

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

Supporters Group

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ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP

The Supporters Group exists primarily to help people who are arrested and imprisoned in the fight against animal abuse. Prison can be a lonely and intimidating time. We help by providing every prisoner with financial assistance, so that prisoners can at least afford their basic needs, by helping family and friends with visiting costs and by publicising their plight. But we can only do this with your help. We rely heavily on membership, standing orders, donations and legacies. Please fill in the form below if you can help.

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO US NOT YOUR BANK.

I wish to join the ALF supporters group ☐
I would like more information on leaving a legacy to the supporters group ☐

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Please pay on the1999 and on theday of every month until further notice the sum of pounds for the credit of the ALF Supporters Group.
Signed Date

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Wills

If you would like to leave the ALF Supporters Group something in your will the following words are suggested:

I bequeath to the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group, presently at BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, the sum of and declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the said Society shall be good and sufficient discharge of such legacy.

If you are considering leaving property or land we would suggest that you consult your solicitor.

WHY VPSG MUST CONTINUE THE FIGHT - EQUAL RIGHTS FOR VEGAN PRISONERS

The Vegan Prisoners Support Group, has been established for over 5 years now since **KEITH MANN** and **ANGIE HAMP** were both arrested, and it was never really our intention to stay in existence after they had both been released.

We wrongly believed that once we had our Guidelines on the care of Vegans accepted and in place in all prisons, any new prisoner would have these regulations to refer to and with the financial support of the ALF SG to purchase those extra vegan items they needed, what would we have left to do? How wrong we were!

Unfortunately time has proven that VPSG, or a similar group doing the same specialised work, needs to be in existence as long as there are people prepared to put their freedom at risk to help try to save animals. Even though our Guidelines are in place it is still extremely difficult for new or even existing prisoners to actually make these work for them without our assistance.

The experience we have gained in the past five years on how the Home Office and the Prison regulations work on the care of vegans is quite extensive **and it isn't unusual to even have a prison contact us for advice.**

Before we were established it wasn't uncommon for non vegan footwear to be the only prison footwear available, or for a prisoner to be without suitable vegan toiletries for sometimes **three months or more.** Even today for prisons to check whether their purchased-in prepared meals are vegan or not is almost impossible without our help and research. Also when prisoners are moved, or a member of the prison kitchen staff leaves our work normally starts all over again!

Although we have improved things with regards to the provision of vegan toiletries this is always a problem when initially arriving at prison. Recently we have tried to expedite access to vegan toiletries by providing a reception toiletry pack for each new prisoner and you can imagine the relief when they arrive, this alleviates being several weeks without any toiletries.

The last year or so has seen a great increase in our work - unfortunately, mainly due to the ongoing Hillgrove campaign. We have also had many more cries for help from like minded vegan prisoners and support groups from other countries such as the USA and Sweden.

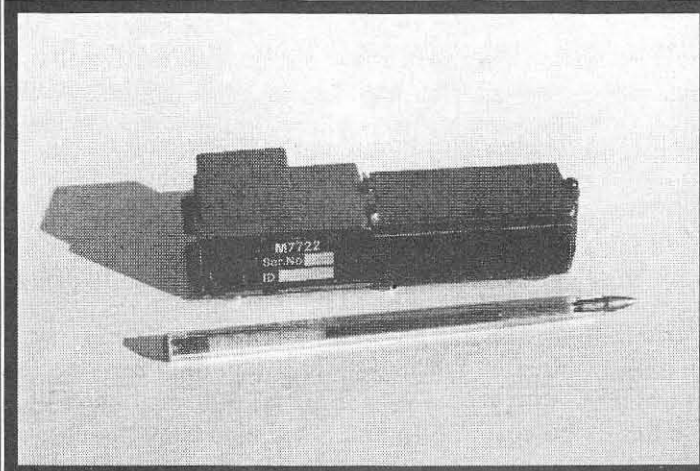
We also provide support and advice to vegans being held in custody, in police station cells, ensuring a vegan diet and, where necessary, vegan toiletries are made available. We run a 24 hour helpline, 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year. We produce 3 newsletters a year providing information and help to prisoners and their supporters.

We need your help to continue our work. A monthly donation of £1.00 (roughly 25 pence a week) will help ensure that we can continue helping all vegan prisoners of conscience.

The VPSG is run entirely by volunteers and therefore all the money goes to directly helping the prisoners in providing them with day to day, help and advice. For a free copy of our latest newsletter or more information either phone us on the help line (0181) 292 8325 or e-mail us on

HVPC@VPSG.freemove.co.uk, or send an sae to VPSG, P.O.Box 194 Enfield, Middx EN1 3HD.

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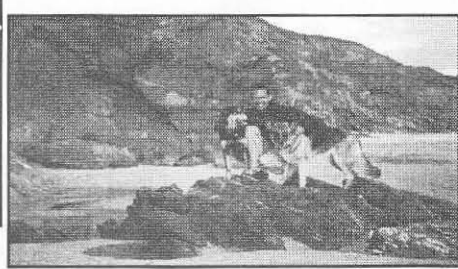


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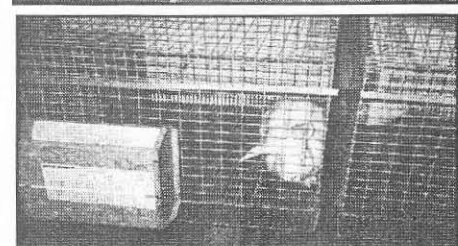
An animal rights campaigner recently discovered this tracking device under his car, so it is worth having a regular check!

ALF SG NEWSLETTER

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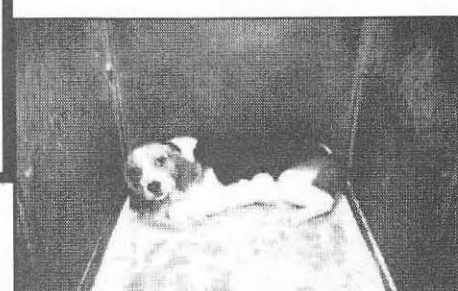
Prisoners Letters



ALF Raids



How The Raid Was Done



HDSC

APPEAL

Volunteers are needed for our 'urgent action list'. If you would be willing to write to new prisoners as soon as we hear about them please send your name, address and telephone number to us and we will put you on the list.

LAST HILLGROVE PRISONER RE- LEASED

The last 'Hillgrove' prisoner, Mel Arnold has been released on tagging after serving 3 months of a 10 month sentence for violent disorder at Hillgrove Farm.

BROWNS WIFE ATTACKED

On 9th June, Katherine Brown, wife of notorious cat breeder and Witney village idiot Christopher Brown, claims she was attacked and tied to a fence whilst out walking her dog just a few hundred yards from Hillgrove Farm, she managed to free herself after a few hours and raised the alarm. Chirstopher Brown said later "my wife was petrified, whoever did that to her was animals"

Hillgrove Farm is now thought to be on the verge of closing down!

It is now easier than ever to write to the prisoners as there are only three left, not including those overseas, They would all appreciate a letter or two so get writing!

Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX.

Tony Humphries AP7965, HMP Swaleside, Eastchurch, Sheernes, Kent, ME124DZ.

Teacher jailed who avenged fly's death

A PRIMARY teacher was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for punishing a pupil who squashed a fly in a lesson in Udine, Italy. The teacher, who is also the leader of the Italian Animal Liberation Front, apparently handled the child roughly and locked him in a room.

Prisoners Letters

Keith Mann was recently released from prison after serving nearly seven years of an eleven year sentence for among other things criminal damage, possession of explosive materials and escaping from custody and has sent the following letter.....

After nearly seven years of nothing but negativity, I finally reached the end of my rehabilitation programme late March and it was all of a sudden all over. In all that time I was given one course to do to supposedly help me correct my offending behaviour, that lasted a few hours over a few days and, like with them all, it simply meant answering the questions in the obvious way, i.e when asked how you would react if you heard your mate had slept with your girlfriend, don't say "kick his head in", because that's the wrong answer. The correct answer is "talk to them and see if we can work it out". Or something along those lines. If you're half smart you can't fail to satisfy the people running these courses - screws and probation officers - that you're safe to be let out. It doesn't necessarily mean you will be of course but helps your argument. That said Gilly Peachey was paroled recently having refused to do any courses whereas I was refused my first application because they said I hadn't done enough.

