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I'm not sure it is possible to describe the feelings of overwhelming frustration I and all the others involved felt at being so close to the animals yet unable to reach them. We were separated by just a wall and even managed to get through part of that, but we just ran out of time. The feeling of frustration has not gone away; it has merely been diverted into an energetic determination to succeed next time."

The anonymous activist quoted above took part in a raid on the University of Toronto's school of dentistry in 1986. The activist refused to sit still when faced with the horrors of vivisection, and chose instead to directly rescue animals from their torturers. Although the activist's attempt to liberate animals failed, we can be certain that his/her failure did not mean never trying again. S/he learned what didn't work and was hopefully more successful the next time. It is that determination which we celebrate in this issue of *Bite Back*.

For the hens in battery cages, mink in fur farms, mice locked behind the doors of research labs, and for all the individual animals suffering at the hands of humans, we can not let the fear of failure paralyze us into inaction. We may make mistakes, but giving up must never be an option.

For every "successful" action that we list in the Diary of Actions, there are as many untold stories of fires that went out, tripped alarms, windows that wouldn't break, and superglue that squirted everywhere but in the lock. Bad luck is unavoidable, and mistakes are all but inevitable.



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wouldn't let himself slow down. By the time he was arrested, Barry had participated in many actions, including the liberation of beagles and rabbits, and had already served one prison sentence. Most activists who do find themselves in prison can take comfort in the fact that they weren't caught after their first action.

Fortunately, most mistakes end in frustration and not prison. We can learn from failure and become stronger, more confident, more effective activists. If Bambi had given up trying to stand on his wobbly legs after falling a few times ("Come on, Bambi. Get Up. Try again."), he would never have escaped when Man entered the forest.

Nothing in this issue is meant to criticize activists for mistakes they have made, or even to tell activists how to do things better. We hope, instead, to encourage activism, any activism. Enthusiasm and perseverance are what is important.

If we don't ever fail, it means that we are not trying anything new or difficult. If you're waiting for the "perfect" time to take action, you're going to be waiting for a long time. The only sure fire way to avoid failing in an attempt to help animals is never to make the effort. Theodore Roosevelt (one of those guys on

Mount Rushmore) described these people as, "cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Roosevelt praised those who didn't succeed "while daring greatly." Let us be activists who, if we fail, do so while attempting amazing things.



from behind the bars.



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Hanna is in prison for her part in openly sabotaging an egg factory and destroying over 42,000 eggs, with an organization called the "Bye Bye Egg Industry".

"I am aware that many activists are confused about our method - what good can a person in jail do? My belief in civil disobedience as an AR method is strong — especially to get media attention. We have been giving interviews in the newspapers as well as on TV and radio, and the message that's been brought out is not that some violent youngsters smashed up a hatchery, but the reason of WHY we did it. That is, I believe, the big difference between an open action and a regular one where the activists hide in the dark like ashamed criminals. We know we did the right thing and we want to inspire others to follow our example. We have everything to win in open, non-violent actions where people get to see the faces of regular people like themselves. Then we can begin a dialogue and get people to listen and lower their fists.

Now I've done one month of my time in jail. I'll be released on August 20. This particular jail is 'open,' so I'm free to take walks around the building any time after work. I feel OK about being locked up. I recently started to study English and math, so I get away on my own some hours during the day. Worth gold. On the weekends I get visitors, like my family (all proud vegans) and my boyfriend. And every day I get letters, from friends and people like yourself. That makes this stay a lot easier.

Love from Hanna"



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Dave is in prison for liberating 600 guinea pigs, multiple counts of arson, and for physical assault on Brian Cass, the director of Huntingdon Life Sciences. Dave has been sentenced to a total of ten years in prison, and will first become eligible for parole in May of 2006.

"2004 is the International Year for the Commemoration of the Struggle Against Slavery and its Abolition.

This almost suggests that slavery is a thing of the past. Mankind still delights in his inhumanity to his fellows but his sights have now been institutionally turned towards animals. Today the atrocities continue, and the slaves are now in their countless billions, as human attacks are focused on the world of animals.

The new slaves are these animals: the guinea pigs, the beagles, the cats, the monkeys still imprisoned in breeding facilities and factory farms and laboratories for the crime of being different, and then sold to maximise profits... just as human slaves were.

When I left those stinking sheds in September 1999 I carried with me **LIFE**. I carried with me **HOPE**. I carried with me **LIBERATION**. I held in my hands what is symbolic of all our struggles: beautiful, charming animals freed from a life of drudgery and pain. The horror of having to leave behind so many plagued me but holding those guinea pigs felt ecstatic beyond measure.

ALWAYS AND EVERY DAY FOR THE ANIMALS! SAVE THE NEWCHURCH GUINEA PIGS!

Dave"



TAMARA MATHESON

released!

Tamara had been sentenced to 60 days in jail after pleading guilty to "disrupting a lawful meeting" at a holiday party for HLS customer Forest Labs. After a flood of phone calls and letters to the jail, she was released after 7 days.

"I find it disheartening that militant activists have been under fire by other groups. Surely, one can also help animals in ways besides leafletting and attending sporadic demonstrations. I don't believe that public education on factory farming alone will solve all problems. Reality is much more complicated. People will come to this movement in more ways than we can possibly imagine. In the short time I was incarcerated, six women requested vegetarian trays. I've met numerous people who were introduced to animal rights and veganism through anti-vivisection campaigns.

Many people are of the opinion that oppressive systems will not ease without force. Can you imagine Harriet Tubman spending her life handing out fliers to Southern whites saying, "Please free the slaves"? No, she broke the law and freed some herself. The SHAC campaign is giving the pharmaceutical industry some real incentive to use alternative testing methods. These are the same bodies that lobby the government to influence research laws. In conservative Cincinnati, it was vigilant protesting and SHAC's reputation that got HLS footage aired on the news and engrained into the memories of viewers.

Legal protest and constructive criticism is necessary, but ostracizing other activists because their opinions differ is truly unreasonable, arrogant and unproductive. The time used personally denouncing the ALF to the media would be better spent explaining why they go to such lengths. We may never agree on tactics, but we should respect each other nevertheless. Creating narrow boundaries will only drive us apart, much to the glee of our detractors. I believe that to have a sustainable movement, we need to allow for people's individuality, passion, and even militancy."

DON'T FORGET

Please write letters of support and friendship to these animal rights prisoners!

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DIARY OF *action*

october - february

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



liberations.

10/13/03 (Sweden) 43 hens liberated. The third time this farm has been visited.

10/25/03 (Norway) 700 foxes released from a fur farm in Heidal.

11/03/03 (Sweden) 50 mink freed from a fur farm in Solvesborg.

11/05/03 (Spain) 40 chinchillas, one ferret and one rabbit rescued from a fur farm in memory of Barry Horne.

11/15/03 (Germany) In an open rescue, more than 250 hens rescued.

11/19/03 (Austria) Fences cut and 2000 pheasants freed from an aviary.

11/23/03 (New Zealand) 10 hens liberated from a farm in South Auckland.

12/08/03 (Spain) 12 mink liberated from a fur farm in Segovia.

12/12/03 (Denmark) 1500 mink released from a fur farm in Vinderup.

12/14/03 (UK) 21 goats liberated from Water Farm Goat Centre (HLS supplier) in Somerset.

12/14/03 (UK) 674 mice liberated from Wickham Laboratories.

12/15/03 (Italy) Four sheds containing mink at Castel di Sangro emptied.

Early 2004 (UK) 18 hens liberated from a farm in Somerset.

01/07/04 (Sweden) 8 rabbits liberated from a farm breeding rabbits for meat.

01/09/04 (Ireland) 2 chickens liberated from a broiler farm in Celbridge.

02/11/04 (New Zealand) 44 hens rescued from an egg farm.

02/16/04 (UK) 22 chickens liberated from a farm in Wiltshire.

02/19/04 (Sweden) 12 rabbits and 2 chinchillas rescued from a farm that sells animals for the pet trade.

02/22/04 (Italy) 5 hens liberated and cages destroyed at an egg farm in Valencia.



10/15/03 (Holland) Yamanouchi (HLS customer) employee had slogans spray-painted on the side of house and a liter of butyric acid put through the mailbox.

10/19/03 (Holland) Chiron (HLS customer) director Rene Van Der Kwaak (who resigned as a result of this action) had car painted.

10/22/03 (UK) Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm building set ablaze and destroyed.

10/23/03 (UK) Professor O'Grady of Daiichi (HLS customer) received a bomb hoax. His road was sealed off for most of the day and night.

