

ARKANGEL



POLICE GO WILD AT VEGGIES PARTY

October 16th saw the party marking the 15th Anniversary of Veggies Catering Campaign.

The Nottingham-based vegan catering collective invited friends and supporters from the many and diverse campaign movements with whom they have worked since 1984.

The Veggies Crew were thrilled by the turnout, with the London pub-venue packed with eco-activists, campaigners against the arms trade, anarchists, vegetarian, vegan and animal rights advocates, McLibel supporters, street-reclaimers and many others involved in campaigns for social justice.

By midnight several hundred had passed through, with much outbursting of spontaneous hugging, general merriment, and fine sounds from guest musicians.

SOON AFTER THOUGH, UNINVITED 'GUESTS' ARRIVED TO SPOIL THE FUN

At about 12.20am, in a totally unrelated incident, it is thought that police had been seen nearby arresting, jostling or threatening 2 Asian youths.

One of Veggies guests, concerned by this incident went to find out what was happening & why.

Presumably his concerns fell on deaf ears, as he was arrested, possibly on a 'drunkenness' pretext.

Seeing a friend and colleague now involved, another woman went to ask why he had been arrested and was herself assaulted and arrested, without any reply or caution, and thrown into a police van, sustaining bruises to her arm.

At this point the few police in attendance felt a need to assert themselves and began thrashing at all in the area with batons, and called for 'Emergency Back-up'.

Within a minute 23 police cars and vans had begun to arrive, whilst many of those at the party, possibly fearing deliberate targeting of the event, were rushing out to give appropriate assistance to the victims.

By now the police seemed to lose control.

One man was on the road struggling to slide under a parked van to avoid a rain of baton blows. A later inspection revealed a pool of blood on the road and pavement. On Sunday evening this person was in hospital with a fractured skull and many stitches - maybe to be released from hospital on Monday, though is already arrested to 'justify' his beating.

A woman had to be helped back to the pub very distressed, nursing an injury to her wrist, in shock and requiring treatment at University College Hospital.

At some point a barrister, supportive of social justice causes and a guest at the party, was also injured, covered in bruises.

By about 12.30 police were demanding that everyone should clear off the street back and get back into the pub through the one open door. The police had barricaded the other door with benches and tables. Soon after they changed tack and demanded 'everyone must leave NOW - one at a time' (!)

After some discussion the consensus was to leave, partly out of concern for the pub staff who had been so friendly and supportive during the evening, as by now some police had forced their way into the pub and were threatening those inside. People were separated from their friends and their belongings.

Outside all were herded into a dark side street, with several trips and falls due to heavy handed pushing and indiscriminate use of batons.

It later transpired that a CID officer had been working undercover at the party (and the Anarchist Bookfair earlier), and used this opportunity to try to make an arrest.

Finally some senior officers arrived and called all the police away - seeming really annoyed that the whole situation had got out of hand, and was shaping up into a potential mini-riot.

Soon all the police had left, as quickly as they had arrived, leaving the remaining people to assess the situation.

THE FINAL TALLY

Five taken to Holborn Police station held until late Sunday afternoon - mostly charged with obstruction

Seven taken to Kentish Town Police station. One woman held for court on Monday (unverified address). Various charges include threatening behaviour, obstruction & harassment.

One arrested and taken to hospital with fractured skull.

One taken to hospital by friends with injured wrist.

All expected to appear at Great Marlborough Street Court (near Carnaby Street) on Friday 22nd October.

QUESTIONS...

■ How did 23 police cars manage to arrive in a quiet backstreet in Holborn within minutes? On the day of the Anarchist Bookfair. Were they waiting nearby looking for (a chance to make) trouble?

■ Why did a police van from the City of London Police attend an incident in (non-City) Holborn. Were they hoping to find people from June 18th?

■ What was an undercover CID officer doing at an invite-only private party?

WHAT'S NEXT?

EVERYONE who was at the event is asked to contact VEGGIES.

■ Were you arrested or injured? - details please.

■ Did you directly witness any police violence?

■ Do you have recollections of the general police attitude and handling of the situation?

■ Had you already left the event, but with memories of the peaceful nature of the evening up until the unwelcome arrival of the police?

■ Do you know of anyone else that we should try to contact?

Send appropriate details - email is preferred, but may not be totally secure. Do not include any information which might be used to incriminate yourself or someone else.

Please consider making an official complaint about the policing of this incident. Ask for details.

DONATIONS to support those arrested should be sent c/o 'Veggies' or 'London Animal Action'.

Veggies pledge to support all those arrested. Our best wishes go to them and to those injured or harassed.

THANKS

Thanks to the management and staff at the Apple Tree pub in Mount Pleasant, London WC1 for an otherwise excellent party!

Thanks to those involved in Saturday's the 40-strong London McDonalds picket, a campaign supported by Veggies since 1986. During the lead up to the day of action Veggies distributed over 30,000 Anti-Mac fliers to 25 groups in England, Scotland & Wales.

Thanks for your support at the Anarchist Bookfair, and to our volunteer crew & other helpers, who served 700 VeggieBurgers, 400 other savories, 400 cakes and 400 drinks - sorry there was nothing left for the party!

Thanks for saving the lives of ten cows during 1998 alone, by eating 26,800 VeggiesBurgers instead of CowBurgers.

Thanks to all who have supported Veggies since 1984, especially over the last 2 busy years, when funds have been raised for:

Save the Hillgrove Cats,
Anti-Genetics campaigning,
Save The Shamrock Monkeys,
Campaign Against the Arms Trade,
the (new) Burton Guinea Pigs
campaign,
J18 Legal Defence, Nottm RTS,
Vegan Prisoners Support Group,
the Anarchist Bookfair,
Kingston Green Fair,
Northern Green Gathering,
National Vegan Festival,
Exodus Collective, Uncaged,
Freshfields Animal Rescue,
Nottm Rainbow Centre, and many
others.

We will not be, and have not been, intimidated - the Bookfair, the McPicket, the Party were great!

Veggies Catering Campaign - providing the ideological glue that binds together our diverse movement. Join us in the next 15 years of protest... looking forward to a world without the oppression of people, animals or the environment.

Veggies live in the real world at :

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Police to get power to tap e-mail

Computer users who refuse to divulge their passwords to the authorities face up to two years in prison under increased police powers to be unveiled in next month's Queen's speech. Other measures drawn up by the government will make it easier for companies to monitor employees' phone calls and e-mails. A third part of the crackdown will give the police new authority to tap mobile phone calls, pager messages and e-mail. The plans were already attracting criticism, with one Tory MP warning that the government risked creating "a state surveillance system like something out of Orwell's 1984."

Police officers who gain a search warrant from the courts can already look at computer files, but provisions in the forthcoming e-commerce bill will allow them to demand passwords used to protect sensitive data. The bill will also legally oblige Internet service providers (ISPs) to keep records showing to and from whom material has been sent and received. In spite of industry complaints about the cost, ministers want the ISPs to keep detailed records on all customers for days at a time.

The proposed new Interception of Communication Act will also deal with people who frequently change their mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses, to exploit the fact that warrants are issued for a particular number of addresses. New catch-all warrants will cover all of a named individual's communications devices and will last for three months instead of two.

Source:
Michael Prescott, Sunday Times
Political Editor.

Appeal - Support the Protests Against Live Exports at Dover

The shipments are taking place at night, under the cover of darkness. Inspections at the docks range from 3 minutes - if they are lucky - some take 10 minutes. 500/700 animals on one transporter with the inspection being carried out by torch light. All are three tier transporters. The stench from these cargoes of misery is appalling.

Transporters arriving at Dover have already travelled from as far afield as Scotland, Wales and Yorkshire. Many of these animals are taken on the Cap Afrique (the boat from Hell) unrested, unfed and unwatered with a lengthy journey ahead of them. Transporters start arriving from 10:30pm onwards. Regular exporters through Dover are LE Jones (Wales), G Gilders (Glos.), Oliver (The Borders), Machin (Yorkshire). Machin - convicted of over 167 offences but still in business and sticking two fingers up at protesters. Numerous foreign trucks, some with trailers arrive nightly. Such names as Rinus Beer, Interbeke, Vee Handel, Langrish, Schappenhandel, Transovin, Bakum Pastour and many others. On several occasions Dutch trucks carried three drivers, often there are two, suggesting a long journey without a break for the victims on board these stinking hellish trucks. Often sheep are forced to sail in gale force conditions - The Cap Afrique being tug assisted out of the harbour.

August 16th - a Langrish transporter, extremely smelly, was being inspected by 3 MAFF, plus the driver looking in at the offside top tier - who was stuffing sheep first with his hands then with his feet. Evidently with MAFF looking on.

On the 17th of August a Dutch transporter - Nuyessenburgh - with three drivers, one of whom saw fit to urinate up the side of his vehicle even through toilets are close by and clearly

marked. One of the drivers then proceeded to shove the sheep around through the slats as they awaited inspection. One unfortunate animal pushed its head through the slats. Clenching his fist this man punched it in the face with all his strength, driving the head back through the slats. Dover watchers were shocked and helpless to act so could only watch in horror.

AGONY OF BRITISH SHEEP!

Again in August a consignment of British sheep were trucked from Britain on a journey of around 40 hours to the port of Bari in southern Italy. On arrival the sheep were left in the truck in blistering heat for 48 hours. They were left craving water. They were in a terrible state. As the hours dragged on they became increasingly exhausted and dehydrated. The wretched creatures were in immense distress and gasping for air. Many had difficulty in breathing. 55 British sheep died in this catastrophe along with 17 French sheep. What an appalling way to die! These animals were part of a consignment destined for slaughter in Greece ~, involving a 17 hour ferry journey and an added road journey through Greece. Constantly our lambs and sheep are witnessed on the same route - Italy to Greece - the journeys lasting anywhere from 65 to 100 hours or more.

Every undercover trail reveals the same scene - one of appalling brutality meted out to defenceless, sick, injured, exhausted, terrified animals - during transport, disembarking points and slaughterhouses across Europe. Gratuitous violence carried out by depraved thugs on a monumental scale. Animals, their eyes bulging, are kicked and dragged to their ghastly slaughter. Their throats are slit while

fully conscious, some taking several minutes to die. Helpless victims trying to raise their heads, while gurgling and choking in their own blood.

TRAGIC CONVOYS OF DEATH!

Approximately one million animals have been shipped from Dover in the last 12 months and Farmers Ferry Ltd boast a further million in the coming months. At present animals leave Dover 7 nights a week, with Friday night usually seeing the most trucks. Friday 10th September, 25 transporters sailed (approximately 17,000 in one shipment. 90 transporters for the week of 5th - 11th September - bound for the Hell Holes of Europe, where the doors to barbarity are flung wide open.

1,000,000 REASONS TO GO TO DOVER

People at Dover are desperate for support - for your support - once a week - once a month - please help!

These animals have been betrayed. They are indeed the forgotten ones. The tragic convoys of death are there for all to see. Animals are dying for your help. Please don't let them down.

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NOWALE's Action Magazine is sent out free to everyone on the mailing list. If you would like to receive a copy, an A4 SAE (39p) would be appreciated.

For update information on nightly sailings, contact the KALE Info line recorded message: 01304 204688



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BERMUDA

Belted kingfishers in Lover's Lake nature reserve in Bermuda and giant crabs in the island's Hungry Bay mangrove swamp are amongst birds and animals to be given special protection following an announcement at the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance in Costa Rica.

(Express & Star, 11/5/99)

CANADA

Canada's Fauna Foundation chimpanzee sanctuary is safe for now, after a month-long battle with the mayor of Ville de Carignan, Quebec, as well as the local health and zoning boards to renew its permit. The refuge houses several HIV-infected chimps (previously in U.S. labs), and authorities questioned the potential health risk to humans.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

Advertising Standards Canada cited an "increase in consumer sensitivity about the treatment of animals" as a "trend to watch for" in its recently released 1998 Ad Complaints Report, an annual summary of consumer observations and complaints concerning print and television advertisements.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

When a lobster weighing nearly 20 pounds and believed to be between 60 and 140 years old was shipped to a Canadian seafood restaurant in Niagara Falls, the owner of the Fine Kettle O'Fish, Wayne Wall, admitted, "it's the first time I've ever had a moral dilemma with food." After Wall received phone calls from all over the world and offers totalling more than \$10,000 to purchase the captive crustacean, he decided to return the ancient lobster (dubbed Crusty) to his home waters of Halifax. "He's lived about 100 years without getting caught," Wall said. "I hope he lives 100 more."

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

CHINA

Five Chinese farmers have been jailed for killing a rare giant panda. The five were sentenced for up to five years' prison by a court in Chengdu, capital of the western province

of Sichuan. Two of the men killed the panda in April 1997 and sold the skin to another two. The fifth farmer was arrested taking the skin to Chengdu.

(Express & Star, 8/4/99)

In the early part of 1999, Linhu Ye and Wanming Tan were charged in the Haixi Prefecture, Qinghai Province, with the killing of Tibetan Antelopes. The pair was accused of leading a group of poachers into Arjin Nature Reserve in May 1996 and killing 170 Antelopes; 120 skins were later sold. The Medium Court sentenced them to eight and four years' imprisonment, with fines equivalent to £600 and £500 respectively. A further two poachers, Haimai Han and Xuejun Ma, have been convicted in Xining, capital of Qinghai Province, for poaching Tibetan Antelopes and have been sentenced to seven and six years' imprisonment, respectively. The pair was accused of killing 110 Tibetan Antelopes in Kekexili Nature Reserve and of selling 200 Tibetan Antelope skins. Two cars purchased with money raised from the sale of the skins were confiscated. These two verdicts are the first since the Procuratorate of Qinghai Province issued an order in November 1998 to 'take stronger measures against the illegal poaching of Tibetan Antelope.'

(TRAFFIC Bulletin, Sept '99)

In December 1998, a Hong Kong exporter of traditional Chinese medicines pleaded guilty to charges of illegal possession of protected species following the discovery of ivory scraps, monkey bones, rhino skin, rhino horn scraps, and medicines claiming to contain Tiger ingredients at his premises in July 1998. The defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined the equivalent of £300.

(TRAFFIC Bulletin, Sept '99)

EUROPE

The European Council of Farm Ministers on June 15, 1999 issued a directive ordering a 12-year phase-out of conventional battery caging for egg-laying hens. Various cage design improvements are to take effect meanwhile in 2002, 2003, and 2007. Only Spain opposed the directive in final form. The Council of Europe one week later told the European Commission that the 18 million ducks and 800,000 geese raised in France to produce foie gras should also be given adequate space to flap their wings and move



normally, under a draft standard which is tentatively to take effect in 2010.

(Animal People, July/Aug '99)

The European Union ratified an Animal Welfare Protocol that took effect on May 1. Initiated by a campaign led by Compassion in World Farming, the protocol states the legal obligation of European Community governing bodies to consider fully the welfare requirements of animals when devising policies for agriculture, transport, internal market, and research.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

FRANCE

France has officially added the small ortolan songbird to its protected species list. The birds were considered culinary delicacies-eaten beak, bones, and all-and were a favourite of former president Francois Mitterand, who ate them at his last meal. Until now the ortolan was unclassified, listed among neither the protected nor the hunted species. The Green Party has called the birds' new status "the end of an archaic French practice."

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

The last action weekend at the Vallee D'Aspe took place on the 22nd/23rd May. A week later the government announced that it would not be building the road through the Pyrenees which has faced 15 years of resistance, and will restore the rail link instead. 3000 people formed a human chain around the soon to be open bridge and lit a huge bonfire, keeping the road shut throughout the night. The decision to abandon the project, which runs through the last remaining habitat of the European brown bear, came after £200 million had been spent on it.

(Earth First! Action Update, June '99)

The European Court of Human Rights took issue with France's 25-year-old law that required all small landowners to allow hunting on their property. On April 29, the court ruled that the law breached property rights and demanded the French government pay 30,000 francs in damages to each landowner involved in the case.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

GERMANY

Aldi South, a major German food distributor, will not renew its contracts with any Faroe Islands grocery stores in protest at the islanders' annual slaughter of pilot whales and dolphins. On April 15, the company told the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's Germany office that it would cease business dealings once its current contract expires.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

INDIA

Unable to bear the constant cries of dogs being experimented on at the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, residents of Jadavpur, India, sent letters to the Institute's director, as well as to the president of the Calcutta SPCA and the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Maneka Gandhi. investigations later revealed that not only were the dogs - bought from a local pound - living in ghastly conditions, but the experiments were not registered with the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals. The IICB was banned from all experimentation with animals and asked to release all remaining animals.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Authorities in Lucknow, India, recently instituted a non-lethal method of dealing with local stray dogs, last tallied at more than 30,000. It has been standard practice in India to control stray populations with lethal injections and mass poisonings, but Lucknow officials announced plans to sterilise all the animals within the next three years, subsidised by the city. During the first week of the program, vets neutered and released 21 dogs.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

ISRAEL

Following negotiations between the Israeli Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Farm Animals and the Ministry of Agriculture, price control on eggs has been lifted to enable free-range eggs to be sold in Israeli supermarkets.

(ProAnimal, Sept '99)

After a prolonged campaign, the Israeli Society for Abolition of Vivisection has succeeded in stopping the building of a monkey farm in Kibbutz Or-Haner, which was to supply 800 monkeys for testing chemical weapons.

(ProAnimal, Sept '99)

MALAYSIA

The Malaysian government has claimed that the country has more tigers now than it did 20 years ago. A survey found that there are now 500 to 600 tigers in the country - up from 300 to 400 two decades ago.

(Express & Star, 29/7/99)

In late June the Sarawak Forest Department began enforcing a ban on the sale or use of mist nets without a permit. Permits are to be issued only to bona fide scientific researchers. The ban is meant to protect birds and bats, who are the main seeders and pollinators in the Malaysian rainforest.

(Animal People, July/Aug '99)



MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique's fishery law was updated in February 1999 to prohibit the capture, processing, transport and export of ornamental fish and live coral in national waters. Ornamental fish and coral had reportedly been harvested wastefully and traded fraudulently, against a background of poor legal enforcement. The ban will remain in force for two years, allowing a period of research to determine sustainable harvest levels for the marine organisms involved.

(TRAFFIC Bulletin, Sept '99)

NIGERIA

Udoja, a notorious Nigerian bushmeat hunter and perhaps the single largest threat to his nation's dwindling gorilla population, was apprehended and imprisoned in February. Only 150 Nigerian gorillas are thought to survive, making them the most endangered of their species. Udoja also admitted to killing five drills, another legally protected primate. According to the International Primate Protection League, this is the first time in Africa a poacher has been sentenced to prison.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

NORWAY

Six Norwegian orcas have been saved from capture and transport to a Japanese aquarium, thanks to the overwhelming efforts of activists from more than ten countries. The Japanese delegates from the Nagoya facility had been in negotiations with Norwegian Ministers for several weeks until protesters met their arrival in Oslo in March.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

PERU

Peru is to ban hunting and exporting of 222 species of endangered or exotic animals and birds and then crack down on smuggling. The ban starts in 2000 and does not apply to animals bred in captivity or in state facilities, the Agriculture Ministry said. About 60 per cent of Peru's territory is Amazon jungle and its biodiversity has made it a centre for the smuggling of exotic wildlife to Asia, the US and Europe, biologists A plane seized in Lima in 1997 had 1,000 animals, worth £300,000, on board.

(Express & Star, 21/5/99)

POLAND

A recent symposium in Poland heralded a major victory for Wanda Blake, who has been working for years to get medical and veterinary schools in Poland to teach with

videos rather than living animals. Representatives from more than one hundred schools attended and were extremely receptive to the speakers' persuasive arguments against using live animals and for using alternatives. Also, three attending scientists from the Ukraine, where institutions use hundreds of animals with no anaesthesia, were so excited about the program that they plan to hold a similar symposium in Kiev this year. Later, Wanda spoke to 300 veterinarians about spay/neuter programs and did three TV interviews publicising the alternatives in medical education.

(Animal Times, Summer '99)

RUSSIA

Their bodies painted like endangered cats, Canadian, U.S., and Russian PETA members protested outside the Moscow Fur Fair. News of the demo appeared in papers all over the world. And the protests are having an impact. Last autumn, Fur World reported that "Russia was beginning to become a substantial market for North American fur... but ... trade in both fur skins and garments has slowed to a snail's pace."

(Animal Times, Spring '99)

SOUTH AFRICA

On 12 February 1999, at Thabazimbi Magistrates' Court, Northern Province, three men aged from 22 to 26 years of age were each sentenced to 29 years' gaol following charges of rhino poaching, house-breaking and theft; one of the four rhinos poached was heavily pregnant. The poaching is reported to have taken place in December 1997 on a farm in Thabazimbi and reported to the Endangered Species Protection Unit by the owner of the farm. The suspects were also accused of housebreaking and theft during this period, including theft of the weapons used to kill the rhinos.

(TRAFFIC Bulletin, Sept '99)

SOUTH KOREA

A bill to legalise the sale of dog meat was temporarily withheld by South Korean lawmakers in May because of protests by animal protection groups, including International Aid for Korean Animals. The proposed amendment to livestock laws would subject the production and distribution of dog meat to government sanitation standards, and allow for the construction of dog slaughterhouses. The South Korean government banned the sale of dog meat in 1988 based on concerns about its international image during the Seoul Summer Olympics. However, the ban is not enforced and dog meat is openly sold and served in South Korea, where it is considered a delicacy that enhances sexual energy. To urge that the existing ban be preserved and vigorously enforced, contact President Kim Dae Jung, Blue House, 1 Saejong-Ro, Chongro-Ku, Seoul, South Korea, 110-760.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)



USA

Sears, Roebuck and Co. has responded to a barrage of complaints from PETA members and pulled its sponsorship of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The decision to pull millions of advertising dollars comes after a disastrous year of animal-related incidents at Ringling, in which a baby elephant died after being forced to perform while seriously ill and a tiger was shot to death in his cage by a Ringling employee after attacking his trainer. The USDA is currently investigating claims made by two former circus employees that workers beat another Ringling baby elephant between performances.

(Animal Times, Spring '99)

Alvin Stein of Rancho Mirage, California, wrote a letter to the Palm Springs Police Officers Association to protest against it having the Gatti Circus, which has performing animals, at its annual fundraising event. His letter resulted in a decision not to invite the circus again.

(Animal Times, Spring '99)

When Kris Lampe and Lucy Shellon of California heard that a local church was bringing Circus Vargas to town, they showed a video about behind-the-scenes abuse in the circus to the church's business manager. The church agreed that the event would send the wrong message to children - and the circus was cancelled! The twosome then addressed the Azusa City Council about Circus Vargas' plans to perform on city-owned property. The council members voted to make this the last year the circus would be welcome in the city!

(Animal Times, Spring '99)

After protesting outside a New Jersey fur shop every weekend for months, nine activists convinced the owner to sign an agreement to stop selling fur for good!

(Animal Times, Spring '99)

Colgate-Palmolive declared a moratorium on animal testing of its personal care products and their ingredients, effective March 25. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals conducted a two-year open dialogue with Colgate to establish stronger animal care standards and a review committee to enforce the moratorium. The news follows a similar 1997 announcement by Gillette, whose entire product line is now produced without animal tests.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

On April 23, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission unanimously approved a proposed rule to ban "canned hunts" of big game and exotic mammals. The ban, one of the strictest in the nation, forbids the shooting of animals in an enclosure of any size for a fee. Oregon joins California, Nevada, and Wyoming as western states that curtail canned hunts.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

Virginia has become the fourth state to prohibit the killing

of dogs and cats for their fur, and the sale of garments containing such fur. Additionally, animal cruelty has been given felony status after a diligent campaign led by the Virginia Beach SPCA showed the correlation between cruelty to animals and human violence. The General Assembly voted to make repeated acts of animal cruelty punishable by up to five years in jail. A similar measure was passed in New Mexico, going into effect on July 1st.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

Kroger Food Stores of Southern Illinois dropped its sponsorship of the Shrine Circus this year. The grocery chain received numerous complaints from animal advocates, including 85 petitions generated by a newspaper ad placed by a member of Illinois Animal Action targeting Kroger. Elsewhere, Shriners in Albuquerque have pledged to pursue an animal-free circus in 2000, after months of discussion with Animal Protection of New Mexico on animal welfare and public safety issues.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

The circus will not be coming to town in Alexandria, Virginia, since the city council voted to deny permission for the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus to perform there. Although the company's marketing director asserts that its animals are treated humanely, Action for Animals and other local activists proved otherwise with photos and articles documenting abuse.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

The Maryland state assembly saved snapping turtles from agonising deaths by defeating a bill that would allow hook-and-line killing. This snaring method is extremely cruel, as turtles can hold their breath for up to six hours, and endure prolonged pain and anguish before drowning. Humane interests prevailed on the senate side, too, when legislators killed a bill to legalise the hunting of deer on Sundays.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

Two California men have been charged under the state's Proposition 4 for illegally trapping beavers who were eating shrubbery at a Redding apartment complex. The initiative was passed last November, prohibiting the use of body-gripping traps except in specific instances when a special permit is required. The Haven Humane Society reported the violation after discovering a dog caught in one of the men's traps. The two face up to \$2,000 in fines and a maximum one-year sentence.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

In Cincinnati, Ohio, members of Animal Rights Community celebrated the March closure of Stanley Rich Furs, a longtime target of the group.

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Redondo Beach, California, cancelled its annual Lobster Festival due to consistently declining attendance. Education



and Action for Animals conducted a four-year campaign against the event, teaching people about the health and cruelty issues involved. Such commitment and perseverance will now save thousands of lobster lives.

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Wild Oats, a U.S. natural foods store chain, now offers certified "turtle-safe" shrimp in its Colorado stores. Shrimp nets kill an estimated 155,000 turtles a year worldwide. Alfalfa's, another West Coast natural foods chain, plans to offer turtle-safe shrimp in all its stores that carry seafood.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

A Vermont judge ruled to save the lives of two horses who had been willed by their deceased "owner" to be killed after his death. Letters from animal activists across the country, as well as a report submitted by In Defense of Animals, were cited as integral in Judge Susan Fowler's decision. This victory holds important ramifications, prompting Vermont state Senator, Vince Illuzzi to sponsor a bill to make it illegal to will the death of animals, and generally questioning the status of animals as property.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

The Special Military Active Retired Travel Club (SMART) jettisoned its chicken-flying contest at its spring social in Shawnee, Oklahoma, due to the persuasive objections of United Poultry Concerns activists. A SMART representative affirmed that the group will not have "any sort of contests or games that involve any live animals."

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

For the fifteenth year in a row, activists everywhere marked the first day of spring by celebrating the Great American Meatout and asking people to "kick the meat habit" for a day. The Farm Animal Reform Movement, the event's national co-ordinator, reports that in more than 2,000 communities across the United States, local groups raised vegetarian awareness through lectures, marches, TV and radio interviews, education tables, and more. In Washington, D.C., FARM sponsored a vegan lunch for nearly 300 congressional employees on Capitol Hill, featuring an address by Rep. Tom Lantos, co-chair of the Congressional Friends of Animals Caucus. Governors of 12 states and mayors of 11 major cities issued official Meatout proclamations, and such celebrities as Casey Kasem, James Cromwell, and Mary Tyler Moore spoke out. Plans for Meatout 2000 are already in progress.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

The U.S. Supreme Court recently rejected an appeal by the National Association for Biomedical Research that challenged a lower court's ruling in favour of the right of individuals to sue the government over the care of animals protected by federal law. Last September, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit found that animal advocate Marc Jurnove was personally affected by witnessing animals

suffering in zoos, and therefore had legal standing to sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its failure to improve conditions. NABR's attempt to overturn that precedent-setting decision marks the latest twist in a case brought by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and four individuals in 1996 against the USDA for not implementing better animal care standards at research labs and zoos as called for under the Animal Welfare Act. Now that the plaintiffs' right to sue has been affirmed, the actual merits of the suit can be argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals.

(Animals' Agenda, May/June '99)

Members of Seattle-based PCC Natural Markets convinced the co-op board that PCC should sell only cruelty-free beauty aids and household products. The co-op printed a brochure for customers, explaining that the determination of which products to carry was based on PETA's lists of companies that do and that don't test on animals.

(Animal Times, Summer '99)

Thanks to visitors who expressed concern for the animals held at the "I.Q. Zoo" in Scottsdale, Ariz., the cheap roadside attraction has closed. The "zoo" consisted of ducks, chickens and rabbits trained to perform silly tricks such as playing the piano with the drop of a coin or "dancing" on a rotating disk. The animals were confined in cramped, plexiglass cubes and forced to perform in order to obtain food.

(Animal Times, Summer '99)

The city council in Carrollton, Texas, cancelled a 4th of July fireworks display, held annually since 1991, because of possible disturbance of egrets nesting nearby.

(Animal People, July/Aug '99)

The state legislatures of New York and Illinois have each approved bills to create a felony penalty for especially aggressive forms of cruelty to animals-and New York governor George Pataki has already signed the New York version into law. The Illinois version additionally provides that persons previously convicted of aggravated cruelty shall be charged with a felony for a repeated alleged offence. The New York legislature also voted to ban hunts of captive animals on properties of 10 acres or less, while the Illinois legislature passed a bill allowing students to opt out of classroom dissection. The New York legislature also passed A-1158, by assembly member Alexander B. Grannis, which if signed by Governor George Pataki would allow any city in the state to outlaw poisoning pigeons.

