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# DIARY OF

June - November

# ACTION

In order to include a comprehensive diary, communiques had to be edited and some actions were removed. Complete writeups can be found on: [www.DirectAction.info](http://www.DirectAction.info)



## Liberations

06/16/03 (SWEDEN) Two zebra-mice rescued from pet shop.

07/08/03 (GERMANY) 75 hens liberated from farms over a few months by Project Liberated Animals

07/12/03 (NEW ZEALAND) Two chickens rescued from a broiler farm in Henderson Valley. The following week 20 hens were liberated from a battery hen farm in South Auckland.

07/13/03 (GERMANY) 30 baby hens taken in open rescue from a factory farm.

07/13/03 (AUSTRALIA) ALF cut and removed a large section of electrified fencing hampering a kanga cull.

07/23/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF raided a fur farm and 3500 animals were freed. "We started opening the cages and soon the ground by our feet was filled with curious mink anxious to get free."

07/27/03 (SPAIN) The 'Frente de Liberación Animal' (Spanish ALF) raided a rabbit farm in Valencia.

07/27/03 (SWEDEN) DBF freed 62 rabbits from a farm, covered house and shed with slogans.

07/30/03 (UK) Thousands freed from a Hampshire Pheasant farm. Tractors and other vehicles damaged.

07/31/03 (FINLAND) 12 hens freed from a battery farm.

08/01/03 (AUSTRIA) Nine chickens taken in an open rescue.

08/04/03 (SPAIN) Five mink freed in second visit to the fur farm.

08/13/03 (NORWAY) 3 dogs liberated from a vivisection breeding facility.

08/14/03 (SWEDEN) 150 partridges released and slogans spray-painted at a shooting estate.

08/25/03 (SWEDEN) Five rabbits liberated from a rabbit meat farm.

08/26/03 (USA) The ALF liberated 10,000 mink from a fur farm in Washington.

09/01/03 (ITALY) 3500 minks liberated by the ALF from a fur farm.

09/06/03 (NETHERLANDS) Thousands of mink released, cages destroyed, & windows smashed in a daylight raid.

09/16/03 (USA) Four ducks taken in an open rescue from Sonoma foie gras farm.

09/18/03 (SWEDEN) 40 hens rescued from a farm, and machinery and thousands of eggs destroyed.

09/21/03 (FINLAND) Finland's biggest liberation: more than 7000 mink liberated from a fur farm.

09/21/03 (SWEDEN) A beagle liberated from a vivisection lab. A lab employee pepper sprayed.

09/22/03 (SPAIN) 300 rabbits rescued from a vivisection breeder. Slogans were spray-painted.

09/28/03 (BELGIUM) 3500 mink freed from a fur farm.

10/10/03 (ITALY) 18,000 mink released from fur farm.



## Sabotage

05/22 - 6/03/03 (SWEDEN) 2 fur shops spray-painted, vivisector's home painted, fur shop windows etched, hunting platforms destroyed, angling shop windows smashed.

06/03/03 (NETHERLANDS) A car at a mink farm in Zeist firebombed.

06/05/03 (USA) HLS client AMEC attacked in Kentucky. Windshield & sides of an AMEC truck and office wall spray-painted, an electronic security keypad and lock glued.

06/06/03 (UK) Asahi Glass (HLS client), had locks glued & directors cars vandalized.

06/10/03 (NETHERLANDS) Activists vandalized ABN AMRO (banks connected to BPRC primate center).

06/11/03 (SWEDEN) Chinchilla farmer had his windows smashed.

06/12/03 (UK) A Sankyo (HLS client) director's house spray-painted & new Jaguar was vandalized.

06/16/03 (UK) A parcel labeled "a gift from the ALF" was left outside Act Tech UK Ltd. More than 100 employees were evacuated & roads sealed off. Half of the days production was lost.

06/18/03 (ITALY) A company related to Morini farm super-glued and spray-painted.

06/21/03 (SPAIN) Slogans Spray-painted at a pig farm.

06/22/03 (SWEDEN) The home and car of vivisector was spray-painted with slogans.

06/22/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF spray-painted slogans and glued locks at KFC, McDonalds, etc.