10/24/03 (Australia) Yarra Glen racetrack fence set on fire.

10/26/03 (Italy) Arco (Morini farm supporter) had 2 arrows shot through its headquarters in Monza.

10/28/03 (Norway) 500 foxes dyed with red henna and breeding cards destroyed.

11/02/03 (Germany) Fur shop in Stuttgart attacked with paint.

11/03/03 (USA) Mellon Investment Services (HLS transfer agent) employee had car and house windows smashed and messages painted.

11/05/03 (Norway) 2 vivisectors had slogans painted and locks glued.

11/06/03 (USA) Anti-HLS, anti-vivisection slogans painted at the home of a Sumitomo employee in New York.

11/06/03 (UK) Newchurch associate had car paint-stripped and tires slashed.

11/06/03 (USA) Little Pigs Bar-B-Que in North Carolina had windows broken and messages spray-painted.

11/07/03 (UK) Director of Sumitomo (HLS customer) had his car damaged.

11/09/03 (USA) Andrew Baker (HLS CEO) had his LA home painted with various messages.

11/11/03 (UK) Mizuho Bank (shareholder in HLS Japanese customers) director's car and house attacked.

11/11/03 (Australia) Glass doors and windows of a fur and leather shop in Melbourne shattered.

11/12/03 (UK) Stephen Lightfoot, of Sankyo (HLS customer) had his house attacked with a bucket of paint.

11/12/03 (UK) Trevor Wellburn's (HLS employee) car was attacked.

11/13/03 (Australia) Rodeo arena in Rokewood was sabotaged; fences and gates dismantled.

11/13/03 (USA) HLS CFO Richard Michaelson's BMW was paint-stripped.

11/14/03 (UK) Roderick Ryme, director of Yamanouchi (HLS client) had 2 cars paint-stripped and tires slashed.

11/15/03 (Sweden) In less than one week, the ALF attacked over 34 fur shops in six different towns, destroying 136 windows with glass etching fluid.

11/17/03 (UK): Ian Fairey of Daiichi (HLS client) had locks glued at his house.

11/17/03 (UK) Daiichi employee's cars were damaged.

11/21/03 (Netherlands) Snr. Yamanouchi director's house paintbombed.

11/24/03 (UK) Stephen Paul Wallis (Yamanouchi investor) had three cars paint-stripped, and tires slashed.

11/26/03 (UK) Otis Lifts and ADT Security and Fire (HLS supplier) had locks glued and property damaged.

11/26/03 (UK) Hunt scum had his new house covered in yellow paint.

11/27/03 (Sweden) Fur shop painted.

11/28/03 (UK) F2 chemicals (HLS client) director had fireworks wake him.

11/28/03 (UK) M&J Seafood's in Wimborne had three trucks set on fire.

11/30/03 (USA) Kevin Wiseman of Forest Labs (HLS client) had house pelted with rotten vegetables.

11/30/03 (Sweden) Two fur stores in Malmo were hit with paint bombs.

December 2003 (Germany) A hunting shop, fish store and truck were spray-painted with slogans in Passau. 150 signs advertising a circus were also destroyed.

December 2003 (Netherlands) Five ABN AMRO branches were sabotaged.

December 2003 (UK) Windows were smashed and slogans painted at Industrial Supplies in Nottingham (HLS supplier).

12/02/03 (Italy) Seminole Farm had various messages painted.

12/02/03 (UK) Dudley Henry Ferguson of Yamanouchi (HLS customer) had 2 cars paint-stripped.

12/03/03 (Sweden) Slogans were painted on two fur stores in Malmo.

12/05/03 (Finland) 500 foxes were dyed with henna, and breeding cards destroyed.

12/06/03 (UK) CED (HLS supplier) director's new 4x4 paint-stripped.

12/07/03 (USA) Sumitomo (HLS customer) office painted.

12/10/03 (UK) Asahi Glass (HLS client) worker's house and road vandalized.

12/10/03 (Germany) 2 Covance vivisectors had homes damaged with rotten fruit.

12/10/03 (Italy) "Stinky shit" left at the entrance of IMS Health.

12/14/03 (Finland) Fur farm storage building burnt down in Veteli.

12/19/03 (USA) Sumitomo PAI manager had cars attacked and messages painted.

12/19/03 (Austria) Butyric acid spilled inside a Vienna fur store.

12/22/03 (Italy) Vivisector's car attacked.

12/22/03 (New Zealand) 3 directors of a poultry company had cars attacked.

12/26/03 (UK) Gregory Friar Associate's (HLS supplier) employee had four cars damaged with paint stripper.

12/27/03 (Italy) RBM lab worker's cars windows smashed.

12/27/03 (Italy) Hunting center damaged in a firebomb attack.

12/27/03 (Russia) Slogans painted at hunting club and 5 fur stores in Moscow.

12/27/03 (UK) Yamanouchi (HLS customer) employee's house vandalized.

12/28/03 (UK) Annie's Place (fur shop) painted with slogans.

12/29/03 (Italy) Meat company truck torched in Modena.

12/29/03 (Finland) Fur-farm storage building in Uusikaarlepyy destroyed by fire.

12/30/03 (Norway) 20 windows at five fur stores smashed.

12/31/03 (Italy) 4 windows broken at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in Milan, to protest the bank's links with HLS.

12/31/03 (Spain) Truck owned by a slaughterhouse destroyed by fire.

12/31/03 (Sweden) Fur store in Malmo had four windows smashed.

12/31/03 (Italy) ALF torched nine circus trucks in Milan.

January 2004 (Finland) Several fur shops damaged and windows etched.

January 2004 (Germany) 27 fur coats in three different stores damaged.

01/01/04 (UK) Rocks thrown through the windows of the home of David Hall, who operates Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm. Bottles of red paint were then thrown through the broken windows.

01/02/04 (Norway) Empty mink farm in Harstad damaged by fire.

01/02/04 (Sweden) Three windows broken at a fur store in Gaevle.

01/05/04 (UK) HLS supplier Cambridge Export Documents painted locks glued.

01/05/04 (UK) Activists visited the home of Sally Hall and filled the water pipes with cement (Hall family operates Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm).

01/07/04 (Italy) 2 dairy farms had machinery vandalized and several tractors destroyed by fire.

01/09/04 (USA) 4 windows broken and "Animal Liberation Now" spray-painted at a KFC restaurant in Illinois.

01/10/04 (Sweden) 6 fur stores were painted and had locks glued.

01/11/04 (Germany) Locks glued and red paint poured at Harlan (a breeder of dogs for vivisection).

01/11/04 (USA) "Meat is Murder" spray-painted on a Chick-Fil-A restaurant in Daytona Beach, Florida.

01/11-16/04 (Italy) During a week of action against Morini farm (lab animal breeder), vivisectors' homes painted and locks glued. A customer had liters of paint poured over it.

01/14/04 (Germany) Anti-fur slogans painted on the home of a Peek & Cloppenburg (store that sells f u r) employee.

01/15/04 (Netherlands) Yamanouchi (HLS customer) employee had car tires slashed at his home in Zeist.

01/15/04 (UK) 6 vehicles at Water Farm Goat Centre (vivisection supplier) hit with paint stripper and tires slashed.

01/16/04 (UK) New BMW of Kenneth Broadley (Cardiff University vivisector) was covered with paint stripper.

01/18/04 (UK) 7 vehicles parked at Sigma-Aldrich Chemicals (HLS supplier) damaged.

01/19-22/04 (Austria) Five fur stores in Vienna had their locks glued.

01/19/04 (UK) The director of HLS supplier Fisher Scientific had 3 cars damaged.

01/20/04 (Finland) 4 fur stores in Turku had slogans etched in to their windows.

01/20/04 (UK) HLS-supplier Phenomenex lost two large windows.

01/20/04 (UK) Tires slashed and windows broken on a delivery vehicle at Nottingham Seafoods.

01/22/04 (Spain) Truck belonging to a meat company was torched in Pamplona.

01/25/04 (Netherlands) The car of fur-trader J. Floor in Houten was destroyed by fire.

01/25/04 (Germany) All the cars in a Yamanouchi garage paint stripped.

01/28/04 (Australia) Signs advertising a rodeo in Ballarat were vandalized.

01/30/04 (Netherlands) Chiron (HLS customer) employee had home damaged.

01/30/04 (Netherlands) 2 branches of ABN AMRO bank painted, and locks glued.

01/31/04 (Sweden) Seven fur stores in Stockholm spray-painted.

01/31/04 (Sweden) Director of Santen Pharma (HLS customer) home damaged.

02/01/04 (Finland) 15 windows at 4 fur stores had messages etched in.