I was sat in a recreation room watching some awful afternoon soap as two people with keys rifled my belongings one last time. My parole answer was by now already over a month late. I didn't know it at the time the search started and they reckoned not to either, but near the end of their trawl a third stuck his head round the door and said almost in a whisper

"subject to the paperwork you'll be going home on friday". I wasn't certain I'd heard him properly and wanted to hear him say it again either way. And he did. And I still didn't believe him. Force of habit. He said the paperwork would be over the following day, the Tuesday. Monday night was a long and sleepless night. So too the next three.

The next day while on a visit with two good friends I got a friendly screw to phone the parole clerk to just confirm I was indeed about to be released, and sure enough it was confirmed and I would be given the paperwork when I got back to the wing. Sleeping with the knowledge I was finally getting out was even harder than sleeping with the possibility I might be, and for the next three nights I didn't sleep. This was the hardest part of my sentence. I couldn't eat either. Gate fever should be a recognised medical condition, I reckon. I'd heard it said people get it before release but I didn't think it anything more than being excited but it took me over completely.

Most other prisoners were chuffed for me, mostly because it gave them hope to see a long termie going home, and one that didn't do himself too many favours in this regard in his dealings with the authorities in there, plus it meant I would be leaving stuff behind for them, they hoped. I did, to people I liked. The flow of requests for my possessions from people who had never spoken to me were politely turned down. Apparently, just a year after the parole board refused me parole on the grounds that my passion for animal welfare was said to be as strong as ever, and because they reckoned I needed to do more course work to help me better understand the effect of my actions on my human victims, having changed neither, I was now considered safe for release. And that was it! Four days notice, a travel warrant and one weeks dole money. And of course a final smart arse comment from the infamous book of screw humor: "Come again and bring your mates." Oh how I chuckled. Not!

I asked to be allowed a period of resettlement leave late December, given I was going to be released this year whatever happened, but had it rejected due to the risk posed of escaping, having done so six years earlier. Three weeks later my dad died and I asked to be allowed to attend the funeral. I was promised a governor would be over with an answer that very afternoon. It was a Friday and we were locked up for the afternoon but sure enough the door opened three hours later as I lay on my bed coming to terms with the news and quietly confident they would at least allow me to bury my dad, all things considered: Cat C, 1 year left at most, 6 1/2 done, parole review pending, compassion... It wasn't a governor though, it was two of his boys, and in they marched with their surgical gloves on, on a mission to rifle my things and strip search me, randomly chosen of course. And not a clue about any funeral. The following day I was granted an audience with a governor, when he refused to allow me to go because of some rather bizarre excuse he had come up with about their fears of a possible demonstration at the cemetery! Why on earth would they think anyone would do such a thing as holding a demonstra

tion at my dad's funeral at a cemetery in Rochdale is beyond me, but then so too is much of what they say and do in prisons. Odd folk that they are. He did agree a compromise though, four days later after some outside agitating: they would take me - by plane - to keep an eye on me, but would remove the cuffs so I could carry the coffin and comfort my mum etc. I questioned the rationale of going to all that effort and expense, given I would be at liberty to leg it if I wanted to anyway, and do you know what his reasoned and rational reply was? No. Why else would you fly three screws half way across the country: "well if you do run off at least we'll know which way you've gone." To watch me run off if I decide to! For how long did they think I would keep on running in the same direction?

So three of them flew with me to Manchester, at £263 a ticket, where we took a hire car to the cemetery, and no handcuffs all day. Credit where it's due though they were polite and discreet. But what a pointless and expensive exercise just to watch me embarrass them and or bury my dad.

The day after I got back I applied again for resettlement leave, this time naively confident there could be no objections. Oh how I fall for the logical approach with such ease. This time believe it or not, the objection would be the negative "public reaction" due to my continued association with animal rights activists were I to be released for some time at home before my sentence was complete. Seriously, Governor Walker of Parkhurst told me there would be public opposition to me being rehabilitated in any way because I refused to distance myself from people who care enough to do something to stop animal abuse. And where did he do his research? I asked, as did a number of you, members of the public one and all, but he was saved the aggro of our persistence by the parole board deciding I was safe to be let out after all just as the letters started arriving on his desk, which served to put into place his bigoted opinion and show him the truth regarding public opinion.

Just before I was told I was to be released they told me I was no longer allowed to write letters to the press or the SG or anywhere else there might be an audience, which is partly why I didn't share my views with you in the last newsletter. I had quite a rant then but won't repeat it all here for the sake of space. If you are interested though you will be able to read more about the ridiculous aspect of life in the pokey and much more at a later date when a little project finally reaches fruition.

Following on from a previous mention in the SG after the goons kidnapped me from Long Lartin and sent me to Parkhurst without my possessions, I waited two months before I finally had enough and phoned the police at Evesham to report the governor of Long Lartin for theft. It was just three days later that my things arrived, funny enough, everything that is but my food-stuff which it turned out they gave away to another inmate, a friend of mine. I sent them a £45 bill for the

missing munchies but said I'd accept £40 if they were prepared to settle it without a drama.

Of course they weren't, because they don't, instead they told me they wouldn't pay compensation because the goods were consumable, because they were under my control so my responsibility and because they weren't listed on my property card. I had to concede in reply that food is indeed consumable, but pointed out that for it to be under my control I would have to be at least in the same county as it, and for it to be on my property card the thieving bastards that took it from my cell and gave it away would have to have put it there. Forty five pounds please. Three weeks later they'd apparently found they could pay compensation after all - easy mistake to make - and offered me thirty. It was an improvement but not enough of one to make Keef a happy puppy, so the saga of the missing munchies continues and will do till they pay up. Spot the criminal. My licence conditions are such that I'm not permitted to speak to the press or publicly in any way that could be seen as antagonising the authorities who have allowed me out 'early' - that's the truth on hold, then - and I have to be constantly aware of the sensitivity of my situation and the ease with which the police could send me back, so I have not to be arrested or I face being recalled to do some more years. I can't leave the UK either and I have to report regularly to my probation officer until November 2000. But compared to the restrictions I had only a few months ago this is nothing.

I was warned to expect various problems with readjusting to life on the out but thus far I've experienced nothing out of the ordinary, in fact the only weird thing is that it hasn't been weird. This is partly due to my attitude but also to the support I've had from the movement. My partner Kate has been wonderful too despite the prison authorities' efforts to make life as difficult as possible for her during visits (including sexual assault and banning her for life) and of course my mum - solid as a rock despite losing her partner of 33 years in December. It can't be stressed enough how invaluable this support is for our prisoners, it never ceased to impress me and annoy the authorities. It was magic to be able to call on you for your help when letters needed writing or phone calls making and the Appeal Court demos were pretty impressive too. The best I can do for now is to offer my heartfelt gratitude for everything you've done for me, anonymously, via the JFKMC, SG, VPSG or as a friend - you all are. If there is anything I can do in return I will always be happy to, it would make me feel better to return some of the energy expended on my behalf over the years and can be contacted via the SG.

That activists inside are looked after is imperative to the well being of the movement. If it weren't for the fact that there are people prepared to push forward the boundaries of protest we would be wallowing in the shadow of the likes of the BUAV and RSPCA and of little concern to animal abusers. We can never allow our prisoners to be neglected.

For animal liberation Keith Mann

The following letter was written by Tony Humphries who was recently sentenced to 7 years for 'conspiracy to cause explosions'.

Hello everyone,

Well, before I tell you what has been happening with me the last couple of months I must first thank everyone who has supported me and my family during this difficult period, all those who have written and all those who support the ALF SG, it really does make a difference and has provided many lifting moments in what is a very stressfull and trying time for me, Caroline and the children. I first joined the ALF SG in the mid 1980's and have now seen first hand how important it is to have such a support network. With the police acting the way they have been the last few years, particularly on demonstrations, anyone of us could end up in prison, which is why the SG must continue with the vital work it does.

Well, how are things in Swaleside? Not too bad now that I've settled in. I'm finally on a drug free landing where the other inmates are all very sensible, the food is all sorted - with a fairly balanced vegan diet - there were one or two problems, but generally in all the prisons I've been to the prison staff are quite helpful - in fact nowadays they tend to be little more than hotel staff (they deliver your paper, post etc and generally try to sort out any problems you may have). You still get the odd one who thinks that they are part of some 'punishment' regime, but not many.

There is a lot of time spent behind the door here but you soon adapt and learn to use the time productivly. I have been accepted on an Open University course and currently earn £7.00 a week on education. I am not saying that prison life is easy, just that the only really hard part is just being here. Being away from family and friends is very distressing, one of the things that drove this home for me was the realisation that I will probably never see my oldest dog, Pip, again as she is now getting on and last week had to have a serious operation.

