29th January, saw Tony Banks raising the method of Barry's move in the House of Commons. Speaking to the 'Bicester Advertiser' Mr Banks said, "It is abominable the way Barry Horne has been treated," and continued "as I understand it, he was taken to Bristol by prison van in handcuffs (but) has been on hunger strike for about 25 days ...so ...is hardly in a position to escape".

Meanwhile, earlier that morning, a cell of the ALF raided the University of Central Lancashire in Preston and liberated several hundred earthworms, wrecked thousands of pounds' worth of computer equipment and daubed ALF and anti-vivisection slogans. Yet again, this attack was claimed as being in support of Barry's demands.

As things are supposed to happen in threes the Animal Rights Militia leapt to the defence of the campaign so far by issuing a statement that they had a list of five vivisectors who would be killed should Barry Horne die. The vivisectors were not identified in the statement but, with Barry's return to Bristol the previous day, the whole of Bristol University was put on amber alert.

### *The London Marathon*

A day of action in London was called for on Thursday 30th January in support of Barry's demands, beginning outside the Home Office which is responsible for both prisoners and vivisection. A noisy and spirited demonstration was covered by regional radio and television despite the usual overkill policing from the Met.

Protesters then went on to the headquarters of the Research Defence Society which they so very nearly occupied but, due to the massive police presence, ended up placing it under siege. Several fur shops were also singled out for attention with the official day of action ending at Quo Vadis restaurant. Part-owned by so called 'artist' Damien Hirst, this haven for sicko psychos also features skinned animal heads in preservative and other artistic creations from Dippy Damien, but, as charges of affray, assault and criminal damage are pending, the less said about that at the moment the better!

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## *Jill and Barry and Dover*

Saturday 1st February was the second anniversary of the death of Jill Phipps under the wheels of a lorry from hell. Demonstrations had already been planned for Dover but the anger was fuelled even more by Barry's actions. The determination began with a sit-down in the road at the entrance of the Eastern Docks which lasted some two hours with 19 arrests. Protesters then marched further down the road which was again blocked. An impromptu march through the town centre - while Dover allows live exports then the whole of Dover is guilty - was relatively unimpeded by police and McDonald's lost some glass. Out to a farm where the owner, Peter Ziolkowski, had been filmed beating calves with a rubber hose... more window glass disappeared then, finally, on to Homestead Farm at Wingham where yet more windows evaporated, an unspecified number (but thought to be around 9) rabbits liberated and the owner ended up with a broken leg when he fell over whilst chasing someone. The ambulance crew didn't seem to attend to his needs very quickly...

Oh, yes, nearly forgot. That same morning the Animal Rights Militia claimed that four powerful timed incendiary devices had been placed in the BP filling station at the entrance to the Eastern Docks with a further six in public service buildings around Dover. This was dedicated to both Barry and Jill but, as Dover and the demonstrators still exist, the claim is thought to have been one of the ARM's few hoaxes. As nothing actually happened I suppose you could say there's no ARM in it?

### *The American Connection*

Angry animal rights activists in San Francisco, California, decided to lend a hand on Monday 3rd February when they blockaded the British Consulate and burned the Union Flag in solidarity with Barry's demands. Just a few days later the British Tourist Authority building in New York City was blockaded followed later that day by New York's British Consulate. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic Ocean, the British Consulate in Amsterdam, Holland, was receiving similar attention!

Back home, at Plaistow in East London, a butcher's shop window was taken out by an explosive device that had been taped across the front. A similar attack had been carried out a couple of months earlier against a butcher's in Collier Row.

### *Can't hang around too long*

Friday 7th February saw Austrian mountaineer and physicist Martin Balluch abseil down the tower of Cambridge University's church, Great St Mary's, to hang a giant banner 'Barry Horne 33rd Day Hunger Strike Against Vivisection' while other protesters on the ground handed out leaflets

about Barry's demands, claiming that animal experiments "Are often barbaric, and always unnecessary and unreliable".

Up and down the country and across the world nightly actions were being carried out; from windows being smashed to locks being glued; from graffiti being sprayed to vehicles being paint-stripped. The floodgates had been opened; animal rights activists and prisoners in America and other countries, as well as at home in England, began hunger strikes and food refusal of varying duration. Although the national media were deliberately ignoring what was happening the animal abusers knew what was going on. Oh yes, those who needed to know surely knew and wondered what would happen next!

### *Barry's triumph*

On the same afternoon that Martin Balluch abseiled down the church tower Barry announced that the following Sunday at midnight, 9th February, he would end his hunger strike, having gained more than he thought possible. Vivisection firmly back on the agenda, actions taking place not just in Britain but across the world, a mood of determined anger within the grassroots movement, questions asked in Parliament and many animals free who would have had no future but torture and final, welcome, death as a release.

The two-day notice of ending his hunger strike was a positive decision by Barry, one which had been taken a few days earlier. Fearing that an announcement at the very time of ending the protest might be seen as 'giving up' the tactic of saying when he would stop, with time left to go, avoided any such accusation. So, 35 long days and nights from beginning his ordeal, five full weeks with a determination to carry on to the end if necessary, finally came to an end.

### *The media - a deafening silence*

As I wrote at the beginning of this article, Barry's hunger strike wasn't under the ALF banner or any other umbrella name. It was done for the animals themselves and to help the animal protection movement as a whole to do whatever each section thought best in its own way. Just the common goal: Animal Liberation.

This action and all the support was newsworthy. The reasons were newsworthy, the earthworm liberation was newsworthy, the demonstrations and acts of economic sabotage were newsworthy, the international hunger strikes were newsworthy, blockading British Consulates and burning the British flag was newsworthy. Taking everything together there was no way the media could ignore what was happening. Or was there...?

Much local and regional coverage was achieved but

nationally... nothing. The national radio, television and newspapers were bombarded with telephone calls, faxed press releases and lured by promises of 'exclusives' ...all to no avail. When Barry was cruelly ghosted away from Bullingdon to Bristol prison I was in regular contact with John Curtin of the ALF SG. I decided to telephone media contacts rather than just fax a press release with the outrageous news. John offered to cover the national newspapers while I did the rest; he called me back later that afternoon, a very angry man, to say he'd had no positive response at all. Two newspapers - the Daily Mirror and the Guardian had even slammed the phone down on him.

The reason for all this is simple. There are reporters, journalists and feature-writers who sympathise with animal rights views but getting them to write "something about Barry" isn't the end of the matter. Each publication has just one person, the editor, who decides what goes in or stays out. With no more than twenty national daily and Sunday newspapers that's just twenty people the State have to control, be it by funny handshakes, dirty tricks or promises of power. Add on the editors for national radio and television and you've still hardly got enough people for a decent party. Do you begin to see?

There is no doubt whatever that a conspiracy was at work to prevent animal liberation activity receiving the prominence it deserves. Certainly, road protests get coverage but that's still a novelty. The animal liberation movement was there 20 years ago. The actions are being blacked out because of their very success!