02/01/04 (Italy) 2 vivisectors had cars paint stripped and tires slashed.

02/02/04 (UK) Eight Express Dairy delivery vehicles in Nottingham had tires slashed.

02/02/04 (UK) 5 windows smashed at the Securicor Recruitment Centre (HLS supplier) in Nottingham.

02/02/04 (Finland) Three fur stores in Helsinki splashed with red paint and locks glued.

02/03/04 (Italy) 2 vivisectors had slogans painted on their homes in Parma.

02/03/04 (USA) The tires of 5 LA Animal Control vans slashed and slogans painted on the building.

02/05/04 (Germany) Locks glued at a fur store, hunting store, and 2 meat shops.

02/05/04 (UK) 5 employees of Wickham Laboratories had their cars damaged.

02/06/04 (Netherlands) 4 branches of ABN AMRO bank were vandalized.

02/06/04 (UK) Power poles supplying electricity to Newchurch guinea pig farm were cut down.

02/10/04 (Netherlands) Sales Manager for Shin Etsu (HLS supplier) had his home spray-painted with slogans.

02/11/04 (Sweden) 4 fur stores were painted and had locks glued.

02/12/04 (UK) 3 Yamanouchi employees had cars painted and tires slashed.

02/13/04 (UK) Yamanouchi employees had homes painted with slogans.

02/14/04 (Sweden) Slogans etched on the windows of a fur store in Stockholm.

02/14/04 (UK) 3 cars belonging to a director of Calor (Newchurch guinea pig farm supplier) treated with paint stripper.

02/18/04 (Switzerland) Windows smashed, "Animal Killers" spray-painted at Yamanouchi offices.

02/18/04 (Netherlands) ABN AMRO bank branches had cash machines vandalized, windows and doors damaged.

02/19/04 (Sweden) Fur shop painted.

02/19/04 (UK) House and 2 cars of HLS "scientist" John Dyke spray-painted with slogans.

02/20/04 (Finland) Windows smashed at two fur stores in Turku.

02/24/04 (Italy) 200 butcher shops splashed with red paint in Milan, Torino, Pisa, Parma and several other cities.

02/24-25/04 (Sweden) Locks glued and slogans painted at two fur stores in Malmo; the entrance to another store was smashed with a large rock.

02/25/04 (New Zealand) 2 directors of New Zealand's largest biotech company, Genesis Research & Development, had SUV's painted and etched.

02/27/04 (Sweden) Fish truck in Uppsala decorated with animal liberation slogans.

02/28/04 (UK) Tires slashed on six large transport vehicles for the Great British Circus.

02/28/04 (Finland) Three windows smashed at a fur store in Helsinki.



AN ALF ACTIVIST USES A HACKSAW TO DESTROY RESTRAINING EQUIPMENT

WHEN GOOD THINGS GO Wrong

HOW IT WASN'T DONE.

Midnight. Time to keep her eyes peeled for Josh. He could be along at any moment.

...1:00 AM. Valerie tried not to think of how ambitious the job was. Seven hundred animals. A campus with thousands of students. University security. She knew that all it took for something to go wrong was one false move, one fluke, one person out of place.

Just after one o'clock, the police cruiser came by again. Valerie kept the top of her head level with the headrest and closed her eyes to a squint...

By two... the cruiser was coming back. Valerie could see the outline of his top lights as he slid down the street behind her. Then she saw the lights of a second car, not a block behind the cruiser. Was it Josh?

Valerie scrunched down in the seat and let the cruiser pass, being careful not to let her foot touch the brake pedal. Seconds later, Josh pulled up level with the back door...

"Time to get going," Josh said, placing a cardboard box on the front passenger seat... Britches."

"Valerie", ALF
UCLA at Riverside raid, "Free the Animals"

Although the ALF may appear to be unstoppable, there is always room for risk, error and, ultimately, arrest. Rather than dwell on the mistakes, we must learn from them, re-strategize, and move forward. Here are just a handful of stories that didn't work out for the best, but didn't stop the activists from fighting...



Darren Thurston served 2 years for his part in a raid on University of Alberta where 29 cats were liberated and a hundred thousand dollars of damage was done. What went wrong?

"An informant named Jessica Sandham. She was a woman who had rented a motel room where the cats were to be taken after the raid (where video and still photographs for the media were taken). Jessica, who rented the room, didn't have to show any identification at all but instead showed her own and did not tell anyone else that she had done this. Investigators, who started checking every motel/hotel in the entire city looking for similarities to the video and still photographs tracked down the motel we used. Jessica who was already in the National Crime Index Computer (unknown to me or her at that time) as a suspected animal liberation radical, which of course rang big warning bells. After placing her under physical surveillance for over a week, on June 19th members of the Integrated Intelligence Unit knocked on her door and asked her to answer questions. Instead of saying "no comment" or "call my lawyers" or "fuck off," she went with them to answer questions.

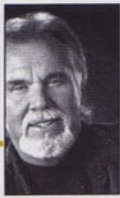
She was questioned for 4 1/2 hours on videotape (unknown to her). The police tried all the typical police tricks and traps and she went for them all and talked freely about all she knew including rumors about the UofA raid..."





John Curtain was arrested for his part in a raid on the infamous beagle breeder *Interfauna*. Numerous raids have occurred at the breeder, resulting in the liberation of more than a hundred dogs. Unfortunately, one ended in arrests. What went wrong?

"It was the beginning of the police putting all their resources into catching us (the ALF). On the van I hired (rented)... I still to this day am not quite sure how they got that van, but the police managed somehow to get a hold of the van, and in the under carriage of it they managed to find a piece of wheat that had a fungus on it. It was very, very rare and they managed to ... (connect it to one) of the fields the van was driven through (by *Interfauna*), the wheat in the field had that rare fungus, and they managed to match it up. So they put the amount of resources in for taking these dogs as they would for a murder inquiry. Eventually six police forces were involved and there was a surveillance operation at one point involving 120 police officers, which is bizarre when you think about it. You know, you're only dealing with the theft of some dogs."



-VS-

In early 1997, **Darius Fullmer** and another individual were arrested in New York City after breaking a dozen windows at a

Kenny Rogers Roasters Fried Chicken Restaurant. What went wrong?

"New York City, at the time, was a hotbed of underground activism. This particular establishment, for whatever reason, had been drawing special attention from the Animal Liberation Front. Before the night of our arrest, it had already been subjected to economic sabotage over a dozen times.

This constant pressure did apparently have an effect; shortly thereafter the business went under. However, every time a target is hit the stakes are greatly raised for subsequent actions. By this point the restaurant had hired private security to quietly watch the store throughout the night. Lesson 1: if your target has already been hit, especially if there have been repeat attacks within a short time period, be extremely careful.

Despite watching from just across the street, security did not realize that the windows had been damaged until after we left. Undertaking an action in a major urban area like New York City is a unique situation—even in the middle of the night there are almost always pedestrians and vehicles passing. Unfortunately we had to mill about for a while before an opportunity to act presented itself. It was this suspicious activity that prompted security to come over and take a look at the

windows as we were leaving. Lesson 2: stick and move. If the situation isn't right, find another target or wait for another night."



The ALF was determined to raid this one particular lab. After one failed attempt they wouldn't take no for an answer. But after three failed attempts? What went wrong?

"About seven years ago, some friends and I learned of Microbiological Laboratories (56 Northumberland Rd, North Harrow, UK) – a small lab on a residential road. We thought it a nice place to raid: not many animals, loads of interesting documents, and it backed onto a little park. Lovely.

One night we tried to break in. There was a big window at the back of the building that didn't appear alarmed. We'd checked it out a few times before this and found that the blinds were always open on this window and that a door from this

room to the corridor was always open.

We spent an hour criss-crossing the window with gaffer tape, put a blanket over it and gave it a whack with a centre-punch. However, when we got into the room the door was locked. Just our luck. We tried a crowbar and the alarms went off. Knowing we were in the middle of a residential street, and that there was a police station around the corner, we decided it was best just to leg it.

Not to be put off, we decided to have another go at it a week later. There was a skylight on the roof that dropped into the corridor on the other side of the shitty door. The plan was to stick a ladder up, peel back the lead casing surrounding the glass on the skylight, and then pass another ladder up and lower it into the corridor so we could climb down inside. We were going to do it at 2 or 3am, when most people would be asleep.

