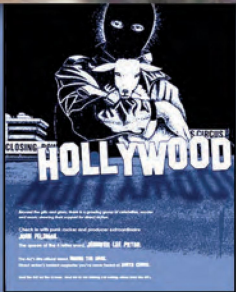


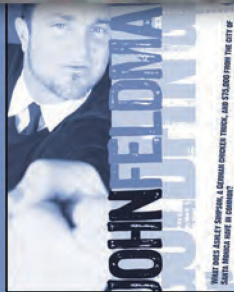
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Chrissie Hynde arrested again.

editorial

Activism, and “radical” activism in particular, has been a frequent subject in popular culture. Direct action demands attention. Although the public frequently gets incorrect messages about animal liberation activists in movies and television, they can’t help but think about the issue. Sympathy for animals, and their defenders, may be aroused despite the story line.

In this issue of Bite Back, we take a quick look at the roles that film, television, music and celebrities have played in popularizing animal rights issues, and in creating an image of the animal rights activist.

Movie stars and other celebrities play prominent roles in many social movements; animal rights enjoys an enviable list of celebrity endorsers. They can be powerful messengers. Of course, some are more committed than others.

As nice as it is that Hulk Hogan is outspoken against cockfighting, and that Anna Nicole Smith almost flew to Newfoundland to fight the killing of seals, we try not to expect too much, and it’s rare when we are impressed by the actions of celebrities. We don’t expect Sir Paul McCartney to open his countryside estate to animal activists who have ‘done a runner.’ Maybe it’s enough that he’s veggie?

It is much different when a public figure supports lawlessness in defense of animals. We’re thinking of Chrissie Hynde, lead singer for The Pretenders, who has participated in hunt sabs in Maryland woods, has been arrested after smearing “blood” on the windows of a KFC in Paris, and for slashing leather garments at a NYC Gap.

Music has a long history of expressing revolutionary ideas and in influencing activists. In this issue, we talk to John Feldman of Goldfinger and hear from Karl Buechner, vocalist from one of the most influential bands regarding direct action, that you have never heard of.

But we don’t take this too seriously. There is a big difference between someone famous joining a movement, and someone becoming notable *because* of their actions. Our real heroes are those activists found in our prisoner listings, and the anonymous individuals behind the actions in our Diary of Actions.

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prisoners

FROM BEHIND THE BARS.

THEY'RE IN THERE FOR THE ANIMALS.
WE'RE OUT HERE FOR THEM.

For updates on animal liberation prisoners,
and current prisoner addresses, please visit
www.DirectAction.info.



KEITH
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Keith has been re-sentenced, increasing his 6 month stay in prison, to 12. He is in for a raid on Wickham labs where information on Botox experiments was uncovered.



CHRIS
MCINTOSH

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Chris is currently awaiting trial, accused of an arson at a McDonald's restaurant. The Chris McIntosh Support Fund has set up a website (www.SupportChris.org) with more information about his case. His trial is set to begin in October 2005.



PETER
YOUNG

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Peter Young was arrested March 21. Peter had been wanted by the FBI since 1998 after being indicted under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, following a series of mink liberations at Midwestern fur farms. His trial is expected to begin in September.

Visit www.SupportPeter.com for updates.

PROFILES



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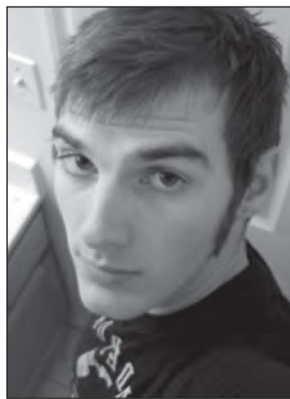
Sarah Gisborne is serving a 6 ½ year sentence for damaging vehicles of people associated with Huntingdon Life Sciences.

"April 2005

Never did I think that I would be part of a movement that the likes of Barry Home and all the other well known figures are known for belonging to. I used to watch the news when I was younger and see the big department stores ablaze, with the commentators saying they believed it to be the work of the Animal Liberation Front. I remember comments that my mother and other people would make about it, like how terrible it was and how people could have been killed. I never used to comment on it because even though I was young I knew instinctively that the people who had had the courage to do these acts were in fact brave and courageous people. I guess because of the title Animal Liberation Front I knew they were doing it to help animals. That was all I needed to hear. Of course no one ever got hurt, because like me, these people valued all life and not just their own kind. I also know that a lot of acts go unheard of and are never reported. Acts of great courage done out of sheer necessity. I just thought that these people were very different to the rest of the population and therefore something I could never be part of. They were a special breed. As indeed they are. However as I would find out later on, they are also people who have ordinary lives. But for whatever reason they decide to take up this most needed fight for the rights for animals. Some have families and other commitments but they always make time for what drives them to risk everything for this most valued fight.

I then started to hear of organized demonstrations and groups who were fighting against individual targets, as

opposed to sporadic ones. I guess the time had come for me when I could turn my back no longer. I made the call and from that date I have never looked back. My first demo was at the Newchurch guinea pig farm. I was filled with rage, even though I could not see them. I am still filled with those very strong feelings, five and a half years later. I now understand that people fight on many different levels. Some illegally, some legally. This is my third prison sentence now. They can't lock up and imprison compassion; they never have been able to. One of the people whose car I damaged with paint-stripper had worked at Huntingdon Life Sciences for over 20 years. Need I say more! These people will never stop unless they are forced to. Of course now I will work within the law to close places like Huntingdon. I know I've probably said it before but I can't write an article and not mention them. The people I have met and worked with in this time have made me a better person. I am stronger because of them and thankful to them for their strength and determination. It never ceases to amaze me. Because of them I am doing what I was put on this earth to do. For them out there who are crying out for us to save them. Come on! Let's take this fight to these monsters and make their cries heard. This is reality. This is Life or Death! Let's spend less time reading about what other people are doing and do it Ourselves. Good Luck to you all!!"



**JOSH
DEMMITT**

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Joshua is serving a 2 ½ year sentence for his involvement in actions at Utah's Brigham Young University, in which animals were freed from abuse and property damaged. Visit:

www.SupportJosh.org for current news about Josh.

Letter from Josh:

I eat salad everyday, which is ironic in a way because my mom always said, "for a vegan, you don't eat very much salad." I guess now is my time to make up for that. My diet usually consists of: beans, rice, chips (tons of fat!) and juice or soda. I miss peanut butter and jelly the most! I put together a PB&J my 2nd day here, with tiny jelly packets and the remainder of another inmate's peanut butter jar. I was ill-informed about the ingredients of the bread however; it contains eggs and dry milk. Halfway through my sandwich I was told it DID have dairy and eggs! A trip to the bathroom and 2 fingers down my throat got most of it out. Afterwards though I still felt bad. Not a tummy ache but, "that shit wasn't vegan and I ate it" bad. After a lengthy conversation with some kitchen employees, I found out what was and wasn't vegan. Most everything is non-vegan. The "line" offers soy daily as an alternative to meat. But usually it contains beef stock, dairy or egg. The soy that is vegan isn't the best, by far. I could shit on a plate and walk into the kitchen and get a serving of soy and you couldn't tell the difference. The soy has come in handy a few times for pranks. A few unfortunate inmates have found "soy logs" next to their noses on their pillow when they awoke from a nap. The prison here is a good place to be (I can think of a few better places . . . home!). It's almost like a bad version of Nickelodeon's "Salute Your Shorts." Most of the inmates are nice. 2/3 are here for drug offenses. I was hoping that this would be a good place to spread veganism, maybe the inmates would be able to relate to the poor animals who are slaughtered daily to feed the greedy and filthy mouths that plague this planet, but I was wrong. No one in here cares. They all think veganism is merely a "diet." Everyday people tell me, "You're gonna starve, just eat meat while you're here, we won't tell anyone." I try to explain that veganism is not a diet, I'm not doing it to impress anyone, or be cool; this is my way of life, this is one small way for me to stand up for those who are murdered everyday for greed. It's the least I can do, but they don't understand. I'll die before I break. I say that with confidence, compassion, certainty, and loyalty. My passion for animal rights has never been stronger. Thanks to every single person that has written a letter, made a donation, or helped spread the word. The SHAC 7 and Peter Young have all of my support (and yours too I hope!). Thanks to Kelly, Benjamin and Andy, and my parents for being there and supporting me.

Vegan pride never dies!
Josh



**DAVE
BLENKINSOP**

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Dave is serving a total of 10 years: 3 years for attacking the Managing Director of Huntingdon Life Sciences, 18 months for burglary in connection with the 'theft' of 600 guinea-pigs from Newchurch Farm and 5½ years for possession of incendiary devices.

(reprinted from the Vegan Prisoners Support Group newsletter, March 2005):

'Prisoners living a life of luxury' scream the right-wing press. Usually they dig up a Christmas dinner menu to compare it to that received by the elderly. But what they don't take into account is the true nature of punishment. Is it not enough for us to be separated from society, from those we love and a life we enjoy? Seemingly not. The true nature of punishment is to put us in an alien environment and to let that become our society. A society that has its own language, its own currency and two sets of rules, one for us and one for them. It is a strange world.

Of course there are hierarchies in this society. Those that shout the loudest get heard, those that just get on with it blend into the background. Guess which category I fall into? Right – the latter of course. I don't get involved with the petty nonsense, the bitchiness, believe me its full of (malicious) gossips where information is the power which they monger.

But strangely enough there is etiquette. It is a painfully polite world, if you don't say 'good morning' then it is assumed there is something wrong. You are expected to greet everybody regardless of whether you've already done so. It gets very tiresome after a while; you can't get out of your cell without all those false greetings. The levels of small talk are fantastic. The laundry man talks in spin

cycles, the 'library man' in volumes. Dinner is always an issue.

People spend all day speculating on the truth until it becomes the truth, "and that's a fact." Like the time we had a minor disturbance and it became a Strangeway mark two in the vivid imagination of many; watching them swagger to work next morning as if they were returning battle heroes. Most people were in their beds by the time the cavalry arrived!

Imagine a world that you have no control over, where decisions are taken out of your hands, where you are judged by your file, not what you are or who you are. Imagine a world where you don't have to think to get through the day, where one day is exactly the same as the next, where you get up at the same time, and predict what you're having for dinner for the next four weeks, where you look forward to prison (shop) day, only to realize its exactly the same order as the week before. That is my world. Tell me that is not punishment!

In this entrenched regime time passes so quickly. I've done nearly four years and it's getting towards the end. I could be out by May 06, that's if they recognize that I am a changed person. I've not exactly suffered, but then again it's not been easy. I've missed your world and I wonder how changed it is. From my limited view of it through the distorted eyes of TV and radio it's fairly harsh. The Twin Towers have fallen and so has the right to free speech. Free speech is a fallacy of liberal democracy in a society that is neither liberal nor democratic.

It is the little things that I miss; walking the dogs, cooking, and my own personal space. It's not going to be easy and my rose-tinted spectacles are crushed under the ass of some fat screw.