(Animal People, July/Aug '99)

Mary Kay Cosmetics signed an agreement with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals pledging to end all animal tests as of April 22. The company had declared a moratorium in 1989, but it retained the option to test on animals in the future. The company also pledged to eliminate all animal ingredients from its product line. One



of the world's largest cosmetics companies and the biggest to sign the agreement, Mary Kay's action marks the end of PETA's nearly 10-year effort against the Dallas-based company's testing policy.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Legislation that would have repealed Washington State's 1996 ban on baiting bears and hunting bears, cougars, and bobcats with hounds was killed in committee on April 27. The bill's undoing was due to a tremendous flow of letters and phone calls of protest.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Recent studies have shown a rise in vegetarianism and the popularity of soy food products. Food industry analysts U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray note that the market for meat alternatives in the United States is worth about \$400 million and is expected to grow at least 30 percent annually. Soyatech, Inc., reported sales of soy products of \$1 billion in 1998—a 400 percent increase from 1980.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Rocky Mountain Animal Defense has temporarily suspended a boycott of Celestial Seasonings products that began as a result of the company's poisoning of blackballed prairie dogs on its property in Boulder, Colorado. Representatives of both groups met on May 25, with Celestial Seasonings agreeing to demands and helping to draft a preliminary action plan for the tea company's future prairie dog management policy. Beyond its promises not to kill or relocate any more animals, Celestial Seasonings also established an Environmental Grant program offering financial backing and volunteer work to environmental groups, and will include information regarding the value of prairie dogs in its company tours and consumer relations efforts. RMAD was pleased with the negotiations, but will only lift the boycott permanently when the company pledges to ban all commercial development on its 35 acres.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

The "They Are Not Our Property, We Are Not Their Owners" campaign, led by In Defense of Animals, has found its way into the Marin County (California) Animal Control ordinances. The campaign advocates a change in language—and therefore attitudes—to elevate the status of animals. With the help of the Marin Humane Society, the word "owner" will be replaced with "guardian" in all of the county's animal control laws.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Dog mushers will not be passing "Go" or collecting \$200 now that Hasbro, Inc., has agreed to no longer manufacture the Iditarod Monopoly Game. "It has come to our attention that there are many individuals that have strong opinions—both pro and con—about the Iditarod," stated the Company. The Iditarod is a gruelling long-distance dog sled race where several dogs are injured or even killed each year.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

The U. S. Geological Survey is now using non-animal tests to gauge the environmental effects of chemical pollutants. With the Microtox BasicTest, a synthetic membrane device imitates the passage of chemicals through biological membranes; the test substance is then applied to a bacterium, whose natural luminescence indicates the chemical's degree of ecotoxicity. Genetic damage to the bacteria is gauged by another test, Mutatox. Developed by B. Thomas Johnson of Missouri's Columbia Environmental Research Centre, the system is said to be both inexpensive and efficient.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Many U.S. circuses are getting the red carpet pulled out from under them. The Lions Club in Santa Fe, New Mexico, has pledged to no longer sponsor any circus with animals; the Glen Oak Zoo in Peoria, Illinois, terminated its sponsorship of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; and Media Play in Middletown, New York, will no longer sell tickets to the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

Following a meeting with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, officials at the Environmental Protection Agency announced in late April that the EPA would require fewer animals for the testing of 3,000 "high production volume" chemicals, many of which have already been known for years to be harmful. EPA officials agreed to allow alternatives to animal-based genetic toxicity tests, thus sparing up to 95,000 animals, and to no longer require terrestrial toxicity studies that involved poisoning birds.

(Animals' Agenda, July/Aug '99)

A major primate research laboratory accused of mistreating its 650 chimpanzees is being forced to give up 300 of the animals and improve its staff and facilities. Under a settlement announced this summer by the Agriculture Department (USDA), The Coulston Foundation of Alamogordo, N.M., agreed to undergo review by a panel of experts and will be barred from acquiring any additional chimps without government approval. USDA listed 22 violations of a federal animal welfare law, including the case of a chimpanzee named "Echo" in which lab personnel "undertook an extensive surgical procedure under inappropriate conditions." Three other animals died unnecessarily because the lab staff were unaware of the side effects and complications of pharmaceutical compounds that were administered, USDA said. Inspectors also said the lab's housing inadequate, lacking among other things a proper system for disposing of animal and food wastes. Animal rights activists have been complaining about Coulston for years, accusing the lab of negligence in the death of several chimps. In 1996, without admitting wrongdoing, Coulston settled USDA allegations of animal care violations that occurred in 1993 when three chimps died. "The stunning terms of this settlement are truly



U.S. Plan World War on Feral Wildlife

Representatives of the 175 nations that have endorsed the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity - including the US - are to assemble in Nairobi, Kenya, in May 2000 to draft guidelines for purging and blocking the spread of alleged invasive species. The guidelines are to be presented for ratification by the CBD members in 2001. Once ratified, they could constitute a global mandate in support of the forthcoming recommendations of the cabinet-level Invasive Species Council created by the U.S. President Bill Clinton on February 2, under orders to "mobilise the federal government to defend against aggressive predators and pests." The mobilisation is to be underway by August 2000.

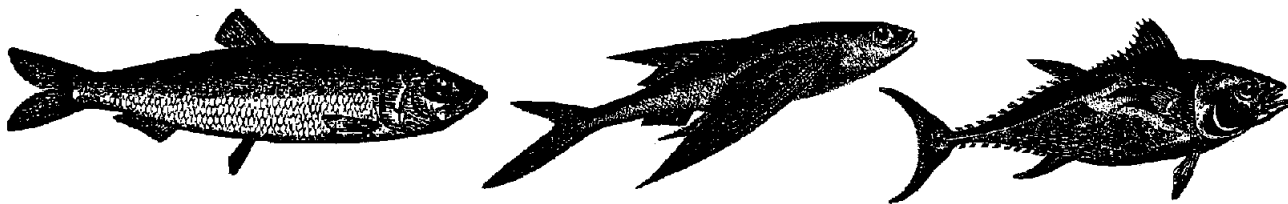
The definition of "aggressive predators and pests" addressed by both the CBD and Invasive Species Council could include, among many other species, feral cats, feral pigs, street pigeons, starlings, the

parrot colonies of San Francisco, Florida and the New York City metropolitan area, and wild horses. Species likely to be targeted in Japan include racoons, weasels, marten, common mongooses, and black bass. The announcement came two weeks after the Japan Environment Agency announced a plan to cull 250 of the 300 native Sika deer in the Odaigahara highlands, to protect an ancient spruce forest from bark nibbling.

"This is the first time the Environment Agency has decided to preserve an ecosystem by killing wild animals", quoted the South China Morning Post. Virtually ignored by the US and Canadian media, and by the international humane community, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, has been planning a world-wide war on non-native animals and plants since May 1998, when it adopted "Decision IV/1.C on alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species."

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unparalleled in the history of the Animal Welfare Act," said Elliot Katz, president of In Defense of Animals. "Never before has a research laboratory been forced to surrender almost half its animals, essentially stop acquiring and breeding chimpanzees for years, and submit to both outside animal care monitoring as well as an independent compliance official," Katz said. In agreeing to the settlement, Coulston did not admit to any violations. But the foundation will have to pay a \$100,000 fine if it fails to comply with the settlement. The lab must place 150 of its animals by the end of next year and the remaining 150 by 2002. Earlier this year, the Department of Health and Human Services put restrictions on the lab's handling of animals used in agency sponsored projects. Among other things, the lab was required to file quarterly reports on its efforts to find appropriate staff.

(Uncaged!, Sept '99)

After years of pressure from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and other animal rights campaigners, Procter & Gamble have announced an end to the use of animal tests for its current beauty, household,

and paper products. Unfortunately the company may still test new products and new product ingredients on animals - so the campaign continues.

(PETA, Sept. '99)

A man who shot his cat dead because it hissed at him has been jailed for 21 years. A court in Milwaukee heard that Louis Wesela, 48, killed the cat after rowing with his wife, whom he accused of having an affair. Wesela threatened her with a gun but fired into the ceiling. Later, the cat hissed at him and he shot it as it hid under a bed. Wesela has 26-year criminal record, which the judge took into consideration when passing sentence.

(Express & Star, 2/9/99)

VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, meeting in Costa Rica, has announced that flamingos and iguanas living in the Anegada Western salt ponds are to be given extra safeguards.

(Express & Star, 11/5/99)



Correction to paragraph eight : Selective breeding...

The twentieth century has seen a number of attempts to apply animal breeding techniques to humans, as promoted by the eugenics movement. Forced sterilisation and other efforts have been applied to stop the 'unfit' and disabled from breeding. While this was applied with the most ruthless determination in Nazi Germany, eugenics programmes have also been implemented in democratic Sweden and elsewhere...

Battery Bunnies - Hell on Earth!

The plight of the battery farmed rabbit, reared for its meat/fur, has become a topic for public discussion following recent exposure in the media. There are estimated to be 500 intensive rabbit farms "growing" meat rabbits in the UK at present. The majority of the carcasses are exported to the continent, the taste for rabbit meat never having taken off in this country. Whilst Sainsbury's and Waitrose do stock farmed rabbit meat, lack of consumer demand renders it relatively hard to come by. The industry is falsely promoted as being an easy, lucrative money-spinner, suitable for inexperienced people with spare time and a small amount of capital available. Several of the larger, established, successful units offer supervised visits for potential rabbit farmers and provide "starter packs", which include cages and breeding stock. Lacking the necessary knowledge and skills it's hardly surprising that these new businesses usually collapse within 18 months of setting up.

The living horror, to which battery bunnies are subjected, was recently revealed during an undercover investigation. Hundreds of white rabbits crammed into small, barren, wire-mesh cages were discovered housed in an old poultry-style shed at a unit in East Yorkshire. The shed was in complete darkness. The sound of rabbits jostling penetrated the loud, constant, incessant noise of the ventilation system. Kept up to 12 to a cage, measuring less than 3' x 2' and 16" high, rabbits scrambled over one another in an attempt to reach the cage's sole source of water. The stench of ammonia was overpowering and huge mounds of faeces were piled high beneath the rows of suspended cages.

Immediately outside the single shed numerous dead rabbits were found dumped, their bodies at various stages of decomposition; some crawling with scavenger beetles, visibly feeding on the maggots within. Chosen at random for the purposes of an investigation, there is no reason to believe conditions discovered at this unit differ from any other.

Battery farmed rabbits never experience sunshine or fresh air, neither do they have the opportunity to properly exhibit natural behaviour such as hopping, play and digging. Given the choice, rabbits, including farmed ones, will engage in such activity; these traits have by no means been bred out of them. Scientific research has shown that rabbits are unable to adapt to small battery-style cages since they cannot perform normal movements (i.e. hopping and jumping) which can lead to irreversible physiological damage. The life-span of a rabbit bred for its meat/fur is usually 12 weeks. Prior to electrical stunning, decapitation and bleeding, the rabbits are transported to the UK's sole slaughterhouse, Woldsway Foods Ltd., located in Ashby-by-Partney,

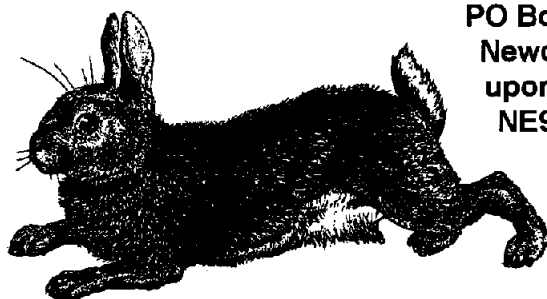
Lincolnshire. Whilst British farmed rabbit is not live exported, suffering during transportation to slaughter is immense - crammed into unsuitable containers and driven from one pick-up site to another, the terrifying ordeal may be exacerbated by overnight holding until slaughter.

Increasingly, new intensive rabbit units are popping up around the country. Whilst many consist of utilising poultry type units, others involve the prospective farmer applying to the local council for planning permission to convert an existing building / erect a purpose built structure. A campaign designed to mobilise local opposition at this stage, specifically focusing on objecting to the planning, can realistically prevent the venture ever setting up. The North East Animal Rights Coalition has been concentrating their efforts on a proposed farm near Hull. Mass leafleting of local villages and a series of peaceful theme demos has resulted in extensive local support and the issue being highlighted/debated thoroughly in the media.

Curiously, coinciding with the issuing of a press release detailing a connected protest, the British Commercial Rabbit Association cancelled their Annual General Meeting, last minute, in mid-October. If their intention was to avoid adverse publicity, bringing their industry under scrutiny, then the BCRA was unsuccessful. The planned, lively protest moved from the anticipated meeting location to the nearby showpiece rabbit unit and the issue was well aired regionally in the media. On the fur front, those designer stores who attempt to justify selling real fur because it is "only rabbit trim" are scurrying to remove the items from their shelves at the first glimpse of protesters waving photos displaying conditions in which they are kept. The rabbit is, after all, one of Britain's most popular "pets" and few people want to be connected to condoning cruelty to them.

Anyone requiring copies of photographs/video footage of the aforementioned investigation for campaigning purposes, please get in touch. If you have info of a proposed/existing intensive rabbit unit or require more info about the issue, please write to:

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Newcastle Animal Rights Coalition News

Regular local demos concerning a variety of issues take place. During the months when performing animal circuses visit the region, twice-daily demos take place, as we tour alongside them. Nat West demos and info stalls happen on a weekly basis. Pigeon/gull culls are taken on as and when they arise. The city's design stores are regularly patrolled to ensure Newcastle is kept fur-free. NARC liaises with store management to obtain permanent anti-fur policies when possible and protests to achieve such when necessary. Close connections are maintained with the National Anti-Hunt Campaign, as high profile actions concerning John Lewis Partnership (pheasant shooting) continue. In addition, national days of action are observed and regional/national demos attended. NARC engages in lawful, undercover investigations and opposes (in)appropriate planning applications.

Cornyaugh Fur Campaign

This is an intensive, well-established, local campaign with the ultimate aim of closing down the Northumberland mink farm. Emphasis is placed on local support and highlighting the existence of the farm through publicity actions. Peaceful demos happen several times a week. Undercover investigations are undertaken regularly, combined with all-round monitoring of the farm to expose illegalities (a formal caution was recently issued to the farmer, as a result of CFC footage). Pressure has been maintained to encourage the Government to ban mink farming. We co-ordinate our efforts with the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade and other national anti-fur organisations.

North East Animal Rights Coalition

Campaigns against intensive, commercial meat rabbit farming. They concentrate on stopping new farms setting up. Regular, peaceful demos are held at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire. Protests are held at a unit in Bainton, nr. Driffield.

They incorporate investigations, liaising with relevant authorities and seeking to achieve legislative change and more stringent enforcement of current welfare laws. They are trying to network with other individuals/groups with similar interests.



The Friends of the Great North Wood

The Friends of the Great North Wood were established in 1992, mainly as a response to the various threats to the local woodlands during the 1980s, and a growing awareness to their value to both wildlife and the people of central south London. Despite the name Norwood, by the mid-1950s the Great North Wood had disappeared off the maps, and in most people's minds. These isolated woodland parcels that remained were largely ignored, closed to the public or treated as simply another municipal park; their rich cultural and ecological ancestry had been destroyed, damaged or apparently forgotten. With the Great North Wood area falling within 5 London boroughs after 1965 - Croydon, Southwark, Lewisham, Lambeth and Bromley - and the addition of the Greater London Council until 1986, together with some private owners, the tendency to diverge from common paths and goals increased.

As we enter a new millennium, there is now an ideal opportunity for the Great North Woods strategy. That involves the five boroughs, The Dulwich Estate, Railtrack, London Wildlife Trust and Friends of the Great North Wood. It would identify the primary aims and objectives for management in the woods within a defined historical boundary; protect, conserve and promote their cultural and ecological interest; seek to resolve potential conflicts of interest; identify areas for increasing woodland cover; and identify and correlate resources in order to achieve these aims.

Friends of the Great North Wood produce a newsletter: 'The Wood Warbler'. Subscription costs £5 a year (£3 for concessions).

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NEWS AND VIEWS *from the* ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT PRESS OFFICE

A BATTLE WON...

Of course, the brilliant success of the Hillgrove campaign is the latest victory to celebrate following Consort Beagles, Hylyne Rabbits and all the others over the years. From the ALF raids nearly twenty years ago against Brown's evil business through all the pickets, demos and attacks to the final determined, well-organised push by 'Save the Hillgrove Cats'.

The only ones not deserving of praise are the RSPCA. Having said all along that there was nothing wrong at Hillgrove, then jumping on the bandwagon as a leading player, our Royal Society for the Promotion (oh, sorry, should that be "Prevention"?) of Cruelty to Animals once again displays its hypocrisy.

Again, this is a brilliant victory. A victory won by each and every one of you out there - the 'grass roots'. A battle won, but the war goes on...

HAVE NO TRUCK(S) WITH ARSON

During the long night following the final national demo at Hillgrove Farm, two arson attacks were carried out on trucks used in animal abuse industries. Four vehicles were destroyed at Tadmartin Poultry in Banbury with no less than seventeen being accounted for just half-an-hour later at the Oxford depot of Unigate Dairies. Police are also trying to establish links with the attack last May at Weddel Swift Meats near Exeter, which took out one lorry and badly damaged two others.

All these attacks received wide publicity, including national coverage in newspapers and on radio and TV, with this press office highlighting the terrible cruelties of the dairy industry and its direct responsibility for the veal trade (no milk = no calf).

But something you may not have heard about... Late on the night of Saturday 18th September an equally newsworthy attack which left seven refrigerated lorries, valued at around £70,000 each, completely gutted where they were parked at Cherryfield (Croydon) Ltd... coyly described as a "pig processing plant" ... received almost no flaming publicity at all! In view of the vast coverage afforded the previous incidents it seems rather odd that the only reports were in the local weeklies 'Croydon Advertiser' and 'Croydon Guardian'.

Are the authorities once again trying to deny the radical wing of our movement the "oxygen of publicity" by refusing to acknowledge its existence? I'm not really allowed personal comment on actions in case it's interpreted as 'incitement' but a detective from South Norwood CID described the Croydon attack as being "a professional job." As activists continue to explain, the actions speak for themselves whether they are publicised or not.

THE ALF CONTINUES TO HAVE SMASHING TIMES

Just in case you think the ALF is only doing high-profile arson attacks, here's a sample from the Essex area late August and early September: Halal meat delivery van paint stripped, tyres slashed, sprayed with slogans ... two butchers shops' windows smashed, sprayed ... two betting shops windows smashed, sprayed ... three butchers shops windows smashed, locks glued, sprayed ... leather/fur shop window smashed, damaging substance (no, I can't say what it was!) squirted on coats through security grill, locks glued, sprayed ... butchers shop window smashed, shutter glued and sprayed ... two fishing tackle shops windows smashed, locks glued, sprayed ... drains blocked causing flooding in Burger King, Wimpy, Kentucky Fried Chicken and two branches of McDonald's ... fur/leather shop windows smashed, sprayed ... McDonald's, Burger King and KFC in Southend High Street all sprayed, front and rear doors glued ... two butchers shops glued, sprayed and attacked with glass paint and etching fluid, three more had windows smashed, sprayed with a sixth glued shutters, sprayed and nearby dog faeces relocated to window display shelves ... fur/leather shop attacked for the third time during the 4 1/2-week period, paint-bombed, sprayed and shutter switch glued. So you see, that's from one local ALF group either based in Essex or travelling there from a safe haven (who knows?). Multiply that up and down the country and the scale of too-often unreported activity becomes apparent. And let's not forget the focus of all this activity, the animal victims themselves...

SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS TASTE FREEDOM

ALF activists raided Hall's of Darley Oaks, Newchurch, near Burton upon Trent, on the night of Thursday 2nd September to liberate 600 guinea pigs destined for vivisection laboratories. Also obtaining documents, still

photographs and video footage during the raid they said it was to "kickstart the campaign" against the breeding unit. Entering a building so new that the alarm had not yet been wired up the activists found thousands of guinea pigs in overcrowded, barren conditions with no bedding or nesting materials. Many dead and dying babies were observed on a thick layer of faeces with seized documents showing daily mortality rates in the hundreds.

All six hundred liberated individuals are now in caring homes to live out their lives in peace. Meanwhile, a campaign to close down Hall's breeding business has been launched. For further information contact 'Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign', PO Box 74, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 5 WF (Tel: 01 902 564 734).

WHAT NEXT FOR THE PRESS OFFICE?

Channel 4's odious 'Dispatches' programme by burglar and con-man Graham Hall which was intended to discredit Barry Horne, myself and the animal liberation movement in general has finally hit the buffers. Following the screening last December the unedited footage was seized by no less than the Hampshire Loonies. Knowing what it would show I had no real concern apart from the possibility of yet more unwarranted hassle. A mere ten months later it seems that Hampshire are taking no action against me. It begs the question... Was this the latest failed attempt by the Hampshire police to get me locked up? Surely not...

Meanwhile there have been a couple of minor annoyances. A nice police officer (is there such a creature?) at a Harlan demo arrested me for failing to identify myself when I laughed about him obviously following me. An inspector de-arrested me about twenty minutes later following ridicule from the protesters. The final national demo at Hillgrove saw me arrested for "leading an unlawful assembly". Unlawful or not, the assembly was there when I arrived so how could I have led them? When I answered to bail over a month later I was charged with breach of a section 14 order (leaving Dry Lane and making my way quite openly to Witney town centre) and obstructing the highway (shouting "Close down Hillgrove Farm" through a loudhailer). Well, the latter incident seems to have worked, I should have done it years ago! Now I've probably got a contract out on me from all those who worked so hard on the 'Save the Hillgrove Cats Campaign'. Come on, can't you take a joke (smile!)?

FAREWELL TO A GREAT CAMPAIGNER

Many of you will remember Sue Croshaw who founded Disabled Against Animal Research and Exploitation (DAARE). Sadly, Sue went to rest earlier this year having

concentrated more in recent times on rights for the physically disadvantaged. That said, she never lost her compassion for all life and never lost her sense of humour ... a gift so desperately required when facing the horrors of animal abuse on top of the unkindnesses already visited upon her by Life.

One indication of her impact on the animal liberation scene was when the success of DAARE forced the Research Defence Society to create Seriously Ill for Medical Research in the guise of the obnoxious Andrew Blake. On a scale of compassion, humanity and selflessness Sue was all that Andrew Blake could never be, and it showed. It showed so very, very clearly. Sue may have left the battle zone but her spirit will be a force for a long time to come.

FUR - THE FINANCIAL IMPACT

The ALF gets mentioned in many places, not least in the Financial Times, albeit infrequently. The latest indication that liberation and economic sabotage really does affect the world of big business comes in a report on the fur trade by Clare MacCarthy, 19th October edition. Quotes follow:

"Scandinavian fur breeders, wholesalers and retailers cannot afford to be complacent ... anti-fur protesters are increasing their activities, releasing farmed mink into the wild and smashing the windows of Copenhagen furriers. In July, members of the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for freeing some 6,000 mink at a farm in North Jutland. And one central Copenhagen fur shop ... is considering closing because of repeated window-smashing and red paint-daubing episodes. The fur industry takes such actions very seriously and the Danish fur-breeders association responded to the July mink farm raid with a nine-page press release". So now you know.

GOVERNMENT PROMISES = GUT-WRENCHING PERFDY

Yes, we all know that the media trumpeted that New Labour had outlawed animal testing of cosmetics and, subsequently, the testing of cosmetic ingredients. Those of us who read the reports with care realised that the cosmetics companies had relinquished their Home Office Licences voluntarily and that "this Government" would not issue new licences. What about the next Government, or the next, or the next?

That's right, spin doctors at work. In the same way that veal crates and sow stalls were outlawed but individual pigs and calves could still be transported in abominable conditions to other countries only to be reared in the systems outlawed by the UK and then their dead bodies re-imported for the delight of those who enjoy cannibalism-one-step-removed.

Sadly, the New Labour spin doctors seem to have even conned that fine campaigning group PETA! I know PETA do good work, I know PETA don't slag off the ALF, I know PETA don't toe the Establishment line... BUT, that doesn't mean that PETA can't sometimes be fooled, just like the rest of us!

In the latest edition of PETA's 'Animal Times' there is an article about Procter and Gamble's evil, indefensible animal tests. The same pages show a photograph of Tony Blair smiling (what else?) with the comment "Britain has banned the use of animals to test cosmetics and cosmetics ingredients. In Britain, Procter and Gamble would be facing criminal charges for their torturous tests."

Sadly, that's not the case. The famous brochure 'New Labour, New Life for Animals' has been replaced by the infamous, albeit fictional, 'New Labour, New Lies for Animals'. Blair and his spin doctor-run government haven't just reneged upon their promises, they haven't just conned the electorate ... what they've done is much, much worse. They've condemned countless numbers of our brothers and sisters of other species to torture, to degradation and to death. Government has failed, the law has failed, justice has failed. What else is left? Please direct all enquiries to the Rt Hon Tony "Trust Me" Blair MP, 10 Downing Street ...

THE HUNTING DEBATE

Is it really worth taking up space to decry the bloodsports lobby? We all know they're wrong, so terribly wrong. But they do have the media's attention. How representative is the Countryside Alliance? I'm concerned about my village post office, the (lack of) public transport and government neglect of rural areas. That means I could

have gone on their over-subscribed, over-subsidised, over-hyped protests. My extended family includes gamekeepers and terriermen. I am a country dweller.

I know about bloodsports. I know about country ways. I know about the rural economy. I am also unequivocally opposed to hunting with hounds and all the other barbarities promoted and protected by the Countryside Alliance. So are the vast majority of my rural neighbours. Just because they have the finances to transport people to their pernicious protests doesn't mean they're going to win. Blair and his cronies must keep their pre-election promises otherwise democracy is dead!

ONWARD, EVER ONWARD

Hillgrove Farm and its predecessors have gone. That still leaves Shamrock Farm, Harlan, Bantin and Kingman, HLS and all the other areas of animal abuse ... farming, circuses, fur trade ... need I go on? We must continue the fight. We must redouble our efforts. We must draw strength from each other and from our still-incarcerated brothers and sisters. We have but one enemy and that enemy is animal abuse in all its vile forms. Join together, end the debates about tactics and methods. While we argue the innocent die. Let us work together towards a compassionate world, a gentler world, a vegan world. Come on, we can do it. Let's go forward together to our dream ... animal liberation.

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Second International Day for Animal Rights

Last year we launched the Universal Declaration of Animal Rights to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Like last year, we are again calling on all animal rights advocates to hold candlelit vigils on or around December 10th at locations where the rights of animals are abused - where they suffer pain and death. The media seemed to like this visual aspect, and its connection with human rights protests. In view of political and legal developments towards recognising rights for great apes, it may make political sense, wherever possible, to conduct vigils and pickets at primate laboratories or breeding centres.

By continuing to make the connection between human rights and animal rights, we can demonstrate that the two concepts are not only compatible, but are intrinsically linked. I think it also conveys the notion of animal rights being the next step along the road of moral progress, building on a growing recognition of human rights.

Contact Max at Uncaged for leaflets/info etc:
We will have a supply of our popular Animal Rights leaflets to accompany this campaign. 100 or less: free/donation; multiples of 100: £3.00 per 100 inc. p&p.

Yours for animal rights,

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News from Greyhound Action



Campaigning for the abolition of greyhound racing and educating the public not to support it!

More Than 30,000?

From looking at the latest figures released by the British and Irish greyhound racing authorities, the number of greyhounds disposed of annually by the greyhound racing industry in the British Isles could be far more than the 30,000 claimed by Greyhound Action.

Figures for last year show that about 20,000 greyhounds were registered in Ireland and 5,383 in Britain. They also show that about 4,500 greyhound litters were born in Ireland and 657 in Britain. Ireland is a big breeding centre for greyhounds, with many thousands registered there being exported to Britain to race. For every greyhound that enters racing, another will be deemed "surplus to requirements" in order to make room for the new influx. So 25,000 in means 25,000 out.

The Irish authorities only give approximate figures, but those figures are nevertheless extremely worrying. Greyhounds in general have large litters, usually comprising at least 8 puppies. But the Irish figures show that, on average, only between 4 and 5 puppies per litter are being registered. This makes a shortfall of about 16,000 puppies. Greyhounds are normally registered at about 3 months old. Are thousands being got rid of in Ireland before even reaching that young age? If so, the number of greyhounds disposed of could be well over 40,000 every year.

New Canterbury Stadium Proposed

At present greyhound racing takes place in Canterbury at a stadium owned by the local football club. Plans are afoot to move the football club to a new arena to be built in Sturry Road as their present stadium is due to be redeveloped - and both the city council and the football club are keen to incorporate dog racing into the new arena.

If we can change their minds it will mean the end of greyhound racing in Canterbury. So it is important that as many people as possible write to the council and the football club to point out the cruelty and mass slaughter of dogs inherent in the greyhound racing industry (full info on this available from Greyhound Action, if you don't have it already). Also tell them that the movement against greyhound racing is growing rapidly and there are likely to be frequent demonstrations at the new stadium should greyhound racing move there.