We got there a bit early and waited. The next-door neighbors were watching TV, so we all sat listening to that for an hour. Then they went to bed. We gave them an hour to get to sleep. Just as we were about to climb, we heard the unmistakable sounds of a woman moaning. We assumed they'd be too engrossed in having sex to hear any noise outside. So up the ladder we went, got to the skylight and got the glass out and passed it down to the people on the ground. As the next ladder was being passed up it banged against the wall. The neighbors had finished shagging, and the bloke was looking out the window. He drew the curtains back again and started to unlock his bedroom door. The whole

thing now descended into comedy. He came out onto the roof screaming in a foreign accent and clapping his hands!

The people on the ground dropped the ladder and ran off, leaving two of us stranded on the roof. We were in a pickle. If he took our ladder away we'd be stranded on the roof and fucked. There'd be no way of getting off. Eventually the bloke stopped clapping, hadn't seen us and was inside. We were down the ladder and away in no time, lucky not to have been nicked, but pissed off at not getting any animals again.

By now we were all obsessed with this place. We knew only three people worked in this little lab, one man (the manager) and two women. The man always went for his dinner at 1 pm so we were going to do a daylight raid at 1:15pm with just the two women in.

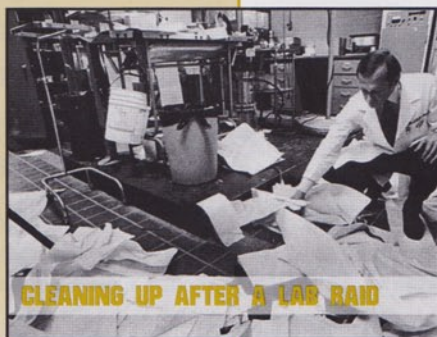
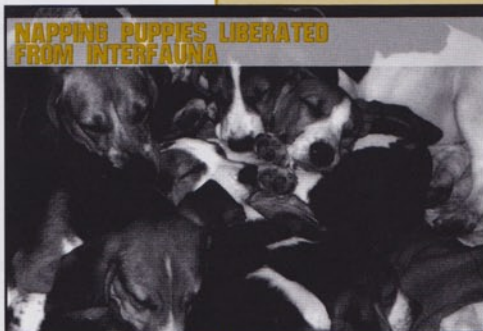
There were half a dozen of us. One person was going to approach the main door with a clipboard, a brown parcel and a crash-helmet on. The rest would crouch behind the wall at the front of the lab. The crash helmet would get his foot in the door and we'd all leg it in. We knew what it looked like inside. The crash helmet would get the two women and bundle them in the toilet and keep them prisoner. Two people would go through the office filling sacks with documents, while myself and another would bag up the animals. We thought we'd do it all and be out in three or four minutes.

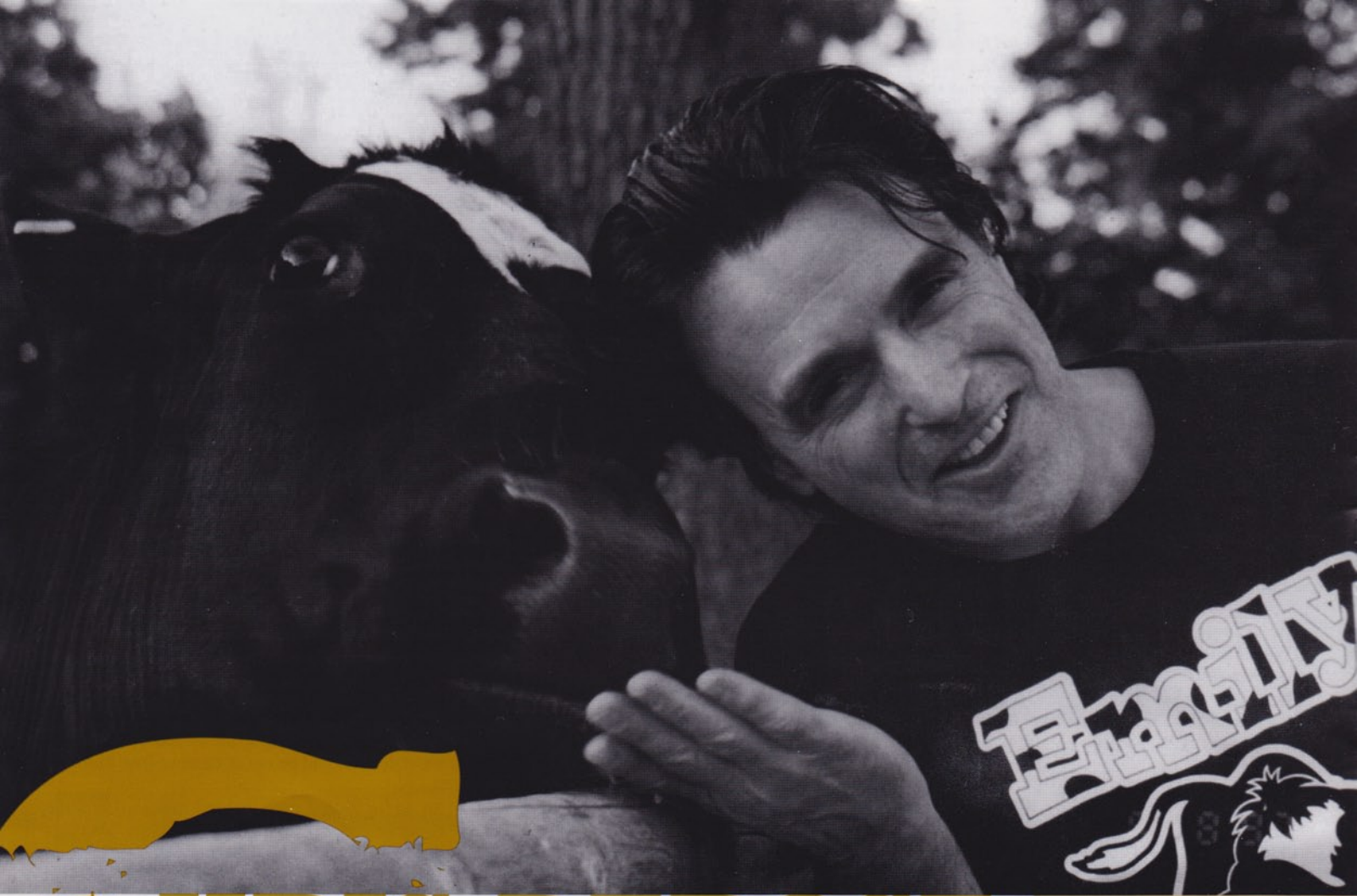
So we're hiding there behind this wall and the crash helmet is walking up to the door. He rings the bell - but nothing happens. He rings again, but still nothing happens. We're all feeling a tad uncomfortable at this stage, just crouching there on the pavement of a small suburban street in full daylight with balaclavas on. It was ridiculous. He rang the bell again and the door opened.

A little Spanish looking woman stood there. Crash helmet was supposed to put his dirty great big boot into the door as soon as it opened, but he didn't. He just stood there, trying to talk to her for about half a minute. All of a sudden she started closing the door and helmet just managed to get his boot in there. We all legged it to the door. Instead of being scared, the two women thought they were being personally attacked, and reared up a bit. The woman ran out

screaming into people's gardens, banging on the windows. The other was scratching someone's face and trying to smash the fire alarm. No one wanted to get lopped in there with those maniacs so we decided to leg it.

Deep down we all knew the plan had about 5% chance of succeeding, but fuck it, we had to try. The thing is, things of that sort do sometimes work. The element of surprise can be a great weapon. Sometimes you're lucky. I wish I could have ended this little story on a high, but unfortunately I can't. We decided it was best to forget number 56 Northumberland Road, and went on to other targets instead. You can only push your luck so far."





CHRIS DEROSE

An insider's look at ALF activism, Hollywood style.

Last Chance for Animals (LCA) founder and President Chris Deroose takes us on a trip down memory lane of early 80's ALF activism. As a 25 year veteran of the animal rights movement, a TV star, reporter, former New Jersey cop, and the confidant to one of the country's most famous and prolific ALF activists, Chris shares his well-informed opinion on the importance of public appearance, FBI interests, the current state of activism, and "what went wrong" with ALF actions.

Tell us about Joseph.

I worked with him, he was with the West coast branch of the ALF and I was his intermediary between the above ground and underground groups. As such, I have been suspected of being Joseph, which is not the case. Joseph is a very dedicated person, very thorough about whatever he is going to do and he had made a commitment at that point in his life to free as many animals as possible and to expose as many facilities as possible. This is from about 1980 to 1985.