I suppose you want to know about the current abode. Well it is easy, laid back and dare I say it; luxurious. I have my own cell, adequate vegan fare, music, plants, kettle and just about all I need. It doesn't get easier than this, but alas it is time to move again. I regained my 'Cat C' after it was taken away at Bullingdon and hence need to go to a 'Cat C' jail. I suspect that this may be in the beginning of the summer. Although I realize that it doesn't get better than this, I've got to do all I can to improve my chances of parole, not just for me, but for my long suffering partner and elderly parents whose time is running out.

I'm sorry that I can't reply to your letters, my efforts must be concentrated on my

nearest and dearest. I am grateful, just as I am grateful to the VPSG for all the frustration they've had to endure: The braised tofu certainly baffled the prison!

Regards Dave"



**PAUL
LE BOUTILLIER**

Paul le Boutillier

released!
UNITED KINGDOM

Paul was serving 2½ years for making phone calls to various animal abusers, including Covance staff at work and at home, HLS shareholders, hunt scum, farmers, agricultural suppliers, and other low life.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has written to me; prisoner support is very important. It has become impossible to respond to every letter or post card, but each is read and appreciated. I particularly like to read about A.R. actions.

For Animal and Human Liberation of Minds and Bodies.

Paul"

PRISONER SUPPORT

the basics.



Writing a Letter

It is perfectly legal to write letters of support to imprisoned A.L.F. and direct action activists. While it can be intimidating to write to someone you don't know, becoming a friend with a prisoner is well worth it. Even a short postcard may decrease a prisoner's feelings of isolation, and raise their spirits.

Letters can be simple. Talk about yourself, your hobbies, interests, or what music you listen to. Prisoners may be interested in the campaigns of your local animal rights group. If you have questions about what prison is like, ask!

It can sometimes be difficult to make contact with prisoners. The prison bureaucracy intentionally acts to limit access between prisoners and the outside world. There are some simple rules to remember when writing to prisoners:

- Assume that all letters to prisoners are opened and read. Don't write about anything that is going to get you or the prisoner you are writing to in trouble.
- Letters are frequently delayed. Be patient, but do not always expect a reply. Prisoners may have limited resources to respond to each letter they receive.
- Include the prisoner's number next to their name on the envelope. Don't forget to include a return address (write the return address on the letter as well, as envelopes are sometimes thrown away).
- Prisoners are frequently moved. Before writing, check in with us at www.directaction.info/prisoners.htm or the ELPSN (www.SpiritOfFreedom.org.uk) for up-to-date information.
- Before you send anything in addition to a letter, ask the prisoner what they can and can't receive. Every prison has its own rules. Simple things like stickers may be prohibited. It is also nice to ask the prisoner what is most needed.
- Most prisons allow books to be sent to prisoners. Often books must be new, and sent directly from the publisher or bookstore (or Amazon.com). Prisons in California and many other states only allow paperback books. Prisoners may also be purchased subscriptions to magazines or newspapers.
- Prisoners appreciate stamps (stamps may need to be sent as a book of stamps) or prepaid envelopes. Again, check first before sending stamps or envelopes as some facilities do not allow them to be sent directly to the prisoner, rather ordered through commissary.
- Some prisoners can receive money (i.e., money orders/ cashiers checks) to be placed on their books (commissary). This allows the prisoner to buy much needed "comforts" such as toiletries, vegan food and snacks, envelopes and stamps, and other items.
- Prison rules also vary regarding visits and phone calls. In New York and other states, phone companies add a surcharge to collect calls from correctional facilities.
- Make a note in the letter of all enclosures so that the prisoner can make sure everything made it through.



hidden cameras capture
horrifying animal cruelty 

A FEW BAD WEEKS FOR COVANCE

firebombings, an 11 month undercover investigation, and no more air transportation. it keeps getting worse.

(Virginia, USA) In late May, the ALF firebombed electricity generators and offices at a primate breeding facility in Spain. Shortly after the action, it was revealed that the farm is to be closed by the government. The farm, half owned by the international contract lab Covance, was set to become Europe's largest factory supplying monkeys for experimentation. The closure is a

serious blow to Covance's ability to obtain primates for its vivisection labs.


A few days before the fire, PETA revealed an 11-month investigation into Covance's lab in Virginia. Undercover video showed monkeys



suffering in drug tests, Covance employees hitting, choking and tormenting animals. Covance lawyers have so far been unsuccessful in suppressing the video footage.

And more good news! Covance is looking for a new air carrier, after Air Mauritius announced in June that it will no longer transport primates for vivisection.

Unfortunately, 298 monkeys held at the facility in Spain are pending shipment to a Covance lab in Germany. Activists in Spain are pressuring the local government to send the monkeys to sanctuaries.

After 11 months inside Covance, an undercover investigator released video of horrific cruelty. 

FBI LOOKING FOR JANITOR WHO CLEANED UP AFTER ROD CORONADO

not really, not yet

(California, USA) A Grand Jury in San Diego has subpoenaed a dozen people who attended a 2003 lecture by Rod Coronado. Activists believe the Grand Jury is little more than a desperate effort by bumbling investigators to "look busy" two years after the Earth Liberation Front torched a \$50 million condo complex in the area. Although the fire is the excuse for the Grand Jury, activists report the questions were more about who attended the lecture. Refusing to be intimidated, several activists invoked their Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate themselves, and refused to testify. Unfortunately, activists now face time in prison. "It's no secret what I talk about at those lectures," Rod explained, "I'm unafraid to support tactics like arson in defense of the environment and animals. That's a role that I'm unwilling to waiver from."



Another Grand Jury has been convened to harass activists in San Francisco. At least 10 community activists have been subpoenaed. Again, activists have refused to testify. 75 people protested outside the courthouse on the first day of the grand jury hearing.



I SEE 'TERRORISTS'

(Virginia, USA) Is it a crime to report seeing "terrorists" at the local Stop & Shop? After accused "vegan bomber" (we're not sure where that started) Andreas San Diego was profiled on America's Most Wanted, someone in Virginia called the television show and reported a sighting. Wanted posters went up around Roanoke, and the media got all excited at the possibility that animal rights had come to small town Virginia. But an FBI spokesperson soon calmed everyone down, "we have no information that leads us to conclude that he is in this area, will be in this area, or was in this area." A local university police chief added that, "Him and Elvis were out on campus riding around together." *Run Daniel Run!*

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it all adds up



“You might as well break the law if you are going to get done for it anyway. The animal rights people have the right idea... watch your back boys.”

- Anti-War protestor reacting to draconian civil injunctions restraining lawful protest activity.

“It’s a mark of desperation to resort to illegal actions.”

Wayne Pacelle, Humane Society US President on direct action to help animals and the earth. Satya June 2005

“I’m not hopeful it won’t get worse. They have discovered that the tactics work.”

John Miller, Executive Director of the Association for Assessment of and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

10-30%

of mammal, bird, and amphibian species currently threatened with extinction, according to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, drawn up by 1300 researchers from 95 countries over four years.

20%

of coral life was lost in the last 20 years (Millennium Ecosystem Assessment)

1,100

Number of potential corporate targets on a list circulating among animal rights activists according to the Deputy Director of the FBI, John Lewis.

1,200

Number of alleged ALF and ELF attacks in the US since 1990 according to FBI testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

100%

The estimated increase in the production and worldwide demand for meat in the next 15 years



£100,000,000.00

– Loss in spending on pharmaceutical research in the UK per year resulting from animal rights activism. According to the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI).

“It’s clear that the continuing threat posed by animal extremists is a contributory factor.”

Vincent Lawton, President of the ABPI

\$110 million

Conservative estimate of damage caused by ALF and ELF attacks since 1976



1 in 4

Primate species is in imminent danger of extinction, according to a primate report produced by 50 experts from 16 countries.

1 in 3

Amphibians are threatened with extinction

the bottom line

“If these wetlands, forests, rivers and coral reefs were factories, art galleries, universities, it would be considered gross vandalism to damage them in the way we do.”

\$800 Million

How much the pharmaceutical industry spent on federal lobbying and campaign contributions over the last seven years.

\$217 Billion

Sales earned by the top 10 US Pharmaceutical companies in 2002.

- Klaus Toepfer, the executive director of the United Nations Environment Program



ACTIVIST FOUND INNOCENT OF FEED CONTAMINATION

(Australia) In May, a jury found veteran activist Ralph Hahnheuser not guilty of “contamination of goods with the intent of causing economic harm.”

In late 2003, Hahnheuser added shredded ham to feed for sheep at a South Australia feedlot. The sheep were to be shipped to Kuwait the following day. Strict Muslim dietary laws prohibit the consumption of pork products, and the shipment of 70,000 sheep was delayed.

In court, Hahnheuser admitted that he put ham in the feed, but argued that his motive was to save sheep from export, not to do economic damage. Tens of thousands of sheep from Australia die in appalling conditions during the sea voyage to the Middle East every year.

After his acquittal, Ralph was unapologetic and would not say whether he would commit similar actions in the future. The feedlot owner was outraged, “I can’t understand how a man who cost companies millions of dollars can walk away completely free.”



YOU THOUGHT IT WAS EASY BEING AN ACTIVIST?

the alf stop primate importer while national groups complain

(Pennsylvania, USA) On May 26, the Animal Liberation Front targeted the property of a primate importer in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Activists poured paint stripper on cars, broke into greenhouses, and overturned hundreds of pots. The property owner, Michael Hsu, thinks he knows why activists stopped after causing \$40,000 in damages: “We think after awhile, they just got tired and stopped.” (Hsu added “It doesn’t make sense to me why animal lovers will destroy plants.”)

In addition to owning a flower nursery, the Hsu family operates a business called Shared Enterprises that is one of the top U.S. importers

of primates, supplying hundreds of monkeys each year to the vivisection industry, including the infamous Oregon Regional Primate Research Center.

Disappointingly, Friends of Animals (are they even still around?) sent a letter to the Philadelphia Inquirer arguing that activists should limit their activity to “informed advocacy” (whatever that means), and concluding that, “It’s folly to think that monkeys will be saved by anything else.”

Shortly after the A.L.F.’s visit, the Hsu’s dropped plans to build a facility on the property to house monkeys.



RESEARCHERS’ CARS RECALLED DUE TO FIRE RISK

(England) When an executive’s Hyundai went up in flames at his home in a London suburb at the end of May, the man was surprised but assumed the fire was electrical. Police weren’t called until an A.L.F. communiqué surfaced a month later, explaining that the man was targeted because his company acted as broker for Phytopharm, a pharmaceutical company that outsources its animal experimentation to companies like Huntingdon Life Sciences. The brokerage company quit immediately after the communiqué appeared, and Phytopharm’s share price dropped to a 12-month low. Tip from Bite Back: If you support companies that torture and kill animals for profit, a fire in your garage probably isn’t electrical!

ALF BANNED FROM PICKETING!