06/23/03 (SWEDEN) Two primate researchers had paint poured on houses.

06/23/03 (USA) Legacy, HLS market maker, has director's house covered in paint and phone/computer lines cut.

06/24/03 (UK) Sankyo director's house painted, Yamanouchi director's neighborhood sprayed painted, British Toxicology Society had new 4x4 covered with slogans.

06/27/03 (SWEDEN) Home of a vivisector was covered with spray-painted slogans.

06/29/03 (NETHERLANDS) Yamanouchi manager's car was spray-painted, had tires slashed, windows etched.

06/29/03 (USA) McDonalds spray-painted and windows smashed in NJ.

06/30/03 (AUSTRIA) Over 100 circus signs destroyed.

06/30/03 (NETHERLANDS) Chicken slaughterhouse burned, resulting in millions of dollars in damage.

07/01/03 (NORWAY) The DFF firebombed a fur feed/fabric storage facility.

07/03/03 (UK) HLS supplier, LIG, director has car vandalized.

07/08/03 (IRELAND) Circus Vegas posters were removed, covered with "Cancelled" stickers, & spray-painted. One truck also vandalized.

07/09/03 (SWEDEN) Fur shop owner had his home spray-painted with slogans.

07/09/03 (UK) Newchurch Mania: Vivisectors who use Newchurch guineas had credit cards stolen and thousands of pounds charged to them. Employees homes painted, cars vandalized, fireworks set off, and marbles poured on steps.

07/10/03 (UK) 2 Sumitomo (HLS client) employees had their homes painted and cars vandalized.

07/13/03 (UK) 2 bomb scares against HLS employees.

07/15/03 (UK) Laundry service to Huntingdon Life Sciences had 13 vehicles vandalized.

07/19/03 (UK) John Parker's poultry farm had equipment vandalized, 1000's of eggs smashed, 100's of cages, belts, feeding tools destroyed, all light bulbs smashed, cables cut and locks glued.

07/20/03 (UK) 2 directors from Gregory Associates (drug licensing for HLS) visited. Cars vandalized.

07/20/03 (USA) Home of Daryl Dorcy, an employee & lobbyist for Abbott Labs (HLS client), vandalized.

07/23/03 (NETHERLANDS) An ABN AMRO bank in Amsterdam and four in Arnhem vandalized to protest the bank's connection with the primate center BPRC.

07/25/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF placed incendiary devices in an empty fur farm in Bjornhult. The owner was planning to begin farming minks.

07/26/03 (GERMANY) Nippon (HLS client) had walls covered with red paint and slogans.







CHILDREN PLAYING  
"EZLN"

opponents of not just state-sponsored, but all terrorism, we retain the free will to resist. But few of us who are given privilege in the same system are courageous enough to oppose it.

We continually hear animal rights activists and environmentalists talk about our society's violence towards animals and destruction of entire species and ecosystems. We recognize and eloquently describe the violent crimes our society commits daily against the animal and natural world, often comparing the animal rights movement to the struggles against slavery and racism. But the animal rights movement is nothing like the 19th Century anti-slavery struggle, unless you take into account the condemnation of the Underground Railroad by abolitionists opposed to aiding runaway slaves. Nor are we anything like the South African anti-apartheid battle, which was forced to armed struggle, and even car bombings, to win basic human rights. Let's be honest. The animal rights movement as we now know it will never become a revolutionary struggle because the representatives of the oppressed enjoy enough privilege from the system they oppose to prevent them from supporting, let alone engaging in, actual revolutionary activity that would risk those comforts.

Privileged academics like Tom Regan compare the animal rights movement to other social justice struggles, but in the same breath condemn the actions of the ALF calling them counterproductive. Priscilla Feral and her Friends of Animals support anti-poaching efforts in Africa, including the killing of poachers, but shatter a few windows at an animal testing company and they're issuing press releases condemning direct action. On a recent CNN news show, a U.S. director of Greenpeace responding to questions regarding the ELF said his organization would cooperate in any effort to prosecute eco-warriors as terrorists. Wayne Pacelle and the Humane Society rake in so much money in the name of promoting animal rights through reformist campaigns that they now publicly condemn direct action by the ALF, SHAC and other groups. Pacelle even has called me personally a "poison to the animal rights movement" because rescuing animals and destroying their torture chambers threatens these "real" improvements for animals in our society.