People to write to are:
Wally Mawdsley,
Managing Director, Canterbury City FC, Kingsmead Stadium, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7PH

Malcolm Burgess,
City Estates and Leisure Officer, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW

Plans for Swedish Greyhound Racing

There is currently only one greyhound track in Sweden, but no betting is allowed and dogs are raced there more or less as a hobby. Things could get much worse though, as there are plans to create three more tracks (in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Landskrona) where betting will be permitted. It is important that these proposals are nipped in the bud, before a large-scale greyhound racing industry becomes established in Sweden, with all the death and suffering which that involves. Please write to the following addresses telling them what's wrong with greyhound racing and asking them not to open the proposed dog tracks. It's important to point out that, although it's only 3 tracks (at the moment) compared to 61 currently operating in Britain, the population of Sweden (9 million) is 7 times smaller, so there will be far fewer homes available for ex-racing greyhounds.

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Greyhound Awareness Week

The response to this year's Greyhound Awareness Week was extremely pleasing, with about 80 local animal protection groups taking part, making it at least four times bigger than last year's event. All over the country campaigners set up street stalls to educate the public about the death and suffering caused to greyhounds by the greyhound racing industry and thousands of signatures were obtained for our petition to abolish greyhound racing, with almost 30,000 leaflets being distributed. There were demos outside several greyhound stadiums, including Canterbury, Hove, Poole, Portsmouth, Swansea and Walthamstow, and a great deal of local and regional media attention.

There is not enough space to individually name all the local groups and individual campaigners who took part, but we can say that there were stalls and/or other activities in Berks, Cambs, Devon, Dorset, Dublin, Dyfed, Essex, Glos, Glamorgan, Grampian, Hants, Herefords, Herts, Kent, Leics, Lincs, London, Manchester, Middx, Norfolk, Strathclyde, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Wilts, Worcs, and Yorks (our apologies to any we've left out!). We also put several interested groups and individuals from the USA in touch with the Greyhound Protection League over there. Many, many thanks to all those who took part!

Until Next Year

Next year's Greyhound Awareness Week will take place from May 20th - 27th, and we'll be hoping to make it even bigger than this year's. In the meantime there is still plenty that can be done to support the campaign

against greyhound racing. If you would like to do a street stall, demonstration, or just write a letter to the local media about the dark side of greyhound racing, don't hesitate to contact Greyhound Action for leaflets, posters, petition forms and information.

Greyhound Stadiums

The following places have greyhound stadiums:

Auchinleck (Ayrshire), Ayr, Bargoed, Blyth, Bolton, Bury St. Edmunds, Caister on Sea (Yarmouth), Canterbury, Carfin, Castleford, Catford (London), Chesterfield, Chester-le-Street, Crayford (Kent), Doncaster (2 tracks), Durham, Easington, Ellesmere Port, Gorton (Manchester), Gretna, Hall Green (Birmingham), Harlow, Hawick, Henlow Camp (Beds), Hinckley, Hove, Hoddesdon, Hull, Leamington, Milton Keynes, Newcastle under Lyme, Newcastle upon Tyne, Newton Abbot, Nottingham, Oxford, Perry Barr (Birmingham), Peterborough, Pontefract, Poole, Portsmouth, Reading, Romford, Rotherham, Rutherglen (Glasgow), Sheffield, Sittingbourne, St. Helens, Sterling, Swansea, Thornton (Fife), Sunderland, Swaffham, Swindon, Walthamstow (London), West Lothian, Wimbledon (London), Wisbech, Wishaw, Wolverhampton, Workington. (Full addresses available from Greyhound Action).

If you live near any of these tracks, why not start a campaign to close it down?

Most greyhound tracks are not vastly profitable, so a reduction in attendance, or in firms sponsoring races, could easily cause them to fold. Public education is the key. Many people who attend greyhound racing and many firms who sponsor it would not do so if they knew about the sad plight of the dogs. Demos, street stalls and letters in the local papers are all ways you can spread that information.

Contact Greyhound Action if you need help and advice in setting up a campaign.

Evening Chronicle Article

The death and suffering caused by the greyhound racing industry made front-page headlines in the Evening Chronicle newspaper (which covers Newcastle and the North East of England) on August 28th. The article, entitled "A Race to the Death" also took up the centre spread of the newspaper and came about as a result of information supplied to Evening Chronicle reporters by Greyhound Action and local animal rights campaigners and sanctuary workers. Just over a week later, Greyhound Action representative Tony Peters took part in a BBC Radio Newcastle programme prompted by the article, in which he was able to explain why greyhound racing should be banned. If anyone is interested in reading the Evening Chronicle article, Greyhound Action can supply a photocopy on request.

News from Italy - your help is needed!

The greyhound track in Naples has closed as a result of a new law restricting betting and rescue charity Greyhounds in Need is in the process of finding homes for the 300 dogs that were involved in racing there. Meanwhile, a proposal to open a new greyhound track in Cattolica, near Rimini, is being fought by local animal rights campaigners with help from Greyhound Action. You can help the campaign by writing to/faxing the Italian politicians listed below, as soon as possible, asking that they do all they can to prevent the building of the proposed greyhound track in Cattolica. Point out that greyhound racing in other countries, including the UK and USA, has led to a massive problem of unwanted greyhounds that are no longer required for racing. These dogs either end up being killed, often by

cruel methods, or are just abandoned - and this has led to greyhound racing being banned in six American states since 1993 on animal welfare grounds. Italy already has a big problem with stray and unwanted dogs, and any increase in greyhound racing there will only add to this.

People to fax/write to are:

On. Chiara Acciarini
Fax: 0039 06 67603712
(national politician - "On." is Italian for "Honourable" and is used to refer to a member of the Italian parliament)

On. Carla Rocchi
Fax: 0039 06 58493259
(national politician)
On. Walter Veltroni, Via delle Botteghe Oscure, 00186 ROMA
(national politician)

Signor Sindaco Micucci
Fax: 0039 0541 960340
(Mayor of Cattolica)

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Herbal Roots

- a Potted History of Herbal Medicine

The original diet on which the human body evolved had no 'improved crops', only wild plants. There was no distinction between food and medicine. Humans ate instinctively. As agriculture developed people retained the intuitive knowledge of seeking certain plants at certain times and for certain conditions. Later, as intuition waned, this became an oral tradition, part and parcel of the folk-law held by the common people across the earth. The day to day medical needs of the family were catered for by the ordinary people as is still the case for 90% of the earth's population, the elders, witches, healers and shamen were those who carried on a more intense mix of herbalism, religion, superstition and ritual.

The rise of an educated elite in Europe, with a class separation from the ordinary farming, working people, led to academic medicine in universities based on theoretical ideas selectively interpreted from the ancient Greek writers, divorced from the received wisdom of the common people of their own lands. This was the beginning of modern orthodox medicine - without basis in traditional herbal medicine, which was rejected on theoretical rather than practical grounds as 'unimportant'.

Centuries of barbarous experimentation on the sick took place, administering terrible chemical poisons, cutting up and maiming bodies to satisfy academic curiosity. The new 'civilised' medicine became the authority, and despite the continued practice by ordinary country people of herbal medicine the oral tradition waned as the youth considered it old fashioned and 'unscientific'. So bad became the persecution of herbalists that King Henry VIII granted them protection to practice in law, which remains on the statute books despite many attempts to have it removed. Today we hear reporters saying, "There really may be something in the old-wives-tale about comfrey being good for fractures, as scientists discover that it contains a chemical that increases bone regeneration!" - a clear indication of the demise in the standing of folk-medicine. The reporter's words dismiss and diminish its significance while laying emphasis on the superiority of the scientist.

The World Health Organisation, aiming to bring health to all people on earth by the year 2000, has made a clear statement about the essential need to preserve traditional folk medicines in all societies. In 1992, it declared, "...the proper use of medicinal plants is a necessity, not a luxury," and has developed programmes to aid local medical customs in many countries. In the west we assume that such statements only apply to developing countries, and so our own folk medicine continues to be marginalised. Yet modern herbalists are aware that they maintain a link with our body's original nature. For the herbalist this explains the sublime efficacy of the medicines they use.

Afifah Hamilton : Medical Herbalist
Member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists

Should you wish to contact your nearest practising medical herbalist phone
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A Touch of Vegan Therapy

by Julie Rosenfield

So what do I mean by Vegan Therapy? I'm glad you asked! Well, obviously there are many of vegan therapies around, but in my case, I'm talking in particular about aromatherapy, massage, reflexology and healing which I believe are excellent for vegans.

But first, a little about my background. Last year, I decided to turn my life around completely. I was fortunate enough to work as a PA in the television industry for many years during which time I met a great number of famous people but after much soul searching and the famous "mid-life crisis", I gave it all up to train to become a holistic therapist.

Working in television can be very exciting but it is also a very stressful industry. I saw at first hand the damage that people around me were doing to their health with the combination of working long hours, stress, smoking, drinking and a meat-based diet. I longed to tell people how they could improve their health by adopting a vegan diet, taking more exercise, learning relaxation techniques etc, but the more I told them, the more they laughed! Often the people who laughed the most at my vegan diet were the ones who had the poorest health in terms of high cholesterol, high blood pressure - not so funny really!

I realised that the only way I could really help people and be taken a bit more seriously was by going back to college and consequently took a one year full-time course in holistic therapies. So you could say that in the space of a year I went from rubbing shoulders with the famous to rubbing the arms, legs, and backs of the not-so-famous-but-loveable-nonetheless!

Even at college, however, all was not plain sailing for myself as the only vegan in a group of 18. Inevitably, we had to study anatomy and physiology as this was an important part of the course. Early on in my studies, I was somewhat perturbed that when covering the topic of the human liver, the teacher suggested she bring in a chicken liver the following week for us to look at. She suggested that anyone who didn't want to do so could sit outside in the corridor. This brought back many unpleasant memories of having to sit out of biology lessons at school and I did briefly wonder whether I had done the right thing after all. Luckily, she realised in the end that this could be difficult for some students and happily the threatened animal organ never materialised!

I was also expecting a difficult time over the nutrition class. Here however, I happened on a stroke of great fortune in

that we had a new teacher who was a vegetarian. She was only too happy for me to bring in vegan recipes to the class and do my project on a vegan diet! I have heard that vegan students in previous years were not so lucky!

Anyway, I'm happy to say that I passed the course and am now qualified to be let loose on the general public but especially, I hope, vegans. With this in mind, I have set up my own practice called Healing Touch where I will be offering the following vegan therapies. Like most of the alternative or complementary therapies, they are holistic, meaning that they work on the mind, body and spirit, and, if used, by a vegan practitioner contain no animal ingredients.

AROMATHERAPY

Aromatherapy is a wonderful therapy, which combines the use of essential oils with massage. The oils are extracted from herbs, plants, flowers etc. Some well-known ones include lavender, camomile, rosemary etc but there are many others. Aromatherapy is great for promoting relaxation and vitality and can be used to treat a whole range of symptoms such as stress-related conditions, asthma, digestive problems, headaches etc. The oils can also be used in the bath, as inhalations or in aroma-burners.

However, there is a potential difficulty for vegans. Some of the methods used to extract certain oils such as rose or jasmine employ processes known as enfleurage or maceration. Both methods can involve the use of beef suet and lard to collect the oils, either by spreading them on a sheet of glass in the case of enfleurage, or by plunging the oils into hot fat in the case of maceration! For this reason, all the oils I shall be offering in my practice or for purchase, both organic and non-organic, will be from product ranges which bear the Vegan Society logo or are certified vegan. This is certainly a good reason why it is good to consult a vegan aromatherapist if possible.

It is advisable to consult a practitioner rather than to try the oils out without knowing how to use them because some of the oils can have side effects for certain medical conditions and others need to be avoided during pregnancy. For this reason, a full medical consultation is always taken before proceeding with any treatment.

Aromatherapy leaves you feeling great and smelling wonderful -just the thing after a hard day's hunt-sabbing or a very muddy demo!

REFLEXOLOGY

Reflexology is a very old form of therapy - pictures of it even appear in the tombs of the Ancient Egyptians. It works on the principle that there are reflex points in the soles of the feet which correspond to different parts of the body. When the thumbs and the fingers of the therapist stimulate these reflex points, energy blockages can be released leading to better health. It is very good for a variety of conditions including headaches, asthma, digestive disturbances, PMT, stress etc. It is generally ok for vegans but please check that your therapist is using a vegan product to clean the soles of your feet as well as a vegan - and preferably talc-free - talcum powder!

This is the one great chance as a vegan therapist I get to play my favourite game with people's toes - the vegan version being "This Little Figgy went to Market"!

SWEDISH FULL BODY MASSAGE

This is always the one that gets people talking! And it can be a bit tricky to advertise - especially in public phone boxes. Seriously though, there's nothing dubious about it at all. It's Swedish because it was invented by a Swedish physiologist Per-Henrik Ling in the early 19th century and - in case you're wondering - the body massage isn't that full - there are certain parts that this therapy definitely doesn't reach!!

The word massage actually comes from the Arabic word 'mass' or 'mash', meaning to press softly. Massage is excellent for working on the muscles and can help all kinds of muscular aches and pains, improve circulation, break up areas of cellulite, increase mobility of the joints and can be used for general relaxation and stimulation of the muscles and nerves.

Again, it is important to check that the therapist is using a vegan kind of massage oil. Some of the massage oils at

college had some very questionable ingredients - I always prefer to use something more natural like sweet almond oil.

HEALING

At least, with healing, there are no products involved so there is no reason for vegans to be wary. For people who are new and unsure of healing, it is merely a question of sitting down quietly in a room with some relaxing music, and closing your eyes, while the healer moves their hands around you. You don't even feel them, as they don't actually touch you. Instead they work on an invisible body of energy around a person known as the aura. Healing is wonderful for very many conditions and does not require any religious belief or effort on the part of the patient. It is excellent for relaxation and is not costly as many healers offer their services on a donation-only basis. It's good to have a vegan healer if possible though - as they have great vibes and less karma!!

If you'd like to know more about how I can help you with any of the above therapies, or if you'd like to receive more information about special offers, price lists etc, please contact me at the following address.

I am offering a 10% discount to all Arkangel readers so contact me today and let Healing Touch touch your life! Please note that the aromatherapy and massage treatments are available for ladies only.

Julie Rosenfield AIL, IHHHT, FICHT

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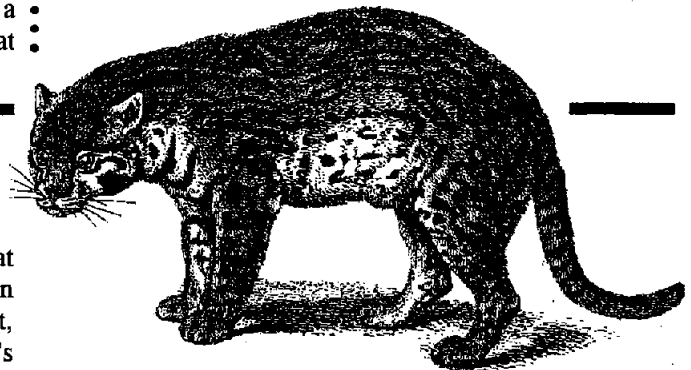
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Zwirns Fur Shop

Zwirn's fur shop in central London has attracted a great deal of attention since it moved from its original site in Bond Street to its new location at 13a, Grafton Street, London W1 (0171 629 2747). Probably the West End's flagship fur shop, it has been under almost constant siege from animal liberationists. The shop has recently taken out an injunction against protesters and one person has already been imprisoned for refusing to abide by it.

If you would like to become involved in the campaign to

Capitalism & Animals

On 18th June 1999, thousands of people descended on the City of London to protest against the Group of 7 (G7) leading capitalist states meeting in Koln and against the exploitation of people, animals and the environment. Whilst most of the estimated 6,000 people spent the day dancing in the street, sitting in the road or enjoying the sun, others were causing serious damage to various financial institutions around the Square Mile. The planet is being systematically destroyed by multinationals bent on (literally) making a killing at the expense of the poor, displaced and innocent.

The development and maintenance of capitalism as a system that exploits humans, is dependent upon the abuse of animals. Furthermore the movement that abolishes capitalism by changing the relations between humans also involves the fundamental transformation of the relations between humans and animals. All life on planet earth is becoming increasingly enmeshed in a global economy based on money, profit and exchange - capitalism. Virtually everything has a price on it - food, drink, the soil, homes, plants, animals, the labour of humans. Needs and desires count for nothing - those who cannot afford to pay the price have to do without even if the consequence is death.

For the majority of human beings the consequence is a life dominated by work, half-lived in schools, factories, offices and prisons. For many, this is compounded by the effects of poverty, war and various forms of oppression. But humans are not the only creatures caught up in this net. Animals of all kinds are subject to the industrial application of suffering and death in the wild, in factory farms and laboratories.

Capitalism tries to squeeze the last drop of life out of human beings, intensifying the work process to eliminate all non-productive movements. It seeks the 'eradication of any uncontrolled movement of the hand, any unproductive glance of the eyes, any unwanted wandering of the mind.' Similarly with animals, the aim is to eliminate everything that does not contribute to the final product, to turn them into machines for the conversion of feed into meat and other commodities.

With animals as with humans, the factory system aims to restrict the movement of the body to maximise profits. Factory farming was already established by Roman times. Plutarch writes that: "It is a common practice to stitch up the eyes of cranes and swans and shut them up in dark places to fatten." In 17c England, pigs, poultry and lambs were fattened by being confined indoors in darkness: "Geese were thought to put on weight if the webs of their feet were nailed to the floor," (Thomas). Then as now, the movement of animals was restricted because it burned up calories and therefore slowed down weight gain.

With animals things have gone a stage further with the modification of the physical bodies of animals to make them more productive. Described by John Zerzan: "The domesticating of animals... defies natural selection and re-establishes the controllable organic world at a debased, artificial level... Transmuted from a state of freedom to that of helpless parasites, these animals become completely dependent on man for survival. In domestic mammals as a rule, the size of the brain becomes relatively smaller as specimens are produced that devote more energy to growth and less to activity. Placid, infantilised, typified perhaps by the

sheep, most domesticated of herd mammals; the remarkable intelligence of wild sheep is completely lost in their tamed counterparts. The social relationships among domestic animals are reduced to the crudest essentials. Non-reproductive parts of the life cycle are minimised, courtship is curtailed, and the animal's very capacity to recognise its own species is impaired."

The animal industry continues to dominate land use in many parts of the world. In Britain 80% of agricultural land is used directly or indirectly for meat and dairy production. In many parts of the Third World, food production is dominated by the growth of cereals to sell for animal feed in the west rather than to meet local needs. Animals in factory farms produce huge amounts of waste, with frequent incidents of pollution of water and land.

Selective breeding of animals is now being refined through the development of a range of genetic/biotechnological methods. Animal species are being genetically manipulated to develop xenotransplantation (cross-species organ transplants) and pharming (the production of drugs and other products from genetically mutated animals). The twentieth century has seen a number of attempts to apply animal breeding techniques to humans, as promoted by the eugenics movement. Forced sterilisation and other efforts have been applied to stop the 'unfit' from breeding. While this was applied ruthlessly determination, eugenics programmes have also implemented in social democratic Sweden and elsewhere.

It would be a mistake to think that the exploitation of animals is now only of marginal concern to capital. The companies involved in funding

animal experiments are some of the world's largest multinationals. Agribusiness is becoming increasingly capitalised. In the past capital was largely invested in the manufacture and retail of products made from animals reared by relatively independent farmers. Today, farmers are going out of business as larger companies take over every stage of the animal industry. For instance, one company, the Grampian Country Food Group, supplies one third of UK chickens to eat (200 million a year). Direct corporate involvement in farming will be accelerated as capital expands its new biotechnological frontier.

The dynamic of capitalism is towards more control over all life, human or animal. If things move in the opposite direction it will only be because capital has been forced to take a different turn or abolished altogether.

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The Vegan Society

The Vegan Society was formed in 1944 by a group of vegetarians who had recognised the ethical compromises implicit in lacto (ie dairy dependent) vegetarianism.

Abhorrence of the cruel practices inherent in dairy, livestock and poultry farming is probably the single most common reason for the adoption of veganism. The Vegan Society has seen many changes over the past 50 years, with veganism now finding a place in most people's vocabulary. The Vegan Society has played a part in the vegan movement in general, providing information leaflets, books and the Vegan magazine. The magazine provides information on all aspects of veganism, whether it be environmental, health, raw food, animal liberation or all of these issues. It also keeps people up to date with the latest vegan products and offers help to those who feel isolated, showing them that they are part of an ever-growing movement.

The Vegan Society could be at the forefront of the movement that is now spreading far and wide. With greater support, animal liberationists could help the Society grow and break down the boundaries that are currently holding the vegan movement back.

We encourage as many people as possible to join the Vegan Society, so that they may help to move the Society forward. Membership details are below:

Individual waged: £17.
 Individual unwaged: £11.
 Family: £23. Unwaged/joint: £15.
 Life: £275.
Eire and overseas: add £5.

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VEGAN STRAIGHT EDGE

Straight Edge refers to a philosophy whose most basic tenets promote a drug-free lifestyle. It developed as an off-shoot of the punk rock/hardcore scenes of the early 1980s when the term itself is believed to have been coined by Ian Mackaye, in the self-titled song, while he was the singer of the seminal hardcore band, Minor Threat.

The philosophy of Straight Edge is very simple. One must not drink alcohol, smoke, take drugs, or have promiscuous sex.

In the 12 years since the demise of Minor Threat, these simple beliefs have transformed the minds of many people. While the original definition of Straight Edge only included the rejection of mind altering substances and promiscuous sex, modern interpretations include a vegan diet and an increasing involvement and awareness of environmental and political issues.

Veganism became associated with the Straight Edge movement because it allows the individual to eliminate certain poisons from the body whilst not eating meat and dairy products. The shift towards veganism occurred during the early mid-90s and is seen as a logical step to increased purification. It is well documented that cigarettes, alcohol and drugs, have been and continue to be tested on animals. Using any of these poisons equates to support for vivisection, multinationals, possible addiction and degenerative diseases.

For a very interesting and in-depth look into healthy living/eating, read "Living Foods for Optimum Health" by Brian Clement & Theresa Foy DiGeronimo. This book is filled with information on nutrition, vegan raw food recipes and information on health and well being.

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ANIMALS IN GREECE...

... and what the Holiday Brochures don't tell you!

Lazy fat mongrels sleeping in the shade or paddling along the warm beaches in the evening. Kittens meowing from the balconies of whitewashed houses. These are the many images that tourists have of animals in Greece - the sort of images seen in the holiday brochures and on postcards. The truth is, many of the stray dogs and cats are poisoned at the end of the holiday season or they may even die from starvation or disease. The average life-span of a stray dog or cat in Greece is less than two years. Last year I worked for six months at an animal sanctuary near Athens, run by the **Greek Animal Rescue**, a UK based charity (Reg. Charity No: 802243). It was a harrowing, unforgettable but ultimately a very positive experience.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO CONVEY
THE REALITY OF LIFE FOR ANIMALS
IN GREECE, AND TO SHOW WHAT
CAN BE DONE TO HELP.**

**DOGS - Spaying & neutering
... a positive way forward**

People in Greece rarely neuter their dogs. They see this as unnatural and routinely let them have puppies. Normally they will keep the puppies for 2-3 months and then they take them somewhere and "let them go" - i.e., dump them. This is seen as "giving them a chance", the natural way of the world. Within days most of the puppies will have died from dehydration in the scorching sun. The rest are highly likely to die from parvo or distemper as soon as they come into contact with other stray dogs. The survivors add to the tens of thousands of stray dogs found everywhere in Greece.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THE
STRAYS?**

Aside from parvo and distemper, stray dogs in Greece face other life-threatening diseases. Many are found to be

- infested with ticks, sometimes with literally thousands of them. These blood-sucking life destroying parasites are also carriers of many diseases, though if treated in time they can be cured. Then there is Kala-azar (Leishmaniasis), a tropical disease transmitted by a sandfly, which is incurable. It is a slow, wasting disease which attacks the immune system and causes most of the internal organs to fail over a period of months. The skin becomes dry and scabby and when it flakes off, it leaves the dog covered in open sores which fail to heal.

- Poisoning of dogs is a widespread practice throughout Greece, usually carried out at the end of the tourist season (or at any time the strays are deemed to be a nuisance). They die a slow and agonising death after eating pieces of meat or bread laced with rat poison, farm pesticides, or crushed glass, scattered around indiscriminately. This is illegal, but it is a law that is not enforced. We have also found many examples of dogs that have been subjected to even more barbaric practices, such as being tied to a railway line; dragged behind cars by the front legs tied with a rope; tortured with barbed wire, hanged from trees; thrown in lime, shot by hunters... the list goes on.

- Every year, thousands of dogs are run down by cars; Greek drivers rarely slow down or make an effort to avoid the dogs which are generally regarded as vermin. Dead dogs of all descriptions litter the Greek highways. They will be removed from the public squares, but on the sides of the faster roads they rot quickly in the sun. Every time I drove to the vets, I would stop by the latest casualties to check they were dead. Many of the dogs at the sanctuary are road traffic casualties and still limping, though their injuries by now healed.

- Cold and starvation also claim many lives. There are many kind Greeks who feed stray dogs and cats, but they rarely have the resources or the inclination to neuter the animals. Feeding them becomes a never-ending task where the population races ahead of the available food supply. As a



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result, we are constantly finding seriously underweight dogs which we take to the shelter to restore back to health.

CATS

Although slightly better able to look after themselves, cats do suffer many of the same problems as dogs. They are bred out of control, and left to fend for themselves as kittens. Vast number succumb to cat'flu and other feline diseases, or they are run over by cars, poisoned...



GREEK ANIMAL RESCUE

Greek Animal Rescue (GAR) is a small UK based charity, founded in 1989 by Vesna Jones (after returning from a *holiday* in Greece), in order to alleviate the plight of animals in Greece. GAR's priority has always been and remains the rescue of injured and abandoned stray dogs and cats. GAR also promotes and undertakes neutering and is solely responsible for funding and running of the animal sanctuary in Markopoulo. The shelter was founded by Niko Leventakis, a local Greek man who has dedicated his life to helping the neglected and abused animals in Greece. He and his wife Linda manage the day-to-day running of the shelter, with the help of volunteer workers (mostly from the UK). Niko also deals with many emergency calls, picking up injured or diseased dogs at all times of the night and day. The shelter liaises with local vets, to spay and neuter as many strays as possible. It costs just £20 to spay a bitch, but the numbers that can be done are severely limited by lack of funds and volunteers to provide the post-operative care.

There are currently around 180 dogs and 60 cats at the shelter, but finding good homes for them is easier said than done. Some of them are homed with families in Greece and a few go to Germany, Holland and Switzerland - even the UK, despite the quarantine laws.

WHAT WE NEED

Basically we need two things: volunteers and money. Being a small charity and putting animals first, we are always struggling to keep our heads above water, but even so, a steady progress has been made over the years. We have

many more hopes and dreams, but to realise them, we need more volunteers and yes, more money too.

If you would like to support our work, please make your cheques / POs payable to **GAR** and send to:

69 Great North Way, Hendon, London NW4 1PT

In return, you will receive a copy of GAR Newsletter [3 per year], which includes many rescue stories and other interesting articles.

We also "collect" unwanted or broken gold and silver jewellery, which is sold through a GAR supporter's jewellery shop in Dolgellau, where it fetches the best possible price. All profit from the sale of jewellery is given to GAR. The sale of donated jewellery raised over £6,000 in the past four years or so, but in order to keep this excellent "fund-raiser" going, we urgently need to restock. Current GAR supporters have already given what they had ... do YOU have an item of jewellery which you no longer want or is broken and are not likely to mend? If so, please send it to us.

You can contact GAR by phone:

0181 203 1956 Fax: 0181 202 8809
or email at: gar-uk@dial.pipex.com.

You can also find out more about GAR from our website:

<http://dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/gar-uk>
(needs updating, but the contents give an idea of what GAR is all about) and if you are interested in volunteering to work at the shelter, please read on.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

A rota of volunteer workers, mostly from the UK, have over the past few years taken turns in working at the shelter, for between two and six months at a time. Ideally there should always be at least three or four *carers* at the shelter, though when necessary, two people can cope adequately with the work. Because it takes at least one month for the *newcomers* to really get to know all the animals, the daily routine of cleaning, feeding etc, short-term workers are not really suitable, but not necessarily turned down, especially if there are at least two experienced workers already at the shelter.

Organising a regular supply of workers for the shelter has not been easy, but of those who have worked there, most have returned at least once (because they missed the animals so much!), for another stint of 2 or 3 months. However, we really need to find more permanent staff - ideally at least one person who would commit themselves to working at the shelter for a year or two and 2-3 other

people for a few months at a time. That way a routine can be maintained, without any undue changes and stress to the animals.

Because the shelter is fairly isolated (a farm on the hill, in the middle of vineyards and pistachio groves, though the nearest village is as just a short bike ride away), we feel more at ease if there is at least one male worker at the shelter at all times; definitely nobody under 21 years old and everybody is expected to take responsibility for themselves. For anybody who may consider working at the shelter for six months or more, a trial period of 2-4 weeks is usually the best way of finding out if the work would suit them and enough time for us to assess *if they are what we are looking for*. **Definitely no "adventure seekers"!**

Whilst **modest** accommodation at the shelter and some food is provided for those working there, we are not in a position to pay any real wages and everybody is expected to cover their airfare. We try to help out the long-term workers with their *living expenses* when needed, but unfortunately our resources are very limited.