(England) The garage fire story continued. Phytopharm was thrilled when it was awarded an injunction that bans the A.L.F. from harassing its employees. British newspapers described the injunction as “groundbreaking” and “a significant victory.” The injunction, which also protects the company’s suppliers, contractors, subcontractors and shareholders, is certainly broad, but its effect is uncertain. The injunction prohibits the A.L.F. from demonstrating outside the homes of Phytopharm employees, from using loudspeakers during demos, and from contacting staff by telephone. With those tactics banned, what is the A.L.F. to do?

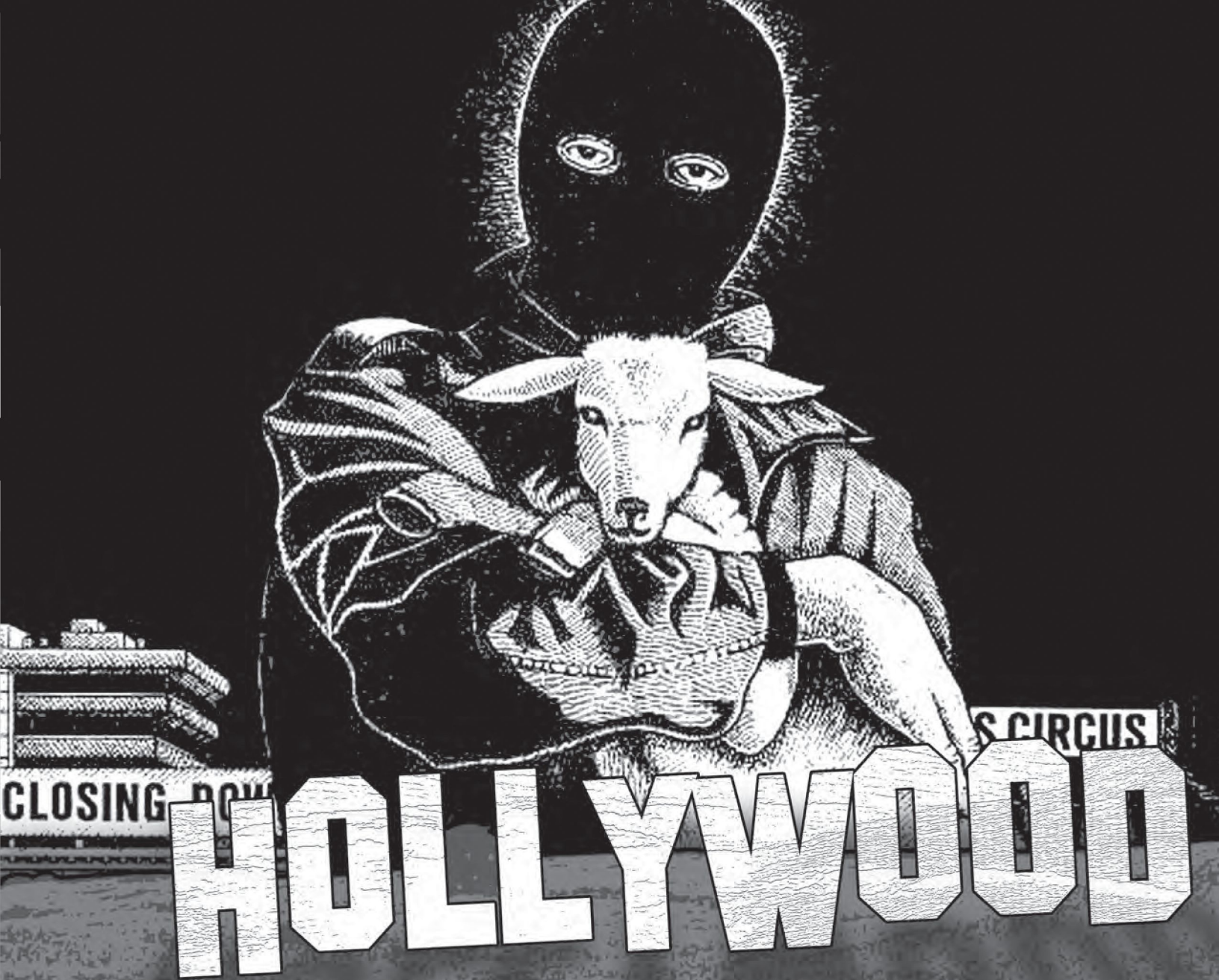
PROTEST MAY CONTINUE (AS LONG AS THEY’RE INEFFECTIVE)

(London, England) The British Government’s Serious Organised Crime and Police Act came into force July 1. The act, which targets animal rights campaigning by creating new crimes and strengthening penalties, is doomed to failure despite its very impressive title.

A few days after the act went into effect, the A.L.F. shrugged their shoulders and responded with an arson attack on a boathouse owned by Oxford University. A spokesperson from SPEAK, who are leading the campaign against construction of Oxford’s new vivisection laboratory, warned that restrictive new laws are, “encouraging people to go down the road of illegal activity, because when you restrict a person’s democratic right to protest then they will have no other option.”

 A car goes up in the driveway of an animal abuser.





Beyond the glitz and glam, there is a growing group of celebrities, movies and music showing their support for direct action.

Check in with punk rocker and producer extraordinaire
JOHN FELDMAN.

The queen of the 4 letter word, **JENNIFER LEE PRYOR.**

The ALF's film official debut, **BEHIND THE MASK.**

Direct action's loudest supporter you may have never heard of,
EARTH CRISIS.

And the ALF on the screen. And we're not talking cat-eating aliens from the 80's.



JOHN FELDMAN

What does Ash Lee Simpson, a German chicken truck, and \$75,000 from the city of Santa Monica have in common?

John Feldmann

PUNK ROCK POLITICS.

John takes some time to talk to **Uncaged Films** (who is producing the upcoming film 'Behind the Mask' featured on page 17) and **Bite Back Magazine** about fans, family and fighting back.

Uncaged Films: What's your name and what do you do?

John Feldmann: My name is John Feldmann and I sing in a band called Goldfinger.

I also produce records for other musicians. I produce a band called The Used, a band called Story of The Year and I work with Good Charlotte, Ashlee Simpson and lot of different kinds of people. Most importantly, though, I'm an animal rights activist and I'm a vegan.

UF: What made you first become aware of the plight of the animals?

JF: I saw that movie 'Babe.' I guess that must have been maybe 8 or 9 years ago... and I just thought that if they could train this pig, how is this pig any different from dogs I've had all my life growing up and why do I choose to have this pig on my plate for breakfast and not my dog? I started doing some research, and a lot of studies that I've read show that pigs are actually more intelligent than dogs ... so I stopped eating pigs. It was really easy to transition to cows and then chickens, and fish were the last thing as far as meat goes.

UF: So how did you bring that philosophy and your lifestyle into the music that you play?

JF: There's never been a conscious decision to say, "I'm going to fight for animal rights!" It's just that, I know this is wrong, and I have a voice.

I've always written about things that I'm passionate about, whether it's some girl that broke

my heart, me and my dad butting heads, or getting hassled by the jock in high school. I've never gone into writing a song with the intent of you know, "I can really help somebody through this song." And as selfish as that may sound, I've never written an animal rights song really thinking that I have to save animals. I have to write this because I can't stand the pain that's happening to animals and the suffering that happening to animals right now. I can't stand it. I have to get it out somehow. I have to write about it.

I wrote that song 'Free Me' and I cut a bunch of slaughterhouse footage to this 3 minute song and it ended up being a great vehicle to educate people on where meat comes from, but I never went into it with that intent. I went into it with the intent of getting it out of me and freeing me from the poison of seeing in Germany this truck load of chickens on their way to the slaughterhouse in their cages stuffed 8 deep in the middle of winter. It was freezing, in the middle of the winter, and in the

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middle of night I saw this truck and I just started crying. I wrote 'Free Me' right then about how I was so helpless about these 100,000 lives that are on their way to death.

UF: Have you found that you've gotten a lot of flak from maybe your peers and the media because of your political viewpoints?

JF: For sure, I mean our first record was all love songs. My whole mentality was of wanting people to come to our shows and forget about all their problems and have a good time. Then all of a sudden I have this heavy political message that you can save lives by the choices just on your dinner plate.

UF: When did you first hear about the Animal Liberation Front?

JF: It was probably through some protest when I first got involved with PETA, which is completely separate, obviously, from the ALF.

The ALF, I found out about just talking with people. I heard stories from people and had read stories on the internet or in the books. Someone at PETA turned me on to the 'Free the Animals' book and I think that was when I really got educated on the history of how it started.

Internally I knew there was something else that people have to be doing. As much as I feel like I'm talking to kids and hearing about kids going vegetarian after seeing this new video, there is still more people being born into this meat based society and it's just so frustrating. So there has to be something to directly get to the core. A 'here's

this problem, let's go there and do something about it' approach.

That's when I started to get involved with SHAC, I met Kevin (Jonas), and he was going to people's houses who were directly funding Huntingdon Life Sciences, going directly to these financial suppliers doorsteps with bullhorns and saying 'stop doing this' and educating the community that they have a neighbor who is a puppy killer and a monkey killer and they are doing these atrocious things to the animals in the name of money and coffee sweetener and toothpaste. To me, this was a step further-and I could still be legal and still go to these things, but it's more of a direct action. »



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From that point, and after reading the book and seeing the movie about Britches, you realize that people are willing to risk their freedom to save animals' lives and I think to me it's the most noble action any human can take. To say 'I'm willing to risk my freedom to save a life' - I think that's the boldest statement any animal rights activist can make.

I support the ALF 100% because the ALF has never hurt another human being, never hurt an animal. It's always been to save animals lives or to stop people from making money off the suffering of animals - whether it be with these torturous devices that these animal experimenters use on animals or to burn down the laboratories that murder innocent animals.

UF: In terms of people that criticize the ALF and call the ALF a terrorist organization, or some people even within the AR movement who say 'well, we used to support it until they escalated and started doing arson, etc.' - what would you say in regards to those comments and the escalation of tactics?

JF: There's no one I've met in the animal rights movement that's ever had a problem with someone going in and rescuing mice or dogs or cats. I've never met anyone that's said they've had a problem with that.

To me, though, I just think that it takes courage to even watch the footage. My hero is someone like Matt Rossell, who has worked in animal laboratories with undercover cameras and filmed what they've done to these primates. Everyone should go out there and watch the footage that these courageous heroes, in my book, have taken.

How can anyone justify saying the burning down of a building is terrorism, but punching a beagle

puppy in the face is not terrorism? There's no justification in my mind how someone can not be behind destroying that terrorist's property - because those people are terrorists! That's what I truly believe.

UF: What inspired you to write the song 'Behind the Mask.'

JF: 'Free Me' was on the last couple records and we put it on the enhanced portion of our album. PETA has told me that that video has turned more young people on to vegetarianism than any other thing that they've done or anything any other animal rights organization has done. Knowing that, I made a decision as to how I get could get kids more involved with activism, more involved with protests.