A problem that I have at the moment is dealing with the fact that the prison authorities allow inmates to have a caged bird. Not only that , but they actually supply them via the board of visitors. While some prisoners obviously care for the bird, although not realising the fact that this is not the place for them, some inevitably abuse or neglect them which is very sad. I have two cages in my cell and at the moment I have one bird that has bruised wings and a damaged beak. I hope to be able to get hold of those that are unwanted or being abused (which has to be done very tactfully in this environment!) and rehome them. My trial was a strange affair, I certainly was not expecting a guilty verdict and intend to appeal. There was some interesting revelations from the special branch officer who seemed to confirm the use of regular survelience on over 100 people on an ARNI list, the extensive use of trackers and static survelance and even the monitoring of street stalls, including the monitoring of petitions etc. So all those suspicions and paranoid feelings about how much the authorities take our movement seriously are confirmed.

A few people have written and expressed surprise that I have a young family, and how it must be terrible to be away from them. Well it is, but there is never going to be a good time to go to prison, however there can never be a bad time to fight. Animal Liberation is a life long activity but I feel that we really are making important advances and with the movement growing year on year so does our strength and ability. I send my best wishes and respect to all those who continue to fight and keep the pressure up on those who abuse and those who support the abusers.

Yours for the cause always
Tony

Don't forget to send birthday cards to Tonys kids

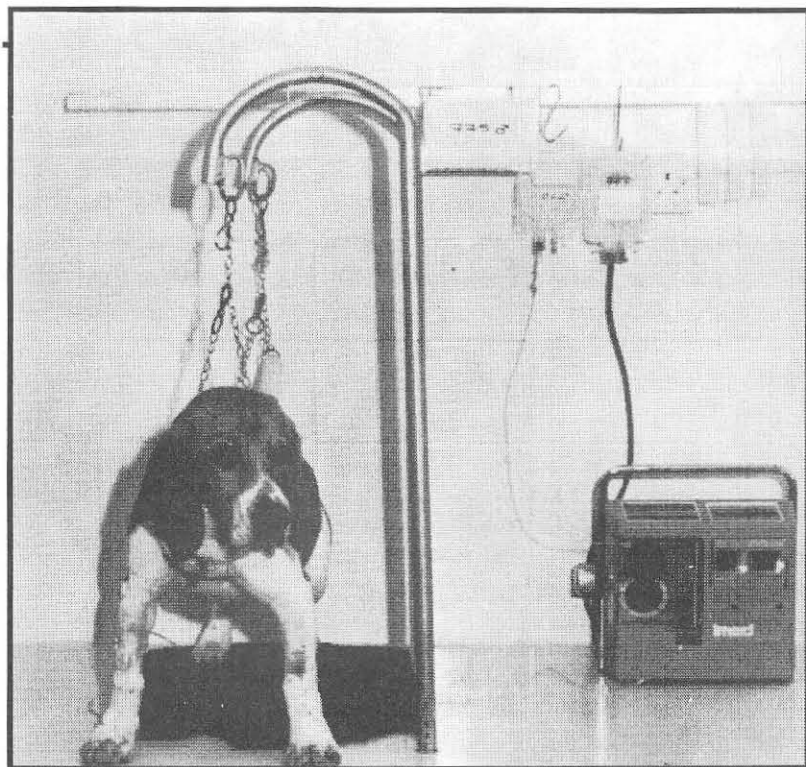
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Mya 28/7 (5 this year)

Tommy 17/3 (7 next year)

Stan 4/11 (9 in November)

Huntingdon Life Sciences - How long left?



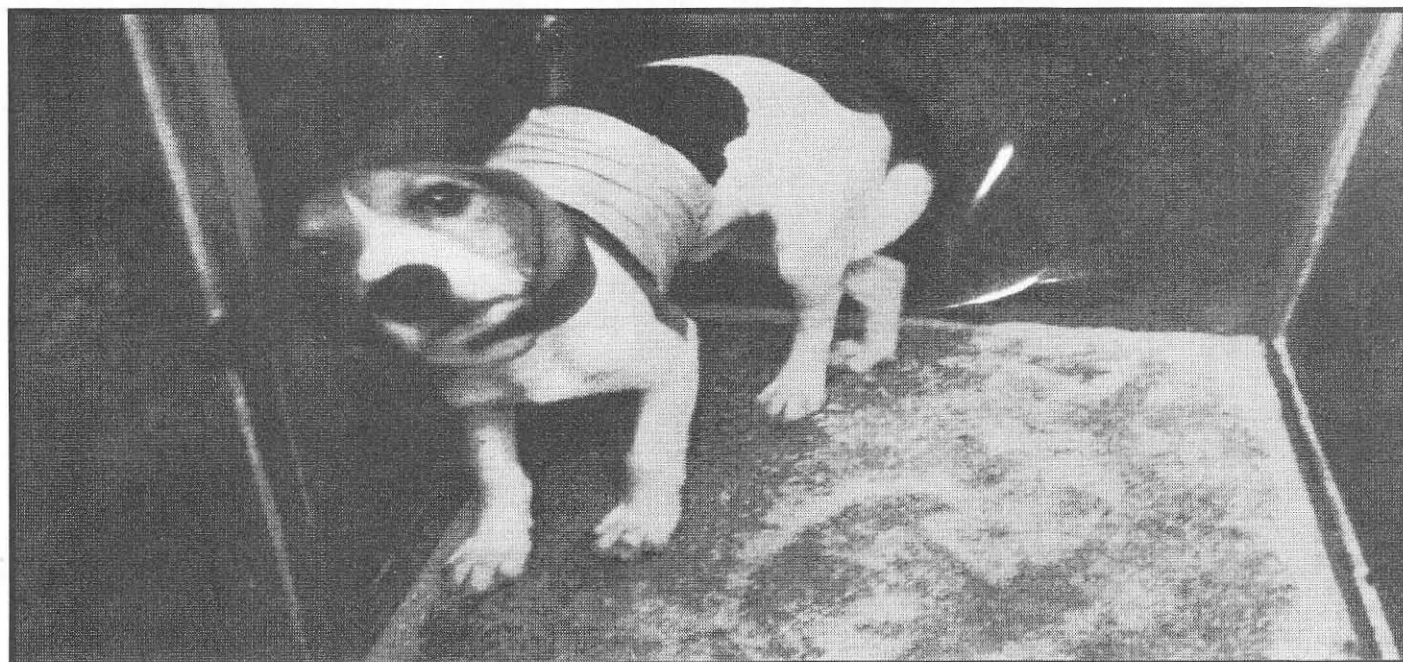
As many will know HLS is one of the largest animal testing labs in the world. They hit major trouble in 1997 when Channel 4 showed scenes of sickening violence and cruelty against beagles in their lab, but they have stumbled from bad to worse with shares at 20p, a loss of 26 million pounds last year and the closure of their Cheshire lab. Before it closed it saw many demonstrations, two a day, and home demo's on their workers. Before it closed it saw the arrest of two campaigners at a demo outside its main gates. A policeman panicked at a minor incident and arrested two people, bravely spraying them in their faces with CS gas. The campaigners were charged with violence, to justify the filthy over-reactions. For 4 days at the beginning of July this year a Crown Court trial saw the usual police lies and an outrageously biased judge use every tool to try to convict the two. However the jury voted unanimously to find both not guilty, and this marks the final chapter in the long battle to shut down the Cheshire lab.

Recent good news is that the lab will be demolished and used for a housing estate. Perhaps we should now pause for a moment and think about the countless animals including mice, rats, dogs, cats, baboons and colonies of marmosets that have been abused in that shit hole. We should now turn our attention to close down all of HLS, we have never had a chance before of winning such a big victory, now is the time to act before they recover.

The NATWEST bank is one of the main focuses of the campaign now as they lent 25 million pounds last year to HLS without which they would have closed. HLS have effectively lost all this money and will probably be looking for another loan. We can make sure that the NATWEST bank and any other bank do not lend money to HLS. All over the country the campaign has begun and is particularly strong in the North West with over 40 branches having had demos, many accounts closed and 50,000 leaflets given out. This campaign is potentially devastating to the vivisectors if it becomes big on a national level like the Boots campaign.

The photographs on this page show dogs inside HLS, they would have been tortured and killed a long time ago now, but we owe it to these two dogs, and to the millions of animals that have suffered and are continuing to suffer at the filthy hands of HLS and every other scumbag, we have to make this campaign work, and it will work and HLS will close down. We must win this one.