Working at our shelter is best suited to someone who:

- loves animals (of course!) and **genuinely** wants to help them.
- preferably has at least some experience of working with animals/ handling dogs & cats.
- is *down to earth*; i.e., sensible and able to make own decisions when needed.
- is an *early riser* and not afraid of hard work
- is able to deal with injured and sick animals and yes, death also
- doesn't mind living with few *home comforts* and lack of social life

... in short, somebody with two right hands, a big heart and simple needs ... if that describes you, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact either
Vesna : 0181 203 1956 or
Patrick : 01865 723 105

ANIMALS IN GREECE HAVE VERY FEW FRIENDS...

**PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THEM -
PLEASE BE THEIR FRIEND TOO**



DAMIEN HIRST

Damien Hirst, con 'artist' and pickler of animals, recently exhibited his work in a Brooklyn Museum art exhibition in New York. Hirst uses the bodies of animals suspended in formaldehyde within glass cases. One of the most piteous exhibits is of a lamb entitled: "Away from the Flock." Another, entitled: "Some Comfort Gained From The Acceptance of the Inherent Lies in Everything" depicts a cow sectioned in 12 separate cases (beginning and ending with a head) in what can only be described as the outpourings of a deranged mind. The bisected pigs, the case containing a fake cow's head covered with real flies and maggots, and the pretentious titles just go to show what Damien Hirst really is - a butcherer of animals and a part of the establishment that treats animals as objects of derision and abuse.

In April 1999, the Western Daily Press reported that Damien Hirst had taken possession of an art studio in Chalford, near Stroud. He secured a large warehouse style building on the edge of an industrial estate in the village. Hirst had been interested in setting up a studio for some time and this one lies between his home in Devon and his studio in London.

Over the years, Hirst has attracted several protests by animal liberationists appalled by his exploitation of animals. His exhibitions have been picketed and activists attacked a restaurant in London after Hirst displayed flayed bulls' heads in the bar.

News from SQAT

Stop Quintiles' Animal Tests - campaigning against animal experiments at Quintiles' laboratories in Ledbury (Herefords) and Riccarton (Edinburgh)

Quintiles Locations

Other premises in Britain belonging to Quintiles are situated in Marlow, Egham, London, Staines, Battle, Esher, Bracknell, Bathgate, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leamington, Kingston upon Thames and Knutsford. We don't believe vivisection takes place at any of these, but demos outside by local AR groups would educate the staff that their employers are involved in animal torture elsewhere (many don't know) and put pressure on the company to pull out of animal experimentation. They are very concerned about their public image and don't like people to know they're involved in vivisection. Contact SQAT if you'd like more details.

Injunctions Make It Worse for Everett

On May 5th David J. Everett, head of toxicology at Quintiles lab, succeeded in obtaining injunctions at the High Court in London against two protesters, following a visit to his home by anti-vivisection campaigners who wished to ask him when he and Quintiles were going to stop torturing animals. Everett, who wasn't home at the time, told several lies about the protesters in his application for the injunction. Hardly surprising behaviour for a vivisector.

Just over two weeks later, at 4:30 in the afternoon, fifteen other campaigners, complete with anti-vivisection banners and placards, responded by holding a noisy demo outside Everett's house. There was much sympathy from passers-by and a lad who lives two doors down from Everett even joined the demonstration. Everett's wife called police, but there were no arrests and the demo was allowed to continue for two hours. Everett himself didn't turn up, as he had been advised to stay at Quintiles until the demo was over.

Then, on Friday, June 25th, a dozen activists staged another noisy two-hour demo outside Everett's home. Police and security guards were there to protect him when he returned home from work and two protesters were arrested and charged with Public Order Act offences. They were released on bail with a condition not to go within 5 miles of Ledbury. Everett (who has now installed CCTV outside his home) is one of those split-minded vivisectors who has "pets" (two bearded collie dogs) at home, but sees nothing wrong in going off to torture beagles and other animals at the laboratory.

For anyone else who wishes to politely question him about his activities, his address is 28-31 Lower Rd, Ledbury.

Demos in the USA

Activists surrounded the Quintiles office in Salt Lake City on Thursday, June 24th and, on Saturday 26th, ten protesters held a demo outside a Quintiles premises in San Francisco and distributed leaflets inside and outside the building.

Home Office Demo/Quintiles Occupation

On Thursday, July 15th about 40 people holding banners and placards held an anti-vivisection protest outside the Home Office in Queen Anne's Gate, London. One of the purposes of the demo was to demand that the Home Office revoke the licence granted to Quintiles to carry out animal experiments, and a 35,000 signature petition calling for the licence to be revoked was handed in.

About 30 of the protesters then staged a 40-minute occupation at the offices of Quintiles Holdings Ltd at 40-41 Pall Mall. Quintiles Holdings is one of 17 premises in the UK owned by the Quintiles Transnational Corporation.

Really Getting to Them

Activity against Quintiles' Ledbury laboratory has increased in recent weeks with morning pickets (to "welcome" the staff to work) as well as the usual afternoon ones (to "greet" them on their way home) and "home visits" to the houses of two Quintiles employees involved in animal experiments. All this is obviously upsetting Quintiles and their workers more than usual as, following one particularly boisterous picket, the company's solicitors threatened several demonstrators with injunctions to try to prevent them trespassing on Quintiles' property and blockading vehicles going in and out of the lab. Also, on several occasions, drivers of vehicles leaving the lab have attempted to knock down protesters standing at the roadside. The threat of injunctions is being ignored and SQAT is in the process of obtaining names and addresses of the offending drivers, so that action can be taken against them.

For anyone that might be interested, Quintiles' solicitors are:

Howard Kennedy, 19 Cavendish Square, London W1A 2AW, tel: 0207 636 1616 fax: 0207 664 4587 and the particular solicitor acting for Quintiles is: **Nicholas Treppass, tel: 0207 546 8987 e-mail: N.Treppass@hk.law.co.uk.**

Perhaps someone should politely inform these characters of the immorality of acting for a firm that tortures animals to death.

News from Scotland

On September 14th, about 20 protesters staged a picket outside Quintiles' vivisection lab at Heriot-Watt University Research Park, Riccarton, Edinburgh. Local animal rights campaigners took part in the protest organised by the BUAV. The laboratory bought 50 beagle pups from Leicestershire breeding farm, Harlan UK, in March, for the purposes of experimentation. Harlan was later the subject of a shocking report by the BUAV, following an undercover investigation, which found evidence of appalling neglect and the slaughter of healthy dogs that were surplus to requirements. The secretly filmed evidence is now the subject of a Home Office inquiry whose results are expected soon. The BUAV also held a public meeting - and although their interest in campaigning against Quintiles is likely to be short-lived, it did enable Edinburgh Animal Rights to get lots of new people interested in their ongoing campaign against the laboratory. Meanwhile, Glasgow animal rights activists have been busy sending info about Quintiles' animal experiments and the Harlan connection to Scottish politicians and the media to counteract the favourable publicity Quintiles recently received following their creation of 1500 new jobs in the Edinburgh area.

Finally, we have learned that Australian pharmaceutical company Metabolic has appointed Quintiles' Edinburgh lab to carry out animal experiments on AOD9604, a new anti-obesity drug it is developing. So once again innocent animals have to suffer just because people don't have the willpower to consume less calories and take more exercise.

Anyone who wants to help the campaign against Quintiles' animal tests in Scotland should contact:

Edinburgh Animal Rights
c/o Autonomous Centre, 17 West Montgomery
Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA
Tel: 0131 441 1665
E-mail: jacqueline@mulvenna.demon.co.uk

Stop Quintiles' Animal Tests, PO Box 127,
Kidderminster, Worcs, DY10 3UZ
Tel: 01562 745778
E-mail: 100302.1616@compuserve.com



David Hall and Partners breed albino guinea pigs for vivisection. They are based at 2 sites at **Darley Oaks Farm, Newchurch, Nr. Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.** (Tel: 01283 575321). Hidden away in sheds at the back of these sites there are over 10,000 guinea pigs that are bred for use in horrific, useless experiments in vivisection laboratories.

After a raid on the farm by concerned campaigners, video coverage taken in the sheds shows a high mortality rate amongst the guinea piglets, with evidence of distressed mothers killing and eating their young. The pens were filthy and full of excrement - the paperwork taken from the farm explains that the pens, containing 9 females to 1 male, are only cleaned once a week. These 'stock' pens, where the guinea pigs are bred from for 20-22 months unless 'mothering quality or litter sizes determine that they should be culled', and where many of the guinea pigs spend their entire lives, are just 5ft by 2ft. That is the amount of space they think is suitable for 10 adults and as many as 24 young at any one time. Within these prisons there is nowhere for the guinea pigs to pursue their natural behaviour of hiding, foraging and burrowing. There are so many guinea pigs dying in this hellhole that the bodies have to be removed on a daily basis!

What you can do:

- Turn up to the daily demos, regional weekend demos, Saturday all night vigils, and national demos.
- Spread the word about this disgusting 'business' and our campaign to end it. Leaflets and factsheets are available (all free - donations appreciated).
- Write & phone Hall, his suppliers, and his customers to tell them what you think. Info is available in the factsheets and the newsletters.
- Help by fundraising, writing letters, and spreading the word around the country about the use of guinea pigs and all animals in cruel and scientifically invalid experiments.

Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs
PO Box 74, Evesham, Worc, WR11 5WF
Tel: 01902 564734

Some Hunting News

The foxhunting season started on 1st November, so if you would like to go sabbing, contact your local sab group. Details below.

Terrierman Convicted

Jim Goodyer, terrierman for the Woodland Pytchey Fox-hounds in Northants, was convicted and fined for common assault on 23rd September. The incident occurred at a meet on 27th March when sabs were attacked by hunt thugs armed with pickaxe handles.

Hunt Saboteur Targeted

A well-known hunt sab from Dorchester opened his front door on the night of Friday 1st October to find a parcel containing a mutilated rabbit. A noose was placed around its neck, and a note reading: "You should have seen it scream, ha ha ha," stuffed in its ripped open stomach. The parcel was immediately passed to local police.

How You Can Help End Bloodsports

Organisations such as the Countryside Alliance are backed by some of the richest people in Britain, and can

spend millions on advertising and paid campaigners. Their wealth and power gives them a stranglehold over most of the media and some of the most influential people in government.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association, in comparison, runs solely on funds from you, the public, who keep the organisation afloat with donations and membership. It depends on the small band of volunteers who give over their spare time to keep the HSA running smoothly; who produce leaflets and adverts and sales goods; who staff stalls; who give advice to other sabs and deal with the press. And most importantly, it depends on the dedication of the men and women who, week in, week out, defy the hunts on their own turf and in the face of increasing violence and police powers, still manage to save the lives of thousands of hunted animals every year.

There are several ways you can help the HSA:

■ Get in touch with your local sab group (details from the office on 01273 622827) and either go sabbing yourself or help in other ways such as fundraising or mechanics.

■ If you are not already a member of the HSA, please join now.

■ Ask the office for back copies of HAS's magazine 'Howl' to leave in places where they can be read by members of the public (ie doctors' waiting rooms or library reference section).

■ Support us by buying HSA T-shirts and other merchandise. Phone the office if you don't already have a sales goods order form.

■ Let the hunters know what you think! Write to your local newspaper's letters page and write to your MP to let them know your views on government plans either regarding hunting or hunt saboteurs.

HSA membership costs £10 (waged) or £7.50 (unwaged). The HSA's magazine 'Howl' is produced 4 times a year. Donations are welcome.

Cheques/PO's should be made payable to 'HSA'.

**HSA, PO Box 2786,
Brighton BN2 2AX
Tel: 01273 622827**

Alternatives to Animal Use in Eastern Europe

The work of Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine to eliminate animal use in medical schools in Eastern Europe culminated this year in an international conference in Poznan, Poland, attended by physicians from the US, Poland, Russia, and the Ukraine. Professors Andrzej Trzebski and Kazimierz Ziemnicki of the Medical Academy of Warsaw and the University of Poznan, respectively, had eliminated animal use at their schools, with help and encouragement from PCRM and Fundacja Animals. Realising enormous educational and financial

benefits, they aim to see their new non-animal teaching methods to become routine elsewhere.

Doctors Jerry Vlasak and Rich McLellan, PCRM physician member, met with officials of medical institutes in the Ukraine, all of whom were initially sceptical about the feasibility of non-animal methods. By the end of the conference, however, they were so interested in eliminating animal use at their institute that they invited Dr. Vlasak to the Ukraine to aid the process. One obstacle faced by the Ukrainian educators is the lack of

computer hardware to run the physiology and pharmacology computer programs now used in Poland. PCRM is working to help provide the needed resources, and will build upon this progress in Eastern European medical education to encourage further elimination of animal use.

**Physicians Committee for
Responsible Medicine
5100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Suite 404, Washington, DC
20016
web: www.pcrm.org**

What the Papers Say

A Selection of Press Cuttings from the Past Few Months

Animal rights demo punch-up

Sunday Independent

AN animal rights demonstration erupted into violence when opponents were confronted by furious farmers outside a burger bar.

A dozen protesters were handing out shock-tactic leaflets outside the Wimpy's Restaurant in High

Street, Dorchester. They were campaigning against the 'slaughter of pregnant cows for hamburger meat.'

On-looker Idris Martin said he believed that the farmers were eating at a table when a protester slapped a leaflet in front of

them. 'One man got very upset,' he said. 'He tore the banners and started on the leaflets. Punches were exchanged.'

'This farmer kept saying: "You're stealing my livelihood".'

One animal rights campaigner, who would give his name

only as Neil, said: 'A couple of farmers came in and started ripping up leaflets and hitting people.'

'We had a bit of a bundle, although I wouldn't say we fought back. We are a pacifist group.'

By the time the police arrived, the fight-

ing had stopped. Paul Simpson, chairman of Dorset branch of the NFU, said leaflets were 'disgusting and full of lies.' He said: 'They say old cows are slaughtered for burgers - but no cows older than 30 months are allowed into the food chain.'

Scots to lead field in banning fox hunting

By Jason Allardyce, Scottish Political Reporter

FOX hunting will be outlawed in Scotland by next summer - up to two years ahead of England, it emerged yesterday.

Labour ignited the wrath of countryside campaigners by confirming that a backbencher in the Scottish Parliament will table a Private Member's Bill to prohibit hunting with packs of hounds.

Because the Edinburgh Parliament has no second chamber and a ban commands support among a majority of MSPs, the Bill is likely to become law by next summer.

Mike Watson, the Labour MSP for Glasgow Cathcart who will pilot the Bill, is pre-

paring to make a statement later this week.

He is known to have liaised closely with the pressure group Advocates for Animals on a draft Bill similar to that of Mike Foster, the Labour MP, which was blocked by Tories in the Commons last year.

The Bill, being co-sponsored by the Scottish National Party MSP Tricia Marwick, is expected to outlaw hunting and killing with hounds for foxes, as well as hare-coursing.

To minimise the impact on farming communities, it will continue to be legal, however, for farmers to shoot foxes on their land to protect livestock.

Fox destruction clubs, which use hounds to flush out foxes to be shot by marksmen, often to protect farm animals at lambing time, are also expected to be allowed to continue.

Les Ward, director of Advocates for Animals, was confident that the Scottish Bill, which will affect ten mounted hunts mainly in the Scottish Borders, will go before Holyrood before the year's end.

He added: "Our nation has been tarnished by the barbarism of blood sports for too long. We have got rid of badger baiting, cock fighting and putting children up chimneys. It is time to get rid of the inde-

Butcher's van destroyed in arson attack

East Anglian Daily Times 13.7.99

YOUNG arsonists are believed to have struck at a family butchers in Stowmarket - causing thousands of pounds-worth of damage in a late night attack.

Police are hunting the youths responsible as the owners count the costs of the incident.

R C Hubbard butchers in the heart of Combs Ford, Stowmarket, had its delivery van and garage destroyed on Sunday night at 10.20pm.

The van, owned by Ronald Hubbard, was left a charred wreck, its seats melted, the chassis blackened. His garage was also severely damaged. The garage, one of a row of four, is close to the business in Poplar Hill.

A POULTRY factory employing more than 200 workers has closed its doors for the last time.

Grampian Country Foods revealed its plans to shut its chicken processing factory in Bury St Edmunds three months ago. The move came only two years after the company bought the Cotton Lane site and left 255 workers facing relocation or redundancy.

Alasdair Cox, spokesman for the Aberdeen-based company, said: "Following the consultation period with the employees a significant number of the workforce have taken positions at other Grampian locations at Witham, Eye, Haverhill and Attleborough (Norfolk). "Some staff have opted for the redundancy package and the remainder have gained jobs at other local Bury businesses."

East Anglian Daily Times 24.9.99

Times 22.7.99

Souvenir trade 'puts rare animals at risk'

TOURISTS are putting endangered species at risk by bringing home increasing numbers of illegal wildlife souvenirs, the World Wide Fund for Nature has warned. It says more than 50,000 traditional Chinese medicine products were seized in the UK last year and the number of animal souvenirs seized was up by 14 per cent.

Among items uncovered by customs officers were a peregrine falcon, listed as a parrot on official papers, and a 6ft stuffed Nile crocodile. WWF-UK's Stuart Chapman said: 'By buying these souvenirs, you could be putting some of our most beautiful wildlife at risk.'

Metro 5.7.99

Gun accident

A 15-year-old was recovering in hospital after being accidentally shot in the head and body by his father while hunting rabbits. They were on opposite sides of a hedge near Newark, Nottinghamshire, when the father fired, hitting his son. Police said they understood the gun had been discharged by mistake.

Times 4.5.99

Elephant who could not forget dies of broken heart

Sutapa Mukerjee
in Lucknow

For 24 days Damini refused to move, eat or drink. Despite the attention of a series of experts, the 72-year-old seemed determined to die, her heart apparently broken by the death of a close companion.

Finally, on Wednesday, Damini the elephant died in her enclosure at the Prince of Wales zoo in Lucknow, northern India, her loose skin hanging over protruding bones, bed sores covering her body.

Damini had arrived at the zoo last year after being confiscated from owners who were illegally transporting her. She was alone in her new home for five months until September, when a pregnant younger elephant named Champakali arrived on a kind of maternity leave.

Although zoo officials were worried about caring for Champakali, "Damini took up the job instantaneously", Utkarsh Shukla, a vet at the zoo, said.

The two elephants became

inseparable. According to experts such attachments are common, with the older elephant caring for the younger, especially in pregnancy.

When Champakali died on April 11 giving birth to a still-born calf, Damini seemed to shed tears, according to zoo officials. For days she stood still in her enclosure, barely nibbling at the 2 tonnes of sugarcane, bananas and grass heaped in front of her.

Her legs swelled and eventually gave way, leaving Damini lying on her side, head and

ears drooping, trunk curled. Tears rolled down her face and the four-tonne elephant rapidly lost weight.

She lay "staring at the staff with her sad eyes, moist with tears", according to Kamaal, a zookeeper.

A week ago she completely stopped eating and on Wednesday she died. "In the face of Damini's intense grief, all our treatment failed," said Dr Shukla.

"It will take me some time to get over the death of my two loved ones," said Kamaal. AP

Guardian 7.5.99

Hirst exhibition 'sick stuff' says Mayor Giuliani

THE UNITED STATES opening of the controversial "Sensation" exhibition - showcase for Damien Hirst, Chris Ofili and other provocative Young British Artists - was in jeopardy yesterday after the Mayor of New York denounced their work as "sick stuff" and threatened to withdraw all city funding from the museum hosting the show.

"Sensation", the Charles Saatchi-owned collection that took the Royal Academy by storm in 1997, was due to open at the Brooklyn Museum of Art on October 2 for a three-month run. But Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the city would withhold its annual \$7m (£4.3m) subsidy, almost a third of the museum's budget, unless the exhibition was cancelled.

Independent 24.9.99

Snake charmer's hiss of death

THAILAND'S TOP snake charmer was killed by one of his own cobras which turned on him during a show, police said. Lod Pramuang, 59, was bitten on Wednesday by the cobra which he had trained at the north-eastern village of Saimoon, a tourist spot famed for its snake charmers and their shows. He died later in hospital.

Independent 15.10.99

Wild bird exporter convicted

A guesthouse owner was seized near Heathrow trying to send wild greenfinches to Malta. Uxbridge magistrates were told that the Maltese preferred British greenfinches - which could fetch £40 each - "because they sing better than any other bird". Vincent El-lul, 42, of Paddington, West London, was conditionally discharged for possessing 47 wild songbirds and ordered to pay £4,814 costs.

Times 14.7.99

Organising the City anarchists

ANARCHY is highly organised these days (Tim Reid writes). The bloody riots that erupted in the City of London on Friday had been planned in detail on the Internet for months.

What has emerged since Friday's Carnival Against Capitalism, which resulted in damage estimated at £2 million, is how the Internet has become a powerful tool for Britain's anarchist groups.

A battle plan timetabling Friday's events was drawn up at the end of last year by a previously unknown group called J18. Its website included a map of Central London showing the protest targets, including "merchant banks", "exchanges", "institutional investors" and "law firms". It gave numbers for telephone lines telling people to

gather at Liverpool Street station, offering help with accommodation, and giving the numbers of civil rights solicitors.

One City of London police officer said: "There is a hard core of violent and dangerous protesters who are now able to use the Internet and mobile phones to great effect... they can use the modern technology to recruit new members much more easily."

J18, named after Friday's date - June 18 - planned a worldwide protest against Third World debt to coincide with the start of the G8 summit in Cologne. It claims no leaders, but its senior figures are members of Reclaim the Streets, the anti-car movement that has disrupted London on previous occasions.

Deadly animal tests are banned

ANIMAL RIGHTS groups were celebrating last night after laboratory tests that depend on 50 per cent of the animal involved dying were banned. LD50 tests, which examine the toxicity of chemicals, will no longer be allowed unless no alternative test exists, the Home Office announced.

Independent 22.10.99

A Selection of Press Cuttings from the Past Few Months

■ Police are investigating an arson attack on a family firm's meat lorries and believe that animal liberation activists may be behind it

by Helen Parrott

News Reporter

ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMISTS are being blamed for a blaze at a family-run meat processing business which has caused damage estimated at £500,000.

The arsonists targeted seven meat-laden lorries parked in the yard of Cherryfield

(Croydon) Ltd, in Whistlers Meat Market, Cherry Orchard Road, which they set on fire late on Saturday.

Petrol-soaked clothing was put under the wheel arches of each lorry and an incendiary device used to start the blaze. Plastic bottles of flammable liquid were also found nearby.

Police believe the arson attack was the work of the Animal Liberation Front or a similar hard-line animal rights organisation.

DC Matt Robins, at South Norwood CID, said: "There is no doubt that this fire was started deliberately. It was a professional job.

"There were seven fires under all seven lorries parked in the yard and each was started with petrol soaked devices. They are gutted.

Croydon Advertiser 24.9.99

Protesters wreck GM show crop

By David Brown
Agriculture Editor

PROTESTERS destroyed plots of genetically modified sugar beet at Britain's main arable crops show window in Hertfordshire yesterday.

Members of the action group Genetix Snowball evaded security staff at Cereals '99 and ripped up two demonstration plots of Monsanto's experimental "Roundup-Ready" sugar beet as a crowd of farmers looked on at Vine Farm, Wendy, near Royston.

The event is the main national show where farmers can see the latest cereals, oil-seed rape and sugar beet varieties growing in demonstration plots.

Other demonstration plots, including non-GM varieties, were destroyed by activists on the site in May.

One of the protesters, who described himself as Alex Potts, a teacher from North Yorkshire, said: "GM crops are bad for the Third World and bad for the environment. We have only destroyed commercial promotional crops, not research plots and we are perfectly open about what we do."

Daily Telegraph 18.6.99

Attack on laboratories

USA: An animal rights group ransacked laboratories at a US university, taking research animals and causing £600,000 damage.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said the group smashed computers and wrecked microscopes at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Hull Daily Times 7.4.99

Loggers plan giant GM trees

FORESTS OF giant genetically engineered trees are being planned in a development which ecologists fear will threaten entire ecosystems.

Pulp and paper companies have teamed up with the world's leading biotechnology firms to alter trees genetically to make them grow faster, pulp more easily and give them resistance to pests.

But the drive to create "designer trees" has caused alarm among environmentalists who fear that it could cause irreparable damage to the plants, insects and animals that rely on trees to survive.

They say that if logging companies create "custom-made" trees the world's forests could be disrupted, along with the complex ecosystems they sustain.

They also fear that new GM traits - such as herbicide resistance - will be spread to natural

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trees, creating hybrids. In a nightmarish vision of the future, they warn that trees engineered to grow faster could cross-breed with their ordinary relatives, creating enormous trees which block out the sun, suck up huge amounts of water and damage houses with their giant roots.

Several patents on genetically modifying the structure of trees have recently been filed and multi-million dollar joint ventures are already being forged between logging companies and agro-chemical firms.

Last month, Monsanto signed a \$60m joint venture with International Paper, Westvaco Corporation and Fletcher Challenge Forests to genetically engineer faster-growing trees with improved fibre quality.

In Britain, the first test site of

genetically engineered poplar trees has been planted near Bracknell, Berkshire, by biotechnology company Zeneca.

The EU-funded experiment is designed to create a species which can produce cleaner paper. All the GM trees are female so they cannot breed with neighbouring species.

But environmentalists fear that, because trees take up to 100 years to mature, it will be impossible to conduct proper tests to predict any effects on the environment.

The Forestry Commission, the Government's ruling body on UK woodland, has been experimenting with engineering the genes in Sitka spruce to make the pine resistant to pests and diseases. But the Commission has warned that GM organisms should not be used in forestry in the UK until they have been properly tested.

Independent on Sunday 16.5.99

River fish killed

Thousands of young salmon and sea trout are thought to have died yesterday from suspected farm pollution affecting seven miles of the Tamar on the Devon and Cornwall border. A major emergency operation is under way.

Times 8.7.99

Helicopter saves dog

Liz Campey was so worried when her family's 11-year-old blind Labrador disappeared on a walk that she telephoned a helicopter training company to ask for help in her search. At Sherburn Aerodrome, Bas Strijland scrambled a two-seater Robinson R22 helicopter and after 30 minutes the dog, Kimmi, was spotted and rescued 15ft from the edge of Selby canal, near the family's home in West Haddlesey, North Yorkshire.

Times 12.8.99

Shell survivor

Gary Perkins, a first-aid instructor, saved a neighbour's tortoise with the kiss of life in Portslade, East Sussex. The pet was upside-down and motionless in a fish pond, but he shook the water out of its shell and blew into its mouth and nose.

Times 4.8.99

Shell threatening tropical dry forest

A GAS pipeline backed by Shell threatens to destroy the world's biggest remaining tract of tropical dry forest, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) warned yesterday.

The Chiquitano forest in eastern Bolivia, home to many of the world's most vulnerable species, including the jaguar, the ocelot and the critically endangered hyacinth macaw, faces bisection by a 224-mile-long pipeline transferring natural gas from Rio San Miguel in Bolivia to Cuiaba in Brazil.

The development, backed by a consortium led by the US oil giant Enron and in which Shell is a 25 per cent partner, is "completely unacceptable," said Clive Wicks, head of international programmes for WWF-UK. "This area has been identified as one of the richest, rarest and most biologically outstanding examples of the Earth's diverse habitats and a priority region for conservation efforts," he said.

Independent 12.6.99

Puppy farm law passed

A NEW law to improve standards at puppy farms were last night approved by the Lords and expected to become law by December.

The Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Bill will give inspectors greater powers over commercial breeders and force kennel owners to keep records of their dogs.

Anyone breeding more than five litters a year without a licence would risk a three-month jail sentence and a ban from running a breeding establishment.

Express 30.6.99

East Anglian Daily Times 10.4.99

CIRCUS trainer Mary Chipperfield flew to Spain yesterday after she was fined £7,500 for cruelty to a baby chimp – and vowed to continue working with animals, despite a storm of protest.

Animal welfare activists and MPs demanded that Chipperfield and her husband Roger Cawley – fined £1,000 for cruelty to a sick elephant – should be banned from ever working with animals again.

There were rowdy scenes after the court hearing in Aldershot, Hampshire, when the couple were mobbed by more than 100 animal activists while they were escorted by police to a waiting van.

The 100-yard walk took 10 minutes, as the crowd screamed abuse and threw bananas and coins. At least 50 police officers held back the crowd.

Chipperfield, 61, pledged to defy campaigners and continue working with animals, despite the £7,500 fine imposed by the court for cruelty to the chimp Trudy.

The separate £1,000 fine imposed on her 64-year-old husband left them with a total bill of £20,740, including legal costs.

Farm suicides

One farmer a week is being driven to suicide by the pressures of maintaining cash flow and dealing with red tape, a report by the Rural Stress Information Network says. It shows that many with mental ill-health are reluctant to discuss their problems because they fear being stigmatised. Farmers are more likely to broach a problem with a vet than with their GP.

Times 13.7.99

Vegetarian sparks row

Welsh Assembly First Secretary Alun Michael was last night facing criticism from livestock producers after putting a vegetarian in charge of farming and rural affairs.