I mean it's great that they're going vegetarian, but now that I've got this huge following of vegetarian and vegan kids to come to see our band, the next step is to get them involved with activism. So I was inspired to write the song. After my house was raided by the FBI I was so angry that I needed to write about this.

I made this video for 'Behind the Mask' out of a lot of ALF actions to hopefully inspire kids to say 'look there's something more we can do. We're just eating a boca burger, maybe I can get out there and maybe directly save lives.' Whether it be rescuing animals from slaughterhouses or laboratories or doing a home demonstration or doing a protest, whatever it may be, the next level for them.

I think the most punk rock thing you can do is a direct action and just save a life and not have anyone ever know about it except you in your heart.

Bite Back Magazine : You mentioned your house was raided by the FBI. Why, as a legal activist, do you think you were singled out – and how has it affected your activism and view of the government/system beyond the production of the 'Behind the Mask' song?

JF: It has definitely made me angrier. It's made me want to be more active and speak out more for the animals – than I had before.

Because my wife's car was the only car whose license plate was recorded at a demonstration a week prior to the graffiti at Mayor Hahn's house was the reason. I think once the FBI actually got here, they knew they were not going to find anything.

It changed everything for me though. I come from a middle class family, which is actually split in the middle with my dad being a republican and mom a democrat, and I grew up believing we had all these choices – like we had two choices you know, democrat or republican and what's wrong with that?! I just played along with the whole thing. I would see cops doing their job, catching the bad guys and all that.

Certainly after this \$200,000 raid on my house – paid for with my tax dollars – it changed. It amazed me after I learned over the past few years how much of my tax dollars go to vivisection – but it never clicked in my brain that these are actual real dollars that I am working really hard at my job to pay until my house was raided for something I didn't even do.

The end result to all of this was we sued the City of Santa Monica and we ended up winning \$75,000 dollars!

BB: As a rock-star you blend the animal rights culture with celebrity culture. How have you exploited, outside of your music, your profession and success to further promote an animal rights ethic and activist support?

JF: There is a lot of stuff that I try and do that is what I call 'easy activism.'

For instance, Ashlee Simpson, I didn't even know who she was, I knew she was Jessica Simpson's sister, but a friend of mine put us together to write up some songs. The first thing she did when she came to the house was I played her Meet Your Meat - that is the first thing I do with anybody I am going to work with in any band, whether that be Mess, the Used, Story of the Year, Good Charlotte, Ashlee Simpson, Hilary Duff – any of the people I have ever worked with that is the first thing I do is play them that movie.

Wearing my ALF t-shirt while she was filming her little 'Making of the Record- Ashlee Simpson Show' – was something that I didn't even think about. I just do it. Anytime I am going to be anywhere near photographers or press I am going

to wear some sort of animal liberation or animal rights t-shirt

When I am on the road I try other things. I am certainly not AC/DC, Aerosmith, or Greenday – as Goldfinger tours clubs, but I still have a voice while I am out there. After the shows we always have some sort of animal rights literature, usually directed at factory farming. At our last show in London we gave out over 2000 Why Vegan leaflets and it was amazing.

I also pretty much do a protest in every city we go to. PETA usually hooks that up and we advertise it on the Goldfinger website – and usually get 10 or 15 kids out, Goldfinger fans, who have never been to a protest before and its pretty cool having a few extra people in every city out there for the animals.

BB: Beyond a vocal (and musical) support for animal rights activism – you have put your money where your mouth is. You are a major supporter of the ever-controversial PETA and last year you organized one of the largest benefit shows, called ‘Concert for Compassion’, where over 20 bands played to an audience of over 5000 and all the proceeds went to the Stop Huntingdon Animal

Cruelty USA campaign. Now that seven activists associated with SHAC USA have been federally indicted for “internet animal enterprise terrorism” – and PETA is under political fire - are you ever worried about the stand you have taken and efforts you’ve supported?

JF: As far as being scared to speak my voice, my anger outweighs my fear 100 fold when it comes to speaking out for the animals. I don’t like confrontation. I don’t want to get in fights. I don’t want to go to jail, but the animals don’t want to be anally electrocuted, or have their throats slit while they are alive.


I am never ashamed to stick by groups like PETA or SHAC. Being a voice of the animals inside of vivisection labs is so much more important than say, being made fun of. Sometimes it’s hard to be calm or collected. But I know I am right.

BB: What is your all time favorite ALF action?

JF: ‘Britches’ is the one that really got me. It was the first one that introduced me to the ALF, and was probably the most important to me.

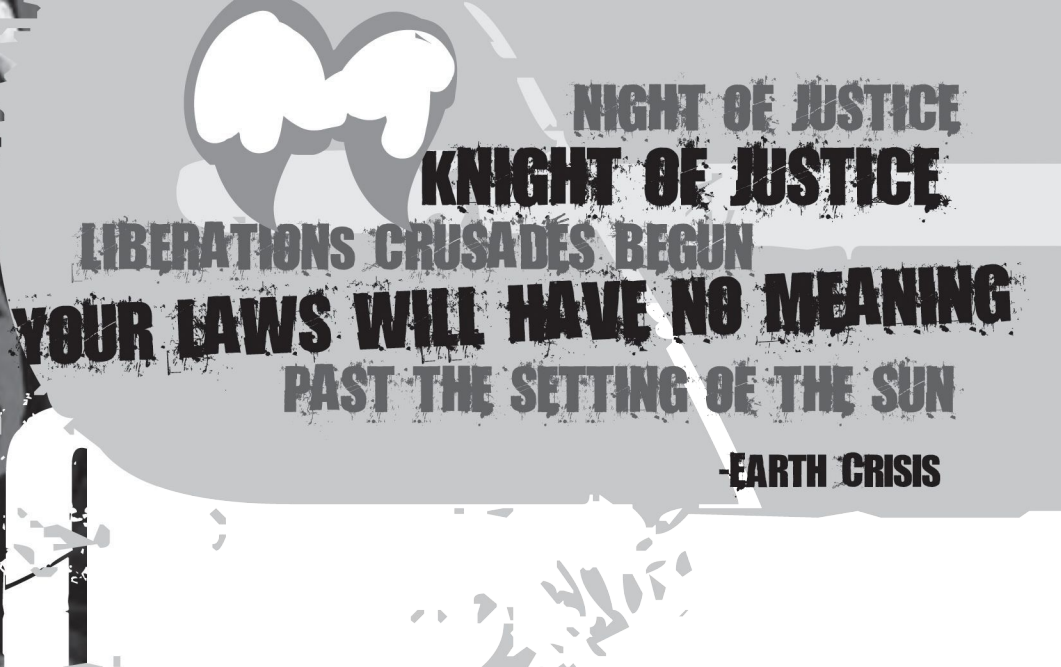
I also read No Compromise and I just read about that mink farm in Spain that was liberated - with 35,000 mink being freed. Of all the liberations I have read about over the last few months that is definitely one that sticks out as ‘fuck yeah!’

Another one other that stuck out happened up by San Louis Obispo. My parents live by there. My Dad sent me this article about llamas, I think, it could have been sheep, about 20 of them that were liberated.

The article said these animals could possibly die in the wild, be eaten by coyotes, etc. So I asked my dad ‘what were the chances these sheep, had they not been liberated, that they would live another year?’ He said, ‘well – they would have been killed.’ So here they had a 100% chance of death if they stayed there, but now even if they just had a 2% chance of life, of free life, wouldn’t you rather have that? I figured that liberation was important to me because I was able to talk to my dad about how I feel about the ALF. At the end of the conversation he had nothing to say. 

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KARL BEUCHNER

vocalist, earth crisis

One could argue that one of the most successful tools in turning people into supporters of direct action was not old raid videos, ALF literature, or inspirational speakers; rather a relatively small band out of Syracuse, New York that you probably have never heard of. Earth Crisis started out in 1989 as any hardcore, vegan, straightedge band does - playing to 30 kids in basements and garages of friends, or if the band is lucky, a small club, holding a couple hundred listeners. Few bands of the genre ever really make it past that point, and most wouldn't have it any other way. But occasionally there is that band, for that particular time, that lights a spark in the ears and hearts of people worldwide.

Hardcore, a sub-genre of punk rock, started in the late 70's and has been growing ever since. Beyond just music, hardcore offers fans more than just something to listen to; it comes with a community, ideas, activism and conviction. One ideal amongst the community so many choose to embrace is veganism. Many bands, such as Vegan Reich, Statement, and Green Rage, have encouraged others to embrace direct action, but it wasn't until Earth Crisis really came onto the scene, did people finally start to pay attention. As their popularity grew from the Northeastern United States to nationwide, to eventually internationally, so did their message. "If you're not vegetarian, get with the program. If you're not vegan, you need to be. And if you aren't out breaking windows and liberating mink, you damn well better be supporting it any way you can." Earth Crisis' message didn't fall on deaf ears. As they simply talked the talk (and for good reason), others walked the walk. All across the country kids responded with an uprising in support - and action.

If you remember Earth Crisis, take a walk down memory lane with lead vocalist Karl Beuchner. If this is your first introduction to the 'firestorm', take a glimpse into what turned every hardcore kid into a drug-free, ALF loving, firestorm starting maniac.

The following interview is a compilation of questions and answers from various online interviews

Q: When you started Earth Crisis, you adopted your militant outlook on environmentalism, veganism and human rights from the outset. What prompted the band to approach it with such an extreme view?

Karl: Just facing the reality that some people are evil and that despite education and peaceful protest and trying to change things through the legal system, those people might not be receptive to the truth. They might not choose to be compassionate. So it's necessary to meet things head on if you want to change them.

Q: ExC was known for its militant stance on veganism. And yet, the band was also known for its "positivity" message. Isn't there a disparity between the two? Can't animal rights violations be solved in non-violent ways?

Karl: No, you can't do it peacefully. Some people are so cruel, and just will not listen to reason. Logical debate is not in their hearts. The only other recourse then is violence. If they're going to be violent towards the animals, then other humans can be violent towards them.

Q: How did Earth Crisis go about spreading the message of direct action?

Karl: Every album that we do has a very specific theme and one of the things I tried to do with our three previous full lengths albums was to in-depth document the history and actions of the Animal Liberation Front, of Earth First and Sea Shepherd in order to save the natural world and the animals. These are thing you wouldn't necessarily learn about through mainstream-media.

Q: So you see your lyrics and music as a form of counter-culture?

Karl: Not only as a form of counter-culture but more as a way of spreading ideas and communicating about things people wouldn't know about otherwise. Sometimes I sing in the first person describing something I actually believe in while some of the songs are about the history you otherwise wouldn't get to know. The song "firestorm" for example is about a person like Scott Cody who lived in South Central L.A. and resisted the drug-plague. He actually fought the drug-dealers being a Black Panther activist. Or Alex Slack, an ALF (Animal Liberation Front)-activist who liberated over 2000 minks from a fur-ranch in Utah, or Rod Coronado who sunk three pirate whaling ships in Iceland. These are the actions of people you'd never hear about in the news, important things if you ask me, but they never get reported.