Politically, Tony Banks did more than any other MP to spotlight Barry's demands and treatment. Tony Benn and Sir Andrew Bowden gave moral support. Only the Green Party, through its animal rights group, gave its full support. I also understand that the animal rights section of the Green Party's manifesto was sharpened up quite considerably at its recent conference. Sadly, the Socialist Party manifesto doesn't even mention animal welfare in passing. Having witnessed the corruption and deceit of our (their?) parliamentary system for too many years my opinion remains unchanged: Guy Fawkes made two mistakes, (1) he failed and (2) he got caught. Is that incitement? Never mind, it's quite safe. We're talking politics here, not the end of animal abuse!

As for support from the national societies, the two largest anti-vivisection societies were not approached for support, with good reason. Even when they were aware of Barry's actions they made no attempt to contact him. Most other national organisations with an anti-vivisection interest were contacted, some of which expressed initial interest but, unhappily, this did not generally translate into positive support. Barry himself says that only two national groups actually contacted him. One, Uncaged, said basically that they did not support him but the other, BAVA did.

The overwhelming majority of animal liberation activists and campaigners supported Barry's hunger strike and all the other activities that went on around it. Everything that happened was from the grassroots, by the grassroots and carried through by the grassroots with total disregard of national society policies, media blackouts, police overkill and all the other negative factors which just got swept aside. You are the grassroots. You can be proud. You are the ones who must continue the fight.

### *New direct action group*

Once again a new direct action group has appeared which, so far, has carried out quite low-key attacks. Low-key, that is, when compared to the Animal Rights Militia and Justice Department. Not to mention the Hunt Retribution Squad, so we won't mention them! One liberation raid already carried out was of a 12-week-old puppy who was permanently tied up outside with no shelter at a house in Dartford, Kent. The 'owner' had previous convictions for cruelty. The puppy is now happy in a good new home. Another action was at a hunt ball held at the High Rocks Inn, Royal Tunbridge Wells in Kent. The daring group used Anti-mate and citronella in the lavatories to spray doors, washbasins, taps, hand driers, toilet seats and toilet paper. Having exhausted things to spray in the loo they carried on around the hotel taking in handrails, coats in the cloakrooms, seats, glasses, tables and ...well, the smell got too much for them so they left. On the way back to base they phoned a warning that a small incendiary device had been planted in the High Rocks Inn. It was a very small device but they didn't actually describe it fully ...most would recognise it as a match.

What's that? Sorry, I didn't really mean to miss out the name of this new, dastardly group ...it's the Provisional RSPCA!

### *Activists in Auckland*

Although animal liberation news from New Zealand is covered extremely well in the magazine 'Liberate!' (available from Auckland Animal Action, PO Box 34641, Birkenhead, Aotearoa/New Zealand) the press office has just received a cutting from 'New Zealand News UK' which deserves a mention. Reporting a spate of attacks, including the windows of twelve animal abuse businesses in one night which the ALF estimated at \$10000, the report says that all butchers in Auckland were warned to stop trading by 1st October last year or face having their property vandalised. Attacks have been aimed at butchers, seafood stores, 'sports' stores and a beekeeping business.

Police said that they "hoped to clamp down on such activities before they became as serious as they had in places like Britain".

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## *What's happening to the Press Officer?*

Well, the shotgun trial which I'm involved in was due to begin on 10th March, having been ditched after several days last July. However, the Shoreham conspiracy trial under Judge Brown which was due to last around six weeks is still going after about as many months. So, it's been put back to a date to be advised, possibly late June but I'll believe it when it happens!

The conspiracy and incitement nonsense from the Hampshire Loonies (remember them?) reached the committal stage last December. That's where the magistrate either sends the case to trial at Crown Court or throws it out as a waste of time. The hearing took just over a week and ended with my five co-defendants being committed for trial but my charges being thrown out on the grounds that to proceed would be "oppressive, vexatious and an abuse of the process of the courts". In plain English, they'd tried to recycle the 'evidence' from my December 1995 trial to bring new charges having failed the first time. As my barrister said, "They are not allowed a second bite at the cherry".

Not to be deterred, the police (Hampshire Loonies) and CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) are to seek a judicial review hoping to overturn the magistrate's decision and get me back in the trial. Just in case that fails the charges against my former co-d's have been amended to read "conspired together *and with Robin Webb*". So, I'm still there in name and still can't get any of my property back. The Hampshire Loonies have so far arrested me four times, raided my home three times, taken me through two committals and a Crown Court trial under a High Court judge, locked me up for around seven months and tried virtual house arrest. Success so far? Nil!

### *CD's and shoes - "Do what?"*

Some of you out there who are past your sell-by date (like me) may remember an LP entitled 'This is the ALF' which

featured groups such as Conflict, Potential Threat and Lost Cherees with tracks that included "This is the ALF", "The Voiceless Now Have a Voice", "The Saboteurs' Revenge" and "Meat Means Murder".

Following a lot of enquiries over a period of time the album is going to be remastered and issued on CD with a 16-page (at least) booklet to which the ALF Press Office has been asked to contribute. If you'd like information on this CD or any others from the same company send an SAE to Mortarhate Records, PO Box 448, Eltham, London SE9.

While I'm mentioning companies may I just say that a number of people have recently approached me making a mistake that's been happening for years. The Robin Webb who owns Vegetarian Shoes in Brighton is a completely different person to me. If I was that Robin Webb I wouldn't have to keep appealing for funds to keep the press office going! Although I was around first I can't even claim royalties for the name...

### *Onward, ever onward*

I guess that's enough for now or the editors will never let me write another article (thanks, I can hear the cheering already!). Just don't forget how the year started; full of hope, of liberation, of channelled anger, of determination, of a sense of victory ...of a feeling that here we were, the grassroots, working together, pulling together for each other and, more importantly, for our brothers and sisters of other species who cry, who scream, who die alone, who have none but us to offer hope.

It is our duty to help them, we want to help them, we must help them and we will help them. Do not falter, do not wonder "Is it right?", do not feel fear - you're not alone. Now is the time to go onward, onward, ever onward. To work in our own ways but to work together for the common goal. To achieve our dream and their freedom ...to finally be a part of the reality of animal liberation.

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## Whitbread & Gilders

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At a demonstration at Gordon Gilders (live export transporters) on 9th February, a Gilder lorry was seen leaving the premises covered with a tarpaulin bearing the Whitbread beer company name and logo.

After contacting Whitbread, a reply was received on 27th February. Whitbread stated that: "The vehicle that you observed at Gordon Gilder's Transport would have been a Whitbread vehicle which was in transit between our sites and would have been carrying Whitbread products. The reason for this is that Gilder's Transport have worked as a contract haulier for Whitbread for some 20 years and none of the activities associated with the movement of our products are linked to other arrangements that Gilder's

Transport have in operation."

Although Whitbread are not directly involved in the live export trade, by dealing with Gilder's they are indirectly involved.

**Action:** Write to Whitbread asking them not to deal with Gilder and tell them you will boycott their pubs and products until they stop their association with Gilder's.