Christine Gwyther, who has not eaten meat for 20 years, is among the Welsh Labour leader's top appointments to the Cabinet of the Welsh Assembly. Farming unions as well as Conservatives on the assembly have raised doubts that she will be able to do the job properly. But Ms Gwyther, 36, assembly member for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, said she would "totally support" farmers and fishermen. She said there was no conflict between her role and her beliefs.

East Anglian Daily Times 15.5.99

Children 'given pig cells'

BRAIN-DAMAGED children were injected with animal cells from sheep, cattle and pigs at a special clinic, putting them at risk of fatal livestock diseases, a court heard yesterday.

Professor Forrester Coburn told Glasgow Sheriff Court that use of the animal cells without proper testing was "dangerous" and that "on no account" would he do it himself. He said the risk of the children developing po-

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tentially fatal shock from the injections "outweighed any potential benefits".

The claims were made at the trial of Harvey Good, 49, who admits injecting brain-damaged children with sheep cells while working as a medical consultant to a Scottish charity but denies recklessly having

disregard for their safety and injecting them without approval.

He also denies injecting children with foetal cells from pigs and cows which had not been clinically tested, proved or licensed. A mother of four, from Newcastle upon Tyne, told the court that her brain-damaged daughter, now aged seven, seemed to have made a marked improvement after the treatment.

Independent 18.6.99

ROME FUR FARMER HITS OUT

British animal rights activists, linked to the pressure group PETA, were attacked by the owner of a fur farm near Rome. Nine people were injured, including two journalists.

Independent on Sunday 9.5.99

Woman's lung punctured by tooth

A WOMAN suffered a punctured lung when she inhaled a false tooth while choking on a hotdog. Surgeons at Papworth Hospital, near Cambridge, operated three times on Sharon Standring, 34, of Warboys, Cambridgeshire, before managing to remove the tooth.

Independent 13.10.99

Drainpipe dog is stuck for 19 hours

AN adventurous dog which spent 19 hours trapped in a drainpipe was freed after a frantic all-night rescue dig.

Terrier-cross Ben disappeared after scampering down a storm pipe on a walk with his owner, head teacher Geoff Haley, 50.

Geoff tracked the six-year-old animal's yelps for almost a mile along underground pipes to a new housing estate near Consett, Co Durham.

Geoff, his daughter Helen, 24, and friends worked flat out with shovels to dig up a section of newly-laid road. Dozens of villagers brought food and lighting to help them. And when labourers arrived the next day they set to work with a mechanical digger.

Eventually, Ben was pulled from a six-inch pipe, covered in slime but otherwise unharmed.

Express 5.5.99

Badger to get a new home

LAING is promising to build a permanent home for a badger if it wins planning permission for 155 luxury houses on a site in Teddington, west London.

Plans lodged with the local council contain a subterranean retreat for the badger, which has lived on the Normansfield Hospital site since 1997.

Laing also plans to build a network of walkways for the badger to cross the site safely to reach a fenced-off feeding area.

A spokesman said: "We would wish to ensure the protection of the badger and its long-term safety."

Construction news
11.2.99

BANNER-WAVING 'cows' stampeded into a town centre as animal rights activists took on the might of the fast food industry.

The publicity stunt outside McDonald's in Wandsworth High Street on Friday marked the launch of a global campaign to improve the quality of animals' lives before they entered the food-chain.

Charity People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which has offices in Wandsworth, has adopted shock tactics to raise people's awareness of cruel conditions.

Hard-hitting and controversial posters will be displayed next month showing a stomach-churning picture of a skinned cow's head with the caption 'Do you want fries with that?'

Toni Vernelli, of PETA, said, "Advertising regulators are preventing us putting the posters on billboards, so we will be displaying them on mobile boards.

"The cruelty inflicted on animals before they are slaughtered is industry-wide. We're targeting McDonald's because they are the biggest chain and they could set a precedent for other chains by insisting on criteria about how animals are treated."

South London Press 19.10.99

Campaign launched to save the dormouse

BY AMANDA BROWN

A PROJECT to save one of the world's smallest endangered mammals was launched.

Six English county wildlife trusts aim to increase understanding of the dormouse and provide habitats to protect it. Easily recognised by its thick furry tail, golden brown fur and shiny black eyes, the dormouse has all but vanished from northern regions, with struggling populations found in Wales, the south-east and south-west of England. Destruction of its woodland habitat and changes in woodland management practice have led to the mammal's demise.

Independent 15.10.99

The pine marten returns to England

By Charles Clover
Environment Editor

PLANS to reintroduce the pine marten to England will be unveiled by conservationists today after a poll of farmers and gamekeepers showed most would be prepared to tolerate the loss of an occasional pheasant and songbird.

The pine marten, a cat-sized predator related to the badger and otter, was once found throughout Britain but gamekeepers and trappers had eradicated it from all but north-west Scotland, parts of Cumbria and North Wales by the beginning of this century.

There are now no known populations of pine martens in England or Wales.

Daily Telegraph 4.2.99

Poultryman loses his appeal to build sheds

A POULTRY farmer has failed in a bid to overturn a ban on building five giant chicken sheds rearing more than a million birds a year in a west Suffolk village.

A planning inspector said the development would have a major impact on local residents and threw out Robert Boyce's appeal against Forest Heath District Council's refusal to grant planning permission.

Mr Boyce had wanted to build the unit and a manager's house on land next to Moorland Stud Farm, Kentford, near Newmarket.

East Anglian Daily Times 16.4.99

Return of the bear

SCIENTISTS want to see ancient animals such as lynxes, wolves, pine martens and bears return to the English countryside by the 22nd century. Professor Stephen Harris, of Bristol University, predicts a decline in farming will produce land resembling the wildernesses of pre-Roman times.

Express 18.9.99

James Meikle

Consumer demand for organic food is fuelling a boom that has led to a 20-fold increase in sales in just three years for the supermarket giant Tesco, and a 125-fold rise since 1995 for Sainsbury. Organic food now accounts for 3-4% of all food sold in supermarkets.

Both companies announced yesterday they would soon have more than 500 different organic lines, with Sainsbury's promising the world's first organic gin in addition to a growing list of organic wines. Huge rises in the sales of organic baby foods were also reported.

Guardian 7.9.99

By DEBBIE WATSON

NEARLY 60 firefighters from 10 towns and villages spent this morning battling a major fire at a chicken processing plant in one of the most rural parts of Suffolk.

They were called in to tackle the blaze at Associated European Food in Worlingworth, near Framlingham.

Firemen were hampered from dealing with the blaze due to a lack of water supply in the area.

Ipswich Evening Star 4.8

OFFICIAL FIGURES show that Britain's most heavily polluting factories are still spewing out more than 10,000 tonnes of cancer-causing chemicals every year, Friends of the Earth claims today.

Independent 12.5.99

HEALTH AND VIVISECTION

- The Medical Deception -

It's claimed that testing on animals will 'screen out' chemicals which may be harmful to humans, and that research on animals will produce 'cures' for human diseases. But which animal is relevant to a human being? What might suit a dog may kill a cat, be harmless to a rabbit, but toxic to a rat. And the human being? Will he/she react like the dog, the cat, the rabbit or the rat?

'In the early days of safety evaluation, pharmacologists studied the safety of drugs at low doses on each other, gradually increasing the doses, and extending the number of persons involved. Later the wild rat became the experimental animal. This is how the drug safety testing industry began, without any consideration as to whether the rat was a scientifically appropriate surrogate species for man', (1) - and has never been validated as such!

Today, a wide variety of different animal species are used. But have they produced results that are relevant to humans?: *'Steroids are known to induce teratogenesis in rabbits by a mechanism irrelevant to humans. Two drugs declared safe for human use from experiments on animals were subsequently found -from human studies- to be so unsafe as to be lethal. A solvent to decaffeinate coffee was alleged to be tumorigenic, but extensive metabolism and pathology studies of the chemical in a variety of animal species indicated that rodents were uniquely susceptible, so the solvent was exonerated'. (2)*

'Many women died from blood clotting after using the contraceptive pill, which had been shown to thin the blood in tests on dogs and rats'. (3) Another contraceptive that worked in rats had the opposite effect in humans!

(4) It is now used for breast cancer: the medical literature states, *'liver tumours develop in rats but not mice.'* (5). So, will the patient react like the rat or the mouse? - Or neither?

'A fertility drug was tested in pregnant rabbits and rats. Rabbit foetuses developed normally, but rat foetuses showed retarded development'. (6) Is the patient like a rabbit or a rat?

'Valpoic acid showed monkeys, rabbits and rats contradicted human studies. Rat results were opposite to the mouse results; there were no side effects from high doses given to monkeys, yet humans showed side effects at low doses, and hamsters could tolerate doses 10 times higher than humans!' (7)

'Because of the difference in the genetic code and biological arrangements between one living being and another, the reactions to drugs and other stimuli between one species and another will also be different. This is not science, it is a lottery'. (8)

The most controversial drug is thalidomide. This drug was originally marketed in several countries under 51 different names, as a harmless sedative. Although numerous doctors had reported side effects in their patients, notably the nerve degeneration polyneuritis, (9) it was still prescribed to pregnant women. The biochemical division of Distillers (UK), which marketed the drug in Britain, was in imminent danger of being sold. They hoped that by buying the patent rights to Distavil and Distavit (thalidomide) they could avert this. A consultant from a Liverpool hospital quickly carried out trials and the drug was released in Britain. (10) It is true that thalidomide was not

tested in pregnant animals prior to human use, but Barbara Davies, of the Research Defence Society (RDS) maintains, *"It was not known that a drug could affect the foetus without affecting the mother."* (11) This is not true. *'It was commonplace knowledge before the thalidomide tragedy'. (12)*

After the birth of deformed babies, thalidomide was re-tested in pregnant animals world-wide, and according to Ms Davies, *"It was found to have teratogenic effects in several laboratory animal species."* (13)

In fact: *'amongst 10 strains of rats, 2 breeds of dogs, 3 strains of hamsters, 8 species of primates: cats, armadillos, swine, rabbits, guinea-pigs and ferrets, teratogenic effects were induced only occasionally', (14)* but not in rats - the standard laboratory animal! So had these tests been carried out beforehand, the drug would still have been released. *'Scientists who testified at the thalidomide trial admitted, "there is no animal capable of predicting the effects in humans."' (15)* *'It has been established that man is 60 times more sensitive to thalidomide than the mouse, 100 times more sensitive than the rat, 200 times more sensitive than the dog, and 700 times more sensitive than the hamster'. (16)* Animal testing is so unreliable that doctors are warned: *'if the patient is pregnant do not use a drug unless it is imperative'. (17)*

Despite the thalidomide tragedy, animal testing increased. The results speak for themselves as the number of deaths and injuries from drug side effects have soared! The RDS, and Seriously Ill for Medical Research (SIMR) maintain that adverse drug reactions (ADRs) are rare, just 0.01%! (18) And the infamous Colin Blakemore stated: *"The occasional*

failure of animal testing to identify a dangerous drug," (19) ignoring published research showing that ADRs are now the 4th major cause of death after heart disease, cancer and strokes! (20) ADRs cost the NHS £2.18b annually, and prove how dangerously misleading animal studies are. It's hardly surprising that John D. Rockefeller, founder of the richest drugs industry in the world, only used homeopathic remedies himself!

The bulk of medical research is controlled by the pharmaceutical industry. *'The need to make money rather than cure disease drives and directs drug development'*. (21) Most drugs are copies of, or similar to, existing drugs as companies compete for shares of this lucrative market. Drugs may alleviate, mask or suppress symptoms, but leave underlying causes untouched. Producing drugs under the pretext of looking for 'cures', that conveniently never materialise, ensures a constant demand for 'new' or 'improved' drugs. Sickness is crucial to the survival of drug companies. If drugs actually cured diseases the pharmaceutical industry would collapse. ADRs frequently cause other illnesses - requiring further research, and more drugs, and so this profitable merry-go-round continues.

Scientists maintain that animal research is vital to the study of human illnesses, because animals have the same organs as, and similar diseases to, ourselves. Animal organs are designed to work in conjunction with their nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory and blood pressure systems, which are different to ours; so are their hormones, enzymes and genes. Each species of animal also has an individual immune system that makes them susceptible to different micro-organisms, infections and diseases. *'There are 30,000 known human diseases, of which animals share just 1.16%'*. (22)

It is scientifically impossible to study human disease in animals, so animals are often genetically engineered to try to 'humanise' them. A disease is then

induced in the animal in attempts to mimic the human situation, then drugs are developed to treat the animal's artificially induced disease which bears little, if any, relevance to a human disease or a human being. This is called science! 'Breakthroughs' are frequently announced of 'promising' results in animals. This sends pharmaceutical share prices soaring. Following yet another (cancer) 'breakthrough' researchers admitted, *"curing cancer in animals is not the same as doing it in humans, most drugs that work in animals turn out to be duds in humans, the field is littered with magic bullets that failed."* And Dr. Richard Klausner, head of the National Cancer Inst. USA admitted, *"We have cured cancer in mice for decades but it simply didn't work in humans."* (23)

Animal rights organisations are often accused of putting the lives of animals before those of humans. Granted a few such extremists exist, but it is compassion that unites the movement whose members oppose just as vigorously all human rights abuse. "Your child or this rat," is a common argument used by scientists to evoke public emotion and support. These are the same scientists who gave us thalidomide, junior aspirin, (and other drugs) that killed or injured thousands of children, toxic chemicals linked to cancer, BSE, and a polluted environment. It is not a question of children versus rats, but children versus big business! Note how childhood diseases, birth defects, cancers, allergies, etc. have become endemic since the increased use of animal tested products!

The conflicting results of animal experiments have delayed many important discoveries, yet vivisection industries insist that medical progress has depended upon animal research; medical history reveals otherwise. Lawrence K Altman MD, medical correspondent to the New York Times, after 30 years research published a book, 'Who Goes First', charting how successful discoveries depended upon scientists in the past who, realising the

irrelevance of animal studies, used themselves or each other to test new treatments, most of which have been falsely attributed to animal experiments. The Times (London) correspondent, Dr. James LeFanu, in his book 'The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine', also points out that many successes are: "biological mysteries that lie beyond the realms of rational explanation." (i.e. luck) adding, *"many such discoveries were preceded by enormous failures with death rates that would have today's surgeons struck off by the General Medical Council."* As the book 'Doctors Decisions' (Oxford University Press) explains: *"...the patient becomes the subject of the experiment until satisfactory answers are achieved by trial and error"*, - so who are the real guinea pigs?

Dr. Phil Hammond in his book, 'Trust Me I'm a Doctor', shatters *"the myth that genetic engineering will provide answers to everything"*. He is concerned that public expectation has been led to *"soar above what the medical profession can deliver"*.

Genes are only one part in a complicated sequence of events that lead to a disease. Environmental factors and poor diet are important contributory factors. Xenotransplantation is another myth. Considering that an organ from another human is rejected, and is magnified between people of a different race, size and weight, how is it expected an organ designed for another species can adapt to the different biochemical environment of a human being? The risk of viruses crossing the species barrier is another danger, but glossed over as the bio-tech companies speculate only on how many billions of pounds they hope to make from this bizarre practise. Even if there were enough human organs to meet the demand, the NHS could not afford the costs.

As the evidence against vivisection is indisputable, why is it allowed to continue? MONEY! Huge industries have evolved around animal research

on which businesses and careers depend. Drugs and chemicals are major contributors to the economy; the revenue they bring in is too big, so governments will not move against these big earners. When John Gummer was Agriculture Minister he was overheard discussing organophosphates and admitted, "*I daren't ban the stuff otherwise we'd have the full weight of the chemical industry on our backs and the government can't afford that.*" (24)

The use of animals can produce results that vary from one species to another, even between different strains of the same species, so that anything can be proved safe or unsafe, depending upon which animals are used, and the results required - allowing drugs and chemicals to be marketed that would not pass genuine tests of safety. In 1998, '*chemical companies joined together to use animals least sensitive to cancer, doses were kept low and exposure time shortened to make their*

chemicals appear less dangerous'. (25) Safety is assessed after trial and error upon the human population - the real guinea pigs, hence the huge number of ADRs and products withdrawn. Dan Fagin and Marianne Lavelle's book 'Toxic Deception' tells a chilling story of corporate manipulation of science (and the media), the falsifying of data and results. As George Bernard Shaw commented, "*He who dares to vivisect will not hesitate to lie about it.*" Few scientists dare to expose the truth. Those that do are likely to have their funds withdrawn, career prospects ruined, or lose their jobs. Vivisection industries gain favour by sponsoring sport, the arts, and education. Scientists, hospitals, universities, medical journals, the media and governments also rely heavily upon their funding/revenue so they are all obliged to perpetuate the myth of animal experiments.

For commercial reasons, governments

and the media allow vivisection industries to promote animal experiments. The anti-vivisection movement is denied the same opportunity, so consider the irrefutable facts: - Infectious diseases and childbirth were the most common causes of illness and death in past centuries due to poor sanitation and hygiene - not lack of drugs. When living conditions improved diseases dramatically declined and life expectancy soared - until the rise of the chemical/junk food industries, and as animal testing escalated, so did disease!

Despite the sophisticated medical technologies, 'miracle' drugs and 'breakthroughs' of this century, illnesses are increasing. Newer, deadlier, incurable diseases have emerged. Ill health is afflicting greater numbers of people. Cancer, once a medical rarity in children, is now a common childhood disease, and billions of animal experiments have not produced a single cure. We were designed, and have evolved, to live in harmony with Nature. The huge rise in sickness, extinction of many species, polluted air, food and water, is due to the increasing number of chemicals thrust upon us for commercial profit, marketed through the pseudo-scientific nonsense of animal experiments. Nature provided the best medicine in the world - free. Clean air, organic food and pure water. Unless these conditions are reinstated diseases will continue to dominate our lives:

There is one method of animal research that could benefit medical science: If scientists studied animals in their natural habitats, observed their interaction with Nature and their respect for the environment; their adherence to a proper diet, and if they become ill, their instinctive ability to fast or seek the appropriate herbs to heal themselves. Such studies could be of immense value to mankind. When this was put to a scientist during a debate, he retorted, "*...ridiculous ... people aren't like animals*"!! (26)

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- BOOK REVIEW -

ANIMAL RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS

by DR VERNON COLEMAN

Reviewed by Katrina Fox, freelance journalist and animal rights activist

The thing about most books on animal rights is that they're great eye-openers for people who have no idea what really goes on inside our laboratories, abattoirs and so on, but for the long-term activist, it's often a case of preaching to the converted.

Vernon Coleman's new book, however, has it all - enough facts to shock the lay person or newcomer to the AR movement into action, and plenty of comment, advice and inspiration for the die-hard protester.

Originally intended as a critique of how the Labour Party failed to live up to its election promises regarding animals, the spirit of the book changed direction, and instead of being concerned with the past, Coleman was moved to focus on the future. Animal abuse is ingrained in our society because we have lost control, he argues. We are suffering from "21st Century Blues" - anger and frustration caused by politicians, lawyers and advertisers making us believe we're inadequate unless we have a certain product, or creating laws which mean that "however just your cause may be, you won't be able to win". The answer, according to Coleman has to be a political revolution.

It may sound idealistic, grand even, but you can't help but admire Coleman's passion. A rare breed of journalist, who will always let the truth get in the way of a good story, he admits to being fired from more than 40 newspapers and magazines for refusing to stay silent on issues such as vivisection, which he describes as "pseudo-scientific black magic". Coleman dares to speak the unspeakable and print the unprintable. Statements such as, "Adolf Hitler killed fewer people than the tobacco companies have killed" are peppered throughout his new book, and it's not hard to see why he's thrown so many hard-nosed Fleet Street editors into a blind panic over the years.

Part one of the book catalogues a variety of animal abuses and is useful if you need to brush up on your facts and figures. The reference to "one in six people in hospital are there because they have been made ill by their doctors" is a particularly good one to pull out of the hat when explaining the futility of animal experiments to test new drugs for humans to the ignorant friend or family member who believes they are necessary.

In part two there is an excellent guide to winning the moral and ethical arguments against vivisection. Newcomers to the AR scene should be able to combat any proposition put

forward to support animal experiments. The legal versus moral debate on vivisection, for example, is answered by simple analogy: "In some conditions rape may be considered legally acceptable, but does that make it morally right? Parking a car in the wrong place is illegal, but does that make it immoral?"

The section on winning the medical and scientific arguments is a useful one to both newcomers and those who campaign against vivisection on ethical grounds who could benefit from detailed knowledge that counteracts scientific propaganda. And for anyone involved in AR campaigning who seeks a compromise on the issue of vivisection, Coleman warns, "To look for a compromise with vivisection would be like negotiating with gas chamber operatives during the Second World War in a search for a compromise over the holocaust."

Part three should be recommended reading for all students of politics, present and future, as it describes and analyses "how the Labour party turned trust into votes, won an election, tricked the electorate and betrayed those who voted for it". The government's failure to pass a bill outlawing hunting and its failure to set up a Royal Commission looking into animal experiments are discussed, as well as its lies over badger "culling".

In part four, Coleman's exposé of how the government and multinational corporations control the media sends shivers down the spine. But he offers action plans for AR activists: be prepared to shock, use new techniques to spread messages, manage the news, use stunts, and perhaps most soberingly - work together. "Pro-animal campaigners fight one another even more fiercely than they fight the animal abusers," he declares, citing the ALF's release of mink into the countryside earlier this year as an example, where certain animal welfare groups effectively supported the animal abusers by criticising the ALF's actions. He contrasts the in-fighting of activists with those involved in animal abuse where "there has been almost constant agreement and an enthusiasm about working together which should be envied by the pro-animal movement". His words may stick in the throats of many AR activists, but it's not just the establishment that Coleman is prepared to stand up to.

The title of the book is *Animal Rights, Human Wrongs*, and part five looks at a melee of topics affecting both humans and animals, including cancer, superbugs, contaminated water, microwaves, cloning and genetic engineering. George

Orwell's predictions of what life would be like in 1984 were disturbingly accurate and it's scary to think that Coleman's vision of the 21st century could be just around the corner: "Tomorrow's children, the citizens of the genetically clean world, will know their place. They will line up neatly and on time to go to work. They will behave themselves. And they will treat the politicians, the policemen and the Gene Masters with respect."

But it's not all doom and gloom. Just as you start to feel depressed, angry, or indignant, Coleman wallops you with delightfully humorous statements, which are peppered throughout the book. On the subject of genetic engineering: "How many human genes do there need to be in a tomato before the tomato can complain to the European Court of Human Rights if you dare to threaten it with a knife?" he asks. On politics: "Even dead Harold Macmillan has more leadership qualities than the current pack of zombies between them." On the black market in organic produce that could be created if GM food is forced on us: "Men in sunglasses and expensive cars will stop at street corners, wind down a window and hand over a bag of potatoes in exchange for a bundle of cash." And finally, a comforting thought for the day: "Whether you spend your life cleaning out lavatories, giving blow jobs to weary businessmen or performing haemorrhoidectomies, you can start each new grey day comforted with the thought that you are surely unlikely to make such a cock-up of your job as Tony Blair is making of his."

At the end of the book, Coleman purports that the solution to all the ills of the world is the formation of a new political party - The People's Party, based on "honesty, respect and decency rather than commercial tendency". If we put our hearts into it, we can change the world, he proclaims, and while the cynics among us may need some convincing, we should take comfort in the fact that since the publication of this book, someone has taken up Coleman's challenge and the People's Party is now recruiting members.

'Animal Rights, Human Wrongs' by Dr Vernon Coleman is published by:

**Blue Books, Publishing House, Trinity Place,
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ISBN 1 899726 10 1**

The price is £9.99 hard copy but will soon be available free of charge on the author's website:

www.vernoncoleman.com

The People's Party has been formed by Peter Wakeham. If you want to join, or find out more about it, he can be contacted at:

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Anti-Leather Protest



On Saturday 23rd October, the Campaign Against Leather & Fur held a protest against several shops in London's West End. The main focus of the protest was against the high street chain, GAP, who have recently been both promoting leather clothing on TV and selling it in their stores.

Despite the rain and a poor turnout, protesters made their way to the GAP store at 315, Oxford Street, London W1 and gave out several hundred anti-leather trade leaflets. The banner reading 'Leather - A Trade in Death' was held across the front of the store and one person using a megaphone reminded the general public that leather is the skin of murdered animals treated with chemicals. It was also pointed out that if people were not prepared to wear fur then neither should they be wearing leather.

An opportunity to promote the benefits of veganism was also seized upon and members of the public were asked to boycott GAP until the stores no longer sold animal skin. After a couple of hours, the protest moved down to South Molten Street where there was a brief demo outside 'The Leather Rat', a shop which sells nothing but animal skin. After a demo outside another branch of GAP, also in Oxford Street, protesters made their way to Browns, an exclusive clothes shop in South Molten Street, which according to the Independent, sold weasel-fur shoulder bags. The protesters entered the shop and questioned the manager about the sale of these and other fur items and (what appeared to be) pony-skin jackets. The manager insisted that the Independent "had got it wrong" and then called security to ask us to leave.

Due to the continuing heavy rain, it was decided to call it a day and as we approached the end of the road we happened upon yet another GAP store. One of the group decided to check it out only to be hauled out of the shop by a police officer (the first one of the day). He quickly informed us that if we continued to protest we would be arrested and would spend the entire weekend in a police cell. When we informed him of our right to protest he told us that we did have a right to protest - but not in South Molten Street!

CALF would like to thank those who came to draw attention to GAP dealing in animal skin, and especially to the two people and the dog who travelled all the way from Southend!

For further information contact:

**CALF, BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX
e-mail: CALF@alrob.freemove.co.uk**

For leaflets concerning the leather trade contact:

The Vegan Society - Tel: 01424 427393

The Eden Fellowship

The Eden Fellowship is an association of vegan Bible-centred Christians. We find many references in the Bible which accord with our vegan outlook. Primarily we look to the original diet given by God as a blessing upon all His creation

"... Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed ... and every tree bearing fruit which yields seed, to you it shall be for meat ... and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth ... I have given every green herb for meat." (Genesis 1: 29-30)

The eating of flesh was given by God as a concession after the Flood and with it God gave a curse (*Genesis 9: 3-6*). Flesh, although allowed to be eaten, must not be consumed with its lifeblood. Consumption of blood and fats was and is considered an abomination before God Almighty (*Leviticus 3:17*). The question then arises: how does one eat flesh free of its blood and fats? Answer, impossible!!! Clearly then the Edenic diet carries the Almighty's blessing. Even scientists world-wide are eulogising over the positive benefits of fruit and vegetables as a preventative and curative of all manner of diseases. So God was right from the very beginning. What a loving Father!!!

Eden presented a perfect condition, but by our disobedience to God all was lost. The bridge building back to our relationship with God Almighty came about through the atoning redemptive sacrifice of Jesus, God's son. Through Jesus' faithfulness we all have a chance of sharing in the 'New Kingdom', Eden paradise restored.

Isaiah writes about this 'New Kingdom' to come and it is a vegan future for all!!! (*Isaiah 11:1-9*). There shall be no hurting or killing in the New Kingdom, even the animals will return to their vegan diet of former Eden times. Scattered throughout the Old Testament are references confirming what the New Kingdom to come will be like.

In the New Testament the writers draw a line at eating blood knowing that it is abominable before Almighty God. At the end of the Bible in the Book of Revelation (*ch. 21:4*) we have restated the earlier words of Isaiah. Truly, a vegan world awaits!!!

So what is this 'New Kingdom'? It is Eden restored. And it comes about after Jesus has returned to this Earth and rid this world of Satan and death, preparing the way for God Almighty to take charge of this new Earth. God himself will once again walk through the Earth just as he walked through the Garden of Eden (*Revelations Ch. 21:3*).

We at Eden Fellowship look forward to Jesus' return to conquer death and Satan once and for all, and return the Earth to its Edenic condition. We believe Jesus' return is imminent within a 40 year time span.

We are Unitarian Christians acknowledging Jesus' unique atoning and redemptive role in bringing humanity back to a rightful relationship with God Almighty, but we do not acknowledge Jesus as God Almighty. Jesus is the way to God Almighty, is in full agreement with God Almighty - but as God's son. We call ourselves Christians as we follow Jesus who has prepared the way to God Almighty Father.

We view everyday as a day to honour God Almighty and seek association with those like-minded to us at all times. We are sympathetic to sabbatharian worship and Sunday worship too. We view the body as a 'temple' of the Holy Spirit and in addition to a strict vegan outlook we refrain from unhealthy activities such as smoking, drinking, alcohol, tea and coffee; and illicit sexual practices.

We acknowledge God is love and want to spread God's love and neighbourly love to all - human and animal brethren alike. We are mindful to remember the words of Jesus, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me." Are not the animals also our brethren? Rendering service to humans and animals alike is God's love in action.

These are indeed exciting times as we seek to witness where Christians have been sadly very lacking i.e., promoting a truly Christian and truly vegan message. And what better time than the present where we find ourselves - in these endtimes. God is love.

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Eden Fellowship - Bible-based vegan Christians who believe God's original plan for creation was, and is, vegan - yesterday, today and always. Eden Fellowship offers support and friendship to Christians who feel isolated because of their veganism.

The 2nd National Vegan Festival

On Sunday 15th August 1999, the 2nd National Vegan Festival took place in Central London. Following on from the previous year's highly successful event, this year's proved just as popular.