Such individuals and organizations demonstrate a level of speciecism every bit as destructive as that they oppose. In the words of liberated slave

Frederick Douglass, they want crops without the thunder and the rain, the ocean without its tumultuous roar. In failing to support actions that cause no injury, except to life-destroying property, we fail to live up to our own belief in the rights of other species. We describe the violence, ramble off the numbers, but rarely do we admit our own inaction to defend animal life and our Earth as if it were our own. The loudest critics of the ALF and ELF are often those who claim to adhere to a value system that believes in equal rights for all species.

When animal rights activists, environmentalists or anyone claiming to represent the Earth and her animal people, fail to recognize the legitimacy of direct action, they deny the history of social change,

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disrespecting those who have lost their lives fighting oppression and demonstrating a level of cowardice and betrayal to those they claim to represent. Such people aren't allies, but obstructionists to the work that must inevitably be done to achieve true freedom in any struggle. I am sure the animals in thousands of research labs wouldn't want such representation.

Claiming to adhere to a code of nonviolence in this country is the privilege of those separated and unaffected by the violence carried out in our name. If we were opposing a Buddhist power structure, maybe there would be a chance for Gandhian nonviolence. But unfortunately, the society we live in takes little notice of the oppressed unless we accompany our efforts with direct action. That's the lesson my indigenous warrior ancestors were

forced to learn and one we in the animal rights and environmental struggles must learn as well.

I've seen what goes on behind the laboratory doors of places like Huntington Life Sciences and I'd be a hypocrite to say I wouldn't want to plant a bomb to stop it. It's far past time for tolerance of animal abusers, rapists and child molesters in our society and, if necessary, those people should live in greater fear that what they do to others might be done to them. Historically, such logic is all that could prevent genocide. I wish the abusers and destroyers could be reached with a more passive approach. But for many blinded by the wealth and power they amass through the exploitation of others, only through fearing for their own life will they begin to be made conscious to the suffering they inflict on others. This isn't my value system though; it's the one we're forced to fight under and the same one that now makes those September 11th flag wavers opposed to the war in Iraq only because now *their* sons and daughters are being killed.

I offer no apologies for the ALF, ELF, Revolutionary Cells, Zapatistas, Palestinian Intifada, Irish Republican Army or Iraqi Fallayajah resistance movements, because only when we ourselves have been the victims of real violence can we realize its impact and begin to understand why others must justify its use to defend their families and homes. Far from being terrorism, such acts are the only avenue left available as self defense. These are actions that most people would engage in if it were their homes and families being destroyed.

The animal rights movement will continue to be the playground of make believe revolutionaries until we acknowledge our role in allowing the violence all around us and act accordingly to prevent it as if every Iraqi child were our own and every animal one we knew. If our society continues to repress the efforts of those who advocate nonviolent change, they leave little option but to see an increase in violent resistance by those accepting of violence as a necessary means of change. The Earth and her threatened animal nations deserve the same level of defense that we support when human life is threatened. Otherwise we are just more hypocrites wanting change without the risk and sacrifice that is already being made by others.





in the ALF were ethically opposed to violence while others weren't. But it was generally felt that it was best for the ALF to avoid violence in order to gain the maximum number of activists by not frightening away those who felt uneasy about violent actions. I can understand why the ALF adopted this policy and I totally supported it during my days as an ALF activist. There were, after all, other groups, such as the Animal Rights Militia, which people could get involved in if they wanted to carry out violent actions.

I'm not ethically opposed to violence against animal abusers. But I think great care has to be taken not to endanger ordinary members of the public, which is why I don't like the use of letter-bombs for instance. Even tactically I'm not opposed to violence in all circumstances (and obviously I support its use in self-defense), but I don't think it needs to be used big-time in order to achieve animal liberation.

Does direct action burn people out faster than other forms of activism? What has become of the people you formed the Band of Mercy and the ALF with? What advice can you offer current activists to help them avoid this burn-out?