*Managing Director, Whitbread Beer Company, Porter Tun House, 500 Capability Green, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 3LS.*



# VERDICT APPROACHES FOR McLIBEL

*"It will go down in history as the most expensive and disastrous public relations exercise ever mounted by a multinational company"* according to Channel 4 News. This is the 'McLibel' Trial which (after two years of testimony and eight weeks of closing speeches) is finally drawing to a close. Submissions were completed in December 1996, so now all that remains of the trial is for Mr Justice Bell, having denied the Defendants a jury, to give his personal verdict (expected in May, or possibly later).

In their Closing Speeches, Helen Steel & Dave Morris (the 'McLibel Two') had the enormous task of analysing 40,000 pages of documentary evidence, and around 18,000 pages of testimony, as well as dealing with many complex legal submissions to the judge. Since there is no Legal Aid for libel cases, Helen & Dave represented themselves against McDonald's team of top libel lawyers.

The fast-food giant is suing them over a factsheet entitled *"What's Wrong With McDonald's? Everything they don't want you to know"* which was produced in 1986 by London Greenpeace. The factsheet looked at the effect of huge multinationals on our society, and brought together criticisms frequently made by various groups about the promotion of junk food diets, exploitation of workers and animals, advertising to children, and damage to the environment. McDonald's had hoped to use the UK's oppressive libel laws to silence their critics, but the tables were turned and the Corporation effectively found itself on trial.

## **'VICTORY DAY' PLANNED - THE PUBLIC INVITED TO JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES**

The McLibel Support Campaign is calling an international *Victory Day of Action* on the Saturday after the verdict to demonstrate McDonald's failure to censor alternative views and information. Thousands of people around the world have pledged to leaflet outside their local stores on that day

and beyond, whatever the verdict in the trial. It is expected that a large majority of McDonald's 750 UK stores will be leafleted (384 have already been 'adopted' by local campaigners) in a display of solidarity with Helen & Dave and show of conviction that all the criticisms in the *"What's Wrong With McDonald's?"* leaflets are true and have been proved to be so in the trial (often by McDonald's own witnesses and documents). Also to be handed out will be the special leaflet for kids: *"What's Wrong With Ronald McDonald?"* to help build up the growing *"Kids Against McDonald's"* Network.

In the UK, you can assist in the coordinated leafleting on the day of action by adopting your local store. Contact the McLibel Campaign for an *"Adopt-a-Store"* form to complete. If you live outside the UK, please leaflet and protest outside your local store (or in some other way) on the day of action.

The factsheet (subject of the libel action) and later versions have now possibly become the most widely known and distributed protest leaflet in history. Over 2 million leaflets have already been handed out to the public in the UK alone since writs were served on the Defendants, and it is distributed in dozens of other countries. Every phrase in the current A5 *"What's Wrong With McDonald's?"* leaflet has now been fully referenced to documentary evidence and oral testimony in the McLibel Trial, mostly from McDonald's own sources. (The Referenced Leaflet is available from the McLibel Campaign.)

Helen & Dave recently stated: *"Having been denied a jury trial, we believe that the world's public are in effect the wider jury. Campaigners are providing a valuable public service in ensuring that people everywhere continue to hear an alternative point of view to that put out by McDonald's, and therefore are able to judge for themselves. The Corporation spends \$2 billion each year on advertising and promotions - our trial has shown the huge contrast between their glossy image and the reality. Whatever the verdict, the need to scrutinise and challenge multinationals has never before been greater and so the campaign is certain to continue to grow."*

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**JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!**  
<http://www.McSpotlight.org/>  
**OFFICIAL COURT TRANSCRIPTS NOW  
AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

Since its launch on the 16th Feb 1996, the 'McSpotlight' Internet site has been the focus of international media attention (including front page of *USA Today*). It has been accessed nearly 9 million times, and recently quadrupled in size with the addition of all 313 days of the official court transcripts, a historically unprecedented move. Now accessible are an estimated 19,000 pages (around 50 megabytes of data) of often riveting testimony (including the grilling of top Corporate executives) and controversial legal arguments. Whatever the judge's personal verdict, the public will have access to full information to enable them to judge for themselves - exactly the reason why McSpotlight was created. There is nothing McDonald's can do to prevent the public's right of access to this material - McSpotlight is here to stay as a public resource, uncensored and unstoppable, the final nail in the coffin of McDonald's global censorship strategy.

**MULTINATIONALS SHOULD HAVE NO  
RIGHT TO SUE CRITICS FOR LIBEL -  
DEFENDANTS PREPARED TO APPEAL  
AND TO GO TO EUROPEAN COURT**

As part of their final legal arguments, Helen & Dave submitted that UK libel laws in general - and in this case in particular - are oppressive and unfair. They argued that multinational corporations, which wield huge power and influence over the lives of ordinary people, should not be able to use libel laws against their critics, as it is of vital public importance that matters which affect peoples lives and health are areas of free, uninhibited public debate. They cited a House of Lords judgment in 1993 which admitted that the threat of a libel writ has a "*chilling effect on freedom of speech*" and therefore ruled that it is in the public interest that governmental bodies no longer be allowed to sue for libel. So why should multinational corporations? They are often more powerful than local or national governments, and even less accountable.

Helen & Dave also cited recent developments in European laws and existing US laws which would in general debar a similar libel case. They submitted that the McLibel case was an abuse of procedure and of public rights, particularly the denial of Legal Aid and a jury trial, that it was beyond all precedent, and that there was "*an overriding imperative for decisions to be made to protect the public interest*". If the verdict goes against them, Helen & Dave intend to appeal, and then if necessary take the British Government to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg over oppressive UK libel laws.

**DAMAGES AND COSTS**

Outrageously, the \$30 billion a year McDonald's Corporation has asked the Judge to order Helen & Dave (total joint income less than £7,500 p.a.) to pay £80-120,000 damages to the company for the criticisms made in the London Greenpeace factsheet (if McDonald's wins the case). This is despite repeated claims by the company to the media, members of Parliament and the public during the course of the trial that "*it has never been [McDonald's] intention to seek damages... from the Defendants*". McDonald's obviously have no compunction about lying to the public when it suits their purposes. Indeed, their UK President admitted as much during cross examination by the Defendants on day 246 of the trial. Paul Preston said he was 'concerned' that the company's press releases about the McLibel Trial contained 'errors', he was then asked "*But you are not concerned enough to actually do something to stop the dissemination of false information by McDonald's?*", to which he replied "*Not at present, no*". To this day the company continues to distribute the same inaccurate press releases to the media. (Proof of McDonald's lies on the damages issue is available on request.)

Helen & Dave are seeking damages in their counterclaim against McDonald's UK for libel in the Press Releases and 300,000 defamatory leaflets produced by the company. Both sides are claiming costs for the claim and counterclaim (McDonald's costs have been estimated to total £5 - 10 million).