Last Chance for Animals (LCA) was founded in the heightened activism of the mid-1980s, and, along with PETA, played an above-ground role in the groundbreaking liberations at the City of Hope and UC Riverside laboratories. Can you recount for us these actions and the impact they carried on, not only the particular labs, but the vivisection industry as a whole?

I think the overall effect was overwhelming simply because many of the research facilities, if not all of them, started to have a fear that they were going to be next. A lot of them started to clean up their own act, (and of course we still totally disagree with anything they were doing in there), and, if nothing else, it sent paranoia through the whole biomedical research community. This paranoia was one of the psychological things Joseph saw that needed to be done, because it [vivisection] has to be deterred from within the biomedical community, not just raids and liberating animals, so it was psychological warfare that Joseph saw being done - to let them know that none of them, not even the biggest ones, are not impregnable.

LCA helped pioneer the use of direct action in US animal rights campaigning. Leading civil disobedience charges and large scale mass demonstrations, the LCA 'no-nonsense' style struck a chord. What influenced LCA in

employing this approach and to what successes where they used?

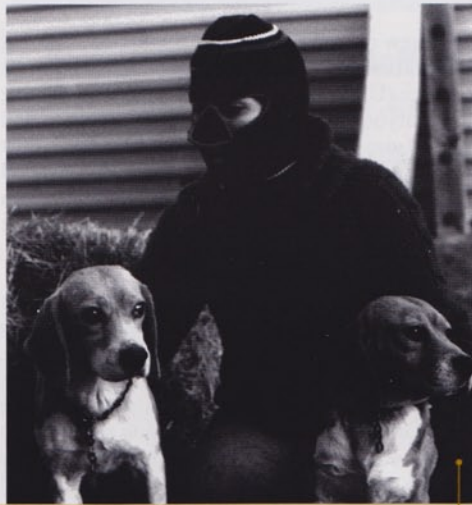
There was a gap... I look at this way – it's kind of like a pyramid, and the top of the pyramid, the pinnacle, was the Animal Liberation Front and in the bottom strata of the pyramid – you look at it with four sections, the bottom section, the biggest one, were the people that give donations, write letters, and never really come out of their homes. Just above them are demonstrations, people that come out to demonstrations, people that get physically active. Between that and the pinnacle of the ALF there was a gap. In every civil rights battle and in every movement of this sort there were always these four elements represented, and this element of civil disobedience and open direct action was missing. LCA brought it in for good reason. For example, when City of Hope had a raid and all this great material came out, it got news for 2-3 days and then it faded away. But when you take direct action and you go back to that facility a month later and two months later, you can take that same footage and same documentation and get it back out to the media and play it again. In other words, you're not just getting 1 or 2 or 3 days of media play from a raid that took months and months to plan, but really unlimited of play on it. Civil disobedience and direct action are done to draw attention to an issue.

Tell us the story about the 'kick that was heard around the world.'

The kick that was heard around the world was done by Dr. Less Stewart, an activist. Basically that was a direct action we did at the UCLA Brain

Investigations Unit. The investigations are often clandestine, precarious, and illegal. Does LCA feel any contradiction in breaking the law (trespassing, etc) to 'enforce the law' with footage taken of animal cruelty?

Not at all. We feel that it is definitely justifiable. We feel it is the same thing as if there was a house on fire and a child were trapped inside. Under normal circumstances it is illegal to break into that house, and if anyone ever wanted to charge you for breaking in to save that child they technically could, but who is ever going to do that? The crime that is going on inside the laboratories far supercedes any trespassing or breaking and entering charges, and until the day I die I'll feel that it is necessary, and that it is one



LIBERATED DOGS FROM CITY OF HOPE, 12.1984

Research Institute around 1988. In 1988 we went and did a break-in where the brain research cat vivarium room was and we took a camera crew, a real professional TV camera crew with us. This was at 10:40AM in the morning, and unbeknownst to us at 9AM the university had a press conference to show all their fluffy cats and rabbits saying there was nothing wrong with them. They took the media on what I call a white glove tour. At 10:40AM we broke in the doors of the cat vivarium and we showed the world what was really going on inside of there. We showed the cats with the electrodes going into their brains, their brains being exposed, the electrodes in their spines... it was pretty horrendous. We got that news out on CNN and it went around the world. For five straight days it was the number one story in LA.

The 'kick that was heard around the world' was when Dr. Stewart kicked open the front door of the vivarium that was locked. It was a heavy, heavy duty door. He then kicked the three other following vivarium doors in. He did time because of this action, we both did. We each got 45 days in solitary confinement, in the 'hole'. I served 90 days and he got 120 for breaking and entering.

LCA is called the 'FBI of the animal rights movement' because of the work of its Special

Joseph felt that there was at least 10 more years of underground activities, liberations of laboratories, big ones like UC Harbor, UC Riverside, City of Hope – I mean these were big, big raids, and he felt there were 10 more years of it and certainly for his team on the West coast that it could be done.

of the few things we have left (to combat cruelty). Even if it ever became a major felony... if there is a crime going on behind those doors we need to expose it. It is our job as human beings, never mind as animal rights activists, to expose what is going behind those doors.

On the evening of April 16th 1987, the ALF burnt halfway completed UC Davis animal research lab to the ground, causing over \$3.5 million in damages. This action changed the face of ALF activism and caused an internal split within the movement about direct action. Can you help tell this story from Joseph's perspective and why he felt this divergence was wrong?

Joseph had a very strong policy of no arson and no bombings. The reason is that in this country we look at that as a terrorist act. A terrorist act does what?... it brings in the FBI. Joseph felt that there were at least 10 more years of underground activities, liberations of laboratories, big ones like UC Harbor, UC Riverside, City of Hope. If you ever bring in the FBI that's going to put the kybosh on it because the FBI has unlimited resources to investigate you and they can pull in all the other agencies together. He knew local agencies and state agencies didn't care enough about ALF stuff or were not savvy enough to do anything about it, nor would they put the energy into it.

Joseph also found that in America, Americans always like that "taking from the rich giving to the poor", that Robin Hood-syndrome. He knew the psyche of the American public, and that they would root for the underdog, and as long as these guys looked like they were doing good things - helping animals, even though in the meantime they are exposing the whole biomedical research industry, that it would gain momentum, it would gain acceptance, and it would get laws changed. He felt very strong about this. Once you cross the line, now you become terrorist organization by committing a "terrorist" act - that is the beginning of the end.

UC Davis... when that building was burnt down, they just collected the insurance. Not a thing was accomplished by it. When you go into a facility and just trash it, it just makes it look like you are just vandals or real nut-jobs. When Joseph did it, you never saw anything trashed, machinery that was destroyed... it was so that you could not see that it was destroyed. In the back of the computer in the City of Hope action, it was one of these computers that took up a small room, the whole back of it, I think aluminum something was poured into it, and the whole machine was destroyed. Yet it didn't look like it. The image and illusion that is created by the underground is by far one of the most important things you have to bring forward. That it's not just a bunch of vandals going into a place or a bunch of "terrorists" lighting a match and burning the place down. What does that accomplish? You trash a place, and they have got a custodian to come in for six dollars an hour and clean it up. Meanwhile you've got all of this negative, negative media and media is so important. It shapes how the public is going to perceive what it is they are seeing.

Also when you destroy something on such a large scale like that, like the UC Davis building, first they said it was million dollars, then a million and a half, then three or four million - UC Davis probably made money on the deal. They probably collected the insurance. Whoever burnt it, it wasn't worth the box of matches they used. It really destroyed everything. At that point Joseph and his group were so disgusted by seeing this and the people involved in this were told

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SABBING SABINO



jail cell tonight knowing we had left a deadly trap like that awaiting an unsuspecting victim. I dove onto the trap, the spring-loaded arm tightening the snare as I ripped it from the ground. I unthreaded its cable from the mesquite tree that anchored it before flinging the snare into the nearby creek.

We knew once the helicopter had spotted us, that law enforcement officers with the US Forest Service (USFS) and AZDGF would be searching the canyon on foot for us. The helicopter had pinned me down until they could find me. Not wanting to lie there waiting to be captured, I decided to run down the creek towards the mouth of the canyon that offered the only remote chance of escape.

I got up, tightened the straps of my pack and began jogging down the creek hopping from boulder to boulder with the helicopter thirty feet above me. When I reached a trail I heard a voice scream, "Show me your hands!" I turned to see a trembling AZDGF officer in a crouch position pointing his Glock semi-automatic handgun at my chest. No sooner had he ordered me to the ground and handcuffed me when an FBI agent arrived, greeted me by name and took over from the arresting officer. I was led out of the canyon, handcuffed and shackled and loaded into the bed of an FBI pick-up truck.