There is more info on this vital fight from the campaign:- HDSC, PO Box 324, Cambridge, CB1 2UF.



News from the Press Office

Whose Side Are They On?

Animal Liberation Front activists and like minded radicals have long been targets for the police but the ferocity and determination to stamp out compassionate direct action seems to have reached a level of unhealthy obsession within the ranks of both senior officers and the 'ordinary bobby' if you can describe gum chewing, tooled up thugs masquerading as riot police as 'ordinary bobbies'. Lawful, peaceful protesters are, time and again, being arrested for no good reason and then framed by the police lying in court to biased magistrates who would believe Ian Paisley was a IRA member if a uniformed officer swore it to be true under oath!

And still people on demonstrations chat away to police. Perhaps those animal liberationists who have been on the receiving end have a jaundiced view of the situation? Lets look at the 'carnival against capitalism' last June 18 which was attended by many animal rights campaigners as an example. If you don't subscribe to their version of events then try this from the National Union of Journalists which had observers present: "Fifty metres away, some (riot police) seem to be kicking a woman who's been entirely peaceful sitting on the kerb. Quite coincidentally, its impossible to get photos of the woman." and much more.

Please remember, the police are there to protect live exports, to protect vivisection, to protect hunting, to protect all the evils we are fighting. They are not there to have a friendly chinwag - its all to obtain information you don't even know you've given them. "How did you get involved in all this? Are you a vegan? What do you eat?" can all be used to brief the undercover police officer wearing that 'against animal testing' T shirt. There really is just one sensible rule and that is... DO NOT SPEAK TO THE POLICE.

Poetic Justice

For many years there have been debates within the movement about what constitutes violence and whether violence is justified. I am sure the debates will continue for many more years but I am even more certain of the truth within the oft quoted "If the animals could fight for themselves there would be a lot of dead animal abusers already". Whatever your view on so called violence lets look at a few instances where the animals have defended themselves or divine (?) intervention has taken a hand.....

A fishing boat capsized and sank when its nets over filled with sand ... a herd of cows drove the farmer over a cliff one person died of a heart attack and 20 others were injured when a bull

crashed through barriers at a Spanish bullfight ... crew members abandoned ship when a school of herring dived en masse to the ocean floor, dragging the 63ft trawler that netted them down as well.... ramblers were attacked and chased by an ostrich, one was knocked down, kicked, pecked and had his anorak ripped to shreds the master of the Tickham Hunt fell off his horse and was trampled another farmer died when several bulls crushed him against a shed wall and for those who prefer actual liberation I'm reminded of the sow who escaped from the stall she was kept in. Before wandering off she worked out how to undo the pig proof bolts and released her sisters as well!! Come the revolution

Press Office Publicity

A lot of what the ALF is all about will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter so I'll leave you to enjoy the read. The press office has been busy offering all the usual comment to the media and speaking to rallies and public meetings. Of particular interest was the Dutch TV programme I appeared on in which one of the guests was their Minister of Agriculture ... would it have happened in Britain? French TV also came over here and managed to take in a Hillgrove demo to boot.

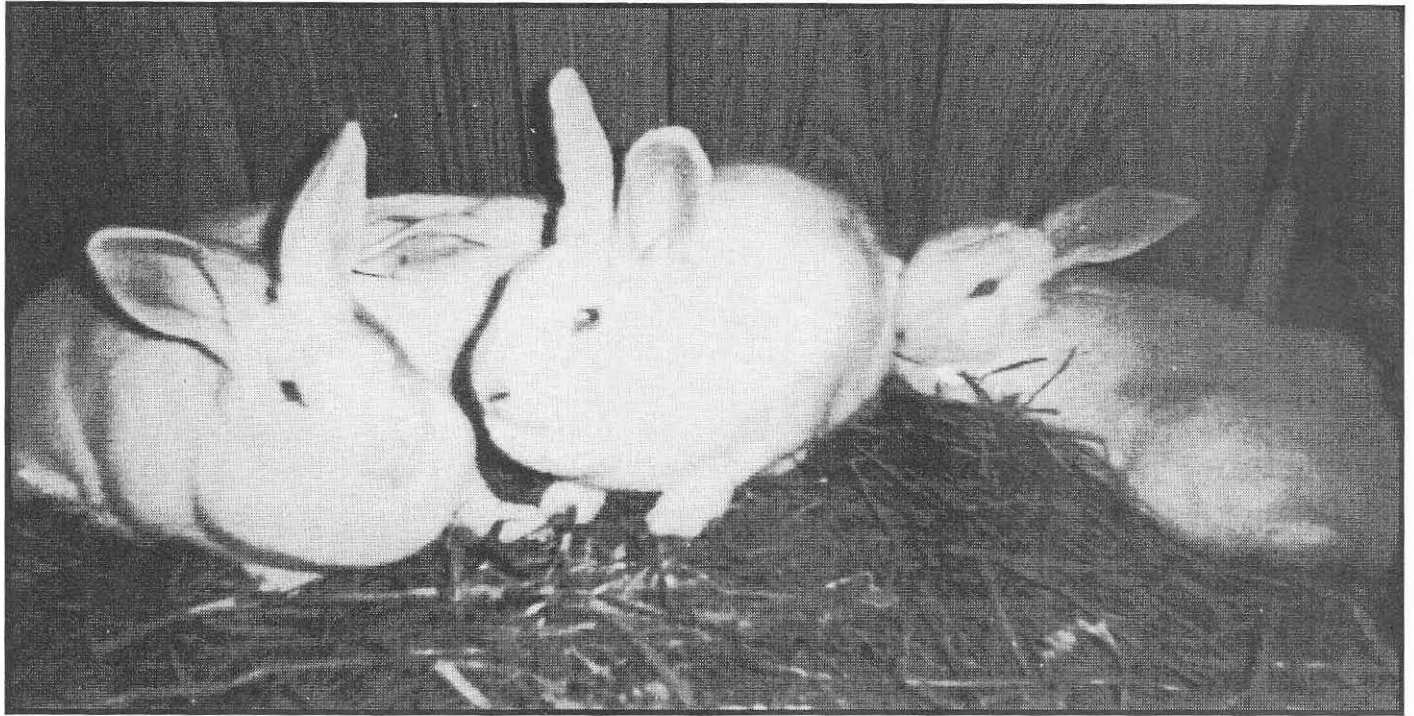
For newer members it may be an opportune time to repeat the press office policy on actions which fall outside the ALF code. We will explain, without criticism, any action which has been carried out with the sincere intention of furthering animal liberation. Our argument is with animal abuse, not other methods of campaigning. Sadly thats not a view shared by all organisations. Neither the ALF press office nor any other group has an absolute right to speak at any particular rally or demo but any decision should be down to the organisers who work so hard, particularly at grass roots events. CIWF insist that they will not share a platform with anyone they see as associated with the ALF. Other bodies which share that policy include the RDS! Rather strange when one considers that Joyce D'Silva, Director of CIWF, published a cookery book dedicated "For Ronnie Lee - hopefully in liberation".

The Hillgrove campaign is, I am sure, now very close to victory. Christopher Brown will be forced to close this hell hole and must not be allowed to profit from it in any way. But, this is not the time to relax or become complacent. It will close, of that there is no doubt, but an escalation of anger and determination will bring that day even closer- the cats and kittens have waited too long already.

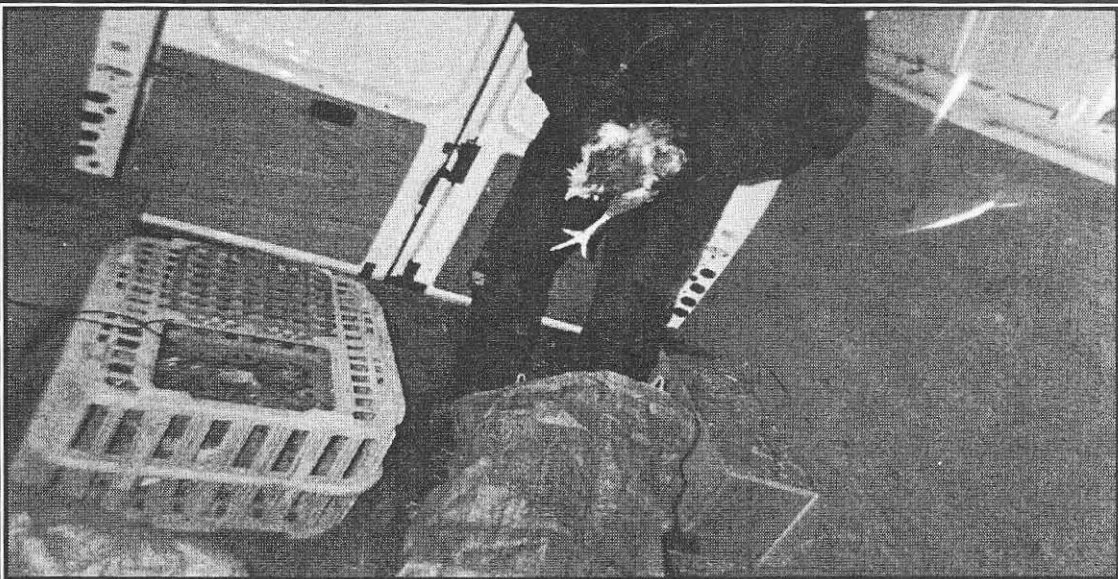
Robin Webb

ALF RAIDS

LAB BREEDER RAIDED!