**DEFENDANTS COMPLAIN TO LORD  
CHANCELLOR OVER APPEAL COURT  
BIAS**

The McLibel Support Campaign has no illusions about British 'justice'. It is clear that libel laws are in place to protect the interests of the rich and powerful and preserve the status quo. During their trial, Helen & Dave went to the Court of Appeal a number of times to challenge, unsuccessfully, legal judgments made against them by Mr Justice Bell, the trial judge. Following an Appeal hearing on 2nd April 1996, Helen & Dave wrote to the Lord Chancellor to express their concern that their appeal had been pre-judged - a copy of the Appeal Courts' draft 'ruling' (prepared before the hearing had taken place) had mistakenly been handed to Helen & Dave.

The Lord Chancellor replied on 26th July 1996. He confirmed that the documents "*were Lord Justice Hirst's note*" and continued "*Judges often have notes to refer to, which they prepare to help them when giving their judgment*". How can it be fair for a Judge to make any kind of note on what the judgment will be when they have not heard any argument from the appellants? Lord Justice

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Hirst's 'notes' were read out virtually word for word when he gave his judgment.

In the face of oppressive libel laws, the denial of Legal Aid and a jury, and as a result of this and other judgments, Helen & Dave believe that their battle to defend themselves and the right to criticise multinationals must be taken directly to the public.

Even if McDonald's 'win' in the courts, they will in any event lose the battle on the streets.

## **DEFENDANTS INTEND TO SUE McDONALD'S SPIES**

During the trial, McDonald's admitted that at least seven private investigators were hired to infiltrate London Greenpeace, and that one or more were present at nearly all weekly meetings between October 1989 to March 1991. Five of these spies gave evidence in the trial, one of them as a witness for the Defence. Three admitted they had distributed the London Greenpeace Factsheet which is the subject of the libel action. In the light of this, Helen & Dave intend (if they lose the case and have damages awarded against them) to sue those three investigators for damages.

## **UNDERPAID FORMER EMPLOYEES URGED TO SUE**

During the trial there was controversy over McDonald's non-payment of UK minimum statutory overtime rates (applicable up to 1992). McDonald's finally admitted in their closing submissions that it was "*likely...that for some workers, at some times, their overall pay...was less than their statutory entitlement*". The judge calculated that one Defence witness, former worker Siamak Alimi, had been underpaid and was owed £175, allowing for 'compound interest'. As a result, Mr Alimi has written to McDonald's this week to demand the money he's owed. Contrary to what many had been told by the company at the time, all employees on the basic starting wage were entitled to additional overtime minimum rates up to 1986, and those over 21 were entitled up till 1992. Helen & Dave are urging all former UK employees who worked overtime before 1992 to seek advice, to write to the company demanding payment, or to sue the company.

## **EMPLOYEES, FRANCHISEES & LOCAL RESIDENTS UP IN ARMS**

Already facing the humiliation of declining sales in the US (despite spending \$200m promoting new products), McDonald's this month found itself being attacked from

all sides in disputes which have great potential to spread. At a store in St-Hubert (Quebec, Canada), 82% of the workers (fed up with the poor pay and conditions) have joined the Teamsters union. Although there have been a number of attempts to unionise in the past, this is the first time that unionisation looks likely to succeed and it could spread to other stores.

Meanwhile, local residents in the beautiful Blue Mountains (NSW, Australia) have successfully resisted McDonald's plans to open a store at Katoomba. After receiving 5,000 letters of objection to the proposal and only 15 in support, the local council rejected the plans and McDonald's have decided not to appeal against the decision.

Also, McDonald's attempts to halt its declining US sales are generating opposition from many of its franchisees (over 80% of US stores are franchises). The company is trying to force the franchisees to reduce the price of a Big Mac from \$1.90 to a loss-making 55 cents, and to give free sandwich vouchers to any customers not served within 55 seconds.

Elsewhere, the Bermudan premier, Dr David Saul, announced his resignation on March 19th following uproar in the country at his unpopular decision to allow former Premier Sir John Swan to operate a number of McDonald's franchises on the island. Strong opposition by rebel members of Dr Saul's own party (the UBP) pushed a bill through the 'House of Assembly' called the 'Prohibited Restaurant Bill' banning McDonald's and other fast food stores in Bermuda. The bill has yet to be ratified by the Senate - a decision is expected in late June.

## **BOOK & DOCUMENTARIES**

Before Mr Justice Bell makes his ruling, Macmillan will publish the book *McLibel: Burger Culture on Trial* (cost: £15.99) by John Vidal (a Guardian journalist). It was originally written with Helen & Dave as joint authors, but rewritten after Macmillan (and their libel lawyers) demanded substantial changes and the sidelining of the Defendants, fearing a writ from McDonald's despite the book's accuracy. A reconstruction drama is being filmed for UK Channel 4 and is expected to be shown after the verdict. A definitive TV documentary is also currently in production.

## **SOCIETY WITHOUT EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION**

Helen & Dave see the McLibel case as part of a wider battle to create a society without exploitation and oppression, based around sharing of resources. "*We want people to have control of their own lives rather than having them*

dictated by Government or big business," says Helen. "It's vital that people have access to alternative information about companies so they can make their own decisions."

"I think this is particularly important in an age where kids are being 'taught' about business at an increasingly young age". McDonald's UK 1994 Annual Review stated "McDonald's involvement with schools in the past has been primarily through our local restaurants. However our support for education took a major step forward in 1993 with the creation of McDonald's Education Service". The Review went on to talk about links between schools and businesses and gave an example of a project with an Infant School in Scunthorpe: "The school then based its autumn term work on McDonald's. This included maths, history, music, dance and language classes. Three McDonald's 'restaurants' were set up and children as young as four

started to develop an understanding of business". Helen views this as "really sick, it's basically indoctrinating young children into the corporate way of thinking."

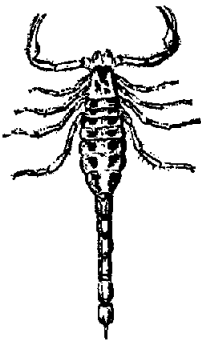
Please send donations and/or requests for information to:

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**E-mail & Listserver: [dbriars@world.std.com](mailto:dbriars@world.std.com)**

**Internet info on McLibel, McDonald's and  
multinationals at:  
<http://www.McSpotlight.org/>**

## 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.

**Animals Contact List:** Veggies, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW. £4 (£3 unwaged). The booklet provides a coordinated means by which groups can contact one another with details of their work, news of campaigns and requests for support.

**Eco-Vegan:** BM Heal, London WC1N 3XX. Free with SAE. Contains information concerning A/R and Earth liberation activities.

**Frontline Magazine:** Victoria Road, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight PO41 0QW. £6.66 for 4 issues. Contains information for travellers, about music and festivals, spirituality, art and culture and politics.

**Green Anarchist:** BCM 1715, WC1N 3XX. £1.00. Contains news, views and an ALF hit-list amongst other things.

**London Animal Rights News:** BM 2248, London WC1N 3XX. £5 (£3 unwaged) for 12 issues. Highly recommended with news of London events as well as those in other parts of the country/world.