While the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife fought the hunt within legal perimeters, Chuk'shon Earth First! mobilized for direct action. By midnight, an eight-person patrol was in Sabino Canyon carrying out reconnaissance and hunting for the lion hunters. An AZDGF spokesman told reporters that 95 percent of the calls flooding his office were in

masking scents and actual lion hound training scent to lead the dogs down false trails. With stopping the hunt as our end goal, we knew that growing opposition to the hunt might increase if we could document AZDGF's lion hunt activities and provide such evidence to the media to expose the secretive operation. On March 13, AZDGF held a public comment hearing that could not hold the crowd that showed up to oppose the hunt. CEF! went public and announced that we were actively interfering with the hunt despite the federal closure and penalty of up to six months in prison for violating it.

We masked up and in military-like camouflage videotaped ourselves laying masking scents and surveilling AZDGF and USFS in Sabino Canyon with spotting scopes and released the tapes to the media. It was the top story on all three networks and suddenly the one-sided war against the mountain lions of Sabino became a Robin Hood-esque battle between CEF! and the federal and state agencies brought in to hunt down the four-legged fugitives. The Tanque Verde Homeowners Association even voted unanimously to support Earth First!'s presence in Sabino Canyon and local residents offered us refuge in their luxury homes.

Stopping this hunt was a community responsibility that warranted an open and honest call for some public-friendly illegal direct action. If we acted like criminals the media would portray us as criminals. If we presented ourselves as monitors and nonviolent defenders of the lions, we might actually win public support and where there's general public support for lawbreaking, real change becomes possible.

CEF! became a legitimate liability to AZDGF plans to kill cougars in Sabino Canyon, showing no mercy to a good ol' boy agency that mismanaged wildlife in relative secrecy and was unanswerable to the public and even the Governor's office. AZDGF was unused to the attention and scrutiny of their policies and defended them foolishly. After five days pursuing the shoot-to-kill policy, AZDGF imposed a three-day moratorium on the hunt while it voted on another course of action. Vocal opposition from the public was only one PR nightmare. Governor Janet Napolitano openly criticized AZDGF's decision and 27 state legislative members had also signed a statement condemning the hunt.

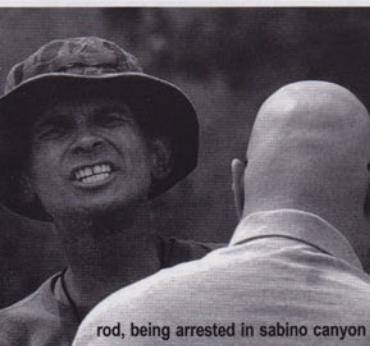
On the day before the hunt was to resume, AZDGF announced that they would no longer kill the lions, but imprison them at a private wildlife rehabilitation facility for the rest of their lives instead. On March 15, AZDGF restated their authority and intention to use deadly force should the hunt encounter a lion it deemed to be "a threat to public safety." In addition to trained lion hounds, cable snares would also be placed along Sabino Creek.

It was March 25, on the eastern edge of Tucson, Arizona and the first day of a renewed hunt by federal and state officers for up to 5 lions they'd determined to be a public safety threat. The day before, a biologist with the Center for Biological Diversity had told us that, in addition to the horseback hunters with hounds, a federal trapper would be setting snares along the creek to capture the lions which would then be incarcerated for life, never to roam these native canyons that comprised their home again.

The helicopter swept into the canyon and circled over us before hovering just above the cottonwoods of Sabino Creek. I could see two Arizona Department of Game & Fish (AZDGF) officers through the open doors videotaping us. When we realized we had now become the prey, we ran down the creek trail until a brush barrier blocked the path. Along the edge of a narrow passage in the barrier was a steel cable snare set by a federal Animal Damage Control trapper and intended for a mountain lion.

FOR SEVEN HOURS, THE AGENTS SEARCHED THE CANYON, SOMETIMES STANDING ONLY A FEW FEET FROM THE CLOAKED WARRIOR. WHEN DARKNESS DESCENDED, HE FLED TO FREEDOM AND MORE NIGHTS BACK ON PATROL.

"I WAS CAPTURED, BUT AT LEAST NO MOUNTAIN LIONS WERE."



rod, being arrested in sabino canyon

Chuk'shon Earth First! (CEF!) hunt saboteurs were in the canyon looking for the snares and now, with the helicopter bearing down on us, we had found one. I didn't care anymore. We were being videotaped but I wasn't going to sleep in a

opposition to the hunt, but that it would not sway the agency's decision.

CEF!'s campaign strategy was to be in the canyon every day and night searching for lion hunt activity with the intent to disrupt, while also using

**HELICOPTERS, THE FBI,
EARTH FIRST!, BAGS OF
URINE, AND ONE MOUNTAIN
LION HUNT SAB.**

**BY ROD
CORONADO**

We knew this would not be a long campaign, already the park was losing between \$5-10,000 a day in visitor fees and AZDGF said it would cost \$6,000 a day

for their air and ground assault in Sabino Canyon. If CEF! could delay the hunt for just a few more days the cost would become too prohibitive to continue justifying the hunt. Our biggest fear remained a lion wandering into Sabino Canyon and one of the biggest lion hunts in Arizona history.

Under the gaze of Orion we jogged the trails near the hunter's camp dragging the lion scent-soaked training bag, a trail that would lead the hounds away from any real lion scent further in the canyon. At daybreak, a helicopter banked and landed at the Bear Canyon Picnic Area. We videotaped a law enforcement SUV driving slowly down Sabino Canyon. Behind were six hounds sniffing the road for lion scent while two armed men on horseback followed. When the hounds reached the junction in the road with the false scent trail, they picked it up and followed it out of the park. AZDGF, USFS and now FBI agents could be seen scanning the canyon walls and peaks for CEF! We decided to return to the creek in search of snares.

Accompanying our team was a reporter from Esquire Magazine who was soon arrested hiding in the underbrush after being pinned down by the helicopter. The third hunt saboteur in our group lay further up the canyon in the creekside where AZDGF, USFS and FBI agents combed the area. For seven hours the agents searched the canyon sometimes standing only a few feet from the cloaked warrior. When darkness descended he fled to freedom and more nights back on patrol.

The capture and arrest of CEF!'s spokesperson lent credibility to our promise to disrupt the hunt and every news station ran it as the top story. The FBI, USFS and AZDGF mistakenly thought my arrest would decapitate CEF!'s campaign, instead my arrest and that of a prominent New York journalist in Sabino Canyon demonstrated to AZDGF, the USFS, the Governor's office and the media that the situation was truly out of any agency's control.

We were winning. If we could keep up the presence in Sabino Canyon, AZDGF would be forced to recognize that they could not economically support the law enforcement presence necessary to now police the lion hunt in addition to the hunt's cost itself.

As the intensified hunt entered its fourth day, the AZDGF regional supervisor said they were "approaching the limit of our budget endurance." On March 26, the same spokesperson said, "No agency can withstand expending all of its resources on any one project." That night a CEF! patrol entered the canyon to locate and disable as many of the lion snares as possible. Battery-powered sensor would alert AZDGF, still saboteurs moved up the canyon springing the traps set for our cougar relations.

On March 27, a Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) lion hunter and AZDGF officer trailed their hounds on horseback into Sabino Canyon. The only lion scent they found was that left by CEF!

On March 28, after five straight days of intensive hunting and hunt sabbing, AZDGF ended the morning hunt for lions in Sabino Canyon with the announcement that they were suspending the hunt indefinitely having not seen a single lion.

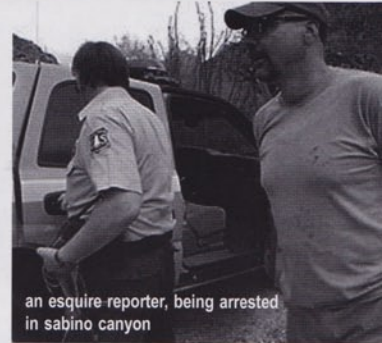
Unbeknownst to CEF!, on April 7th, a USFS employee found a partially eaten deer killed by a lion hidden near Esperero Canyon. Despite any evidence proving this particular lion posed a threat to humans, USFS, AZDGF and the USDA's lion

than a misdemeanor. Still, hunt sabbing is an effective training ground for activists unfamiliar with the rigors of eco-warfare.

We knew AZDGF could not financially maintain the hunt they had begun, what we failed to anticipate was that CEF!'s effectiveness was enough excuse to drive them to covert operations. It was an important lesson for not just the public, but even me, to remember that no corporation or government agency that sanctions physical violence is above lying about it. We should never believe their words, only their actions.