On 10th May ALF activists raided the laboratory animal breeder, Leslie Moore LTD, Stockhouse Fm, Cragg Ln, Thornton, Bradford, and rescued 20 rabbits. We received the following statement... "Leslie Moore has bred pigeons and rabbits for vivisection for years without getting any hassle so his time had well and truly come. We arrived at his farm in the earley hours and set to work. The pigeon sheds were too near the house and guard dog, so the rabbit shed was an obvious target. We gained access to the building and found the rabbits in appalling conditions. They were kept in mesh cages and were covered in sores and had no proper access to water. On a previous visit we found upto 60 rabbits in this shed, but we now found only 20. When these were safely away we set about destroying the empty cages and anything else we could find, water pipes were cut completely flooding the shed. Messages were left on the walls advising Mr Moore to get out of the animal breeding business for the sake of his health."



120 Hens Saved

On 25th June 120 young hens were rescued from a battery rearing shed in Northants by the ALF.

NEWS IN BRIEF

24th April - Sweden

1 beagle is rescued from Salgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg. A window was smashed and the beagle was taken away by an activist. The remaining three activists then sat down and called the police. They were arrested & fined!

A large refrigerated butchers van, parked in Edmonton N London, was burnt out in mid May.

7 meat trucks have been set on fire at a poultry slaughterhouse in Dedemsvaart, Holland. The damage is well into millions of Dutch guilders. The fire also destroyed one of the slaughterhouses storage building.

March 27. ALF destroy 6 vehicles belonging to the Big Apple Circus in the U.S. Two cabs connected to trailers were completely destroyed & 3 flat beds carrying equipment and one small vehicle were destroyed by incendiary devices.

14May. Belgian ALF set fire to a McDonalds restaurant. They immobilised security cameras and poured gasoline through the ventilation duct. The fire brigade took over half an hour to put the fire out.

After ridding North Sweden of fur shops the ALF over there have turned their attention to the leather shops and it wasn't long before the first one went. 'Leatherpiece' in Pitea closed down after a couple of months & 4 'harsh' attacks. The owner bawled "I can't take it any more I hope these people are happy, happy to have teared me down" I'm sure they are.

60 RABBITS RESCUED



"In the early hours of 25th March 1999 ALF activists raided Regal Rabbits, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. Regal Rabbits breed animals for vivisection.

Activists entered through a window on an outer wall and then through the ventilation system to reach the breeding cages. 60 rabbits were rescued from filthy disease ridden conditions. The animals taken were breeding females with their litters"

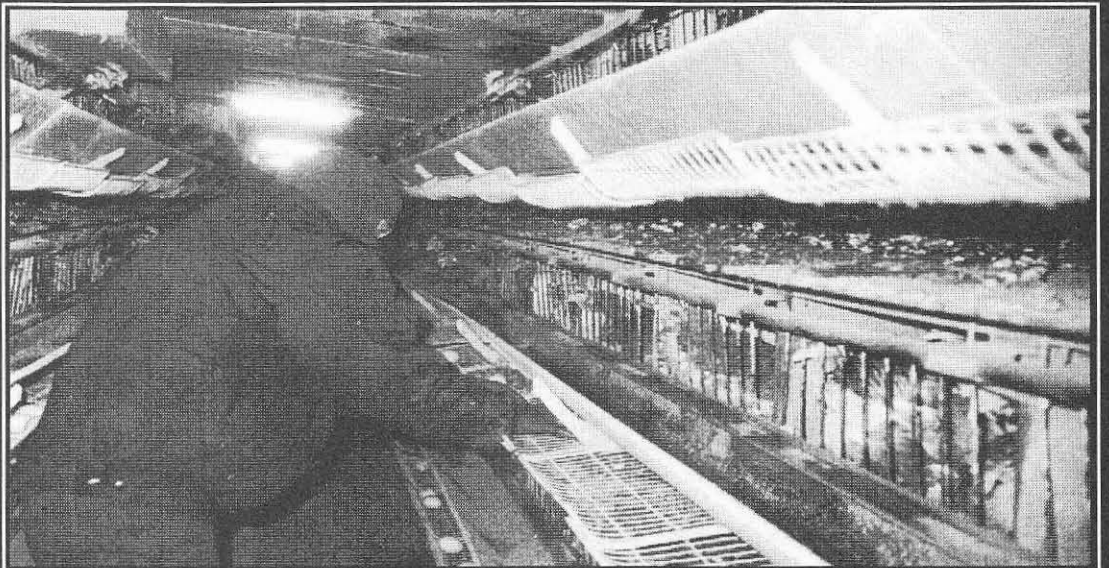
WEDDEL SWIFT ARSON ATTACK



ALF activists have claimed responsibility for an arson attack on trucks belonging to Weddel Swift in Pinhoe, Devon. The fire brigade were called to the depot at about 10.30pm on 10th May and found 6 vehicles in flames. Two trucks were completely gutted including a brand new T-reg tractive unit. Royal Navy bomb disposal experts were called in to deal with other incendiary devices that failed to go off. The manager of the site said "I really can't think why anyone would do this to us and what's behind it, I don't know what the motive was. The lorries will cost thousands of pounds to replace. They weren't just simple lorries but had fridges with aluminium, which are very expensive". This comes a month after Weddel Swift offices in Towcester were substantially damaged in an arson attack.

Apparently other companies involved in the meat trade have contacted the police about a stream of what are described as 'unusual incidents' thought mainly to relate to suspicions that meat processing and distribution plants have been under surveillance by animal rights activists.

We recently received this photo and a brief statement saying that 114 Hens were rescued from a battery farm somewhere in the South West of England sometime in early May!



4 Beagles rescued from Swedish lab breeder



The picture on the front of this newsletter and above show 4 beagles that were liberated during a daylight raid on a lab breeder, Wema-hund Ab, in Orbyhus, Sweden. A statement sent to us said that all four dogs have been placed in loving, caring homes. Two of them had damaged eyes and needed veterinary attention

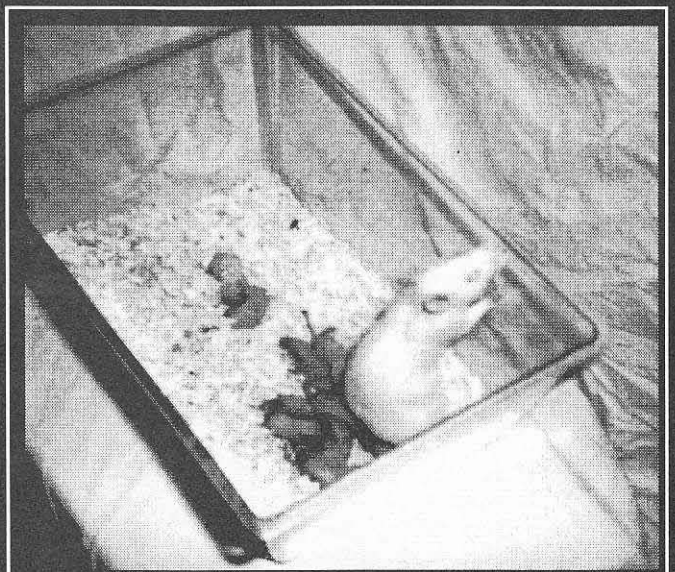
A GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY 1

We recently received the following press release.....

"12th april, Stockholm

DBF activists rescues 15 rats from vivisection. The rat mother and 14 rat children was in a box on a train.