**Liberate:** Auckland Animal Action, PO Box 100109, North Shore Mail Centre, Aotearoa, New Zealand. 'Liberate' is a highly informative magazine which promotes veganism and animal liberation. Those interested in subscribing should write to AAA for details.

**No Compromise:** PO Box 240655, Apple Valley, MN 55124, USA. \$20 outside of US. An excellent paper that is packed with news regarding the animal liberation movement.

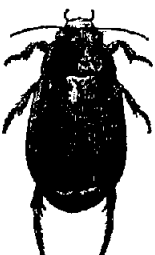
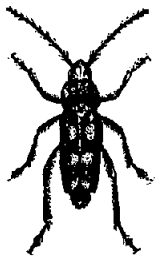
**Squall:** PO Box 8959, London N19 5HW. £1.50 + 80p p&p. A year's sub (4 issues costs £10). Covers issues such as Earth/Animal liberation, road protests and more.

**Slaughter of the Innocent:** Available from BAVA, PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF. £5.50 (inc p&p). A book by Hans Ruesch which is invaluable for those wishing to know about the medical fraudulence of vivisection.

**Underground:** NA-ALFSG, Box 69597, 5845 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3. \$20 outside of US. A highly recommended paper which contains Animal Liberation news from all over the world including a comprehensive ALF/direct action hit-list.

**Vegan Views:** 6, Hayes Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7AD. £3.00 for 4 issues. The magazine acts as an exchange between its readers.

**The Vegan:** Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA (01424 427393). £1.75 quarterly. A must for those already vegan or those seeking a vegan lifestyle.





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# THE ROAD TO VICTORY!

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The orthodox approach to cancer almost invariably leads to failure. (The Lancet, undated).

The number of barn owls, having decreased 70% since the 1930's to 4,500 pairs, is increasing. (Independent 19.8.1996)

A 32 year-old Leicestershire man died yesterday after being hit by lightning while fishing. (Independent 25.8.1996)

A record haul of illegally-held rhinoceros horn was seized in London. 105 white and black rhino horns worth £2.8m were seized by police and RSPCA in a joint undercover operation. (Independent 4.9.1996)

A chief constable has justified in spending £2,600 on looking after a dog while the owner was in prison as 'the cost of caring policing'. (Daily Telegraph 11.9.1996)

A couple have spent more than £2,500 bringing home an abused and neglected dog they saw on two separate holidays to their villa in Italy. (Times 17.9.1996)

A giant crocodile that had been regularly jabbed by a keeper to make it snap its jaws and lash its tail for tourists finally bit off the arm of its tormentor. Now, the owners of the reptile park in Harare, Zimbabwe face prosecution for cruelty to animals. (Times 18.9.1996)

An injured housemartin is to be flown by an airline to its winter home in North Africa. Air Algerie has offered to carry the bird which is unable to migrate after a cat tore out its wing feathers. (Times 25.9.1996)

Seven years after the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska's Prince William Sound, a jury's verdict that Exxon should pay £3.2 billion in punitive damages has been formally delivered in federal court. Every year the process drags on the corporation must show it can pay interest at 5.9% in addition to the £3.3 billion lump sum. (Times 26.9.1996)

Anti-fur demonstrators were arrested in Moscow after they stripped, wrapped themselves in sheets covered with slogans, and marched into Red Square chanting 'We'd rather go naked than wear fur'. They were protesting against a fur exhibition in the Russian capital. (Times 26.9.1996)

Environment Secretary John Gummer launched a new clamp-down on crimes against wildlife including organised badger baiting. The subject will be discussed at a conference and will also focus on the illegal trade in endangered species. (Evening Standard 3.10.1996)

Animal welfare campaigners yesterday attacked the RSPB for supporting a cull of ruddy ducks. Around 30 Animal Aid supporters demonstrated outside the RSPB's

annual meeting in central London. (Independent on Sunday 6.10.1996)

Up to a million people turned vegetarian after the Government's disclosure of a possible link between BSE and CJD. The Vegetarian Society's membership had increased by 5% to 20,000. The Society was taking several thousand enquiries a week. (Times 7.10.1996)

An Ipswich man who strangled his dog after it bit him is starting an 18 month jail sentence today. Shaun Norman, 28, was committed to the crown court for sentence for offences of causing an animal unnecessary suffering (his sentence included unrelated offences). (Evening Star 8.10.1996)

Germans, one of the carnivores of Europe, are turning into vegetarians, according to the German Vegan Society, which calculates that one fifth of the nation now eats no or little meat. People under 39 bought a third less meat last year than the year before. An well known meat manufacturer is adding soy sausages and soy nuggets to its range. (Times 9.10.1996)

A New York teenager was crushed to death by his pet python after he had failed to keep the snake properly fed, police reported. (Times 11.10.1996)

Stephen Rees, 31, needed eight stitches after being bitten by a pike as he swam in a river. Mr. Rees is an amateur angler. (Daily Mail 11.10.1996)

Midlands Electricity is to spend £30,000 on a road diversion to a power station so as not to disturb a badger family. (Guardian 16.10.1996)

Beef consumption in Britain is never likely to recover to levels prior to the BSE crisis, Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture said yesterday. (Independent 16.10.1996)

An Oslo court ruled that an egg carton's depiction of happy wandering hens in a farmyard was illegal because it was far from the reality of industrial egg production. (Independent 17.10.1996)

Dairy farmers across East Anglia are facing five figure losses following the collapse of Lord Rayleigh's Dairies. (East Anglian Daily Times 18.10.1996)

A Felixstowe man has had a painting displayed at a major exhibition to highlight cruelty to animals. Olaf Castle attends the Felixstowe resource unit for help with learning difficulties. Anglia Railways provided him with a complimentary ticket to travel to the south coast, where he met Carla Lane, a campaigner against animal cruelty. (Ipswich Evening Star 19.10.1996)

Pipeline workers are mounting daily patrols to stop

rare natterjack toads straying into their trench at Millom, Cumbria. Any errant toads are carefully returned to their natural habitat in a bucket. (Daily Mail 21.10.1996)

Following new animal cruelty laws in Spain, the festival in Manganeses de la Polvorosa no longer drops a live goat (to its death) from its church steeple; the goat is now lowered on ropes. (Independent 23.10.1996)

The RSPB yesterday announced a rescue strategy for 24 endangered European species. It also includes plans to improve the UK habitat of rare corncrakes and aquatic warblers. (Daily Telegraph 24.10.1996)

Around 50 animal rights protesters staged a 24 hour vigil and fast at Dover docks against continuing live exports, as police escorted lorries taking sheep through the port. (Independent 26.10.1996)

More species of birds are breeding in Britain than at any time since 1800, with around 230 species - as against 194 in 1800. 100 of Britain's breeding bird species have declined, 130 species have increased or held their own, 20 species are in steep decline, 18 are increasing rapidly. ((Independent on Sunday 27.10.1996)