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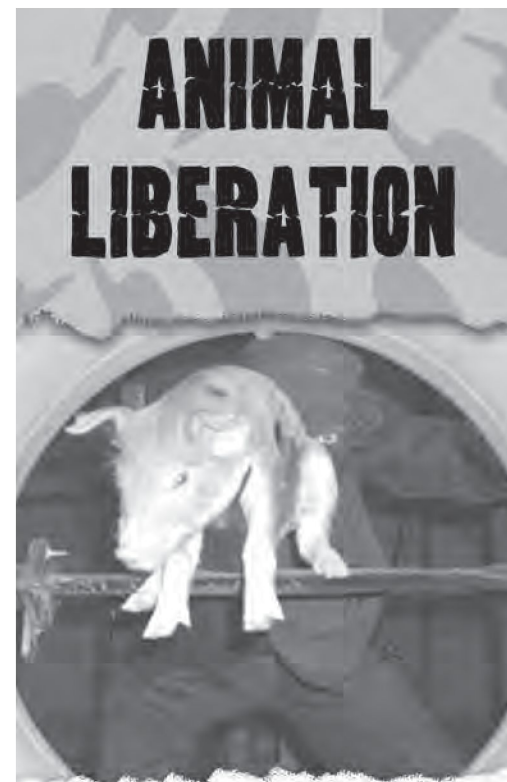
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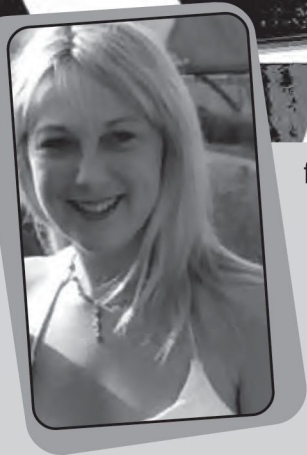
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an interview with **Jennifer**

animals is against the law. Receipt of stolen property is a criminal offense; these labs receive stolen animals. It is insane and unconscionable what these labs do to animals and get away with it! Why? Money!

BB: Has the "Richard Pryor Fights for Animal Rights" slogan cost you either fans or favor within the industry?

JP: Favor. But that's not why we support the Animal Rights Movement. We support the movement because it's right. We support the movement because we believe, just like the Civil Rights Movement, it took direct action to affect change. And what is being done to animals in *labs* is slavery, a profound injustice and unspeakably cruel.

BB: You are currently working with Uncaged Films to produce *Behind the Mask* - in which you are also featured - What prompted this participation? What do you hope this mainstream movie succeeds in doing?

BB: Has it fazed you that the subject of this documentary, the Animal Liberation Front, has been called by the FBI the number one domestic terrorist threat in the country?

JP: What a fucking joke. Richard and I, like many Americans and people all over the world, have lost faith in our leaders. We have been lied to. We continue to be lied to. After what happened in London a week and a half ago where 55 people died, how can anyone dare call the ALF a terrorist organization! They never target people; they destroy property and free enslaved animals.

BB: As a couple that knows, lives by, and has survived controversy (personal and political) - what words of advice can you offer a movement that is stirring it up?

JP: Stay the course, be brave. Have faith. You will win. The truth and that which is right, always triumphs. Remember MLK. It always took a handful of rowdy brave hearts to start a movement that would gather momentum and strength and

JENNIFER AND RICHARD PRYOR HAVE SEEN, DONE AND HEARD IT ALL. AFTER DECADES OF ADVENTURES, STORIES AND HISTORY-MAKING COMEDY, NOTHING IS TERRIBLY SHOCKING THESE DAYS - EXCEPT ANIMAL CRUELTY. THE QUEEN OF THE 4-LETTER WORD TAKES SOME TIME TO TALK ACTORS, ANGER AND ANIMAL LIBERATION.

Bite Back Magazine: You and Richard have taken a stand for animal rights - using your celebrity status and online empire to promote an ethic of compassion. What brought both of you to this position?

Jennifer Pryor: We both have always loved animals; I rescued my first dog, Livia who had been thrown out of a truck, in 1986 from the FDR Drive in NYC. In 1995-we both rescued Spirit, a sweet puppy Sheltie who was found in a box in front of Turner's Liquor store on Sunset Blvd. It has grown and continues to grow.

BB: You authored an editorial in the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty newsletter last year. It was unabashed in its support for abolitionist efforts, and sounded an alarm for this fight in the face of government repression. Has the SHAC7 indictment and current climate of conservatism dampened this fierce support?

JP: Hell no! It has made it stronger. The indictment of the SHAC7 is an injustice. It is the labs who are breaking the laws. Cruelty to

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ultimately affect serious change in the world. And always be willing to say... "fuck 'em"!

BB: Who's your favorite Hollywood animal rights supporter of all time?

JP: I admire anyone who stands up to be counted because there are always risks involved. We love Martin Sheen who is a great supporter of The Sea Shepherd and those brave souls. Mary Tyler Moore speaks about animals having emotions and

Pryor

LETTING YOU KNOW SHE F#CKING CARES.

souls. Whoopi Goldberg just signed on to save the Wild Mustangs and end horse slaughter.

I could go on...there are many and there is a growing awareness in the Hollywood community regarding Animal Rights. Paris Hilton isn't one! (with her puppy mill Chihuahua, she's a simple minded burger eating bitch!)

BB: As a rescuer and someone who boldly and bravely opens her eyes daily to animal suffering and injustice - how do you cope with the frustration and keep yourself going?

JP: I do that one thing I think I can't do... I go that extra mile... I stay engaged in the solution... I stay centered in the question mark - how can I

help today? I keep rising to the occasion, it keeps me out of hell, for the most part. It is important to feel the hurt, to empathize... it is the first step in honoring the suffering animals endure...

Ya know...my commitment grows and deepens everyday. It has a life of its own. When work takes me away from rescue, I can't wait to get back to it. I consider it the most important work I do.

I have learned to embrace my meltdowns and use them as a time to gather my strength again. I am not afraid of the pain because I know it's not about me, it's about their pain and suffering—the animals. There is much work to do in order to give them the respect, dignity and love they all deserve.

BB: The ALF is hardly cheered by the whole of the animal movement, let alone the mainstream public. How do you respond to this criticism from our allies for the animals?

JP: I really believe that if the mainstream public understood the correlation between slavery of people and slavery of animals, they would understand the undertaking of direct action.

The shackles and chains and tools of confinement used during slavery are the same used on the animals...the comparison is real and to stand by and do nothing is as shameful as being the enslaver! If talk worked, extreme measures wouldn't be needed.

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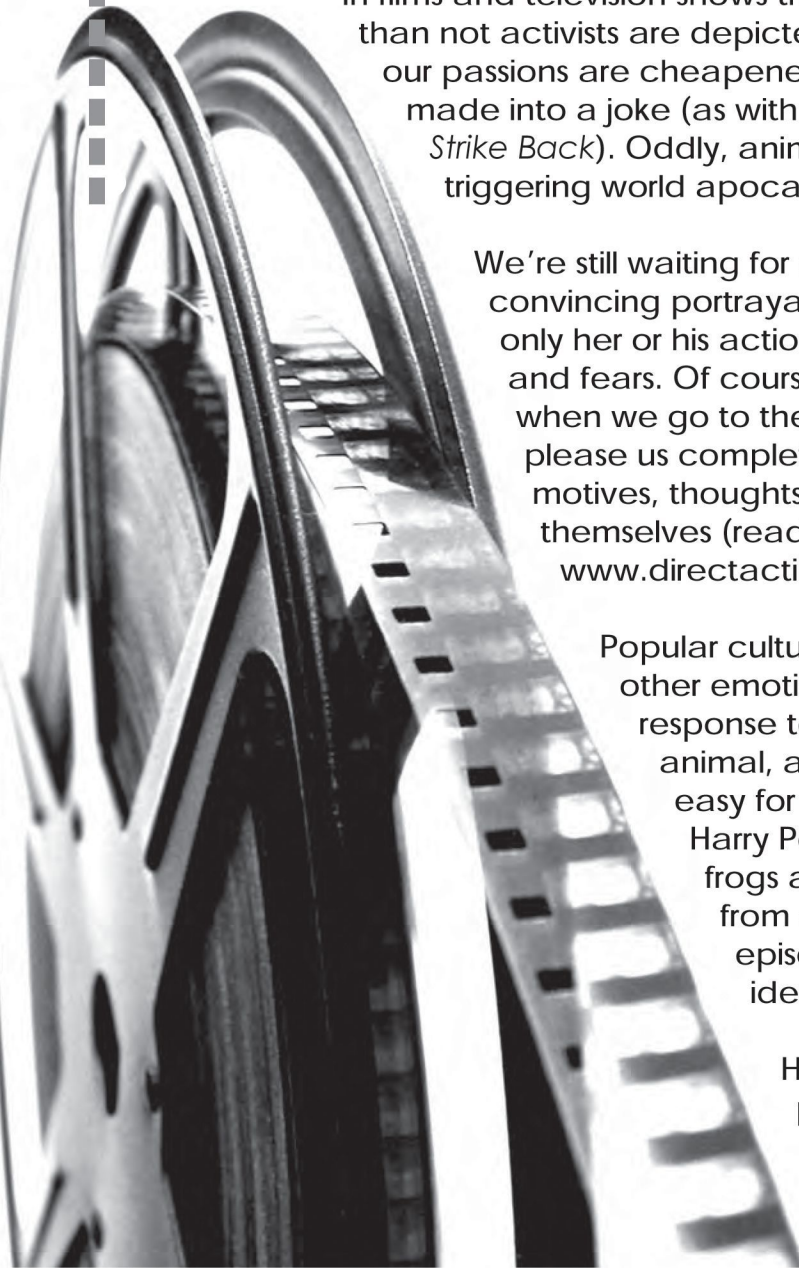
Hollywood loves the drama of direct action. The characters Hollywood creates reflect and reinforce what society thinks of our movement.

In films and television shows that feature animal rights themes, more often than not activists are depicted as irrational; our motives are questioned, our passions are cheapened. The actions themselves are simplified, or made into a joke (as with the lab raid in the film, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*). Oddly, animal activists are also common actors in triggering world apocalypse (see *28 Days Later*, *12 Monkeys*).

We're still waiting for a movie that inspires us, and that has a convincing portrayal of an animal rights activist, including not only her or his actions but also their emotions and ethics, doubts and fears. Of course, we don't expect ideological discussions when we go to the movies, and popular culture will never please us completely. You're more likely to find authentic motives, thoughts and actions in the words of activists themselves (read the communiqués on our website, www.directaction.info).