Information on the box tells that they came from lab animal suppliers Charles River and they were on their way to a lab in Sweden. The activists go on the train and quickly rescue the rat family from a life of torture and pain. The rats are now safe and loved. DBF."



A GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY 2



**"14 April, West Sweden
14 chickens is rescued
from a train. Activists
stand outside the train
when the boxes marked
'live chickens' is loaded.
They then sneak on the
train and take as many
as they can carry in
their arms and run away.
The chickens are now
safe and loved. DBF. "**

On 5th April the ALF raided the University of Minnesota, USA and rescued 116 animals. They sent us the following press release, we had hoped to get some photo's but unfortunately they didn't materialise.

"The Animal Liberation Front decided to start lab animal week early this year by raiding laboratories at the university of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectors. 27 pigeons, 48 mice, 36 rats and 5 salamanders.

Elliot Hall, the psychology research building where the animals were rescued from, had the walls painted with slogans, cages and equipment damaged, doors broken and research documents were also taken and are currently being reviewed."

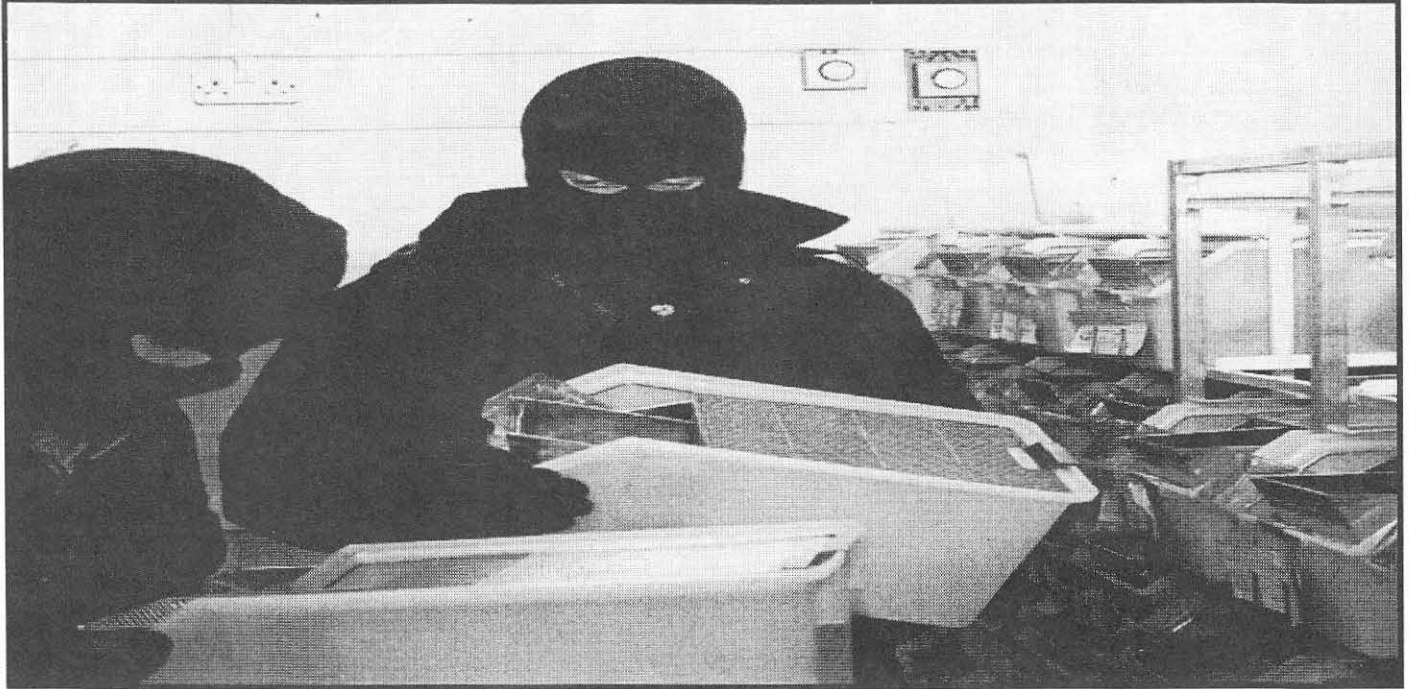
82 Hens rescued!

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HOW THE RAID WAS DONE

Lancashire Polytechnic - now the University of Central Lancashire - was a normal enough Poly. Like many others it had an Animal House. Situated in the heart of the university it looks like any other department, which of course is what it is - the Applied Biology Department on the ground floor of the Maudland Building. It was the first of several Labs to be raided by the ALF in 1991 and this is the story of 'How The Raid Was Done'.



"Someone had been inside the university security guard's office and had a scan at what they had on their alarm panel for the Biology area. There were a couple of possible ways in which avoided the alarms. We weren't going to have to be creepy quiet because the location of the building meant there wasn't likely to be anyone in the area at night and security were positioned a safe distance away. Its a single story building which is helpful when getting onto the roof, so we got onto the roof and kept low. Now, had we not got good information from within, estimating how many of what sort of animals there were inside, and of course where they were, we'd have been made up when we stuck our faces - by now well hidden under baseball caps and scarves - near the air ventilators and got the tell tale whiff of sawdust and rodents.

We were taking whatever was held hostage below the vents; mice, rats and doves is what we were expecting to find, though not in any great numbers as this was not a big lab. After a few visits during the day and at night, including a few hours on that roof, we decided

that we were going to try and get through the skylight which gave nothing away via the narrow view down it we had, except that there were steel bars between that and the floor within - no alarms were evident.

On the night in question, January 10th, it took us half an hour to carefully remove the skylight cover screws and latches and to saw through the one bar we needed to remove, using a tungsten hacksaw blade. It didn't need to be cut at both ends, just at one and then forced back. Apparently there were no alarms on this point of access. It was then simply a matter of a friend or two dropping in.....

In the room we landed in there were a few cages against one wall and even fewer animals, very few in fact - two guinea pigs and a rabbit. Please don't be all there is! As we made our way into other rooms we found cages full of doves, mice and rats, just like we were told. Yes! Excited and nervous and all working together like we'd done so a thousand times, we were soon wheeling the racks of cages out.

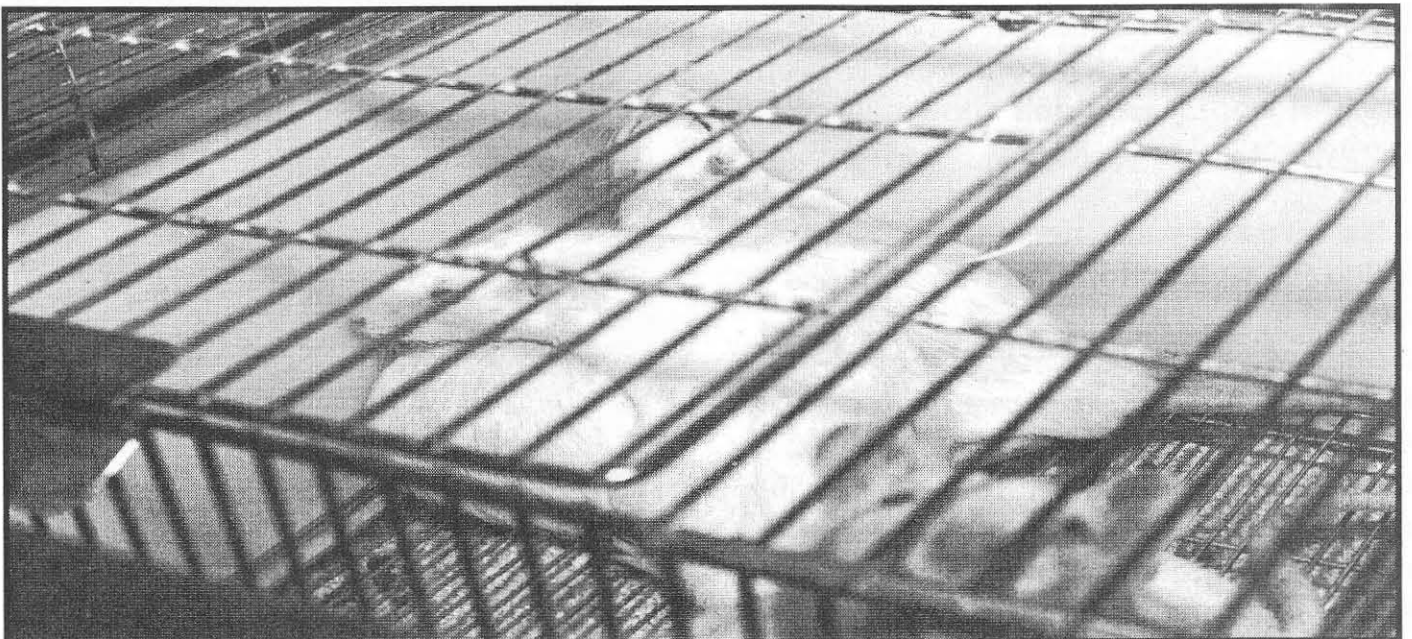
While they were being stacked up by a rear fire exit in their cages and the van moved into place, the offices were ransacked and all paperwork piled into sacks. Everything was recorded on video. We were originally prepared for having to move the animals out via the skylight, but were pleasantly surprised to find there was a fire door which would open which would open without triggering an alarm. This was going to cut the workload down considerably.