Eight naked models sought shelter behind a banner supporting the new anti-fur campaign being launched in chilly central London yesterday by the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The demonstration staged by the Boss model agency, which has pledged to refuse all fur bookings, was mirrored by a protest in Times Square, New York, starring Calvin Klein's Marcus Schenkenberg and Joel West together with Versace, GAP, Mossimo and L'Oréal models. (Independent 31.10.1996)

The Labour Party will suspend hunting on all government owned land, forestry commission land and any other land. (BBC South Today 1.11.1996)

Two whales charged a shark net and ripped it apart after their calf became entangled in it by its tail. (Independent 4.11.1996)

Birds living on Britain's waterways are thriving as never before, with 18 out of 20 regularly monitored species showing increases in population last year. (Times 6.11.1996)

A collie dog missing for 5 days was recovered unhurt by a cliff rescue team yesterday after it was seen stranded on a one-foot ledge halfway down a 500 foot cliff at Combe Martin, Devon. It is thought to have lived on rainwater. (Times 12.11.1996)

Women can ease menopausal symptoms by adding soya bean protein to their diet, scientists in America have found. Fewer hot flushes and night sweats were suffered by women who sprinkled powdered soya protein on cereals or mixed it into drinks. The British Menopause Society said it could lead to development of a natural remedy for women unable or unwilling to take hormone replacement therapy. (Times 12.11.1996)

A farmer who left animals to starve to death has been fined £1,200. Alfred Grant of Top Farm, Grandborough, pleaded guilty to six charges of causing unnecessary

distress to animals and failing to dispose of their carcasses. (Rugby Observer 14.11.1996)

Burning and heating the BSE agent to white hot ash does not kill the infective agent. Lethal radiation won't kill it, neither will disinfectant. (BBC Horizon 17.11.1996)

A vet was banned from practising yesterday for causing unnecessary suffering to Alsatian dogs in her care. Helen Hein, 69, of Amberwell Kennels near Guildford, Surrey was told by the RCVS that her name would be removed from its register. (Times 21.11.1996)

A Durham ambulance crew revived a tawny owl with oxygen after it hit their windscreen and was knocked unconscious. The bird was kept under observation and set free the next day. (Times 21.11.1996)

A farm manager, Robert Jasper of Cardingham, Cornwall, was fined £500 for cruelty after he allowed 400 deer to starve to death and then buried their bodies in pits. (Times 22.11.1996)

Schools and universities have been told to stop using sheep eyes in laboratory experiments. Existing stocks can be exhausted, but the Dept. of Education and Employment said they must be incinerated after use. Cattle eyes have been banned from experiments since July. (Times 23.11.1996)

Labour plans to boost organic farming and treble the amount of money given to farmers to protect the environment in a 'new deal' for the countryside to be announced this week. The policy includes the setting up of areas where farmers would receive grants for fulfilling conservation plans. (Independent on Sunday 24.11.1996)

Twenty five people aged from 2 to 90 years old have been admitted to hospital after an outbreak of food poisoning in Scotland linked to an award winning butcher, John Barr & Son in Wishaw, awarded the title of Scottish butcher of the year in September. E.Coli 0157 has been linked to Mr Barr's butchers. (Independent 25.11.1996)

The Government has announced the tightening up of food safety with a £500,000 campaign after Britain's worst E.Coli outbreak continued to rise. More than 180 people have shown signs of the food poisoning, with five pensioners dead. Lanarkshire is the worst hit area, with 155 suspected cases; more than 200 people have been screened for the E.Coli 0157 bacterium with 73 confirmed cases in Lanarkshire. (Independent 30.11.1996)

The American actor Robin Williams has twice turned down merchandising deals with McDonald's. (Unknown source December 1996)

Animal rights activists protesting at pig races held by Somerset farmers were mollified to find the pigs were battery powered models. (Independent on Sunday 1.12.1996)

An anti-fur protester identifying herself only as 'Auntie Langerfield' and wearing only a towel - waved to motorists passing on Phillips highway in Florida. With about 100 others, the woman was protesting about the

sale of furs by the Gayfer stores at the Avenues Mall. Her sign read: 'I'd rather go naked than wear fur'. She turned down a passer-by's offer to buy the towel. (Independent on Sunday 1.12.1996)

Hunt protester Neal Buckoke had his appeal against conviction for aggravated trespass upheld yesterday after a key witness failed to turn up at Dorchester crown court. Mr Buckoke, 29, was convicted by Dorchester magistrates in September for disrupting a winter meeting of the Cattistock hunt in the grounds of Ilchester estate at Melbury Osmond. (Dorset Evening Echo 3.12.1996)

Labour has called on the government to take immediate steps to stop genetically altered American corn being allowed to enter the British food chain, after ministers had been warned it was on its way and it posed a risk to health. (Independent 5.12.1996)

A farmer trying to put down a sick cow died when his humane killer went off and hit him in the chest. Michael Spencer, 51, was trying to escape from a pen at Wiston, Pembrokeshire, after the cow became aggressive. (Times 7.12.1996)

Seven staff at the Scottish butcher, John Barr & Son, are infected by the potentially fatal E.Coli bacterium, the authorities disclosed. (Independent on Sunday 8.12.1996)

The father of two young children whose mother died of CJD is to sue the government over the death. His ex-wife died aged 35 and he intends proving the government was negligent in failing to warn the public of the dangers of eating beef. (Independent 9.12.1996)

Fresh fruit and vegetables can help protect against cancer, it is to be revealed today. The Institute of Food Research believes they have found the mechanism by which beta-carotene, present in carrots, apricots, broccoli and other green vegetables, protects against cancer. There is increasing interest in using a healthy diet to boost the immune system. A fibre-rich diet can help prevent bowel cancer and soya has been suggested as a help against breast cancer. (Guardian 10.12.1996)

Bad day for Antonio Iglesias, a hunter of wild boar in a remote region of Spain, who was shot in his backside when his dog stepped on the trigger of his gun. (Independent 11.12.1996)

A farmer has died in what appears to have been a tragic shooting accident in the middle of the night. Land owner James Hall, 52, is thought to have been killed by a blast from his own 12-bore when he stumbled and fell into a ditch as he hunted a fox. (Ipswich Evening Star 13.12.1996)

Prof. Richard Lacey, the Leeds University microbiologist, has told the Government's Food Advisory Board that it was impossible to cook several varieties of meat to a safe level. He did 6 months of experiments using bacteria and temperature probes and found that he couldn't cook some of burgers thoroughly without burning them, which means there is a danger of E.Coli bacteria surviving. (Observer 15.12.1996)

Paul and Linda McCartney received an award from

the animal rights group PETA for their work in fighting and publicising animal cruelty, especially the fur trade. (Times 16.12.1996)

Four slaughterhouses have been fined sums of less than £10,000 for failing to apply safety rules introduced to curb the spread of CJD. A report by MAFF confirmed that rules are still being broken in spite of efforts to eradicate the disease, which claimed its 13th victim with the death of a 19 year old woman. (Independent 19.12.1996)