Popular culture may be best at expressing the anger and other emotions behind direct action. The emotional response to observing the suffering of an individual animal, and the immediate need to respond, are easy for the viewing public to understand. When Harry Potter liberates a snake from a zoo, when frogs are freed in E.T., and when animals are saved from certain death in other films and television episodes, the actions express the common-sense idea that is direct action.

Here are a few references to direct action in pop culture. Check 'em out.



FREE ELLIOT!

Steven Spielberg's 1982 film, E.T. – The Extra-Terrestrial, is notable for its dissection scene. 10-year-old Elliott's science class is dissecting frogs. The frogs remind Elliott of E.T., and he conducts amphibian liberation, foreshadowing a later fight to free E.T.

As the faceless teacher drops cotton balls soaked in chloroform into jars containing frogs, Elliott sadly watches as his frog tries to escape from the glass jar. Suddenly, Elliott picks up his jar, unscrews the top, and lets out the frog, shouting "Run for your lives! Back to the river! Back to the forest!"

He opens the jar of the girl besides him, and works to free the other frogs. Soon, other children are freeing their frogs, who jump from the windows of the school. As the scene ends, Elliott is dragged away by the science teacher.

MAUDE: FREEDOM FIGHTER

The cult movie Harold and Maude (1971) features a memorable scene in which young Harold and 80-year-old Maude return to her home shortly after 'liberating' a tree (transplanting it from the polluted city to the forest). As Maude feeds birds outside her window, she reminisces: "You know, at one time I used to break into pet shops and liberate the canaries, but I decided that was an idea *way* before its time. Zoos are full, prisons are overflowing. Ah, my. How the world still dearly loves a cage."

BRINGING GRANDMA ON YOUR NEXT RAID

In an episode of the popular Nickelodeon series, *Hey Arnold!*, Arnold's class visits the city's aquarium where they discover "Lockjaw," an old, tired and unhappy turtle. Arnold and his grandma return that night to set him free in an ALF-style raid.

[Play the "Help Lockjaw Escape to the Ocean" game at: www.nick.co.uk/games/games.aspx]

SNITCHES GET STITCHES... AND PUPPIES

Few representations of direct action in popular culture are as infuriating, or as hilarious, as three episodes of Beverly Hills, 90210 that originally aired in 1994.

"Donna" and "Brenda" find a stray dog ("Rocky") and learn that he escaped from a research lab on campus. The university is considering a ban on animal testing. Their eyes opened by their dog's suffering, Brenda and Donna attend an animal rights meeting and want to become more involved.

They attend an animal rights rally. When the crowd learns that the university has decided not to ban vivisection, Brenda starts chanting everyone's favorite motivator, "Animal rights now! Animal rights now!"

The scruffy-looking campus activists are




BRENDA WALSH: THE FBI FINALLY GET THEIR WOMAN

divided about what to do next. One member is against radical action and pleads, "They're terrorists; they're going to discredit the entire movement." Another activist wisely counters, "Economic loss is the only thing they understand." Brenda, angry about the recent death of Rocky from cancer, chooses to join the radicals.

The group breaks into the university lab, with Brenda acting as a lookout. The activists "liberate" cats by opening their cages and shooting them onto the floor. Another activist tears up paper.

All of a sudden, the lights go on and FBI agents charge down the hallway. Brenda is arrested. In the next episode, all is put right as Donna is offered immunity in exchange for her testimony, and she is given a new puppy.

ONLY IN THE MOVIES ARE MERCEDES GETAWAY CARS

Sweet November (2001) is a romantic drama starring Charlize Theron and Keanu Reeves. Charlize's character ("Sara") is a flaky dog-walker/activist. One night early in the film, she asks someone she's just met (Keanu's character, an ad executive) to drive her to a building in Oakland. Upon arrival, Sara puts on a disguise (wig and sunglasses), and crowbars open the front door. A few minutes later, alarms are heard and Sara emerges with a sack full of pure-bred puppies. "That was so great," she exclaims. "Don't you feel like Bonnie & Clyde." She explains her actions to the dogs, "Someone was going to do nasty little experiments on your brains, but I wouldn't have it." 

FROM LIBERATION TO TRIAL ALL IN AN HOUR!



In a 2001 episode of Law & Order, Detectives Briscoe and Green are called to investigate the death of a vivisector, and 17 missing monkeys. The investigation quickly centers on animal rights activists. Unfortunately, the missing monkeys are recovered, and although [REDACTED] the researcher died after [REDACTED] (divine justice) [REDACTED] in trial for [REDACTED] this is not the [REDACTED]

episode dealing with the death of a research scientist, and animal-rights activists as suspects.)

At trial, the suspect ("George Peevy") and his animal rights attorney present a defense based on "defense of others" (which is similar to self-defense). Although George is found guilty, the defense lawyer's closing speech is probably the best you'll find on TV:

"There can be no argument but that what George Peevy did, he did out of conscience. This was not a crime of vengeance, or greed - his actions were motivated solely by the compassion he felt for the suffering of another living creature. We are not accustomed to worrying about suffering when it is other than human suffering. We think nothing of killing animals to mount their heads over our mantles or to test for hairspray. And when [REDACTED] raised, the people raising them are [REDACTED] books, hopelessly outside the [REDACTED] because the basic unassailable

principle that allows us to take animals and do whatever we want with them is that they are property. Much like a lump of coal or a plank of wood or a truck or a shovel or a hammer or a nail belongs to its owner, so too does an animal. I'd like to remind you of a time in the not too distant past when that same distinction was drawn based on the color of one's skin - when Africans were packed into ships like cord wood and brought to this continent as property of their owners, and they had no rights, and their suffering did not matter, and anyone who objected was a kook and outside the mainstream. My client is one such person. He saw suffering and he sought to end it. That his efforts brought about the unanticipated tragedy in the death of Ronald Lee should not force us to criminalize his intent because his intent was good and decent. It was his belief that to save an animal from suffering and death would be an action held reasonable by any enlightened society. I believe one day our society will be so enlightened. I hope and pray that day is today."

WHEN ANIMALS

BITE BAG



They are the stories we love to hear about, the justice that the embattled animals of this planet take for themselves by paw, teeth, and horn. It is the purest form of direct action for animal rights, a justifiable self-defense, and a form of violence all of us as activists can get on board with.



JAWS: THE REVENGE

It's Summer-time, and the news is filled with the woeful tales of those underwater warriors – sharks. After centuries of being harpooned, definned, and eaten as an aphrodisiac they are beginning to take their revenge in the shallow waters of so many crowded beaches. In Florida, a young man who thought it would be a good idea to wade out into shallow waters, just yards from the beach, to fish, found himself a tasty treat for a shark. The shark didn't get a full meal, making off with only a light snack.

Half away around the world in Australia humans aren't as lucky. A 26 year-old deck hand on a fishing vessel was bitten in half while snorkeling in coral waters. The local news reported that a Great White had satisfied its appetite on his fleshy find.

LOCK, STOCK, AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS

Nobody loves a story better than when the hunter becomes the hunted. On July 27th in the South of England a father and step-son duo meet an ironic and fitting fate while on a fox-hunting expedition. At night, while shining lights into the forest and shooting at the glints in the eyes that look their way, the 51 year-old father became lost and shot at the glint in his own kid's eyes – killing him on the spot.

The man, a 'game-keeper,' has plead guilty to manslaughter (of his step-son, not the animals), and although no fox got to participate in the kill it is certain none are disappointed by the outcome.

RAGING BULL

The Spanish running of the bulls always provides a few human casualties that could be celebrated if the day was not marred by the torture,

harassment, and public slaughter of the proud bulls. These giant creatures, rightfully pissed off, don't go down without a fight on their tragic last run. This year in the tiny holiday town of Alicante a 64 year-old woman and young man were killed during the fights, and along the way several people suffered gorge and trampling wounds.

One unlucky lady, a 16 year-old from England, "was watching with the rest of the crowd when the [sic] bull attacked her, flipped her up into the air and kept mauling her until the handlers could distract it. She was terrified." Aww, but apparently the animal knocked some sense into her. Her mother, speaking to international press, said "This bull run should be stopped. It's so dangerous I can't believe they allow it to happen. It's awful."



DOG DAY AFTERNOON

On a sunny afternoon in March at the 'Out of Africa Game Park' (think canned hunt of displaced animals) in Arizona a 'handler' was doing her job just like any other day. It was her job to introduce newly captured animals into the park where they live for a short while before being shot at close range by cowardly hunters. On this day however, the wild wolves she was working with were not amenable to their arrangement and took it out on her.

The wolves, working in pack formation, attacked the handler and mauled her. She was 'rescued'

and was immediately admitted in critical condition in the nearby hospital.

THE LION KING

Boys will be boys and lions will be lions. In March at a zoo in Pretoria, South Africa, a 16 year old boy trying to impress his girlfriend treated the lion enclosure like it was a set of monkey bars. While climbing the grid a lion grabbed his foot and pulled him into the compound where 6 other giant white lions attacked and got a good taste of the brat.

The boy survived, sadly, but the lions did reassert that although in prison, they are still kings of the jungle (gym).

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

You can take the cat out of the wild, but you can't take the wild out of the cat. This lesson was learned by a foolish patron at the Houston, Texas Zoo. Imprisoned animals ripped out of their natural environments can get a might bit cranky when gawked at by slack-jawed yocals. In March a woman in front of the leopard enclosure apparently took too long while feeding the big cat 'Zuma'. Zuma, not liking the crappy zoo food she was being given decided to dine on the woman's extended arm. She was immediately rushed to the hospital in effort to save her limb. The leopard laid to rest that ridiculous slogan, 'don't mess with Texas.' **By**

FAMOUS FRIENDS

PeTA isn't the only group with celebrity supporters. Direct action activists draw applause from actors, rock stars, philosophers and even game-show hosts. They've acted as spokespeople, gone on actions, and overall brought mainstream attention to the issues the ALF is desperate to expose with each broken window and liberated monkey.

Paul Watson said it best:



Captain Watson, of the direct action Sea Shepherd Conservation Society: "We have attracted the support of celebrities and this has helped considerably. We live in a media culture and this means actors and musicians have more credibility to speak on a wide range of issues than the experts in the respective fields. They are the media that transmit the message and in our culture the medium is more important than the message. Utilizing celebrities greatly increased the chances of a message being heard.

In our organization we have the support of Pierce Bronson, Martin Sheen, William Shatner, and Richard Dean Anderson is on our board of directors. How can we fail? We have James Bond, Captain Kirk, the President of the United States and McGyver!"

Bob Barker

tv host of The Price is Right

"I think the Animal Liberation Front, is one of the most effective, if not *the* most effective, organizations today."

Peter Singer

author, philosopher, and chairman of the Bioethics Department at Princeton University

"... my ethical position doesn't allow me to be absolutist about anything, including a prohibition on violence." "By violence I specifically mean violence involving harm to humans or nonhumans; I'm not talking about property damage." (1987 *Animals' Agenda* interview)

Sue Coe

artist

"We met a woman from the Animal Liberation Front in England about three years ago. She had so much humility and so much knowledge."