Yes, I think it can, due to prison sentences and the stress of risking imprisonment, even if a person is never caught.



## I BELIEVE IT IS FAR BETTER TO LIVE FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION THAN TO DIE FOR IT.

Of the other five people involved in the formation of the Band of Mercy (which later became the ALF), one I've totally lost touch with and three of the other four are involved in animal rescue work (and as far as I know are still vegetarian or vegan). One, Sue Smith, had still been involved in direct action (as well as animal rescue and healing) but sadly died last year from a mystery illness.

I think there comes a time for all ALF activists when they feel, for one reason or another, that they can no longer take the risk of spending time in prison. Sadly, some seem to disappear from the animal rights movement completely when this happens. The advice I would give concerning this is that direct action is not the be all and end all of everything and there are plenty of very important ways in which a person can help the cause of animal liberation without risking imprisonment.

I don't think it's just ALF activists who can suffer burn-out though. It can happen to anyone who devotes a lot of time and energy to campaigning against animal persecution. My advice would be that such people should not be afraid to take a break now and again to recharge their batteries. It's important to have some sort of hobby or interest to relax with and take your mind off the struggle every so often. Mine is watching soccer (although with the way the team I support has been playing

recently, I'm not sure that's an entirely stress-free activity!)

Often movement opponents of direct action are under the impression ALF activists and their supporters see direct action as the "only" viable form of changing industries. How much of a role do you think direct action should play tactically within the whole of the animal rights movement in relation to that of education and legislation?

I can understand why this is the case, because at one time myself and many others within the ALF used to proclaim that direct action was the only way. That's not at all my view these days though.

I think the role of direct action varies according to the particular area of animal abuse which is being targeted, and sometimes education can be much more important. Sometimes random attacks can achieve a great deal, but I think this depends very much on the target. It could be argued that all ALF attacks achieve something. But I think we have to consider what is the best way of campaigning against particular forms of animal abuse - and that isn't always direct action.

For instance, with the meat industry (and all the horrors that are connected with it, such as factory farming) I would argue that public education is a better tactic than direct action, because it's an area where consumer choice can make a massive

espousing different approaches. In the multiple decades you have been actively fighting for animal liberation, how have you dealt with criticism from other activists and groups, and what advice can you offer those who are charting out new and perhaps controversial territory?

In the early days I was really down on anyone who dared criticize the ALF. Now I'm much more tolerant of anyone who's campaigning to make things better for the animals, no matter how they are trying to do it or what their views are on ALF actions. My advice to anyone considering embarking on any animal liberation campaign would be to think carefully about the whole thing. Mistakes have been made in the past where people have just charged ahead without thinking, and the most successful campaigns have generally been those that have been well thought out before being launched.

Do you find the vitriol directed towards acts of direct action by the media to be concerning and a failure on our part to change this. Or do you see it as typical of how the press has always treated revolutionary social movements? In your opinion will this negative press coverage of certain direct actions carry over and hurt the overall animal rights cause?

I'm not particularly concerned about or at all surprised by the vitriolic treatment of direct action by most sections of the media. The media, in general, represents big business (including animal abuse businesses) and the status quo, so will, of course, try to vilify those it considers a threat. I think we might well have cause to worry if such vilification didn't occur, because that would mean that the animal liberation movement wasn't having much effect.

I don't think there's really anything we can do to change it and I don't think we should worry about it. There's also a sense in which it can be positive. The more terrifying animal liberation activists are made out to be by the media, the more animal abusers will be afraid of the animal liberation movement and the more likelihood they will give up persecuting animals out of fear of what *might* happen to them.

I don't think the hysterical coverage by the media of certain direct actions particularly harms the overall animal liberation struggle. It may stop certain people donating money to animal protection organizations, if they can't distinguish between them and the direct action groups, but I don't think it would stop anyone from changing their own lives to avoid animal abuse, such as by becoming vegetarian or vegan for instance.

The US movement in the past five years has seen a number of activists break under interrogation and "grass" out other activists. From your own experience, how damaging can this betrayal be, and what sort of policy do you think activists should adhere to when dealing with someone who has grassed, but would like a second chance?