In an era of fear and paranoia at being labeled a terrorist, we compromised security in exchange for the ability to organize above-ground where

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an esquire reporter, being arrested in sabino canyon

hunter set three snares using the deer as bait. The snares were checked the next day and the following morning a 80-pound female lion was captured with a fractured tooth caused by the trap.

On Good Friday, newspapers ran a front-page photo released by AZDGF showing the 4 year-old lioness draped on the tailgate of a AZDGF pick-up truck with police handcuffs on her front and rear paws, just like when I was captured. It was a deliberate "Fuck You" to Chuk'shon Earth First! and everyone who questioned AZDGF's authority by opposing their hunt. The media believed AZDGF had lied or at least deliberately misled the public to believe the hunt had been called off. Now a lion who did nothing more than hunt its natural prey is beginning the first days of a prison sentence that will last her entire life.

We could have stopped her capture. Had we recognized AZDGF's history of lying before the hunt was called off, we might have kept hunt sabs in the field to ensure they kept their word. From our regular vantage points we could have easily seen AZDGF activity in the Esperero Canyon area, it was already an area we had seen lion hunters in. Ultimately, we didn't have enough experienced people to continue patrolling the area. I was knocked out of the game with my arrest and other hunt sabs with the skill to evade police had to return to their normal life's responsibilities.

In the immediate need for action, security culture was not practiced at the level it should have been. Not having reliable or "clean" radios, we used our personal cell phones to rally patrols and even coordinate drop-offs and pick-ups, most of us using our real names. But hunt sabbing isn't firebombing, though it has the potential to be every bit as effective. It's low-level psychological warfare with a sprinkling of guerilla tactics, effective enough while committing nothing more

supporters could find us and even join us. Had the FBI chosen to plant an undercover agent, the most they would have witnessed is the commission of a misdemeanor, not enough to warrant a federal grand jury.

As a previously convicted felon, my arrest has effectively returned me to partial custody of the US Government. Like every arrest our resistance faces, resources must now be redirected towards legal defense while my ability to organize within CEF! is curtailed. Without risking years imprisonment, this case will provide CEF! with the opportunity to file motions for AZDGF intelligence (if any!) and cross-examine federal trappers and FBI agents. This is a local campaign and one where we must use any criminal prosecution to further the goal of that campaign rather than focus on receiving a favorable sentence. I have no problem with sitting in prison for a few months if it means being able to make my enemies squirm in the witness box. The lions we're protecting deserve such a legal defense that they'll otherwise never get.

Mistakes were made, human nature threatened to splinter us at times, but still the forces waging war on Arizona's wildlife now know CEF! is a force to be reckoned with. One lion was captured, but not the five AZDGF wanted. We hold no illusions about stopping the hunting of lions in Arizona, let alone the West, but at least tonight a few more lions will roam the canyons and washes of my local mountain range taking down deer and javalina as they have for thousands of years.

To the spirit hunter and destroyers of the wild, we say this: With the agility of the bighorn, the power of the black bear and the stealth of the mountain lion, hunt saboteurs will find you.

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Everybody gets their fifteen minutes of fame, and some ALF activists are no exception. Those caught red-handed on raids, controversial demos, or with fuse wire hanging out of their pockets are thrust into the limelight of police repression and

movement infamy. The attention can be heavy and far too many have cracked beneath its weight.

What could have been a promising career of compassion, is turned into a tragic comedy for too

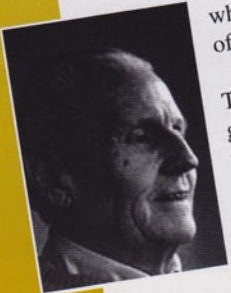
many. No one is immune from accidents and everyone makes mistakes, but how one handles the pressure is the true measure of their character, and is what separates the 'wannabe-warriors' from true animal rights activists.

THE ONE HIT WONDERS OF THE ALF

ROGER TROEN

One evening in January of 1986, shortly after a raid at the University of Oregon, this Portland school teacher received a cryptic phone call asking him to pick up some animals, 'no questions asked.' The vet to whom Roger delivered the rabbits to, reported the visit to the police. Roger was charged and with the help of PeTA turned his court case into an opportunity to put vivisection on the stand. Roger was ultimately convicted of burglary and theft and sentenced to 6 months home arrest. Grand jury reports released later divulged Roger's unfortunate cooperation with the investigation including naming names, which saw the indictment of two other activists.

Today Roger runs a group called Rat Allies in the Northwest. He is often seen dressed up as an admiral and is pioneering the ever-important 'quilting for animal rights'... This, sadly, is not a joke.



JUSTIN SAMUEL

Justin was apprehended in Belgium in 1999 after about a year on the run. He and Peter Young were charged with releasing over 35,000 mink from fur farms across the Midwest. Justin was extradited to the US and there cooperated with the grand jury investigation to cut down his possible prison term. Justin gave testimony against his at-large co-defendant and received a two year sentence.

Today Justin is trying to regain your trust. He is desperately trying to re-emerge into the activist community. His lies, and the complacency of sadly too many people, have allowed this back-stabbing snitch to show his face far too often.

RON BLAICH

In 1999 Andy Stepanian and Ron Blaich were arrested for breaking the window of a Long Island fur store. Ron turned on his (at the time) best friend in order to avoid any jail time, and testified against him at trial. Andy received several months in jail as a result.

Today Ron is known as "180 Ron" for turning completely around on issues, including eating meat. Ron is still wasting away on Long Island, collecting as many "scene points" as he can. Instead of advocating for animals, he devotes all of his time to promoting mediocre bands. He's a real shooting star.

The ELLERMAN BROTHERS

No, this is not a band, but two bumbling idiots from Utah (surprise-surprise). The pair were convicted of fire-bombing a fur breeder's co-op near Salt Lake City in March of 1997. After a brief stint on the run, they turned themselves in, cooperated with an FBI investigation naming all their alleged accomplices (including a critically-injured wheelchair-confined friend). They were sentenced to 7 years in jail.

Today the gruesome twosome are finishing out their sentences (Josh was released in August of 2003, and Colby is due out in August of 2004. In a proud moment for both of them, their wheelchair-bound friend committed suicide under the strain of his Ellerman-caused trial.



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SILENT TREATMENT STARS

CRAIG ROSEBRAUGH

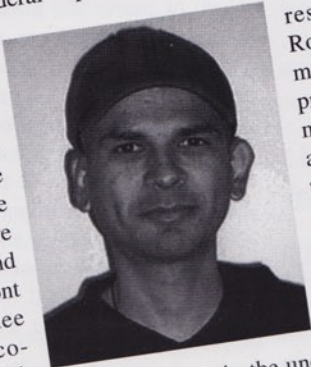
Craig has had a bizarre relationship with the federal government over the past five years. Acting as the national spokesperson for both the ALF and the ELF, he has had his home raided on multiple occasions, called before several grand juries, and ordered to testify in front of a Senate committee investigating eco-activism. Through it all, Craig played his cards straight, kept his mouth shut, would not cede one bit of information, and helped grind several inquiries to a halt.



Today Craig remains a prominent figure advocating revolutionary change to end abusive animal and environmental industries. He speaks at Universities across the country, has published a new book about activism, and has opened his own vegan restaurant shortly.

ROD CORONADO

The most famous of all US ALF prisoners was convicted of arson at a Michigan research lab. Rod spent 57 months in prison writing magazine articles, thousands of letters, and compiling several short 'zines' detailing his accounts in the underground.



After his release Rod has toured the country speaking about his experiences and still advocating an overthrow of animal/earth abusing industries. He has worked for the Earth First! Journal, campaigned against Pacific Lumber in Humboldt County, CA and contributes a regular column to *Bite Back* magazine.

ANDY STEPANIAN

Andy has served several months in jail in connection with breaking a Long Island fur shop window, and for violating the probation related to this conviction. Through all of his prison stints he remained a strong voice for animal rights, conducting press interviews, and sending out letters of inspiration.

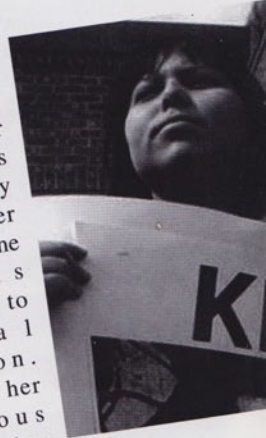


Today Andy organizes demonstrations against Huntingdon Life Sciences with the Animal Defense League of Long Island. He speaks at rallies and schools across the East Coast, and volunteers with a variety of social justice causes.