Cleveland Amory

author and founder of the now-defunct Fund for Animals

explaining a visit to a Mexican bullfight as a young journalist, "This



Rikki Rocket

drummer for rock band Poison, explaining his ALF tattoo

"I agree with direct action, and, unfortunately, it's a very, very difficult thing to do these days. I certainly can't because I have a target on my back being a celebrity, so for me to

I hit him right in the back of the neck and he went down like a stone. It was the best feeling I ever had in my whole life.

CLEVELAND AMORY

damn matador was running around the ring after the sixth kill, and I just couldn't stand it anymore. So I went down toward the front of the ring. It was kind of damp and I got a nice wet cushion, and I slung this cushion back over my shoulder and just as he was walking around with these damn bull's ears held over his head, and the crowd cheering, 'Ole! Ole!', I just flung this thing. . . . I hit him right in the back of the neck and he went down like a stone. It was the best feeling I ever had in my whole life."

be out there breaking into labs, I would be the first one to go down. So I use my voice. I can't do direct liberation but I wish I could, I'll be honest with you. It's my tip of the hat to everybody that came before me who did direct liberation and showed the world what's really behind closed doors. This is my way of saying 'right on'."



River Phoenix

actor and famous vegan

"We need an extreme movement because what is happening to animals is so extreme. Some misinformed people claim that animal rights activists are terrorists, but these people are simply ignorant of who the real terrorists are—the companies

and industries that torture literally billions of animals each year."

SAY WHAT?

a game of mix n match

As if those of us defending animals don't have enough enemies, we have to be picking fights amongst each other? Below are a few of the 'fighting words' of some heavy-weight animal welfare employees. Groups like the ALF and others, who literally risk life and liberty for that of another, have become the unlucky scapegoats for many national welfarist failings.

You see, these pesky freedom-fighters remind a reluctant few that indeed social justice movements are called a struggle for a reason - because they are, and abolition will not be found on the memo line of any large check.

Big salaries and big mouths - to the below it may be just a job - and to all of us (for this page only) it can be just a game! See if you can match up the 'honcho' to the 'hate' and then to the 'hugue' wad in their wallets...



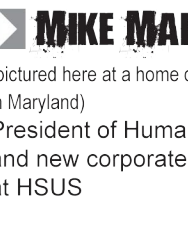
WAYNE PACELLE
(pictured here reading cockfighting magazines)
President of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)



MERRIT CLIFTON
Editor of Animal People (a welfare newspaper)



CAROL ADAMS
(pictured here throwing up animal rights related gang signs)
Author of books on animals, women, and Christian spirituality



MIKE MARKARIAN
(pictured here at a home demonstration in Maryland)
President of Humane USA and new corporate executive at HSUS

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- April 2004

"These actions are counterproductive and they undercut the values of respect and compassion that we're trying to instill in the public. And in terms of vandalism, these acts are sophomoric, and I just do not see the point."
- June 2005

"Sure home demos make protestors feel good. It provides a sense of accomplishment. It provides an outlet for focusing anger over what is happening to animals. But it strikes me as a very male method. I do not see myself as waging war to defend animals."
- March 2004

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- undated from the National Association for Biomedical Research Interview

ANSWER KEY

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March 2004
\$3,000.00 per speech, not including luxury hotel accommodations and airfare.
3. Mike Markarian, President of Humane USA and new corp executive at HSUS.
"Arson, bombings, property destruction, and intimidation—whether or not they result in benefits to animals." - April 2004
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4. Merrit Clifton, Editor of Animal People (a welfare newspaper).
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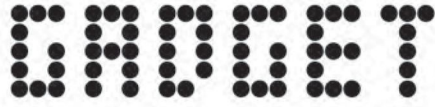
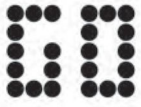
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MAKING RAIDS EASIER ONE TOOL AT A TIME.

Now we can't say we're talking from experience, but rather from acute observance. We've read enough 'how it was done's' and 'what went wrong's' and communique's and have watched enough direct action videos to make the educated statement:

"Too bad you didn't have this."

This time around we are featuring products offered almost exclusively to police, SWAT and other pseudo-military organizations. However, these items are available to the general population, with a little searching.



ELECTRASHIELD BOLTMASER

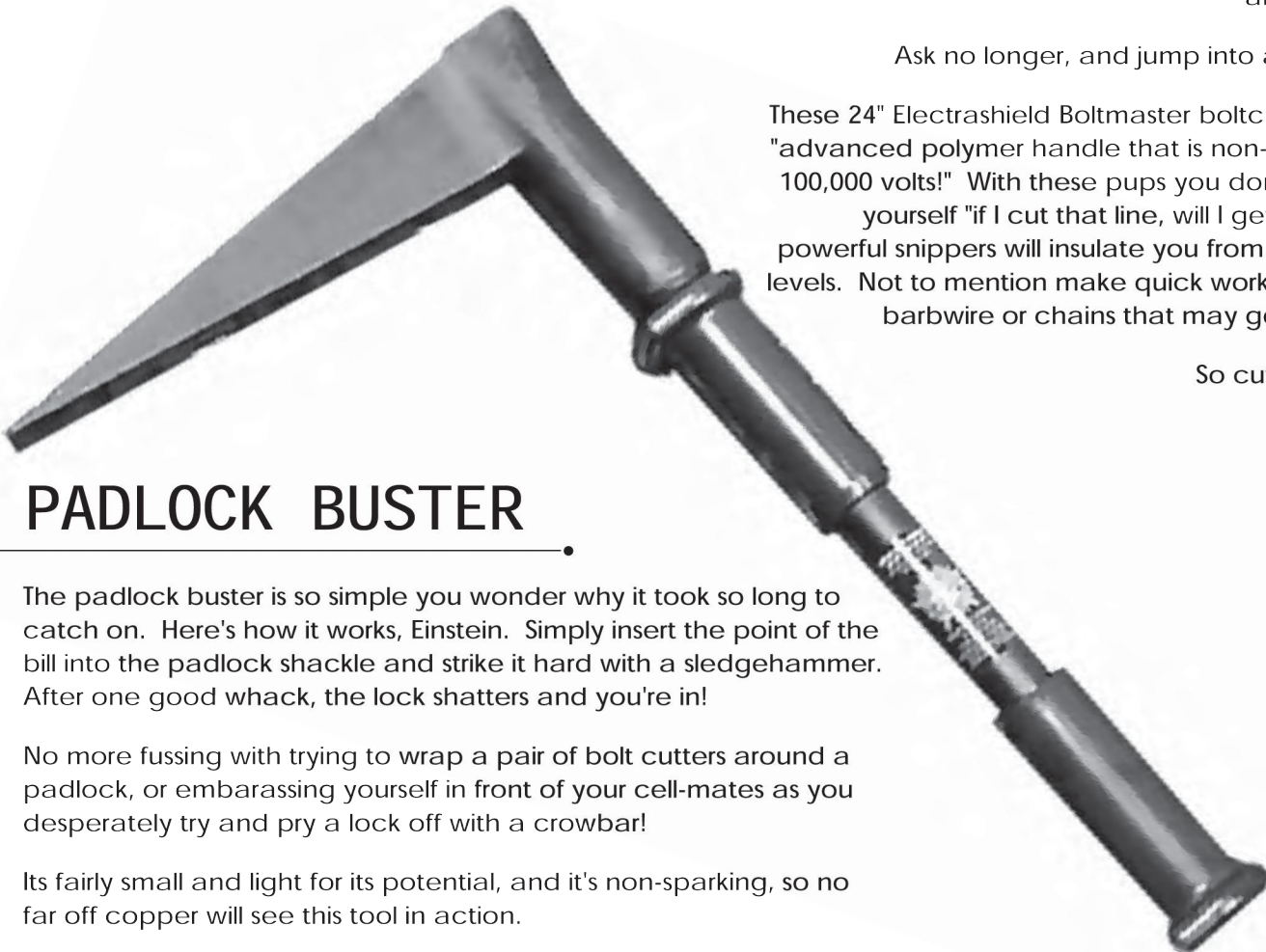
Electrashield Boltmaster- 24 inch

How often have you thought: "Those dairy trucks would be much better without their refrigerators running". Or, "that building sure would be easier to access without all those pesky lights around". Or perhaps, "how would that butchershop run without any electricity?"

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So cut away, friend!



PADLOCK BUSTER

The padlock buster is so simple you wonder why it took so long to catch on. Here's how it works, Einstein. Simply insert the point of the bill into the padlock shackle and strike it hard with a sledgehammer. After one good whack, the lock shatters and you're in!

No more fussing with trying to wrap a pair of bolt cutters around a padlock, or embarrassing yourself in front of your cell-mates as you desperately try and pry a lock off with a crowbar!

Its fairly small and light for its potential, and it's non-sparking, so no far off copper will see this tool in action.

WHAT ELSE YOU GOT? ENTRY TOOL BACKPACK

Now that you're all geared up and guaranteed entry to just about any place that you want, you have to get it all there and back safely. Now c'mon, who HASN'T bent over to scoop up some rabbits only to have your bolt cutters slip out of your backpack, unbeknownst to you?! Only to realize half way back to your getaway car that you are short some tools that just can't be left behind. Here's where the Entry Tool Backpack comes in handy. This is DESIGNED to comfortably and securely strap to your back a pair of boltcutters, a crowbar and a sledgehammer or axe (or padlock buster).

This pack is heavily padded with closed cell foam, each tool has its own pouch, hook and loop retention straps, and is contoured to the shape of your back. It has adjustable shoulder, chest, and waist straps for added fit.

At the end of the day, when that alarm sounds and you need to leg it, the knowledge that nothing has slipped out of your pack is priceless.



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diary of action

MARCH TO JUNE

LIBERATIONS.

02/26/05 (Sweden) 600 mink released from fur farm.

03/13/05 (Germany) Befreite Tiere liberated 25 hens from battery farm.

03/16/05 (Spain) 2000 mink released at fur farm near Rome.

03/28/05 (UK) Activist removed magician's rabbit during a performance in Brighton.

April (Germany) Befreite Tiere liberated 189 hens from battery farms, in open rescues.

04/01/05 (Italy) 20 rabbits liberated from farm in Urbino.

04/01/05 (USA) ALF opened pens of 58 foxes and destroyed breeding information at a farm in Illinois; action in solidarity with Peter Young.

04/05/05 (Italy) Media reported 250 mink freed from fur farm in Borgoforte (Mantova).

04/06/05 (Italy) 500 mink freed from farm in Sabbioncello; breeding cards destroyed.

04/07/05 (Sweden) DBF released 1000 mink from cages at a farm near Eksjö.

04/08/05 (Italy) Six birds freed from illegal traps on the Isle of Ponza.

04/11/05 (UK) Two wild-caught rabbits rescued from cages at a farm in Hampshire and returned to the wild.