The Festival, organised by CALF, attracted in excess of 1,000 people from all over Europe as well as the USA. The diverse array of stalls, speakers, musicians, food and drink, and people, helped make the event unique. There was something for everyone.

Those with an interest in raw foods were able to sample fresh juices from two juice bars, listen to both Dr Douglas Graham and John Coleman speak about the raw food diet, or visit the Fresh Network table. Those interested in herbalism could listen to Afifah Hamilton, a qualified medical herbalist, speak about the fallacies of orthodox treatment or hear Doreen Corbin speak about Traditional Chinese Medicine and finding alternatives to animal substances.

For those who needed to get away from the crowds, they were able to attend the workshop 'Meditation on Innersound'. An important talk by Chris Sutoris, 'Veganism, the Environment and the impact of meat eating on the Third World' helped to remind us of the devastation that the meat industry is responsible for on the world in general. Dan Lyons of Uncaged spoke about xenotransplantation, Stokely Webster spoke of the dangers of Genetic Engineering and ALF Press Officer, Robin Webb, gave a rousing speech of how far the vegan/liberation movement has come and reminding us of how far we still have to go.

The caterers, Veggies, with their ever popular veggie burgers, snacks and cakes; Leaves of Life had a good range

of sprouted grains, salad and kidney bean curry! and Jamie & Kasia had a tasty selection of macrobiotic snacks. The bar was run by the Pitfield Brewery and was selling organic juices, vegan wine and the very popular eco-warrior beer. The very young were given the chance to explore the beautiful surroundings of the room behind the stage, magically transformed by children's entertainer Nina Gebauer.

Stall holders on the day were:

**London Vegans,
CALF/Arkangel,
Vegan Views,
HSA,
Vegan Christians,
Viva!,
Uncaged,
ALF Press Office,
Campaign Against Angling,
Cats in the Bag,
Followers of the Way,
Greek Animal Rescue,
ALF Supporters Group,
Animal Aid,
Vegan Society,
Plants for a Future,
Conscience Cosmetics,
Shellfish Network,
London Animal Action,
Campaign Against the Fur Trade,
Save the Shamrock Monkeys,
Redwood Foods,
Pagan Animal Rights,
Movement for Compassionate
Living,
Save the Hillgrove Cats,
Cook's Delight Organic Produce,
Miso/ARC News,
Active Distribution,
Vegan Prisoners Support Group,
Sugar & Spice snacks,
Jane's cakes,
Dr Graham's Raw Food books/
videos,
Farm Animal Rescue,
The Ethical Investors Group
and a vegan craft stall.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of the 2nd National Vegan Festival:

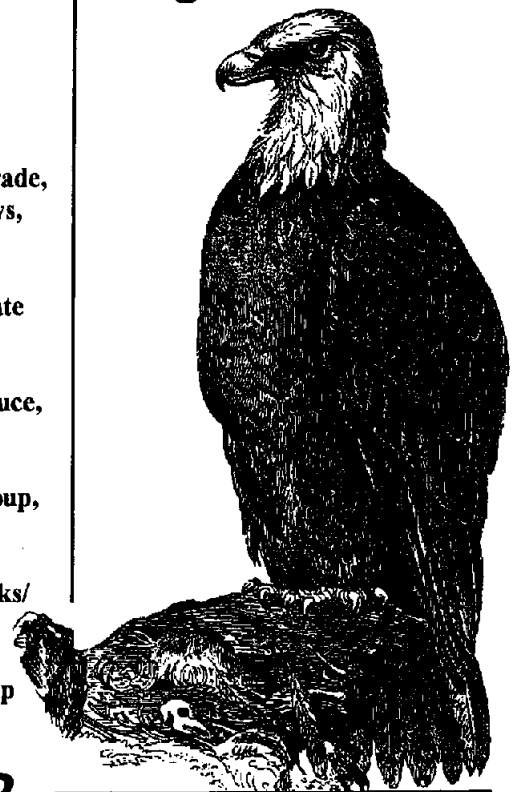
- Ethical Wares (01929 480360), who sell an excellent range of non-leather shoes, boots and belts,
- Vegan Village (www.veganvillage.co.uk), who created and administer the amazing Vegan Village website, which offers information about absolutely everything vegan, and
- Plamil Foods (01303 850588), who have a large range of vegan, non-genetically-engineered products.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped on the day - especially London Vegans.

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Infiltration

- Lessons learned from Cointelpro

by Brian Click

Cointelpro is a covert American counter-intelligence program directed against the domestic population. This was made public when a 'citizen's committee to investigate the FBI' removed secret files from an FBI office in Media, in Pennsylvania, and released them to the press.

Infiltration

The most intense operations were directed against the Black Rights movement, particularly the Black Panther Party. However, many activists and groups who wanted to end US intervention abroad or institute racial, gender and class justice at home came under attack. Unions, minority rights and black nationalist groups, the SWP, the SDS, and a broad range of anti-war, anti-racist, student, GI veterans, feminist, lesbian, gay, environmental, Marxist and anarchist groups, as well as the network of food co-ops, health clinics, child care centres, schools, bookstores, newspapers, community centres, street theatres, rock groups and communes that formed the infrastructure of the counter culture.

Many files were destroyed or withheld during the subsequent "investigation". The agencies under investigation were allowed to edit the Senate Committee's reports before publication and the House Committee's report was suppressed altogether. William C Sullivan, who created the program and ran it throughout the sixties was killed in an uninvestigated 1977 "hunting accident" prior to testifying publicly.

Harassment and surveillance of such 'subversive' groups by state agencies had been known about before the revelations in the press, just as they are known to continue to this day - just go on any sizeable action and watch the number of police cameras present. However, the leak allowed much useful information to be made public about the extent of the secret state's methods, targets and impact.

Four main areas of operation were revealed:

1: Infiltration: Agents and informers did more discrediting and disrupting of groups than just spying on them; for example by smearing genuine activists as agents.

2: Psychological War From the Outside: Planting false stories in the media; printing bogus publications in the groups' names; forging correspondence; making anonymous phone calls; tampering with mail and telephone services; spreading misinformation about meetings and

events; forming pseudo movement groups run by government agents; intimidating parents, employers, landlords etc.

3: Harassment through the legal system: Conspicuous surveillance; "investigative" interviews; grand jury subpoenas; discriminatory enforcement of tax laws and other government regulations; prefabricated evidence; perjured testimony; false arrest; wrongful imprisonment and more were used to intimidate activists and silence their supporters.

4: Extralegal force and violence: Threats; break-ins; vandalism; assault; beatings and political assassinations.

Guidelines for coping with infiltration:

1: Be careful to avoid pushing a new or hesitant member, or one facing personal, financial or legal problems, to take risks beyond what that person is ready to handle, particularly in situations which could result in arrest and prosecution. People in positions of legal or other jeopardy have proven especially vulnerable.

2: Deal openly with the form and content of what anyone says and does whether the person is a suspected agent, has emotional problems or is simply a sincere but naive or confused person new to the work.

3: Establish a process through which anyone who suspects an infiltrator (or other intervention) can express his/her fears without scaring others. Experienced people assigned this responsibility can do a great deal to help a group maintain its morale and focus while, at the same time, consolidating information and deciding how to use it. This plan works best when accompanied by group discussion of the danger of paranoia, so that everyone understands the reason for following the established procedure.

4: Take steps to alert other activists anytime an agent or informer admits their role or you have a concrete and verified basis for certain knowledge (make sure you have not been taken in by a snitch jacket). Act immediately and use every available means, including photographs, aliases, identifying traits, and a description of their methods of operation. In the 1960s, some agents managed, even after their exposure in one community, to move on and repeat their performance in others.

5: Be very cautious in attempting to expose a suspected, but unadmitted, agent or informer. The best approach depends on the nature of your group. A close-knit, self-selected group of experienced activists, especially one that contemplates illegal activities, should exclude anyone who is not fully trusted by everyone involved. If the stakes are high, don't be afraid to trust your intuition.

An open, public organisation trying to reach out and involve new people faces a very different situation. Here, an attempted exposure carries enormous risk. The suspects may claim to be the victims of discrimination and may falsely accuse his/her accusers as agents. In the process, activists may be turned against one another and lose the mutual trust and respect which is vital to any successful organisation or operation. New members and potential recruits may be scared away. The group's attention and energy may be so diverted that it is no longer able to move effectively towards its main goals.

Activists who suspect infiltration of a public political organisation should carefully evaluate alternatives to attempted exposure. The appropriate response depends on the kind of agent or informer you think you are dealing with.

A suspect who seems to play a passive, or even a constructive role may secretly be undermining the groups work or passing information to the FBI (or equivalent) and police. In this situation, it often is most productive to discreetly limit the suspect's opportunities without making your suspicions public. Take steps to deny access to organisational funds, financial records, mailing lists, office equipment, planning and security committees, discussions of illegal activity and meetings that plan criminal defence strategy. Go public if you later catch the person in the act (but not merely with incriminating evidence which could have been planted or forged).

A different approach is required if the suspect is an active disrupter or provocateur. In this case, it is most constructive to confront the form and content of what the suspect says and does, without making an issue of why she/he does it. Start with a discreet private talk, since the suspect could be merely naive or misguided. If the harmful behaviour persists you will probably have to take it on in an open group discussion. Plan in advance how to limit to risk of destruction and demoralisation. If you need to exclude or expel the suspect, be sure to inform other activists of your decisions and reasons.

A checklist of essential precautions:

1: Check out the authenticity of any letter, rumour, phone call or other communication before acting on it. Ask the

supposed source if he/she is responsible.

2: Keep records of incidents that appear to reflect Cointelpro-type activity. Evaluate your response and report your experience to groups that document repression and resistance around the country.

3: Deal openly and honestly with differences within your movement (race, gender, class, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, personality, experience, physical and intellectual capacities etc) before the police/secret state can exploit them.

4: Don't try to expose a suspected agent or informer without solid proof. Purges based on mere suspicion only help the police/secret state to create distrust and paranoia. It generally works better to criticise what a disruptive person says and does, without speculating as to why.

5: Support all movement activists who come under attack. Don't be put off by political slander, such as recent attempts to smear some militant opponents of government policy as 'terrorists'. Organise public opposition to all witch-hunts, political trials and other forms of government and right wing harassment.

6: Cultivate relationships with sympathetic journalists who seem willing to investigate and publicise domestic covert operations. Let them know when you are harassed. Since the secret state thrives on secrecy, public exposure can undermine their ability to subvert our work.

7: Don't try to tough it out alone. Don't let others fret and suffer by themselves. Make sure that activists who are under stress get the help they need (someone to talk with, rest, therapy, etc). It is crucial that we build support networks and take care of one another.

8: Above all, do not let our movements be diverted from their main goals. Our most powerful weapon against political repression is effective organising around the issues and needs which directly affect peoples' lives.

The above text is from 'War at Home: Covert Action Against US Activists And What We Can Do About It' by Brian Glick, Southend Press, Boston MA. USA. £3.99 from Forbidden Planet, London.

For examples of 1990s FBI COINTELPRO:

http://www.monitor.net/~bari/americas_secret_police.html

Counterintelligence Interrogation Manual:

<http://www.parascope.com/articles/0397/kuberkin>

Ban McDonalds' TV Ads!

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP STOP
MCDONALDS ADVERTISING
EXPLOITING CHILDREN? THEN
PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLAINT (OR
DO YOUR OWN) TO THE INDEPENDENT
TELEVISION COMMISSION....**

Dear Friends,

We are supporting a campaign to get all McDonald's children's ads banned by the Independent Television Commission. This is on the grounds that the High Court has ruled that McDonald's advertising 'exploits children'. [There were also other relevant findings, including that their food has been deceptively

promoted as 'nutritious' when in fact it is high in fat and salt and therefore linked to heart disease]. This means that their adverts contravene the Guidelines that are supposed to regulate advertising in order to protect children. It is all explained comprehensively in the letter below, which has been checked by an

appropriate expert. An injunction is being prepared to force the ITC to take action on this issue. The following standard letter has been written for people to add their name to and send to the ITC.

Please copy and circulate the letter widely...

Best wishes,

Dave Morris,
McLibel Support Campaign

To: ITC, Advertisements & Complaints
33 Foley Street, London, W1P 7LB, UK
From: [Your name and address]
Date:

Dear Stephen Locke [Director],

Re: McDonalds Advertising

I wish to make a serious complaint about the current advertising of McDonalds Restaurants Ltd aimed at or viewed by children. Please find below my reasons.

Under the ITC Code, all advertisements must 'comply in every respect with the law', and 'be applied in the spirit as well as the letter'.

Appendix 1, Rule 5: 'Advertisements must not exhort children to purchase or to ask their parents or others to make enquiries or purchases.'

In the recent 'McLibel' trial [McDonalds Corporation & Anr vs Steel & Morris], trial judge Mr Justice Bell ruled that it is a fact that McDonald's 'exploit children by using them, as more susceptible subjects of advertising, to pressurise their parents into going to McDonalds' (June 1997).

McDonalds have accepted (in a written submission to the Court of Appeal, 5.1.99) that the judge 'was correct in his conclusions'. That is to say, they accept that they exploit children through their advertising - in direct contravention of the ITC's published guidelines governing advertising to children. In fact, their strategy of systematic exploitation of pester-power is obviously far more serious than if they were to make a specific reference to this in a single advert (which is prohibited). Every parent of a young child,

who has been subjected to this cumulative pester-power effect, knows this very real and infuriating pressure to go to McDonalds.

The Corporation spends 2 billion dollars each year worldwide on marketing and advertising. In a recent interview Mike Love, McDonalds' Vice-President of Communications stated that McDonalds would not consider changing its advertising strategy because of the judgement of Mr. Justice Bell, showing an absolute disregard for what the Courts judge to be true. This demonstrates that McDonalds will continue to exploit children for the foreseeable future, unless they are stopped by the ITC.

There can be no doubt about your power and responsibility in this matter. On July 3rd 1997, when asked about the McLibel judgement, Junior Government Minister Mark Fischer [for the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, also responsible for the ITC] stated: 'The Government recognise their special responsibility to protect children from exploitation, but the existing Code allows the ITC scope to act in their defence.'

McDonalds produce Happy Meals for children which are advertised as such. However, their Happy Meal Premiums (free toys) do not always come in premiums of 4. Their 101 Dalmatian Disney collection came in

a set of 101 distinctly different toys. That set was produced in sealed white plastic wrappers. That resulted in children not knowing which of the 101 entirely different toys they were to receive. McDonalds have also produced the 'Beanie Babies' premiums in a set of 30. These premiums run for 4 weeks, backed up by advertisements directed at children.

Children naturally wish to collect anything collectable. However, to produce a large number over a four-week period, with the character of the toy unknown at the point of sale creates unnecessary competitiveness amongst children to be the first to collect the entire set, or to collect the entire set at all. This amplifies the 'pester-power' problem in contravention to Rule 5. The above is born out by the very fact that some of the sales of McDonalds Happy Meal premiums had to have sales restrictions placed upon them, as so many adults and children alike tried to buy as many as they could and the stores could not meet the demand.

Guidance Rule 10.36 states: 'Advertisements must not encourage or condone excessive consumption of any food.' - The increase in meals per week needed to buy a substantial number of the premiums per four weekly cycle will lead to an increase in consumption of food low in fibre, and high in fat and salt. This will lead to a detrimental, long-term affect on a child's physical health, also in contravention with Rule 1 (below).

Appendix 1, Rule 1 states: 'At times when large numbers of children are likely to be viewing, no product or service may be advertised and no method of advertising may be used which might result in harm to them physically, mentally, or morally, and no method of advertisement may be employed which takes advantage of the natural credulity and sense of loyalty of children.'

But the McDonalds Corporation's secret 'Operations Manual', the instruction book for every local store manager, explains the company's strategy for targeting young children: 'Ronald loves McDonald's and McDonald's food. And so do children, because they love Ronald. Remember, children exert a phenomenal influence when it comes to restaurant selection. This means you should do everything you can to appeal to children's love for Ronald and McDonalds'. It adds that offering toys is 'one of the best things...to make them loyal supporters'.

In the witness box during the McLibel trial David Green, the Corporation's Head of Marketing, from Chicago, recognised that McDonalds 'could change people's eating habits', and said that children were 'virgin ground as far as marketing is concerned'. Their

UK Marketing Services Manager Alistair Fairgreave stated: 'It is our [general] objective to dominate the communications arena...because we are competing for a share of the customer's mind.'

The Court of Appeal, in the appeal by the defendants in the McLibel case, concluded: 'If one eats enough McDonalds food, one's diet may well become high in fat, etc., with the very real risk of heart disease... (this last finding) must have a serious effect on their trading reputation since it goes to the very business in which they are engaged.' (March 1999) In the original trial the judge had ruled that such a risk of heart disease would be made the more likely for people who ate at McDonalds often and over a long period of time 'encouraged by [McDonalds'] advertising'. He further ruled that McDonalds deceptively portray their food, in reality high in fat and salt and low in fibre, as 'nutritious'. These three rulings, taken together, and compounded with the targeting and exploitation of children (who are the most vulnerable to the manipulation of long-term dietary patterns) surely demonstrate a conscious and systematic breach of the spirit and the letter of the ITC Guidelines. McDonalds view children as their future customers, and so wish to introduce them into a life of eating this kind of unhealthy food regularly from an early age. This is detrimental to their health in a serious way.

For the above reasons I urge the ITC to cease all McDonalds advertisements that are directed at children. I then urge the ITC to review all guidelines regarding advertisements to children - to ensure effective protection against exploitation and pester-power, and to include the banning of advertising of unhealthy food products. There is a great deal of concern over these issues, shared by many child welfare, consumer and health organisations* - and the need for a review has been very carefully outlined to you on their behalf in the past by the National Food Alliance [now known as Sustain] Working Party on Advertising. It should be noted that in Australia no advertising is allowed during pre-school programming, and in Sweden all advertising to children is banned.

I look forward to reading a considered opinion within the next 28 days.

Yours faithfully

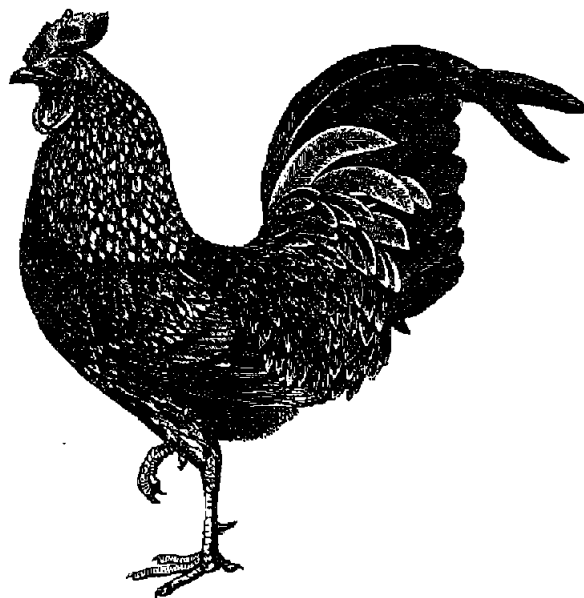
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*eg. Association of Community Health Councils, British Dental Association, British Heart Foundation, GMB Union, Institution of Environmental Health Officers, National Children's Home, National Confederation of Parent Teachers Associations, National Farmers Union, National Federation of Consumer Groups, TGWU, TUC, WRVS, World Cancer Research Fund.

Note: All the references regarding McDonalds and the McLibel trial can be supplied on request by:
The McLibel Support Campaign: 5, Caledonian Rd, London N1
mclibel@globalnet.co.uk www.mcspotlight.org

One More Step

by *Viva!*'s Kate Fowler



When asked, most people will say that they turned vegetarian because they could not accept the way in which animals are treated. Whether it was seeing first hand the slaughter of farm animals or whether it was a slow dawning of the horrors involved in the meat industry, animals are generally the underlying catalysts for the change to a meat-free diet. As vegetarians we get to feel pretty proud of ourselves - not only are we saving thousands of lives by our stand, but we are fully aware that vegetarianism is better for the environment and the world's poor - not to mention our own health and well-being. We have every reason to feel pretty damn proud of ourselves and if a touch of smugness creeps in as well, then who could blame us?

But is vegetarianism the end of the right-on road? Is that where we draw the line and say: "I have done all I can possibly do to ensure no animal suffers on my behalf?" or should we take off those comfortable blinkers and look again at what made us go vegetarian in the first place?

Farm animals suffer. We know that slaughter is horrific and is carried out with maximum profit in mind and with little thought for the terror and pain of the creatures involved. It may sound obvious but even free-range

hens and dairy cows are slaughtered in the same way as broiler hens and beef cows when their time is up. The meat goes to make low grade products like pies, stock cubes and even baby food. By continuing to buy the milk or eggs, the well-meaning vegetarian is financially supporting the meat industry and the chicken who laid your tasty free-range egg yesterday may well be on the conveyor belt towards the scalding tank today.

But it isn't just about slaughter. The lives of free range hens and dairy cows are not so rosy as they are made out to be. At a Sussex sanctuary, the most battered, feather-less and scrawny looking chickens to arrive were not from the battery units, they were free-range. Free-range laying stock is bred in the same way as battery hens. Incubated without a mother, these tiny birds will be sexed on the day they hatch and any males will be gassed or crushed to death. The females will live for two years, often in terrible conditions.

By definition, 'free-range' hens need only have access to the outside and this is often taken literally by the farmers who still keep their birds crammed into a shed but have a few openings into a barren yard. Because chickens are territorial, the stronger birds whose territory lies just

before the opening will defend that area and the weaker birds may never see the light of day. Diseases are rife amidst these over-crowded conditions and antibiotics are fed to the birds in an attempt to reduce the deaths. The majority of free-range birds are de-beaked because these stresses lead to aggression and fighting. It is now well documented that the beak is not a piece of dead tissue but a highly sensitive organ. Free-range birds, as well as those from battery units, can die from the shock or the pain of having the end of their beak sliced off with a red-hot blade.

At the end of their useful lives, the same 'catchers' as are used to clear out battery units will come in and grab these birds by wing, leg or neck and shove them into crates to be transported to the slaughterhouse. 14% of free-range birds have broken bones before slaughter. The only way to ensure your eggs are cruelty-free is to either keep your own chickens or to visit the farm, or better still sanctuary, for yourself and see the conditions the birds live in. If you are refused entry, it is a fairly safe bet that they have something to hide.

But what about dairy cows? You see them in a field quietly munching the grass and looking pretty contented with life, so what could be

wrong with taking some of their milk? Well, nothing is as simple as that. Cows do not just produce milk on demand whenever a milkmaid pushes a pail underneath her. She must be impregnated first and this results in the birth of a calf. "Obviously!" you may say, but then what happens to this calf - the calf that the milk is intended for? After just a couple of days mother and offspring are separated - an act that is heart-breaking for them both. Anyone who has ever heard a cow bellow for her new-born calf will never, never forget that sound. Before she has finished grieving for her lost calf she will be impregnated again. But the calf is merely the by-product of the milk industry. If female, she will be thrown into the miserable cycle of the dairy herd, if male he may be used for beef, sent to market or shot and disposed of as a waste product. A dairy cow would naturally live to the age of 20 and beyond but with the constant cycle of impregnation, lactating and giving birth, she will instead be killed at 5 years of age.

But the misery doesn't end there. Milk is money and when more of the former is produced, more of the latter swells the farmer's bank balance. As expected, when financial gain rears its ugly head, welfare and ethics head for the hills. Dairy cows currently produce ten times more milk than their calves could drink and this is achieved by dietary control, genetic

manipulation and antibiotics. In the US, Bovine somatotropin (BST) is legally used to raise milk yield by 20% even though it has many side effects, including clinical mastitis, digestive disorders and lameness. It is currently banned in the UK. If you see that happy-looking cow out in the field, take a closer look. Her udders are painfully swollen with the weight of the milk and she may be infected with mastitis as a result. Forcing antibiotics up her teats does not control this disease but adds one more painful process she must endure.

The immense weight of her udders also leads to diseases of the legs and feet, particularly laminitis. To understand how this feels, it has been said that you should slam all your fingers in a door and then try to stand on your fingertips. Almost every cow at some time in her life will suffer from this crippling disease. And those beautifully gentle creatures suffer all this just so we can enjoy milk on our cereal in the morning.

These animals suffer but so does the environment. Slurry run-off pollutes our waterways and leads to acid rain, which destroys forests and woodlands world-wide. The methane produced by our dairy herds destroys the ozone layer. Air, land and waterways are all being poisoned by our love of dairy as much as by the

meat-eaters' love of flesh. And we are being poisoned too. Dairy products are the main dietary source of the highly toxic organochlorine pesticides. Most outbreaks of E-coli, salmonella and listeria have been linked with consumption of meat, milk or cheese. In fact, reported cases of food poisoning in the UK are on the increase, 95% of which are meat and dairy related. 90 per cent of BSE cases have been in dairy cows rather than in beef cattle although the latter are generally slaughtered before infection can be diagnosed. Traces of BSE have been found in milk, probably via the infection of mastitis. And of course dairy products are full of saturated fat, the consumption of which is linked to a whole range of diseases, particularly heart disease and cancer. Cholesterol is also found in dairy produce and if taken in excess furs up the arteries - leading to high blood pressure, gall stones, heart attacks and strokes.

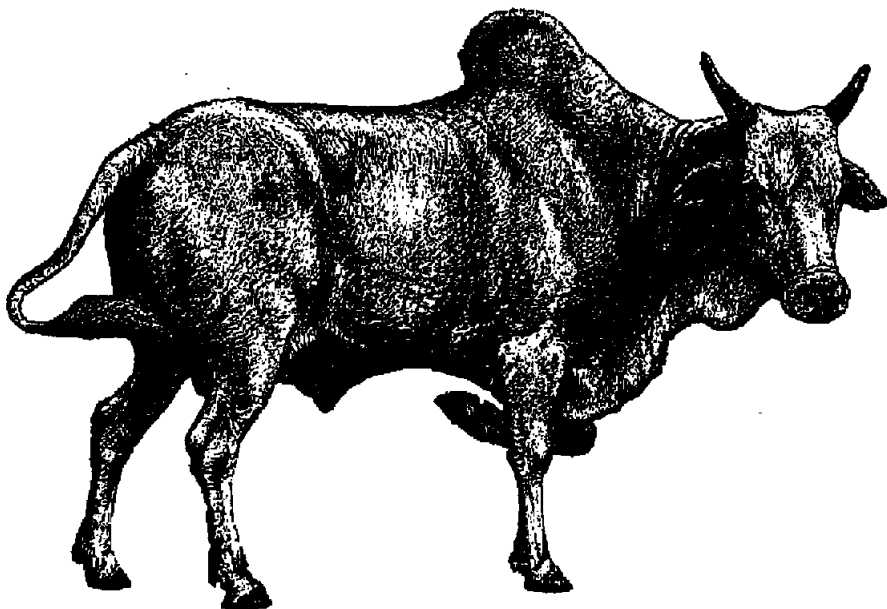
So is it time to take another look at ourselves and see that what we do, although well-meaning and very positive, may not be enough? No one would condemn the vegetarian for the efforts they have made to reduce suffering but if we are serious about ending the suffering of animals, protecting the environment and looking after our own health, then maybe we should re-examine the food that we eat. Perhaps it is time to go the whole hog, if you'll excuse a very inappropriate phrase, and end the egg consumption, ditch the dairy and launch wholeheartedly into the totally tasty, cruelty-free and justifiably smug world of veganism.

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THE VIOLENCE OF EATING MEAT

by Gail

When shots rang out in Littleton, Colorado, political activists and leaders sprang forward to spew their theories on why violence had entered our schools. "Too many guns!" they cried, "We need more gun control legislation." "Too much violence in movies, music, video games, and on TV. We must restrict the entertainment industry!" Still others blame the separation of church and state. They actually want us to believe that the reason so many kids commit acts of violence is because we don't have the Ten Commandments plastered all over our nation's classrooms. What does that say about the estimated 20% of Americans who are atheists or the tens of millions of agnostics, Buddhists, Taoists, Hindus and other free thinkers? Are they all violent criminals?

To blame the firearms or entertainment industry alone for the increase of violence among our nation's youth is a tragic oversimplification of the problem. I think the more basic question is: "Why do our children seem to have so little regard for life?" What good is a sign that reads "Thou shalt not kill" when school cafeterias are serving murder for lunch?

In the United States alone, we kill 9 billion animals each year to satisfy our fantastical palates. That's an

astounding 1 million animals per hour. To assume that these animals do not suffer during the process of raising, transporting, and slaughtering is to delude ourselves so that we can feel comfortable eating their flesh.

Author/Journalist Jim Mason wrote, "Americans have a tremendous appetite for meat, dairy products, and eggs. They have little appetite, however, for information about the lives of animals that produce what they eat. Perhaps they sense something." More than one person has said to me, "Don't tell me where my lunch came from. I'll lose my appetite." Well, that's the point. You should lose your appetite!

In recent years, we have witnessed 10 year-olds killing 4 year-olds and teens methodically planning and executing mass murder. How did the innocence of childhood get lost? Certainly, the children who committed these acts were deeply troubled, and there is no simple explanation for their behaviour. However, we continue to focus on the surface while failing to recognise the doses of terror and fear fed to these children at each and every meal.