Everything went smoothly and in no time at all we had the fire door open, our van outside and were stacking it with cages. The bulk of the cages made it fill up quicker than anticipated so we called on another vehicle which was reserved to take the paperwork and video tape to a safe house. We filled that too and sent them on their way. Then we trashed what was left and wandered off. Just like that. It seemed so simple we couldn't help wondering why we didn't do it more often. We'd saved one hundred and sixty-three little lives from the knives and perversions of vivisection and it was no big deal! It might have been had we got caught but the biggest deal would still be the abuse of the animals. We landed 106 mice, 43 doves, 11 rats, 2 guinea pigs and one big fat rabbit. It would have been a big deal to them too. All were later rehomed after we had spent some time with them in their temporary home on the first few days of the rest of their lives.

It's always a big bonus for there to be pregnant animals in a haul like this and this was

no exception. It can be a problem if a set number of animals are rescued in accordance with the number of homes available, because there simply aren't further homes available to the rescuers. It wasn't going to be a problem for us on this occasion. We only had to rehome small animals anyway, and although we didn't have an extensive network of contacts able to find homes, it wasn't going to be a big problem finding one for the three little mice that were born two weeks later, to Nugget. Okay, three mice isn't a lot but it increased our haul to 166, and to Nugget mouse, the mother, it was everything. These would be the first babies she would be allowed to nurture til the day she was ready to kick them out, and then they wouldn't be going to the vivisection to be used in some repeated 'scientific procedure' which serves no useful purpose, and even if it did it wouldn't make it right and we'd still have rescued them. They weren't going to be free in every sense of the word but it was going to be the next best thing. In the press reports that followed we were actually accused of killing a mouse! One had apparently been squashed under foot and it was our fault - evil bastards. This was the best they could do, to attack us for cruelty to animals.

The documents we took were an eye opener. We had just about everything we needed to know:- everything about the person responsible for rearing the animals, including her address, age, telephone number, vehicle registration documents, diaries... you name it we had it. There were even a stack of



photographs showing her happy and jovial with various reptiles to hand. The smile soon shifted when she heard that the ALF had taken possession of her snaps and her animals and the intricate details of her life, and made a mess of her lab.

Papers revealed the cost of animals to the lab - and the profits earned by the suppliers.

£9.65 for a guinea pig and between £4.30 and £6.50 for a rat.

Entries in one of the diaries showed that not only are staff aware of when Home Office inspectors are due but the exact time too (to help counter the argument that there are too few inspectors for the number of experiments, the Home Office and the vivisection community often refer to the fact that inspectors call unannounced to check labs so there can be no time to 'tidy up'). During one such visit an inspector found the rat room to be overstocked and the atmosphere far from ideal due to failings in the ventilation system.

Recommendations were made to either repair the system or reduce the number of rats held there. The lab staff opted to kill over 50 of the rats so the remainder could breath easier.

Proposed 'projects' (experiments) were first put to the ethics committee within the lab for approval, suffice to say the Ethics Committee isn't overly concerned with ethics, if it were it wouldn't allow animal experiments.

Also revealed were the number of animals killed for vivisection that don't appear on official lists.

Some of the mice were disabled, dystrophic mice, bred to carry the genes responsible for muscular dystrophy. When these animals are bred from, one in four of their offspring will be affected with the disease - or rather the mouse equivalent - the healthy ones arn't wanted. Darrell

Brooks at the lab wanted 80 such mice which were killed and their tissue used. Neither the 80 killed for Brooks use nor the 240 killed because they were rejects (healthy) have to be covered by a Home Office licence - there are no laws or inspectors to cover their misuse. Many other animals are shown to have been bred and killed in the lab so their organs could be used in experiments - 500 rats, over 300 frogs, 142 guinea pigs and 44 doves - none of which the Animals (scientific Procedures) Act even bothers to mention.

If proof were needed that the true number of animals killed by vivisectors is bound to be higher than they admit then here was a good example.

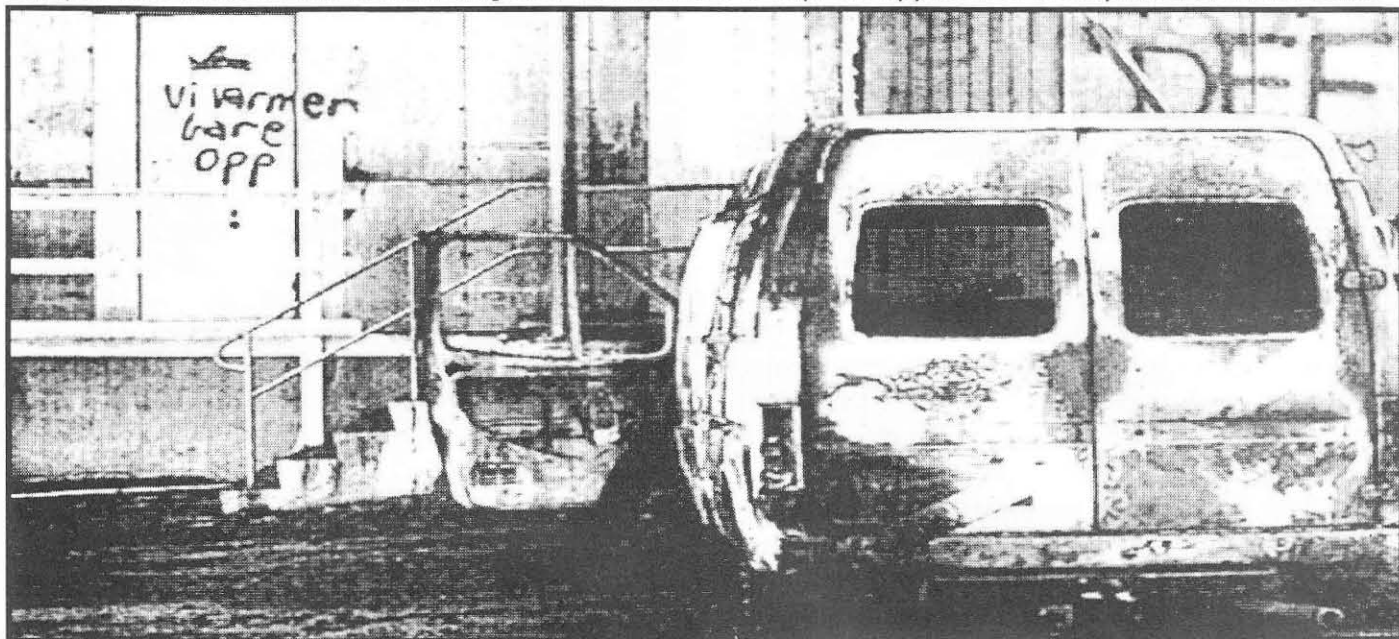
The National Anti Vivisection Society were passed copies of all the relevant documents and they put together a dossier exposing once again the failings of the punitive laws the vivisectors shout about so much as protecting animals from abuse, the 1986 (vivisectors) Act.

This showed the university vivisectors were behind even their own times; wasting animals lives in experiments rejected for more appropriate methods by other institutions an age since. Not once did NAVS mention the source of this bundle of documentation as being the ALF. Who?..... "



DIARY OF ACTIONS

The following list of direct actions is not meant to be comprehensive. It is just the actions which have come to the attention of the SG through newsletters or the internet. This explains why many actions are from Europe. This list is for information only and not intended to express approval or disapproval of the actions.