No external contaminants have been found in genetically engineered American soya after bio-saboteurs broke into the processing plant in Bootle where it was being stored and painted X's on storage tanks containing the soya. (Independent 21.12.1996)

The DOH has come under fire after using a large chunk of text supplied by a drug company representative in a letter to a concerned member of the public. The letter concerned the alleged link between organophosphates (OP) and BSE. Three quarters of the 500 word letter is virtually identical to the drug company letter. The match was spotted by Mark Purdey, a Somerset dairy farmer, who first suggested the OP/BSE link. (Independent 21.12.1996)

John Gummer MP and Ken Collins MEP attacked moves by the EU to lift a ban on fur trade with North America and Russia. (Guardian 24.12.1996)

A baby seal, separated from its mother and washed ashore by strong tides in Guernsey was given an all expenses paid flight to a Norfolk seal sanctuary by Air UK Channel Islands. (East Anglian Daily Times 27.12.1996)

The number of fox hunts has fallen to its lowest level for 30 years according to LACS. 43 hunts have disbanded since the 1960's leaving 187 fox hunts across Britain, whereas drag hunt numbers had almost tripled. Almost all the 280 Boxing Day hunts were called off because of freezing weather. More than 1000 demonstrators turned up at meets. (Guardian 27.12.1996)

A North Wales farmer was fined £3,000 yesterday after vicious illegal traps were used to kill crows. Hugh Griffith Jones, 58, claimed his sons were responsible for setting the cruel gin traps on his 400 acre farm at Rhosfawr, near Pwllheli. (Daily Post, Wales 28.12.1996)

The Scotmid supermarket chain was accused of scare-mongering after advising customers to return food in the wake of the E.Coli epidemic. The Scottish Office said there had been no new confirmed cases of E.Coli since the 20th December. 409 people had shown symptoms, 258 had been confirmed cases. (Independent 31.12.1996)

The American ALF has raided 22 mink farms in the past year, causing millions of dollars of damage, liberating thousands and destroying irreplaceable genetic data cards. In Utah, where mink ranching is a \$30m a year industry, legislators are preparing a bill that would make the crime of releasing fur-bearing animals from farms a felony. (Guardian 31.12.1996)

Mike Bugara, a conservationist in Kenya, has discovered a way to make paper from elephant dung. One Kenyan welfare society has decided to use elephant dung paper for its official invitation cards. (Independent 10.1.1997)

John Barr, of Wishaw, Lanarkshire appeared on petition at Hamilton sheriff court to face culpable and reckless conduct charges arising from him allegedly supplying cooked meat which left 16 pensioners dead. (Independent 11.1.1996)

American celebrities are queuing up to criticise Anna Wintour, British born editor-in-chief of US Vogue, for unashamed championing of fur-wearing. A woman threw a racoon carcass at her while she ate in a restaurant. (Independent on Sunday 12.1.1997)

Rita Cassesi, 53, from Bracknell, Berkshire, appeared in court yesterday charged with causing unnecessary suffering to a duck she was supposed to be looking after in the school holidays. (Guardian 15.1.1997)

Britain has been accused of packing EU veterinary committees with officials to push their side of the BSE case and putting pressure on the commission not to inspect slaughterhouses. A report questions the impartiality of British officials and of biased reading of the advice and warnings of the scientists. (Independent 15.1.1997)

Video footage of appalling conditions in which dogs are bred on puppy farms was used by the RSPCA to launch a private member's bill to end their suffering. The Bill would require independent vet inspections of all breeding establishments, ease local authority action against unlicensed breeders, and prevent retailers buying or selling animals from unlicensed breeders. (Guardian 15.1.1997)

Scientific forecasts suggest the new variant for CJD (v-CJD) will kill between 1,000 and 10,000 and may be spread over the next 30 years, but it could take 4 years to get a clear picture. There have been 14 cases of v-CJD in the UK so far, with incubation periods of 10-25 years. (Independent 16.1.1997)

"Manifestly there are physiological and anatomical differences between man and other animals and no medical scientist of any standing would automatically translate findings from one mammalian species directly to another". Dean of Medicine, University of Southampton. (People 16.1.1997)

A Europe-wide study is investigating whether proteins in cows' milk could trigger diabetes, which used to be very rare in under-fives. The rise was said to be 'very dramatic'. Scientists think a protein in the cows' milk may prompt the immune system to attack insulin-producing cells. (Sunday Times 19.1.1997)

Stuart Hobden, a former gamekeeper, was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to 373 birds. He was banned from keeping birds and fined £1,000 with £3,000 costs. (Unknown Source 21.1.1997)

Peking: Three people who sold two panda skins were

jailed for 15 years by a southern China court. The maximum penalty for killing or selling the fur of the threatened species is death. (Times 24.1.1997)

A MORI poll conducted around Europe has concluded that an average of only 22% think that genetically modified food should be developed, whereas only 17% said they would eat GM food. (Independent 25.1.1997)

New variant CJD, which has claimed the lives of 12 Britons, claimed the life of a 41 year-old German woman. Scientists disclosed last March that the research suggests the new form will kill up to 80,000 Britons over the next 20-30 years. (Observer 26.1.1997)

Animal rights activists claimed responsibility for a fire attack on seven lorries loaded with frozen Buxted fresh quality poultry at Brackley, Northamptonshire last Saturday night which caused thousands of pounds worth of damage. (Independent 27.1.1997)

The World Wide Fund for Nature has set up a telephone line for British travellers abroad for information about the unlawful sale of exotic animals and plants. The initiative also hopes to encourage the public to report suspicious advertisement for pets and the sales of unusual species in shops. The 24 hour hot-line is 01483 426 111. (Times 28.1.1997)

The supermarket chain Waitrose yesterday abandoned 'for the foreseeable future' a scheme to sell live lobsters at its supermarket fish counters. (Times 28.1.1997)

Tesco announced help to its major vegetable suppliers to switch to organic farming because of rapidly growing demand. (Independent 29.1.1997)

The humpback whale is re-colonising British waters more than 60 years after Scottish whalers harpooned their last one in 1928 it was announced yesterday. Scientists have discovered a steady increase in the number of the animals off Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, the Northern Irish Sea and Shetland. (Times 29.1.1997)

The Chief Constable of Sussex's limit on police protection for live exports to two days a week was not unreasonable, the court of appeal ruled, against an appeal by International Traders Ferry Ltd, that it was unreasonable and unjustified. (Independent 31.1.1997)

Police made several arrests yesterday as about 250 animal rights activists blocked roads into Dover's Eastern Docks. The demonstration marked the second anniversary of the death of Jill Phipps who died during live export protests. (Independent on Sunday 2.2.1997)

Nineteen people were arrested when 300 people blockaded the entrance to Dover docks yesterday in a protest at animal exports. (Sunday Times 2.2.1997)

Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber has been the victim of a campaign of threats and intimidation since he announced a year ago his intention to build an ostrich farm at his grand Sydmonton Court estate in Hampshire. Lloyd-Webber has now abandoned his ostrich plans. (Evening Standard 3.2.1997)