From the earliest age, we inadvertently teach our children to disregard the sanctity of life. When we place a piece of meat on a child's plate and expect

him to easily overcome his natural repulsion towards eating a once living, feeling, being we are sending the message that it's okay to kill to fulfil our needs

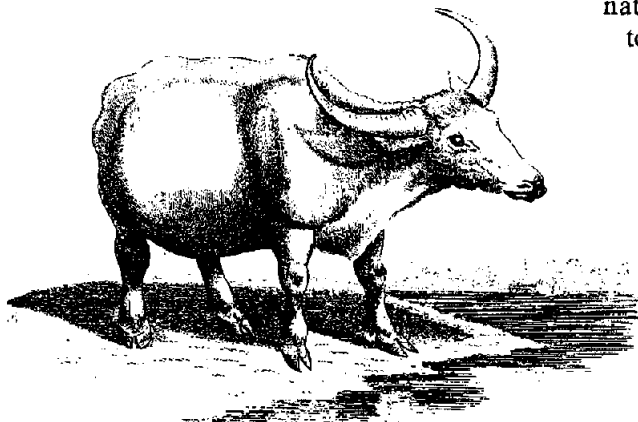
or desires. We are asking children to ignore their own feelings of empathy, humaneness, and compassion. Yet, these are precisely the feelings which when cultivated, prevent childish impulses from becoming acts of violence.

Most small children are horrified to learn that their hamburger once was a cute little barnyard animal. But with repeated reassurance from parents and a bombardment of highly effective advertising targeted at kids, they become culturalised into the mainstream of our eating habits; desensitised, unwitting participants in the cycle of cruelty and killing.

Feed these same kids foods loaded with refined sugar, food colourings, preservatives, and chemical additives like aspartame and the delicate balance of their physiology is thrown into chaos as well.

The animals that will become the next "Happy Meal" know when they are going to die. They smell the blood and hear the cries of their brethren slaughtered before them as they are marched onto the killing floor. Imagine the terror these animals experience the moment they are killed. Hormones course through their veins and remain in their flesh after death. Eat a piece of meat and you are eating the physical manifestation of fear. Still worse, you are feeding it to your children.

To begin to unravel the complex issues surrounding the spread of violence among kids, we need to examine the subtleties of the messages we send to them. Not just in the media, but more significantly, in our homes. Children who are taught that all life is precious, and are made to feel precious and priceless themselves do not feel compelled to commit acts of violence.

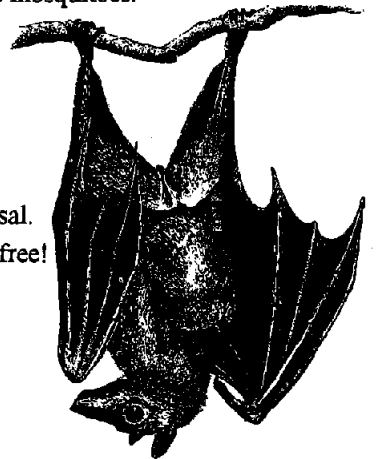
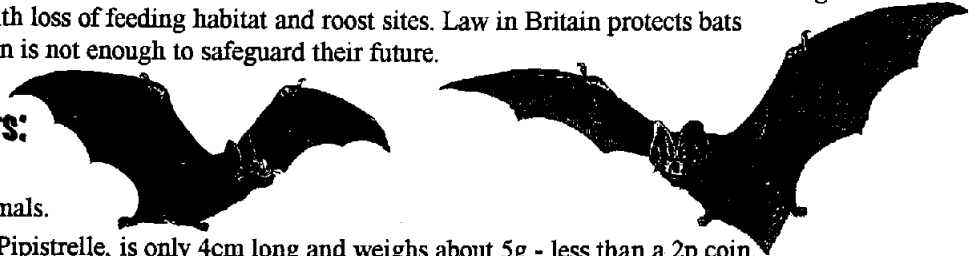


Bats - The Facts

Did you know that there are 16 bat species living in Britain? Tragically, the mouse-eared bat was declared extinct from Britain in 1991. Of the 16 left, 2 are endangered and 9 others are threatened. Bats have suffered from human ignorance and misunderstanding together with loss of feeding habitat and roost sites. Law in Britain protects bats and their roosts, but this on its own is not enough to safeguard their future.

Some facts about Bats:

- Bats are the only flying mammals.
- Britain's commonest bat, the Pipistrelle, is only 4cm long and weighs about 5g - less than a 2p coin.
- Bats are not blind. They can also 'see' in the dark by listening to the echoes of their high frequency calls. With this sophisticated sonar system called 'echolocation', they can pick up insects as tiny as mosquitoes.
- In Britain it is illegal to disturb bats or the places where they roost.
- Bats can live up to 30 years.
- Of about 4,500 different species of mammal in the world, nearly 1,000 are bats.
- Three quarters of these eat insects just as British bats do. In the tropics bats also eat many other foods - fruit, flowers, frogs, fish, blood, even bats!
- Bats are vital to rainforests, as many trees need bats for pollination and seed dispersal.
- Bats rarely live in belfries, they prefer somewhere quiet, not draughty, and cobweb-free!
- Bat populations are threatened not only by loss of habitat, affecting roosting sites and feeding grounds, but also by deliberate killing and over exploitation for food.



Information about Bats:

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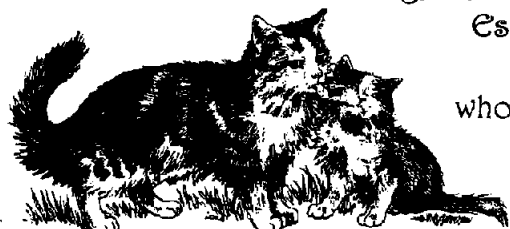
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Animal Aid, the national animal pressure group, will be holding a Living Without Cruelty exhibition at:

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The event will both confront and
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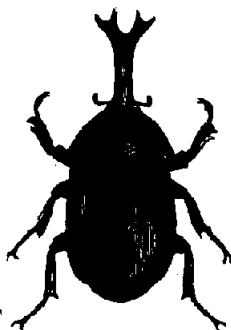
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ITEMS of INTEREST

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A new form of European super-protection is on the way for some of Britain's loveliest and wildest landscapes, often because of the tiny examples of wildlife they contain. Windsor Great Park and Windsor Forest, the Royal family's backyard will be safeguarded because of the violet tick beetle. The New Forest will be protected because of the stag beetle. These and other sites will be protected under the European Union's Habitats Directive, a law with real bite, which offers the areas near absolute protection, making them safer than even the National Parks. In the past, environmental safeguards have been easily overturned. Twyford Down, near Winchester, was an unspoilt hillside in 1992, was bisected by the M3 in spite of five separate designations - it was doubly a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), doubly a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) and part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). But the new Habitats Directive's Special Area of Conservation, is about to make a repeat of Twyford Down very much less likely. There are 340 SAC within the UK, totalling nearly 1.7 million hectares, an area three times the size of Norfolk. They range from small ponds to vast areas of 100,000 acres such as Dartmoor, and will not consider the needs for tourism, recreation, or anything else, and will cover everyone including the Duke of Edinburgh, Warden of Windsor Great Park. In 1995 the Duke had 63 of the park's ancient oak trees cut down to improve the look of the landscape. Independent 21-6-99

Myxomatosis is killing rabbits again this autumn. Originally from South America, it was deliberately introduced in 1954 and wiped out 99 per cent of the loo million rabbits in Britain. Since then, some rabbits have

developed immunity. Transmitted by fleas, the symptoms are distressing: the rabbits, eyes fill with puss, swell up until they cannot see, they cannot find their burrows and, although they can eat, they eventually starve. Predators that normally live on rabbits, foxes, stoats, and buzzards - switch to other prey such as voles until the population builds up again. Independent 4-9-99

A firework display put on by women priests at Gloucester Cathedral to celebrate the anniversary of their ordination annoyed more than the Church's arch-conservatives. Hundreds of seagulls gave their own verdict when, startled by the display, they showered the shoppers with droppings. People ran for cover and an elderly lady fell. Police received a number of complaints from the public. Observer 27-6-99

The first polecat in Cheshire for 140 years has been spotted. Guardian 29-8-99

Applications to plant genetically modified poplar trees have been approved, the environment minister Michael Meacher disclosed. But the trees for two trials by Zeneca Limited in the Bracknell, Berkshire area were derived from female clones and would not produce pollen, he added. Independent 23-6-99

A list of 340 wildlife sites nominated for special protection has been submitted to the European commission. The list includes Northumberland coast mud flats, and sand banks around the Isles of Scilly. Independent 23-6-99

Work on a new housing development in Baldock, Hertfordshire was held up while new homes were found for 50 slow worms and common lizards

discovered on the site. Guardian 9-6-99

Australia is to build the world's biggest marine park. The 40 million-acre park will protect seals and birds from oil and chemical pollution, fishing nets and disturbance by aircraft and boats. Unknown.

Tony Blair ignored the pleas of animal rights activists by attending the controversial Palio horse race in Italy where many animals have been killed in a race on the cobbled square, where riders race bareback. Defence Secretary George Robertson also attended the race where riders whip the horses and each other. 43 horses have been killed since 1970 as a result of falls. Independent 17-8-99

Senior Government scientists will call for tough new curbs on antibiotics fed to chickens and pigs after research showed they pose a bigger risk to human health than BSE, and a real threat of resistant bacteria being transferred from animals to humans. The Advisory Committee on Microbial Safety of Food (ACMSF) will warn that diseases such as salmonella and E.coli will develop previously unseen levels of resistance. The Soil Association claims Britain is facing a major epidemic of diseases that have developed multiple resistance, and intensively raised chickens and many pigs are now being fed a potentially dangerous growth promoter, over-prescribed by vets. Some strains of salmonella now have a 95 per cent resistance to antibiotics, compared with 5 per cent 20 years ago, while the resistance of MRSA has risen from 2 per cent to 40 per cent since 1989. The EU banned four drugs in July, but the British Government has allowed farmers to feed chickens with a similar antibiotic, avilamycin, which critics

claim will undermine the drug used to combat MRSA. Independent 18-8-99

The Mallard duck is suffering a massive decline, down by 40 per cent in a decade, to its lowest level since recordings took place. Last winter a count found 140,213 mallards

from vaccines was greater than from eating beef. Sunday Times 8-8-99

A randy Pomeranian toy dog needed antibiotics after injuring his penis trying to mate with a hedgehog in an Ipswich garden. Guardian 18-8-99

finally ratified a 20-year-old Euro ban earlier this year. The hunters' defiance has raised fears of clashes with police and ecologists. Express 11-8-99

A naturalist investigating the mauling to death of six lambs believes a family of pumas could be responsible for the attack in west Wales. Independent 18-8-99

Thousands of British consumers were exposed to an experimental cancer-causing chemical, made by Monsanto, during the late 1980s after the Tory Government gave permission for its use on 38 farms in a clandestine experiment lasting three years in southern England. It now emerges that hundreds of animals were injected with Monsanto's genetically modified hormone known as BST, designed to increase milk yields by 10 to 15 per cent. The milk and some dairy products were sold to the public without any warning. This year the EU's scientific committee concluded that the hormone increased the risk of breast and prostate cancer, and also feared that it could lead to cancer of the colon. In 1985 Monsanto and another US company Eli Lilly were given licences by the Government to test BST. The hormone was banned in the EU in 1990 after being linked with udder infections and reproductive problems. Earlier this year Canada also banned the chemical. Monsanto claimed BST milk did not have increased levels of IGF, a hormone linked to some cancers'. But EU scientists have now demonstrated that BST contains up to five times more IGF than normal milk and Monsanto wrongly claimed that the hormone would be broken down before it reached the gut. Observer 20-6-99

A pet shop owner, Yvonne Goddard, 40, of Salisbury, left animals to starve to death after she hit financial trouble. She was banned from keeping animals for life, given a one-month suspended jail sentence and must pay £200 costs. She admitted 11 counts of causing suffering. Independent 10-7-99

San Diego zoo is celebrating the birth of a giant panda, the first in the US in

Live Exports (Update)

A second ship, the *Warde*, is sailing daily from Dover to Ostend carrying sheep. We understand that this ship came from Africa and is an Italian ship with a Syrian crew. All instructions were written in Italian.

If you are unable to make the nightly sailings, please support the daily protests. Phone the KALE information line for times, etc. 01304 204688

compared with 192,100 the previous year. A weighted index shows a fall from 166 to 100, says the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. The birds migrate during winter to Britain from as far away as Russia and Iceland. The RSPB said the fall could be because the birds prefer it in Holland, or that they aren't breeding as well. Independent 16-8-99

Four of Britain's most senior scientists down-played the potential risk of the transmission of BSE to humans through vaccines, but insisted the serious warnings they gave to medical experts to make vaccines from non-BSE-infected cattle were not fully acted upon. The BSE working group set up in 1989, led by Sir Richard Southwood, published a report which changed a "relatively high" risk to a "remote" risk. Experts are now examining whether the BSE epidemic could have been caused by scientists trying to create a new breed of super cattle by injecting hormones from the brains of slaughtered carcasses into healthy animals. Experts are examining whether the pituitary gland could have spread mad cow disease and infected humans. The agent could have been used in thousands of measles, rubella and tetanus injections. Southwood said he thought the risk

The US food giant Monsanto has been found guilty of misleading the public on a £1m advertising campaign promoting the safety of its controversial technology. It misled the public over claims that the food had been safety-tested over 20 years and the technology was harmless, and was found guilty. It was also found guilty over claims that GM potatoes and tomatoes had been approved as safe in the UK when they had not. Daily Mail 11-8-99

The man responsible for overseeing the Government's GM trials, Professor Christopher Pollock, chosen for his impartiality, believes in growing GM crops, believing the benefits outweigh the risks, and it is in Britain's long-term interests. Independent on Sunday 15-8-99

Hunters have vowed to defy the law by continuing to trap the protected ortolan bird when the hunting season opens in France next week. More than 700 hunters are stringing up traps in trees ready to snare the birds, regardless of European and French laws. The small bird is captured alive throughout Gascony between mid-August and the end of September. It is then fattened up and drowned in armagnac before being eaten. France

10 years. Zoo officials said the birth was only the second outside of China to result from artificial insemination. The US's four other giant panda births took place at a Washington zoo. Independent 23-8-99

A Viagra tablet may have triggered a fatal heart attack problem in an impotent man, an inquest was told. Melvyn Smith, 60, of Barry, South Wales, died of heart disease. Independent 9-7-99

Cinnamon has been found to kill 99% of E.coli 0157, and is the most effective remedy after cooking or pasteurisation. It may also be effective against salmonella and campylobacter. Clove and garlic are good at killing E.coli 0157 in raw beef and sausage. One teaspoon of cinnamon added to unpasteurised apple juice killed 99.5% of the bacteria within three days. E.coli 0157 was responsible for killing 18 people who ate food from a butcher's shop in Britain in 1996. Independent 7-8-99

Pollution and global warming are helping to turn the Mediterranean into a tropical aquarium, with native fish being threatened with extinction by up to 110 newcomer varieties. The first species of tropical fish arrived in the Thirties, since when 55 Red Sea species have made their way via the Suez Canal. This could lead to extinctions. Overall, the level of fish in the Mediterranean has increased by 20 per cent, but the 530 native species have been hit by over-fishing and pollution. Independent 7-8-99

Salmon that grow four times as fast as nature intended, pigs with oversize hams and cows with giant udders are all part of the nightmare scenario where animal welfare comes second to food production. Early attempts at genetic modification resulted in the notorious Beltsville pig which had a human gene inserted into pig embryos. The animals developed a number of deformities, suffered severe arthritis and suffered great distress. Another research project disaster brought us pregnant cows with oversized foetuses. For the fish, environmental concerns brought about its abandonment, rather

than animal welfare concerns. John Webb, a geneticist at the Cotswold Pig Breeding Company, said that altering genes could lead to benefits to animals and farmers. Pigs have already been selectively bred. Independent 30-7-99

Investigators in Sicily believe the Mafia is behind an unexplained rise in cases of the animal disease brucellosis among humans, 1,000 of whom contracted it last year. They believe the Cosa Nostra is marketing a vaccine, RB51 that prevents cows with the bacterial disease from testing positive. The undetected sick animals are passing the bacterium on to humans by direct contact or through dairy products. The Mafia had previously been allegedly linked to selling BSE infected meat. Independent 24-6-99

Safeway has issued a product recall of its own-brand processed ham after tests showed it was infected with salmonella bacteria. Independent 14-7-99

Dou Dou, 37, believed to be the world's oldest panda, has died after an epileptic fit in China. Independent 27-7-99

Breast-feeding prevents babies growing up fat; promoting breast-feeding may be a simple way of tackling obesity, the fastest growing health problem in Western industrialised countries. The study in Germany found the longer babies were breast-fed the smaller their chances of becoming fat later on. Breast-feeding is known to be superior to bottle-feeding, and bottle-fed babies had higher insulin levels in their blood, which stimulates the deposition of fat. A high intake of protein early in childhood may increase the risk of obesity later. Independent 16-7-99

The total number of Britons who have died from nv-CJD, the fatal illness caused by BSE, mad cow disease, remains at 40 according to the official monthly figures released yesterday. Last year a total of 16 people died of nv-CJD. Independent 5-5-99

A survey showed most Labour backbenchers want fox-hunting banned, but Tony Blair is unlikely to move before the removal of hereditary peers for fears the "hunting and shooting" lobby would block any attempted ban. Independent 15-4-99

Six red kites were released to freedom yesterday - more than 100 years after breeding pairs became extinct in England and Scotland. The birds were set free from the Harewood estate near Leeds in the hope that they will colonise an old haunt. They were fitted with radio transmitters and coloured wing tags. The birds died out in England and Scotland by the late 19th century, although a few remained in Wales. Independent 13-7-99

Hopes were fading last night for a man missing at sea after a boating accident on Saturday that left his twin brother

NEW VEGAN CAFE

A new cafe has opened in Derby, which is entirely vegan. There is secure bicycle parking for pedal-powered vegans and a permaculture garden.

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John Prescott is to chair a Cabinet committee to decide how to fulfil Tony Blair's commitment to ban fox-hunting with dogs. Ministers have to decide on an outright ban or whether there will be exceptions for areas which vote "no" to a ban in local referendums. Independent 27-7-99

dead. The two, and a third man, were out on a fishing trip when their engine failed. Independent 23-8-99

How many ways can you annoy an angler? Here are a few. Stand behind him so he cannot whisk back his rod to cast. You could talk to him in a loud voice to frighten the fish away. You could hire a canoe to churn the water up or even use extended bamboo canes to remove bait from his hook. If you can think of any others, the Fishing Saboteurs would like to hear from you. The fish lovers have begun a campaign now because yesterday was marked the start of National Fishing Week. They hope to persuade four million anglers that their sport is as cruel as to fish as hunting with dogs is to foxes and deer. They say that not only is it harmful to fish, but to birds and other animals injured by discarded hooks, line and lures. Tactics have been published in a leaflet from the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling, whose co-ordinator denied members would, as a last resort, push fishermen into the water, saying the members were opposed to violent action. Angling Times' Mark Sutcliffe said studies showed fish don't suffer pain in the same way. Independent on Sunday 22-8-99

European Union agriculture ministers yesterday agreed to keep a subsidy under which Britain gets £12m a year to reduce the cost of milk for 1.4m nursery and primary children. Ministers in Luxembourg were considering ways to cut the EU's farming budget. Independent 16-6-99

Animal welfare campaigners have issued a warning after a number of cats had to have their ears amputated due to sunburn causing cancerous growths to the ears. Vets say pet-owners should apply sun block of at least factor 35, putting it on shortly before feeding so the animals concentrate on their food, forgetting the ointment. Guardian 23-6-99

French wine thought to contain dried cow's blood is still on sale despite the process being illegal because of BSE. Thousands of bottles could be on the shelves in Britain. The alert follows

the seizure in France of 100,000 suspect bottles. The process is used to make them clearer, and could affect several million bottles. In a swoop on 14 vineyards in the Rhone Valley, more than a ton of dried blood was seized. Bottles marked VDQS are most at risk. Daily Mail 24-6-99

Special Millennium Wish

I have a wish for the millennium, it's a very simple one.

I wish that all the animals will be free to skip and run.

Animals should not be used for fur and should not be used for meat,

Think of all the lovely fruit and veggies you could eat.

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So let my millennium wish come true, I'm sure it could be done.

by Jasmin Diamond (aged 9)

A more humane horse whip has been launched days after two jockeys were suspended for whip offences. The Aircush whip, modelled on air-cushioned training shoes, is unlikely to harm horses like conventional whips. Independent 23-6-99

Agriculture Minister Jeff Rooker is facing mounting pressure to disclose full details of secret experiments which exposed consumers to potentially lethal hormones in milk, following the Observer's revelation that nearly 40 farms had been involved in trials of a hormone to increase milk yields. The government has been forced to write to Monsanto seeking its permission to release the details. The tests, in the 1980s involved cattle being injected with a hormone to increase milk yields, but instead of discarding it, the milk went into the general milk supply without the public being informed. The

EU scientific committee has concluded that hormones found in BST milk increase the risk of breast, prostate and colonic cancer. Since the 1997 election, the Labour government has refused to reveal the location or timings of the trials. Biotechnology firms Lilly Industries and Cyanamid were also given animal test certificates to conduct the secret trials, which took place on 39 farms. Despite the secrecy, The Observer can reveal that one of the country's most influential dairy farmers took part in the experiment. Michael Lambert, who is now chair of the NFU's milk committee, injected cows on his Somerset farms with BST and allowed this milk to be passed on to the public. The NFU was then in favour of using BST, but changed its mind in the mid 1990s when the EU placed a moratorium on BST. The ban is due to end this year and could spark a trade war with the US which is demanding Monsanto's genetically engineered beef hormones be made available in Europe. Lambert is now vigorously opposed to the use of BST, having seen the effect in cattle, saying he saw severe swellings where the cows were injected, and they were clearly in discomfort. The Observer has also discovered that Grove Farm in Wendover, Buckinghamshire, took part in the secret trials. Observer 27-6-99

More than 5,000 fish have been killed by pollution in the River Tawe in the Swansea Valley near an industrial estate. Independent on Sunday 15-8-99

Biologists have identified an unknown species of striped rabbit with a red rump in Laos and Vietnam, an area which has already seen the discovery of previously unrecorded mammals, including a type of ox or antelope, four species of deer, a rhinoceros and a loris, and frogs, reptiles and birds. The striped rabbits were discovered as carcasses in a market. If the biologists find a live striped rabbit, they expect to discover a new species of flea living on it. Independent 19-8-99

The fabled Barbary lion, once believed extinct, may once again roam the

plains of Africa after the discovery of what some believe to be a female Barbary that could be mated with a male rescued from an abandoned circus where it had been left starving three years ago. The massive beast, which weighed up to 500lb and measured 10ft long, was hunted as a menace to livestock, the last wild one being shot in 1921 when it was certified extinct. Independent 30-6-99

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 McDonald's is banning GM ingredients from its burger buns,

was fatally injured at another Wiltshire event on 15 May. He is the 14th rider to sustain fatal injuries at a British event since April 1982. Independent 29-6-99

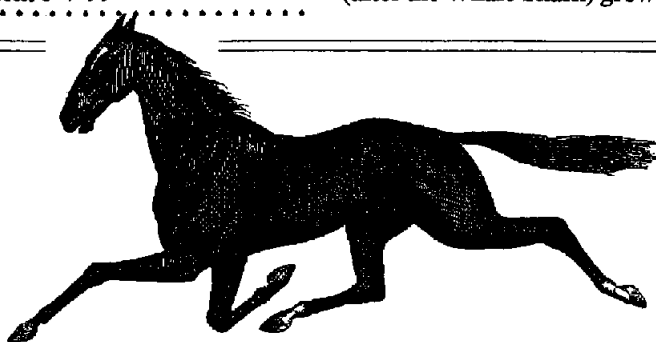
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 The Reptile Trust has declared an amnesty on illegally imported crocodiles because it suspects that at least 11 are being kept in Britain. On Friday, a 4ft South American crocodile was left in a box labelled, "His name is Bernard - beware it bites" at an aquarium in Tyne and Wear. Independent 5-7-99

Supermarkets, including Marks & Spencer, Safeway, and Tesco are selling home-grown and imported pears carrying traces of a banned pesticide, chlormequat, a growth regulator. Although not banned in the EU, some of the traces were well above the doses permitted for chlormequat in EU countries. Four out of the five samples recorded as UK grown contained detectable levels. Independent 1-7-99

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 Basking Sharks, the second largest fish (after the Whale Shark) grow up to 10

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saucers and other ingredients. It will also be removing oil and lecithin, derived from soya, from sauces it uses. The chain serves 2.5 million customers a day at its 900 UK outlets. Pizza Express, Domino Pizzas, Wimpey, City Centre Restaurants which owns Caffe Uno, Garfunkels, Deep Pan Pizza Company and Cafe Metro, Perfect Pizza and Pret a Manger have or are removing GM ingredients from their products. The market for GM ingredients has collapsed. Daily Mail 12-6-99

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 Swiss researchers have found a 33-year-old male lesser mouse-eared bat in the eaves of a church at Fully, in south-west Switzerland. Independent 25-8-99

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 Robert Slade, a 30-year-old Australian, became the latest rider to sustain fatal injuries at a British event when his horse fell on him during the Wilton Horse Trials in Wiltshire. Peta Beckett

The success of a new insemination technique in choosing the sex of cattle and horses has provoked an ethical debate after suggestions it might be used on humans. It is illegal to choose the sex of children under the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryo Act. Independent 28-6-99

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 A family of swans was shot with a .22 rifle at a lake in Egham, Surrey, yesterday, killing four signets and seriously injuring other signets and their parents. They later underwent surgery. Independent 1-7-99

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 Proctor and Gamble will immediately end the use of animal tests for its current beauty, fabric, home care and paper products except where required by law, the management said. Animal rights activists have made the worldwide consumer company a target for several years. Independent 1-7-99

metres long and weigh up to five tons. The young measure up to two metres. They filter 9,000 litres of water an hour for plankton and take around 20 years to reach sexual maturity, probably living as long as 50 years, and their pregnancy is one to three years long. They now face extinction, their huge dorsal fins fetching £20,000 a ton. They can be seen off Cornwall hurtling six feet above the sea. Sightings have decreased by 85 per cent between 1985 and 1996. The WWFN and the Wildlife Trusts have set up Seaquest to monitor their numbers over three years. Environmentalists are hoping that CITES will cut back the numbers culled. Independent on Sunday 11-7-99

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 Scientists say they have trained chimpanzees to understand simple English sentences at Georgia University's Language Research Centre, near Atlanta. They reared a pygmy chimpanzee to communicate

using basic phrases using a basic keyboard. Primatologists showed in June that wild chimpanzees are capable of passing on learned inventions and culture to their offspring. Independent 26-7-99

The Government hardened its stance against fox-hunting yesterday when it announced plans for a nation-wide ban with no opt-out areas for hunting. Tony Blair recently announced plans to ban hunting with dogs, but there had been talk of opt-out areas following local a referendum. No opt-out will now be allowed, as it would cause chaos when hunts crossed boundaries. It would be like allowing child abuse in Bedfordshire, but not Hertfordshire. Legislation will be introduced in the next Parliamentary session, beginning in November, as a private member's Bill, but will ensure it gets the extra time, unlike Mike Foster's Bill. Scotland will decide on a ban in the Scottish Parliament. Independent 13-7-99

All perfumes should be labelled with their contents to stop the widespread slaughter of musk deer for their scent pods, the WWF says. It says the number of musk deer has fallen by 50 per cent during the past decade and they could be threatened with extinction. The WWF is calling on the EU to stop imports of wild musk from Russia until more research is carried out into their decline, and wants all perfume products clearly labelled to show if they use natural musk. The deer's musk pods fetch £28,000 per kilogram. Independent 6-7-99

Norway has secretly built up a 500-ton "blubber mountain" from the carcasses of thousands of whales slaughtered in defiance of world opinion, as it has been flouting the international whaling moratorium. The blubber is cramming a warehouse in the Lofoten islands while the Norwegian government tries to get international law changed so that it can be sold to Japan. The Norwegians eat whale meat not blubber. The haul comes from about 3,000 minke whales harpooned since the whaling ban was introduced in 1986. Greenpeace said

Norway was lying when it said that whaling was only a traditional hunt done to support local people and meet local needs. This year they hope to take 753 minke, but they have been harassed by Greenpeace ships in violent clashes. The stockpile is so large that blubber is now being discarded into the sea. They will try to get minke released from Cites classification at the next meeting in Nairobi in 2000. Independent 7-7-99

Beware! - Built in Cameras!

Spy cameras are to be hidden in ordinary police helmets so they can film people on the streets. The equipment, which will be faithful to the traditional police helmet in its shape, is being developed as the latest weapon in the surveillance-led fight against crime and 'subversion'. The idea for the new helmet came after the redesign of riot helmets equipped with radio and a secret camera, which can relay live images to a base unit or record proceedings as they happen. The Metropolitan Police are one of the forces who have expressed interest in the new helmets. Mounted police officers in Cleveland have used the equipment at football matches and successfully used the taped evidence in prosecutions. Chief Superintendent Stephen French, of the Met's Public Order Branch, has said, "Intelligence-driven policing is the way forward and anything to be done to facilitate that should be welcomed."