It can be very damaging if it leads to good activists



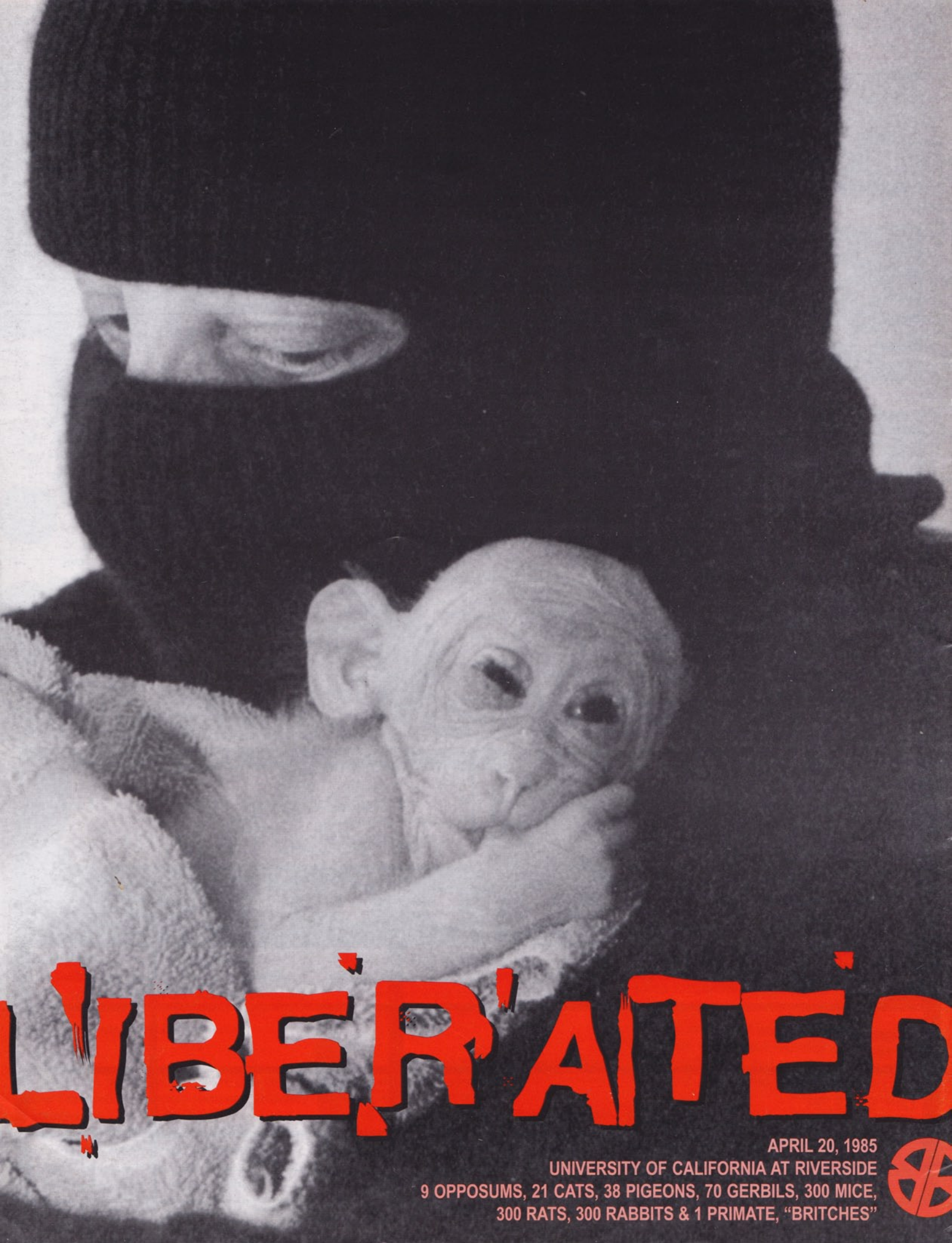












# LIBERATED

APRIL 20, 1985  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE  
9 OPPOSUMS, 21 CATS, 38 PIGEONS, 70 GERBILS, 300 MICE,  
300 RATS, 300 RABBITS & 1 PRIMATE, "BRITCHES"







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