Animal research scientists at Oxford and Bristol universities are on security alert after death threats

against five vivisectors. The Animal Rights Militia threatened reprisals if Barry Horne, who has been on hunger strike for 4 weeks while awaiting trial, should die in a Bristol prison. (Times 5.2.1997)

The manufacturers of Milumil baby powder, linked with a salmonella outbreak, have admitted tests showed an 'association' between the product and the food poisoning the Dept. of Health said. (Times 5.2.1997)

A daily helping of brazil nuts helps protect against heart diseases, cancer and low fertility, as the nuts contain selenium. (Independent 7.2.1997)

About 60 animal rights supporters and hunt saboteurs were arrested after a series of violent incidents targeted at farming and bloodsports. The trouble started on Sunday morning after some 100 protesters streamed into rural Cheshire in convoy. (Independent 10.2.1997)

More than 80 animal rights protesters were arrested in Cheshire on the anniversary of the death of hunt saboteur Mike Hill, 18, who was killed trying to stop the hunt six years ago. Six people attacked a man with a whip and clubs. In another incident, two men shooting pigeons were terrorised by convoy members who stole their shotgun cartridges. (Guardian 10.2.1997)

Russia's diamond producing Yakutia region signed a deal with the WWFN to protect arctic lakes and forests in a quarter of its territory. The Swiss based fund will allocate \$350,000 (£218,000) to pay for conservation projects. (Independent 12.2.1997)

Anne Finch has saved 60 Spanish greyhounds from being hanged after they had run their last race. About 1,000 greyhounds a year are sent to Spain from Ireland and the UK. They are used for racing, hunting rabbits or coursing. The greyhound owners and trainers showed a blase attitude. Anne has spent £40,000 on saving the dogs and is producing a video with a Spanish soundtrack which is aimed at dog owners, and is writing a book on her experiences. (Independent on Sunday 16.2.1997)

Athens: Police in the northern Greek town of Beria arrested 16 people on charges of organising a dog fight in which two deliberately starved pitbulls were set against each other. (Times 18.2.1997)

The European Parliament will endorse a call for the repayment of £500m compensation paid to British farmers for the slaughter of BSE cattle, claiming the crisis was caused by a greedy farm industry turning cows into cannibals. The Government has spent £60m on research since 1986. (Times 19.2.1997)

Britons face an increased risk of cancer by eating foods, such as milk, contaminated by the Chernobyl accident. Monitoring of food following the accident was 'half-hearted and fairly ridiculous'. (Independent 20.2.1997)

Millions of Belgians, including the Prime Minister, shunned meat yesterday to mark the anniversary of the murder of a meat inspector by an international 'hormone mafia'. At a press conference last week, one journalist

wanted to know why it took his death to bring effective measures to stop the trade in illegal hormones, which stimulate artificial growth. Hormone fraud is giving beef such a bad name that sales have fallen by 23% during the last decade in Belgium. (Guardian 21.2.1997)

Ecologists are preparing to reintroduce the pine martin to England, where it was common less than 200 years ago. They were killed off by hunters for their fur coats, or by game keepers who saw them as a threat to game birds. A study funded by English Nature has identified four sites in England suitable for colonies to be re-established. Pine martins were re-introduced to Scotland during 1980-81. (Independent 24.2.1997)

The backlog of cattle carcasses waiting to be incinerated will take 13 years to clear, the Labour Party has claimed. BSE has cost £3.5 billion in lost exports, compensation to farmers, administration, storage and incineration. (Independent 25.2.1997)

Grouse shooters are to be banned from one of Britain's most famous beauty spots, Ilkley Moor. Bradford City Council, which owns six square miles of upland heath, decided yesterday that there would be no 'Glorious Twelfth' this August or on any future one. Jack Wormersley, chairman of the sub-committee of the Labour controlled council which took the decision said: 'We'd rather everyone had the chance to look at all of the wildlife, including the grouse at that time of year, instead of just the shooters killing them'. (Independent 26.2.1997)

The Big Mac hamburger appears to be in trouble amid reports of an unexpected slump in US sales, and the McDonald's corporation of Oak Brook, Illinois, has begged distributors to slash prices to defend its future. (Times 27.2.1997)

Otters roam central Glasgow and have returned to almost all of Scotland, a survey has found. The mammal's population north of the border may now be more than 10,000. The survey which took four years and was financed by Vincent Wildlife Trust, found only 2% of Scotland's area was now uncolonised. Otters were almost wiped out throughout Britain by pesticides and other water pollution. (Independent 4.3.1997)

A butcher was fined £18,000 after a court saw a film of rats scaling a fence into the shop. Environmental health officers also found evidence of dead pigeons, rat infestation and dirt when they inspected JR Quality Halal Meats at 163, Upper Tooting Road, South London. (Streatham Mercury 6.3.1997)

The sacrifice of a sheep at an art fair in Moscow has caused outrage. Kazakhs slaughtered the sheep, smeared its entrails over their bodies, and drank the blood from sacrificial cups, part of legitimate performance art. Germans protesting started a fight and the Kazakhs have been banned from the exhibition. (Independent 6.3.1997)

Naomi Cambell was sacked yesterday as the figurehead of an international animal charity for wearing a full-length fur coat in a fashion show. PETA accused



the 26 year old model of being a hypocrite after seeing her in animal skins at a show in Milan for Fendi, Italy's leading furrier. (Times 12.3.1997)

Two men who developed rashes on their faces and upper bodies after eating tuna fell victim to a rare form of poisoning, doctors report. Both also developed swollen throats, flushing and diarrhoea. (Times 12.3.1997)

Ponies and donkeys roaming wild in the New Forest, Hampshire, are to be fitted with reflective collars in an attempt to reduce the number of night-time accidents involving heavy traffic in the area. (Times 13.3.1997)

A Jack Russell called Chance was rescued from the Mersey by Eamonn McGlacken and Scott Ward. They were repairing the sea wall at New Brighton when they heard screams from the dogs owner and the two workmen managed to rescue the dog with the aid of a digger bucket. (Times 13.3.1997)

Just when people thought it was safe to eat meat, comes antibiotic residues in pork and turkey. Over use of antibiotics could lead to no effective treatment for human infections. (Independent 6.3.1997)

The Ivory Coast's government has banned trade in elephant tusks, saying it wanted to save its national symbol. (Guardian 10.3.1997)

The London restaurant Quo Vadis was recently picketed by animal rights activists after displaying two skinned cow's heads pickled in formaldehyde. The restaurant is jointly owned by Marco Pierre White and Damien Hirst. (Guardian 12.3.1997)

EU laws coming into use in June will allow the prosecution of importers and sellers of banned animal parts to go ahead. This will help to stem the use of endangered animal parts. (BBC South Today 13.3.1997)

A Golden Eagle with a wing span of 8ft is learning to fly again after being shot by a Bosnian hunter who had planned to sell it to a zoo or have it stuffed. The eagle was rescued by British soldiers serving in Bosnia who will release it back into the wild in Scotland later this year. (Times 18.3.1997)



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