In Britain there are 5,500 people waiting for an organ transplant and 2,500 transplants were carried out last year. The US investment bank Soloman Brothers estimates that worldwide there were 45,000 transplants in 1994, but that with an unlimited supply of pig organs, this would rise to 455,000 by 2010 with a value of \$6bn a year. In 1995, Imutran transplanted a pig heart into a monkey

which lived for 60 days. Then disaster struck. The Government set up the Kennedy inquiry into xenotransplantation, under Professor Ian Kennedy, professor of medical law and ethics, because of concerns about animal viruses and ethics. The Kennedy report concluded it was ethical only if the risks to patient and the population were reduced to "tolerable levels", and the pigs were looked after, and the costs were acceptable. The chief fears were viruses transferring to the human population in the same way that it is believed AIDS spread from monkeys. BSE had shocked scientists by spreading from sheep to cattle and then to humans. Research had identified four pig retroviruses and studies had shown two could potentially pass to humans. Independent 20-8-99

An advertisement featuring the late Linda McCartney which urged people to boycott fishing, has been banned by the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre for being too political, is was alleged yesterday. It was due to be shown on Sky Sports next week to coincide with national fishing week. PETA condemned the ban on the advert, which showed McCartney saying, "People say fish don't have feelings, but I say have you ever seen a fish gasping for breath when you take it out of water? Are they saying thank you for killing me, it feels great. No, they are in pain." Guardian 20-8-99

Giant hams up to four times the normal size could result from research into altering the genes of pigs to make their legs grow unnaturally muscular. Pig breeders in Britain warned that attempts may be underway overseas to breed GM superpigs. Scientists have found the genetic fault that could be used to produce pigs with shanks up to four times bigger than normal. Concern follows reports that attempts were made two years ago to produce GM salmon that could grow four times faster than normal. China is considered the most likely place for research, according to Dr John Webb, director of the Cotswold Pig Development Company in Lincolnshire. He said the Chinese have

a type of pig, a Meishan, which gives birth to 16 piglets rather than the normal 12. A superpig could result in pork that is 30 per cent cheaper. Last year scientists created mice with oversized muscles to order. Independent 30-7-99

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According to the US agriculture department, 44 per cent of soybeans and 36 per cent of maize in the US are grown from GM seed, only a few varieties of which have been cleared for sale in Europe. Independent 15-7-99

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Brian Davies, 64, has put enormous financial resources behind a ban on hunting, including the £1m he donated to the Labour Party to ban fox-hunting. He brought Canada's annual slaughter of baby seal pups to an end with a 20-year campaign. Since 1991 he has been channelling huge sums of money to the main parties in the anti-hunting cause. Between 1991 and 1996 he sent £365,950 to Labour, £117,578 to the Conservatives, £70,105 to the Liberal Democrats and £54,262 to other groups. He has met John Major, Chris Patten, Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown. In 1996 he personally handed £1m to the Labour Party. His life was changed in the early Sixties when he witnessed the savagery of the Canadian seal hunt, where hunters clubbed to death Harp seals for their fur, concentrating on the young pups, whose coats for the first three weeks of their lives are pure white. He became a full-time campaigner. The hunt was eventually banned in 1987. Mr Davies set up the Political Animal Lobby (PAL) in 1990. Independent 13-7-99



Scientific experiments on genetically modified salmon took place in Britain three years ago. Thousands of fish were given an extra gene from Chinook Salmon to make them grow up to four times quicker. The fish were later destroyed. Daily Mail 29-7-99

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The Arctic, the world's last great wilderness is facing an environmental catastrophe, with melting ice destroying the natural habitat of polar bears, migrating whales, seals, walrus and seabirds together with sinking many cities and changing weather patterns thousands of miles away, including Britain. Once-great populations of sea mammals and several species of seabird could die out within 20 years. The polar bear and seal populations are thought to have halved, and the polar bear could be extinct by 2020. Land animals such as grizzly bears, caribou, Arctic foxes, wolves and muskoxen are also at risk, as warmer winters, drier tundra and freak cold snaps are killing off their food sources and disrupting migration patterns. Eskimos say they can no longer sustain their traditional lifestyles. The Arctic is the world's

thermostat - what happens there regulates the world. Observer 25-7-99

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Fishermen have been accused of mutilating dolphins after a number of headless bodies were washed up on the beaches of Southwest Britain. Trawler crews are believed to have decapitated the dolphins after the creatures became entangled in their nets. Worried about rising adverse public publicity from dolphins dying in nets, fishermen are cutting them to pieces in the hope they will sink rather than be washed ashore. But the tactics have backfired, with three being washed ashore, one with its tail sliced off. The discovery follows six decapitations off Cornwall last year. Fishermen consider the catching of dolphins an unavoidable industrial hazard, as replacing broken nets is time-consuming and expensive. However one dolphin which was washed up had slices of flesh removed, suggesting it was fishermen making dolphin steaks. The decapitations have highlighted the devastation wreaked on dolphin numbers by industrial trawling. Dolphin strandings, where dead animals are washed up on shore, are on the rise in the south-west. In Cornwall, 28 dolphins and whales

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Animal Rites - Liturgies of Animal Care - by Andrew Linzey

Christians believe that the Logos is the source of all life, yet Christian worship remains unashamedly humanocentric. The world of creation, and animals in particular, is almost invisible in our worship. The churches currently do not have the liturgical means of celebrating the life of animals, giving thanks for their companionship, praying for the relief of their suffering.

This new book provides ten new liturgies which are animal-friendly and animal-inclusive. They include services of celebration for animal companionship, services for animal welfare, healing liturgies, new eucharistic prayers 'for the whole creation', and animal burial services. Underlying all these new forms is a serious theological purpose: to help us to draw deeper into the mystery of God's work in creation and to affirm other sentient beings as co-creatures with us.

Andrew Linzey writes: "*Already hundreds of parishes hold animal blessing services every year. These provide an opportunity for celebration, care, and preaching on the theme of Christian responsibility for creation.*"

Andrew Linzey holds the world's first post in theology and animal welfare - the IFAW Senior Research Fellowship at Mansfield College, Oxford.

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have been washed up on the county's beaches this year, compared with 65 for the whole of 1998 and 52 in 1997, according to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. In Devon, around 30 were washed up last year. The vast majority of stranded dolphins, around 80 per cent, die after being caught up in fishing nets. Others die of pollution or accidental beachings. Most dolphins and their smaller cousins the porpoises, are caught in large industrial trawlers which have already scooped up over 1.5m mackerel and sea bass off the south-west coast this year, using nets up to a mile wide. Entangled in a net, a dolphin or a porpoise will shut its blow-hole and suffocate. The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society says the porpoise is almost extinct in southern British waters. Independent on Sunday 4-4-99

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Campaigners dressed as foxes yesterday began a 24-hour hunger strike outside the constituency office of Conservative leader William Hague in Northallerton, North Yorkshire. The National Anti-Hunt Campaign said Mr Hague supported fox hunting and they wanted it banned. Independent 6-9-99

Lead shot is to be banned from the shotgun cartridges of Britain's wildfowling, the Government announced today. When shooting ducks and geese over the seashore, estuaries, lakes and other wetlands, wildfowling will have to use shotgun pellets of a different, non-toxic material, or risk a fine of up to £5,000. The ban is intended to end the lead poisoning of water birds, which ingest spent shot when taking in grit to aid digestion, and subsequently suffer a lingering and painful death. The action follows the successful ban on lead weights in angling in 1987, which has allowed mute swan populations to expand greatly. The ban should be in place in England in time for the new wildfowling season on 1 September. The timing of the ban in Scotland and Wales will depend on the new Scottish and Welsh assemblies. A similar ban is to be introduced in Northern Ireland. A typical 12-bore shotgun cartridge contains about 250 pellets of lead, weighing about 35g, and it is thought that about 2,000 tons of shot are used by wildfowling in Europe each season, much of which falls into wetland habitats. Birds suffering from lead poisoning tend to seek cover and die

isolated deaths, so there are no figures for how many are lost each year, but it has been estimated that 2 to 3 per cent of the United States' autumn wildfowl population (1.6 to 2.4 million birds) dies each year from lead shot ingestion, and according to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, levels of ingestion of lead in northern Europe are similar. The ban will affect the 16,000 members of wildfowling clubs and up to 100,000 other shooters. The British Association for Shooting and Conservation said it accepted the ban. Independent 8-4-99

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Eagle owls, capable of carrying off dogs, cats, wild boar and even deer are now breeding in Britain. With its six-foot wingspan, standing over two foot high, it is one of more than a score of bird species that have escaped from collections of avifauna, with an expert warning they could become pests. They hunt by ambushing passing prey or pouncing on birds, or taking fish by plunge diving or hovering. Successful breeding of the birds has occurred for the past to years in North Yorkshire. The Rare Breeding Birds Panel has produced a report warning of the risks, focussing on the 22 species that are

gaining footholds, including Australian black swans, Asiatic bar-headed geese, Arctic-nesting snow geese, barnacle geese, and tropical rose-ringed and monk parakeets. Independent 12-4-99

At least 83 birds of prey were illegally killed last year, the RSPB said. The figure compares with 71 birds of prey which were illegally killed in 1997. Guardian 28-6-99

An attempt to outlaw fur farming was blocked by Tory backbenchers yesterday. The Fur Farming (Prohibition) Private Member's Bill, sponsored by Maria Eagle with cross-party support was halted by amendments drawn up by former Tory ministers Eric Forth (Bromley and Chislehurst) and David Maclean (Penrith and the Border) after a five hour debate. The Bill which aims to close England's remaining 13 mink farms by January 2002 and compensate farmers for their loss, now goes back down the queue and stands little chance of becoming law. The Bill proposed it be an offence to keep any animal for slaughter or for breeding where the sole or primary purpose is to obtain the value of their fur, punishable by a fine of up to £20,000. Up to 150,000 young mink are slaughtered on farms each year for their pelts. They are not domesticated,

but are forced to live in small cages. Independent 15-5-99

More than 500 hunt supporters who joined the RSPCA out-numbered traditional members at the animal charity's AGM, where they called for a rethink in its opposition to fox hunting. Independent on Sunday 27-6-99

Foxes are far from being the voracious predators that they are made out to be and probably do less damage to native wildlife than red deer, zoologists have found. They have little impact on populations of wild birds, yet over-grazing by red deer in Scotland has scarred the landscape and made it more difficult for other wild animals to survive. Professor of environmental sciences, Stephen Harris, a leading expert on foxes, said that just eight out of 60 studies into the predation of groundnesting wading birds have shown that the fox has an impact on bird numbers, and even that was low. A study on lapwings showed that foxes were their least important predators; crows were much more important. As for pheasants, they have not adapted to the wild so it is not surprising that they are vulnerable. Rabbits form between 70 and 80 per cent of a fox's diet, with voles, worms and insects making up the rest. Red deer have a devastating impact on local wildlife,

and have no natural predators, and eat young trees as soon as they appear. The solution would be to re-introduce wolves into the Highlands. "We can hardly expect other countries to keep dangerous animals such as tigers when we are unwilling to suffer much smaller problems, such as wolves. Red deer make life far more difficult for other animals; birds being more vulnerable to being found by predators such as the fox and eagles. There are currently about 250,000 adult foxes, producing 400,000 cubs a year, most of which die in their first year. Humans kill about 400,000 foxes a year, and a ban on fox-hunting, which kills 20,000 a year at most, would have little impact on fox control. Independent 18-9-99

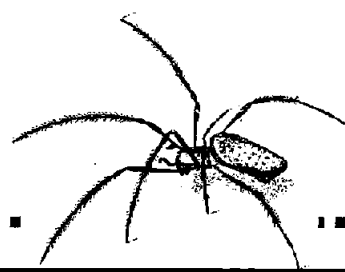
The Home Office refuses to release the names of scientists who have broken regulations in experiments on animals, although in one research project the breaches were so serious that the further use of animals was banned. A total of 17 infringements of regulations surrounding animal experiments were reported in 1998. The Guardian requested details of these infringements under the Open Government code introduced by the last government. The Home Office replied that identities of the researchers concerned had to be protected to prevent possible attacks by animal rights extremists. A

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spokeswoman said researchers provided information in confidence to the Home Office, making the data exempt from disclosure. NAVS said if researchers had broken rules set up to protect laboratory animals, people have a right to know details. In Britain, 2.6m experiments a year are carried out on living animals. One licence was revoked to experiment, another was revoked but the ban was overturned on appeal; again, no details were given. Some 14 infringements occurred in universities, the other three in commercial labs. In 15 cases, experiments were conducted outside stipulated terms of licences. Seven project leaders were required to review controls to prevent further unauthorised tests. The committee is reviewing the question of disclosure. Guardian 22-9-99

Tesco, Britain's largest supermarket, and Unilever, owner of Birds Eye Walls, the world's largest food manufacturer yesterday both announced bans on GM ingredients, from their products. Tesco is working with Greenpeace to remove modified ingredients from its own meals and would label clearly all products that contained them, following customer pressure and criticism from environmentalists that it was the only one of the big chains to refuse to respond to public concern. Tesco now joins Safeway, Sainsbury's, Iceland, marks and Spencer and Waitrose in seeking GM-free products and boosting its organic range. Greenpeace said the spotlight was now on Nestle to phase out the ingredients. About 4.5 million hectares of land are in cultivation in the UK. Independent 29-4-99

Fresh fears of another E.coli 0157 outbreak grew after one in five butchers failed hygiene checks yesterday. Staff at 12 butchers - out of 64 checked by environmental health officers - were not washing their hands between handling cooked and raw meat. Cross-contamination of food is a key way of spreading E.coli, and hand washing was a key recommendation after the E.coli outbreak in 1996-97 that killed 21

people with meat from John Barr's butchers. Threats of legal action have been given to the butchers. Elsewhere in Scotland, an undercover investigation found staff were not reaching hygiene standards in 92% of butchers investigated. Independent 16-7-99

Animal rights activists said they liberated 600 guinea pigs stolen from a farm in Burton on Trent breeding them for research. The owner, Christopher Hall said the animals are kept according to Home Office regulations. Independent 7-9-99

The Post Office is fitting letter-box style bristle bars to post boxes as a solution to snails eating letters in post-boxes. In Truro last year snails damaged 100 letters. Independent 17-7-99

The Tansy beetle is blessed with exotic beauty, with legs and wings of iridescent green and bronze which the Victorians used as sequins. Only one plant, the tansy, can nourish the beetles and now the insect has stopped using its wings. There are only two colonies in Britain and one, with 130 beetles, has just been moved for flood-defence work. The tansy plant is vulnerable to drought. The colonies will be monitored in the hope of encouraging them to spread. Independent 11-8-99

The British Horseracing Board has released a statement stating that it will oppose a ban on hunting with hounds, in the interests of racing, as a ban would damage racing, and reduce the number of point-to-point venues and meetings, and thus reduce the number of horses and riders reaching the standards required for racing. The Jockey Club also opposes a ban. Independent 21-7-99

Dangerous levels of cancer-causing dioxin exist in meat from all industrialised countries, the EC said yesterday. The statement raised questions about the safety of meat in Britain, which, like most EU countries, has no systematic scheme to check farms close to industrial polluters. The alarm was raised from tests on Belgian beef, which contained more than the

COVANCE CAMPAIGN

During a national demo at Covance Laboratories on Saturday 25th September, an activist managed to climb a security fence and gain access to the company's beagle dog unit. They saw at first hand the depraved world of vivisection. A statement made by the activist afterwards reads:

"Upon entering the building I came across the monkey unit but I didn't go in as there was a Biohazard sign on the door and another mentioning rabies experiments. I entered the beagle unit and saw lots of dogs with no bedding at all and loads of excrement everywhere. Some of the dogs were cowering in fear and some were just desperate for attention...."

Video footage taken from the kennel unit revealed appalling conditions with urine and excrement covering the floors of the kennels and flowing out into the walkway between them. Animal feed had been knocked over into the urine rendering it inedible. The video footage has come as a major boost to the campaign against Covance. Photos and video footage are online at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/miggi>

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permitted quantities of dioxin, from industrial sources. The news emerged with the admission that sewage sludge was used in Belgian animal feed until June this year. Similar revelations from France, Germany and the Netherlands have provoked alarm. There are no systematic spot checks of meat produced in farms near to industrial sites. The Belgian government confirmed reports that toilet and animal waste sludge had been mixed into animal fodder for years, but stopped in June. Independent 22-9-99

Florida's one million alligators are on the prowl for mates and food, posing a threat to people and pets, state wildlife officials said yesterday. Several alligators have been seen walking by ponds and on a golf course recently. Independent 28-4-99

Shops selling alternative medicines are up in arms against new government regulations, which, it is said, will sweep hundreds of herbal remedies and alternative medicines off the shelves. The EC is insistent; twice in September 1996 and again last year, it attacked Britain for failing to remove from the market products labelled as health foods, alternative remedies or even cosmetics which have an effect on the body. If a product is a medicine or claims to have medicinal effects, it must be put through clinical trials and get a licence from the Medicines Control Agency, which is unbelievably expensive. The official document, MLX249, proposes amendments to the Medicines for Human Use Regulations 1994, and the industry says it will give the MCA unacceptable powers to decide whether borderline products in the grey area between foods and medicines, cosmetics or medical devices, is a medicine or not. If the MCA decrees the presence of fluoride in some toothpastes makes them a medicine, then manufacturers will have to get a licence or stop selling them, or face prosecution. In the future, the MCA may be both prosecutor and judge. The MCA says it sees the rule change as a way of dealing with outrageous claims where they are made, for instance, bogus Aids cures. Guardian 3-5-99

Animal rights extremists caused £1m damage in an arson attack on a Unigate dairy in Oxford, completely burning out seventeen vehicles. Half an hour earlier, four vehicles were destroyed at Tadmartin Poultry in nearby Banbury. The attackers left incendiary devices under each vehicle, and were said to have been well made. All but one device went off. Unigate Dairies spokeswoman Tony Hensby said the incident was inexplicable and they were at a complete loss. Earlier, Thames Valley Police arrested 20 people during a sit down protest at the Hillgrove Cat Farm in nearby Witney. One man was charged with obstructing police, 19 others were released pending inquiries. Independent 2-8-99

Food hygiene inspectors are starting an investigation into French rendering plants following allegations that untreated water, blood and discharges from animal carcasses, and sewage have been used in making poultry and pig feed. Guardian 18-8-99

A small lizard-like animal whose fossil remains were found in an ancient lakebed may have been one of the first to live on dry land. The 15-centimetre specimen dates back almost 340 million years, and was found near Edinburgh. Guardian 8-4-99

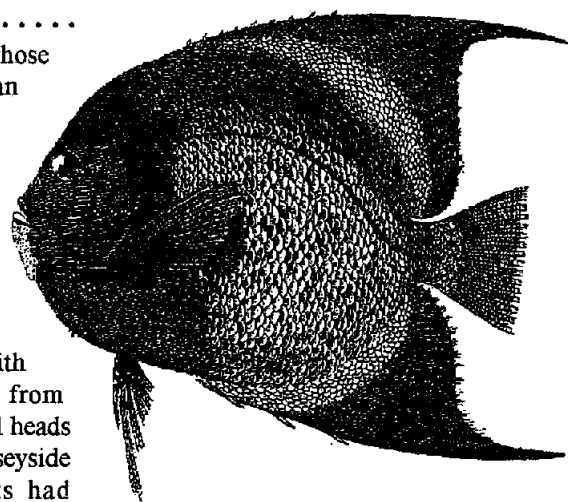
Commuters were confronted with severed pigs' heads hanging from railings yesterday. Police said 21 heads had been found on main Merseyside roads and similar incidents had occurred throughout the county. Officers are investigating but farmers' leaders denied involvement. Independent 17-9-99

A duck-billed platypus has been born in captivity for the first time since 1944, and only the second time in history, at the Healesville Sanctuary in Melbourne. The platypus an egg-laying mammal or monotreme, is another of evolution's great survivors. It catches prawns using electro-receptors on its bill. Independent 10-4-99

Despite its size, about a foot long, and a 200-million year history dating back to the Jurassic Age, the mantis prawn has only just been discovered at the bottom of Sydney harbour. It can strike its fish prey in five milliseconds and has the most complex vision of any invertebrate. If it were the size of a shark, it would be the most fearsome creature in the sea. Independent 10-4-99

Police had their hands full trying to manage the chaos caused by the introduction of hundreds of thousands of sheep into Egyptian households over the Eid. One man fell to his death pursuing a ram across a fourth-storey balcony. In another village, a sheep belonging to one family burst into another family's home, triggering a knife fight that left four injured. Independent 24-4-99

Police may carry out DNA tests on nearly 1,500 birds' eggs seized in raids



to try to match them to feathers from known nesting sites. The eggs were seized in raids in Brixham and Totnes in Devon on Tuesday. Independent 2-4-99

The Government refused to back down on its plans for farm-scale GM trials despite evidence released this week that the plants' pollen can travel further than thought - 2.5 miles. Yet only three sites will be planted this year to investigate their effect on the surrounding ecology. Michael Meacher said up to 20 sites are planned

and the trials will take up to four years. Independent 17-4-99

Criminal gangs who smuggle endangered species are to be the subject of a British-led drive to stamp out the trade. Police and prosecutors in impoverished countries in the Caribbean and the Commonwealth will receive specialised training in environmental and criminal law to capture the traffickers. The programme aims not only to tackle the smuggling of tigers, birds and parrots, but the illegal movement of environmentally damaging chemicals such as CFCS. Independent 6-4-99

Scores of animals are close to extinction because the cloud forests of Central America are being destroyed through climate change. Rising temperature is causing the moisture-laden mists to disappear; since 1987, 20 out of 50 species of frog and toad are believed to have perished, with one species endemic to Costa Rica, the golden toad, has not been seen for more than 10 years. The frequency of the mists occurring over the mountains over the past 20 years has declined, forming on higher slopes. Monteverde has become cloudier but drier. Estimates put the mists at 200 metres higher, enough to destroy the delicately balanced habitats of cloud-forest animals. Rising sea-surface temperatures are probably behind the change. Populations of birds and reptiles and lizards have disappeared too. Independent 26-4-99

The bittern, a rare bird that makes a distinctive booming noise, is on the verge of extinction in the UK, according to the RSPB. It said that the bittern's boom had been reported only 14 times this spring. Independent on Sunday 25-4-99

The RSPCA has issued a warning over the latest craze, owning a chacoan monkey tree frog. The charity said there was a disturbing increase in the number of exotic animals kept as pets - an estimated one million now own pet reptiles. The monkey frog comes from northern Argentina and Paraguay, and its natural habitat is desert. It must be fed live insects, such

as three or four crickets two or three times a week, and have its accommodation kept at 30C to 35C. Independent 12-4-99

The KLM airline apologised for using a poultry industry shredding machine to kill 440 live Chinese squirrels shipped illegally to the Netherlands, but said it could not find a home for them. Times 16-4-99

The one-horned rhino lives. Seven months after 39 of the highly endangered animals were swept away by catastrophic floods that forced

started in 1908. Thirty years ago, rhinos seemed on the brink of extinction, poached mainly for their horn, with numbers down to 366 in 1966. Poachers are shot now, not taken to court. Independent 12-4-99

Wildlife is encroaching on the suburbs of America, even New York. Last week a wandering coyote was apprehended in Central Park, where it was caged and removed to a more conventional habitat. In Washington, a red-tailed hawk swooped on the White House to feast on presidential duck. Washington

And finally....

For those readers who have not obtained a copy of Arkangel magazine before, we hope that you will find it informative. We apologise to our regular subscribers for the lateness of this issue.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lyn & Maggie Allen for their invaluable help and for their amazing Arkangel covers - issues number 10 to issue number 20.

With the closure of Consort Kennels and Hillgrove Farm, the strength of the animal liberation movement has been fully realised. We must build upon that strength, teach by example, use our resources to the best of our abilities, promote a vegan way of life and spread the vegan message far and wide.

The Animal Liberation / vegan movement must break down the barriers of prejudice, ignorance, bigotry, discrimination and hatred which keep animals caged, abused, exploited, used, insulted, made fun of, humiliated, tortured and finally, murdered. This movement must remain consistent in its fight to free animals from oppression by not embracing racism, sexism, homophobia or intolerance of religious beliefs as part of the struggle. The systematic abuse of animals relies on a fascistic doctrine of brutality and repressive policies. We congratulate London Animal Action for taking a stand against racists and sexists in the Animal Liberation movement and hope other groups will follow their lead...

hundreds more to flee, a census revealed an increase in numbers of more than 40 per cent over five years. Elsewhere in Assam where the rhinos are less well protected from poachers, numbers are up. Saturday's census found 1,649 rhinos, while the rest of the state has another 120, the best figure in Assam since the census

has hundreds of Japanese cherry trees, and the park service admitted last week that the sacred cherries had been felled by a beaver. Now a save-the-beaver group has been set up, and an opposing save-the-cherry-trees group set up, and other beavers have been sighted. The other trees have been protected with

netting, and offers have come in from people offering to re-home the beavers. Independent 14-4-99

Wild chimpanzees have a rich cultural tradition on a par with human societies, and pass on traditions to each other. Chimpanzees were able to match a face of a male chimpanzee they had never met to his mother, although not match daughters to mothers. Independent 17-6-99

A lioness from Edinburgh Zoo will be put to sleep because keepers think she has the feline version of BSE, despite the concern of animal campaigners. Her partner, Lumpy, 12, died of FSE. Independent on Sunday 11-4-99

The Government's most senior scientist, Sir Robert May, the Chief Scientific Advisor, has contradicted Tony Blair's policy on GM crops with a call for a four-year ban on their commercial release, not before 2003 at the earliest. Mr Blair and his ministers have repeatedly refused demands for a four-year ban from English Nature and other environmental groups. But in a letter to the RSPB, Sir Robert makes it clear he agrees with its view that no releases should occur until farm-scale trials are completed at the end of 2002. Independent 20-5-99

One of Britain's biggest sweetcorn farmers admitted spraying potentially lethal pesticide on crops later sold to supermarket chains. Colin Boswell, 47, who ran an 850-acre farm on the Isle of Wight, pleaded guilty to 10 breaches of health and safety laws and was committed by Portsmouth magistrates for sentencing. Independent 5-6-99



The Animal Liberation Front said it was absolutely confident that its members were responsible for a firebomb attack on a meat firm's lorries on Monday in Exeter, Devon. Robin Webb, a spokesman, said he had not received any claims of responsibility from members but it was the type of action undertaken many times over the years. Independent 12-5-99

The European Union's Scientific Steering Committee scientists called yesterday for antibiotic use to be cut back because bacteria are becoming increasingly resistant. They recommend steps to reduce immediately "inappropriate use" of antimicrobials including antibiotics. Independent 1-6-99

The celebrity killer whale Keiko, the five-ton star of the film Free Willy, could be freed into the wild in mid-2000, according to the organisers of a campaign that returned him to a floating pen in his native Iceland from the United States a year ago. Independent 23-9-99

American doctors are preparing to ban blood donations from people who have visited Britain for as little as six months, to guard against the spread of human BSE. There are fears that visitors may have absorbed the BSE agent through food. A survey of its donors found that 22 per cent had visited Britain since 1980. Independent 3-6-99

Fresh concerns have been raised over the safety of human cloning with the findings that suggest Dolly the cloned sheep may be ageing faster than normal. Tests on Dolly's genetic material have revealed the chromosomes resemble those of a six-year-old sheep. Independent 27-5-99

The Government will pledge to fight any moves to lift the world-wide ban on whaling. Elliot Morley will tell the International Whaling Commission that Britain will not support the lifting

of the 1982 international moratorium. Independent 24-5-99

23,000 tonnes was the average amount of sturgeon caught every year in the Caspian Sea at the start of the 1980s. The average amount of sturgeon caught every year in the Caspian Sea at present is 3,000 tonnes. Independent on Sunday 30-5-99

An Ilkley supermarket has withdrawn ostrich burgers, sausages and steaks because the meat has proved too exotic for Yorkshire tastes. Guardian 5-5-99

A red setter was back to normal after a paediatric cardiologist performed key-hole heart bypass surgery on the dog in a 70 minute operation. Heart valve complications can be a problem in red setters. Independent 11-5-99

One of the world's richest jockey clubs is to shoot 200 racehorses because they are no longer winning money for their wealthy owners. The Hong Kong Jockey Club, with revenues last year of £7.3bn, is planning a cull of about a fifth of its stock, to be shot before July. Some 100 horses are put down each year in Hong Kong due to health problems. While the club does offer to make a payment towards the £3,000, its elite owners must pay to have their horses flown abroad. Many owners, as well as the club, are taking the cheaper option of shooting the retired animals, even though the club's five annual international races carry stake money of £2.5m, enough to ship more than 800 retired horses abroad. Independent on Sunday 9-5-99

The owner of a fur farm near Rome attacked British animal rights activists linked to the pressure group PETA. Nine people were injured, including two journalists. Independent on Sunday 9-5-99

European wolf cubs have been born in Britain for the first time in 250 years. Three females and one male were born to wolves owned by the Wolf Conservation Trust in Beenham, Berkshire. Independent on Sunday 9-5-99