TAMARA MATHESON

In March of 2004 Tamara was sentenced to 60 days in jail for disrupting a holiday party of Forest Pharmaceuticals. Tamara was offered leniency if she would cooperate and talk with the FBI, and to essentially give up on the campaign to close down Huntingdon Life Sciences.

Tamara refused to talk about her friends, and was eventually released after only 7 days. She remains dedicated to animal liberation. Despite her ridiculous sentence her spirits remain high and she is being supported by activists across the world. (read more from Tamara on pg. 3)





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never to do this. They just basically disbanded their unit on the west coast. It is a shame too, because they had it together. They had the equipment, they had the knowledge, they the experience, and they had the record to show that they could do it. But yet – there goes somebody off to try to make a name for himself... it is very easy to light a match and run.

If one person, a homeless person, a firefighter, anyone was hurt or killed in one of these fires, or one animal – that would have been the end of the animal rights movement as we knew it at the time. Joseph and others worked so hard... PETA and other groups - it would have been the end of their work because people would have hated them because a human had died. Arson is something that is uncontrollable and you never know who is going to be in that building, or who is fighting the fire and if they are going to get hurt. Or if there is an animal in there, a guard dog, or a stray dog or cat - that is all you need to happen, one incident like that – and its over. The opposition would play that forever.

Direct action for animal rights has shifted from Bob Barker and baby Britches to the bombing of biotech buildings. As a former actor, a reporter, and longtime Hollywood resident you know the importance of public image and the mechanisms for creating such. What ideas and advice do you have for this element of the animal rights movement with regard to its appearance?

You can always clean up a mistake, and I don't think the image is so tarnished. The opposition is always going to try to tarnish it no matter what, but it can be changed. It [direct action] needs thought, some serious calculations on how the public is going to perceive something. The problem is, that it is much tougher to get into these research labs

1980's need to come back. It has been away too long now.

What is your take on the new breed of direct action campaigns such as SHAC that take great care to personalize their targets and employ direct tactics aimed at holding individuals (researchers, investors, biotech executives, etc.) accountable?

I think SHAC's tactics are the by far the most progressive, the most thought-out, and I wish I would have even thought of these tactics years ago. I think Joseph would be very proud to see this new wave of action. This is what needs to be done much more now, especially since covert activities are becoming more difficult. The kind of tactics SHAC has taken on are revolutionary, they are great, they are effective, and they work. No one is physically hurt and it only pinpoints and holds the bad people accountable. It is mostly the big corporations, as they are put out there publicly and I think that is what is needed.

You have to think about what your opposition does not want and this is what you have got to give them. Exposing them, bringing it to their neighbors, to the media, their face, their names, their activities – that is painful. That will turn

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them around. I have watched what SHAC has been doing in the last four years, and I have to say I am impressed.

Do you have a favorite ALF action, or is there one that stands out to you as particularly effective?

I would say the UC Riverside raid, because of Britches. Britches kind of signifies ‘ALF’. I think in this country it signifies success within the underground of animal liberation. I think it also signifies the horrors in these research laboratories, of what these people in the research labs can actually undertake. I think PETA did a good job in getting that message out there.

Another action I like, it was very brazen and one of the first, was at UC Harbor Medical where 12 dogs, we called them the doggie dozen, were taken. That was the first. There were none before that, I think there may have been a couple small ones with some rats or mice saved at NYU, but other than that there was no other with any large animals or numbers being taken.

Then, of course, the golden temple – because it really struck at the core of vivisection. The City of Hope raid, or as we called it the City of No Hope, the City of Hype, that institution was always being heralded as the golden temple of animal research for cancer, and it was exposed. What was going on at the City of Hope blew people's minds, including the people that worked there that didn't even know about some of the stuff. The conditions of the animals there were so deplorable, so bad that the actual facilities looked like Auschwitz and Treblinka.

Then also the raid on the University of Pennsylvania remains on the my mind. Because of the footage they were able to get out of the facility by the researchers themselves, that to me is one of the most profound raids also. They didn't take any animals, but they got footage that shook the world and continues to do so.

BRITCHES, RESCUED FROM UC RIVERSIDE, 4.1985

then it was back then, simply because of arson and the FBI is involved. When the FBI goes to these facilities to advise, they tell them to tremendously increase their security to deter these break-ins. A lot of the damage is done, and it is done forever and that is because of security.

You know the same people, or person, or whatever, that had done all this stuff back then - lighting the match and running, I don't see him doing anything anymore. I don't see activities inside these facilities still taking place. Anybody interested in doing something like direct action – think about it, plan it out, it takes a long time, but one good action lasts a long time, if not forever. Small hit and run things are okay, but plan your good actions. The biomedical research community needs to be awakened. The early



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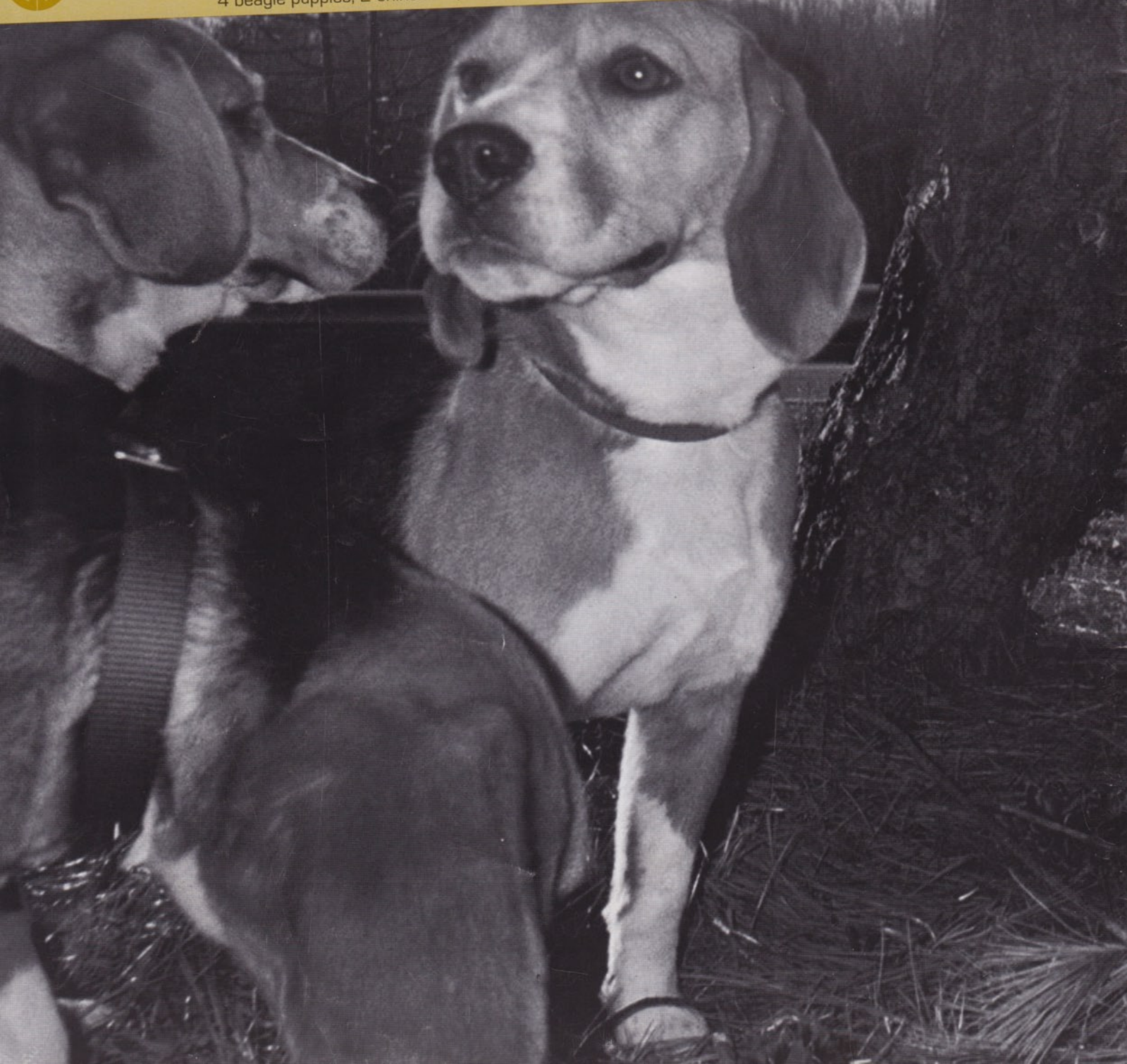
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