MARCH

- 1st- 3 butchers have windows smashed in London.
- 2nd- In- Copenhagen 5 butchers have doors and windows smashed.
- A mink farm in Meijel, Netherlands is raided and hundreds of mink are released.
- 7th- 3 butchers are attacked again with bricks and paint and a meat wagon is also attacked in Copenhagen.
- 11th2h- 6 fur shop windows are etched and locks glued in Minneapolis, USA.
- 12th- Macy's Dept. store in NJ has 4 large windows smashed and locks glued, also Winters Furs have their locks glued and doors and windows smashed.
- 18th- A mink farm in Holland is raided and mink are released.
- 20th- 600 mink are released from a farm just outside Gothenburg.
- 21st- Weddell Swift offices in Towcester are badly damaged in an arson attack.
- 25th- 60 rabbits are rescued from Regal Rabbits in Surrey.
- 27th- 6 vehicles belonging to Big Apple Circus are destroyed in an arson attack in USA.
- 28th- 50 hens are liberated from a battery farm in Lower Austria.
- Also in Austria 3 fur shops are attacked and have windows smashed and slogans painted on walls.
- 29th- A fish shop and a butchers shop in East London are attacked and its windows are smashed.

APRIL

- 1st- 4 beagles are rescued from a lab breeders in Sweden during a daylight raid.
- 11 windows are smashed at a McDonalds in Gothenburg.
- 1st- Burlington coat factory, NJ is paintbombed
- 2nd- Locks are glued up at Cedar Ln Furs, NJ.
- 3rd- A terrier man from the Middleton Hunt was attacked and had his jaw broken in two places.
- 5th- ALF raid University of Minnesota in USA and rescue 116 animals and cause one million pounds worth of damage.
- 8th- A fur farm in Holland is raided and minks are released into nearby woods.
- 12th- DBF in Sweden rescue 15 rats from a train destined for a vivisection laboratory.
- 14th- The home of Paul Sanders is attacked by ALF activists. Sanders is a director of Bantim and Kingman and the Lab Animal Breeders Association.
- 14th- DBF rescue 14 chickens from a train in Sweden.
- 16th- 2 trucks belonging to Big Apple circus are damaged by fire in Franklin Township USA.
- 19th- 6 butchers shops and vans are attacked in London. Windows are smashed & tyres are slashed.
- 23rd- A storage building belonging to a fur farm in Lehtimäki, Finland was destroyed by arson.
- 24th- 1 beagle is liberated from Salgrenska Hospital in Sweden.
- 25th- 9 hens are liberated from a battery farm in Aniagra, Sweden.
- 27th- A Dixy Fried Chicken van and a Salisburys

butchers van have windows smashed and tyres slashed.

28th- The home of a San Francisco vivisector is attacked. Activists smash a window, enter the home and start a fire inside.

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1st- Fish shop window smashed, butchers van paintstripped & tyres slashed and mobile fish van has tyres slashed in East London.

A feed storage building mysteriously burned to the ground in Yliharna, Finland. The building was owned by a fur farmer and was used to store dry feed.

2nd- 'Furs by Michael' fur shop in Albuquerque has 3 windows etched, locks glued and awning splattered with red paint. Also on the same evening 'Harpers Furs' have 5 large display windows etched with 'fur is murder' & 'ALF'

A mobile fish stall is paintstripped, a chicken shop has a window smashed and Ladbroke's have a window smashed all in East London.

3rd- 14 hens are liberated from a battery unit in Outokumpu, East Finland.

5th- A fur farm storage building containing feed and pelting facilities caught fire in Sikaarlepyy, Finland, a town containing 300+ fur farms.

An explosive device taped to a butchers window in Redbridge, London explodes taking the window out.

7th- Butchers windows are smashed in Portobello Rd and Maida Vale, West London.

8th- Several butchers windows and doors are smashed in Stepney Green and Whitechapel, East London.

12th- A leather store in Pitea, Sweden was attacked causing the store to close down for good. "I can't take it any more, I hope these people are happy to have teared me down" said the owner of the store.

12th- A kebab shop window and cafe signs are smashed and painted in Islington, North London

A leather shop in Old St, East London has its windows smashed and a kebab shop has its windows smashed in Walthamstow, East London.

14th- Belgium ALF set fire to a McDonalds restaurant. The activists immobilised the security cameras and poured gasoline through the ventilation duct. Damage was mainly caused to the storage and refrigeration areas.

17th- 3000 mink are released from a fur farm in Nootdorp, Holland belonging to Wim Verhagen Chairman of the European fur breeders association.

20th- A refrigerated meat van parked in Walthamstow, East London had its tyres slashed.

21st- A leather store in Sweden has its windows smashed and locks glued up, and a fish van is vandalised.

22nd- 5 bullet holes are found in the windows of McDonalds store in Wijnegem, Belgium. 5 shotgun cartridges were found inside the restaurant apparently the police are treating it as suspicious.

23rd- A second arson attack on a slaughterhouse in Lint, Belgium sees a chicken transport truck go up in flames causing 6 million Belgian francs worth of damage.

4000 pigs are released from a piggery in Scone, Australia. Slogans were also sprayed on the walls.

30th- Many windows are smashed at the North London home of Peter and Carol Bartfeld, importers of cat and dog fur.

Mid May- A large refrigerated butchers van is burnt out in Edmonton, North London.

Throughout May- 130 hens have been liberated from several battery units throughout Lower Austria by ALF activists. All are doing well in loving new homes.





JUNE

9th- Katharine Brown, wife of Hillgrove Farm owner, is abducted and tied to a fence a few hundred yards from Hillgrove Farm.

10th- Malmö, Sweden: Attempted raid on MAS vivisection laboratory. An alarm went off before any animals could be rescued.

13th- 5 meat trucks, 4 loaded with 80 tons of meat, parked at a slaughterhouse in Bodegraven, Holland are completely burnt out causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage. Apparently the flames could be seen from miles away.

16th- Several butchers shops had their windows put through in South London.

18th- 6 NatWest cash dispensers were glued up during the demonstration in the centre of London. NatWest bailed out Huntingdon Life Sciences when they were in severe financial trouble last year.

21st- Olympia, USA. Two US department of Agriculture animal research out stations are completely destroyed in an arson attack by members of the ALF.

In Tobermory, Canada a rabbit was rescued from a farm where they are bred for meat and fur.

23rd- Danish ALF set fire to the outside of a fur company headquarters and spray slogans.

28th- A burger bar, kebab shop and 2 butchers shops all have windows smashed in Gants Hill, NE London.

Atlanta, USA. The home of Helen Frushtick,

owner of a fur shop, is attacked and paint and slogans are daubed everywhere. Her fur shop also got the same treatment, as did Macys fur shop.

29th- McDonalds had windows smashed in Hounslow, W London and butchers windows were smashed in Chadwell Heath, E London

July

4th - 400 empty cages were destroyed at a mink farm in Willich near Duesseldorf, Germany. The farmer says that he can't afford to buy new cages so he will have to try to repair the old vandalised ones.

6th - A butchers', betting shop and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant all have windows smashed in Dalston, East London.

7th - A steak bar and cafe have their windows smashed in West London and a jellied eel van gets the treatment in East London.

8th - Cafes and butchers windows are smashed in West London.

12th - Botswana Meat Company in Tottenham, North London got two vans sprayed up and tyres slashed.

A doctor who works at the Medical Research Council labs in Mill hill gets his home re-decorated for free thanks to the ALF.

13th - A van belonging to a meat company in Antwerp, Belgium, is burnt out.

16th - Swedish ALF raid a rabbit slaughterhouse in Smaland and rescue 30 rabbits.

19th - Halal butchers, betting shop, kebab shop and Kentucky Fried Chicken shop all have windows smashed in London.

20th - A McDonalds and a butchers shop have windows smashed and slogans sprayed all over them in East London.

Fire destroyed a fur farm storage building in Juuka, Finland. The building was completely gutted as a result of an ALF incendiary attack. Damage is estimated at £125,000.

21st - Three butchers shops and a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant have their windows smashed in East London.

Also in West London, a butchers van has its tyres slashed and paintstripper poured all over the paintwork.

23rd - A kebab shop in Dalston, SE London has its windows smashed, locks glued up and slogans sprayed on the walls.

24th - Three meat vans have their tyres slashed and are generally vandalised in Leytonstone East London.

A fishing tackle shop is visited and re painted in Dalston London.

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Welcome to the ALF experience.....

The Immunology Dept. of the London Hospital Medical College in 1991 after a visit by the ALF. 1400 mice & 4 beagles were rescued and thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused to the animal house. As a result of this raid 25 years worth of 'research' was destroyed and the experiment project was stopped. Permanently. The loss of this 'research' cost the college 2 million pounds and gave one of the vivisectors involved a nervous breakdown.