04/19/05 (Russia) Russian ALF activists liberated 49 frogs from labs at the Institute of Science.

04/20/05 (Australia) Two piglets rescued from factory farm in NSW.

04/23/05 (Sweden) DBF liberated 55 chickens from an egg farm in Frillesås; company cars trashed, slogans painted and locks glued.

04/27/05 (Sweden) 1400 mink released from fur farm in western Sweden.

04/30/05 (Russia) Two foxes liberated from fur farm near Moscow.

05/06/05 (Sweden) Four rabbits and 10 pigeons rescued from vivisection breeder in Skivarp; slogans painted.

05/07/05 (Russia) One fox and two raccoons freed from fur farm near Moscow.

05/12/05 (Russia) Five frogs liberated from Moscow State University; equipment damaged, slogans painted.

05/16/05 (Italy) Eight rabbits rescued from farm near Parma.

05/23/05 (New Zealand) 19 hens rescued from farm in Auckland.

05/28/05 (UK) 107 ducklings rescued from farm in Lincolnshire.

05/29/05 (Russia) 3000 mice removed from farm near Moscow; fire started.

06/02/05 (Finland) Cages opened and breeding cards destroyed at fox fur farm in northwest Finland; action dedicated to Peter Young.

06/03/05 (New Zealand) ALF liberated eight chickens from West Auckland factory farm.

06/03/05 (Russia) 180 ferrets rescued from fur farm near Moscow; cages destroyed, slogans painted.

06/04/05 (Austria) 16 chickens rescued from farm in Steiermark.

06/06/05 (USA) Mistreated rat snake rescued from high school biology lab.

06/10/05 (Austria) Activists liberated 16 chickens from a farm in the Steiermark region.

06/10/05 (Finland) Cages opened at fox fur farm in Kristiinankaupunki; 100 cages opened, breeding cards taken.

06/12/05 (Germany) Maqi animal rights activists liberated four chickens from farm.

06/13/05 (Norway) Foxes freed; two buildings set on fire at fur farm in Oppland.

06/14/05 (Sweden) Nine rabbits and 10 guinea-pigs liberated from farm north of Uppsala.

SABOTAGE.

03/13/05 (UK) Empty pheasant pens destroyed at hunting estates in South Gloucestershire.

03/16/05 (Spain) Tires slashed and slogans painted on UPS (HLS supplier) van in Tortosa.

03/18/05 (Switzerland) Locks glued at three butcher shops, and two meat trucks damaged with etching fluid, in Fribourg.

03/18/05 (USA) Angry protesters smashed lamps, tables and statues at Long Island home of executive associated with HLS-customer GlaxoSmithKline.

03/18/05 (Spain) Eight UPS mail box offices sabotaged in Barcelona; locks glued, slogans painted, windows broken. Van also sabotaged.

03/22/05 (UK) Vehicle vandalized at UPS depot in Nottinghamshire.

03/24/05 (UK) Three cars at home of Phytopharm (HLS customer) employee vandalized.

03/25/05 (USA) Homes of four Roche (HLS customer) employees in New Jersey hit with paint bombs, glued locks and painted slogans.

03/26/05 (USA) New Porsche and another car covered in paint stripper, and slogans painted, at home of Airgas executive in Pennsylvania (Airgas is tied to HLS customer GlaxoSmithKline).

03/26/05 (USA) Locks glued and slogans painted on home of Teva Pharmaceuticals (HLS customer) executive.

03/26/05 (USA) Two GlaxoSmithKline employees visited at home; locks glued, slogans painted.

03/27/05 (USA) Eisenhower Fellowships, linked to GlaxoSmithKline, targeted in Philadelphia; locks glued at office, slogans painted at employees home.

03/29/05 (USA) KFC in Hattiesburg, Mississippi vandalized.

03/30/05 (Switzerland) Butcher shop and van had locks glued.

04/02/05 (Switzerland) Locks glued at fur shop.

04/05/05 (Switzerland) Two fur shops in Bern painted with slogans, locks glued.

04/05/05 (Sweden) Fur shops glued in Stockholm.

04/07/05 (Spain) Locks glued at five butcher shops, two fish shops and three fur shops in Pamplona.

04/08/05 (Austria) Locks glued and anti-HLS slogans painted at UPS in Guntramsdorf.

04/08/05 (Spain) UPS van in Barcelona vandalized.

04/09/05 (Spain) UPS office in Elche attacked with paint bombs and stones.

04/10/05 (UK) UPS employee in Sheffield visited at home; car trashed, home painted.

04/10/05 (Sweden) Locks glued at fur shops in Stockholm.

04/12/05 (Netherlands) Slogans painted against BPRC primate lab, TNO (BPRC collaborator) van painted, ABN AMRO cash machine sabotaged.

04/12/05 (Netherlands) Three ABN AMRO (BPRC collaborator) branches paintbombed in Den Haag.

04/13/05 (UK) Tires slashed, paint splashed on cars of two HLS collaborators.

04/14/05 (USA) Car of GlaxoSmithKline scientist paint-stripped in Philadelphia suburb.

04/14/05 (Sweden) Media report firebombs discovered at mink farm in Blekinge before they had a chance to ignite.

04/17/05 (USA) ALF break into car of Forest Labs (HLS customer) executive and steal personal information; thousands of dollars in travelers checks sent to charity.

04/19/05 (USA) Three cars spray-painted at home of Phenomenex (HLS supplier) exec. in California.

04/19/05 (Spain) UPS van in Barcelona sprayed with paint, tires punctured.

04/20/05 (USA) Homes of two GlaxoSmithKline collaborators vandalized.

04/20/05 (Sweden) Slogans painted at home of vivisector in Gothenburg.

04/21/05 (Sweden) Slogans painted at home of furrier, and fur shop covered with paint, in Gothenburg.

04/21/05 (USA) Brick thrown through front window at home of GlaxoSmithKline president.

04/21/05 (UK) Lobster Liberation Front slashed nets and wrecked lobster pots in Dorset.

04/22/05 (USA) Three employees of Roche Pharmaceuticals visited at home; messages painted on houses and cars.

04/22/05 (Sweden) Four more firebombs discovered at another mink farm.

04/23/05 (Spain) Windows broken at UPS office.

04/23/05 (Austria) All windows etched at fur shop in Vienna.

04/24/05 (UK) Sheep research lab ransacked at University of Nottingham.

04/25/05 (UK) Arson attack at Williton Box Company (vivisection supplier) in Somerset.

04/26/05 (Switzerland) Butcher shop paintbombed.

04/29/05 (Spain) Slogans painted at two fur shops and butcher shop in El Prat del Llobregat; three meat trucks had tires slashed in Barcelona.

04/30/05 (Spain) UPS office in Barcelona firebombed.

04/30/05 (Switzerland) Slogans painted and locks glued at butcher association offices.

05/01/05 (UK) Slogans painted and tires slashed on 10 cars and 13 trucks at White Rose incineration complex (vivisection supplier) in Nottingham.

05/01/05 (Italy) Fur shop windows covered in paint during May Day rally in Milan.

05/02/05 (UK) Trap destroyed in the Dorset countryside.

05/03/05 (UK) ALF vandalized cars of Dover Harbour employees to protest importation of primates for vivisection.

05/04/05 (Sweden) Windows etched and locks glued at Gasab store (security company that provides shutters for fur stores in Malmö).

05/10/05 (Ireland) ALF vandalized hunters vehicles in North County Dublin.

05/11/05 (Sweden) Locks glued, slogans painted at three fur stores in Malmö.

05/12/05 (Sweden) Slogans painted, glass door etched and car vandalized at home of furrier in Halmstad.

05/13/05 (UK) Pheasant pen, feeders and shooting platform at hunting estate in Dorset completely destroyed.

05/13/05 (Sweden) Windows at fur store in Borås destroyed with etching fluid.

05/14/05 (Sweden) Slogans painted at homes of two fur shop owners.

05/16/05 (Sweden) Slogans painted at fur store for third time in one week.

05/16/05 (Italy) Gate locked at home of Morini employee.

05/17/05 (Sweden) Three cars paint-stripped at home of fur store owner.

05/17/05 (UK) ALF used paint to redecorate home of Covance spokesperson in North Yorkshire.

05/18/05 (Sweden) Six vehicles at Gasab workshop covered in paint stripper.

05/19/05 (USA) Activists visited homes of five executives of company associated with HLS; slogans painted, locks glued, cars covered in paint stripper. (After the action, company cut ties to HLS.)

05/19/05 (Spain) UPS van sabotaged in Madrid.

05/19/05 (Netherlands) ABN AMRO office painted in Voorschoten.

05/19/05 (Netherlands) Slogans painted near BPRC primate lab in Rijswijk.

05/21/05 (Russia) Cages, refrigerator and other equipment damaged at Moscow Medical Institute.

05/23/05 (Denmark) Fur store damaged in Copenhagen.

05/24/05 (Spain) ALF set fire to electricity generators and offices at Covance-owned primate breeding farm near Camarles.

05/25/05 (Netherlands) ABN AMRO offices and cashmachines painted in Amsterdam and Zuthpen.

05/25/05 (USA) Home and car of Bachem (HLS supplier) president covered in stickers.

05/26/05 (USA) Property of primate importer trashed near Philadelphia; plants in greenhouses poisoned, slogans painted, cars covered in paint stripper. (Shortly after the action, plans to expand business cancelled.)

05/26/05 (Norway) Two windows smashed at fur store in Drammen.

05/26/05 (Belgium) Windows smashed at a McDonalds and a fur shop in Aalst.

05/27/05 (Netherlands) ABN AMO cashmachine sabotaged in Utrecht.

05/27/05 (Sweden) Window at fur shop in Gothenburg etched and painted.

05/27/05 (Spain) Locks glued at meat shop in Barcelona.

05/29/05 (Sweden) Media reported arson destroyed building at mink farm in Kinna.

05/31/05 (Sweden) Media reported Malmö fur store owner received threatening letter.

05/31/05 (Finland) Four windows smashed at fur shop in Jyväskylä.

05/31/05 (Ireland) ALF painted slogans, glued locks at hunting/fishing store in Lucan.

06/01/05 (Finland) Car of fur store owner etched, covered in paint stripper.

06/01/05 (Finland) All the windows at fur store in Tampere etched.

06/02/05 (Ireland) Gates glued shut, signs removed and slogans painted at site of circus performance; vehicle of property owner vandalized.

06/03/05 (Netherlands) Central Animal Lab in Nijmegen painted and windows smashed.

06/04/05 (USA) Pro-animal slogans painted on signs in Sandy, Utah.

06/04/05 (UK) Slogans painted at home of Sheffield University vivisector; car covered in paint-stripper.

06/12/05 (USA) 18 windows etched at Abbott Labs (HLS customer) in Irving, Texas.

06/13/05 (Spain) Vivisectors home and neighborhood painted in Barcelona.

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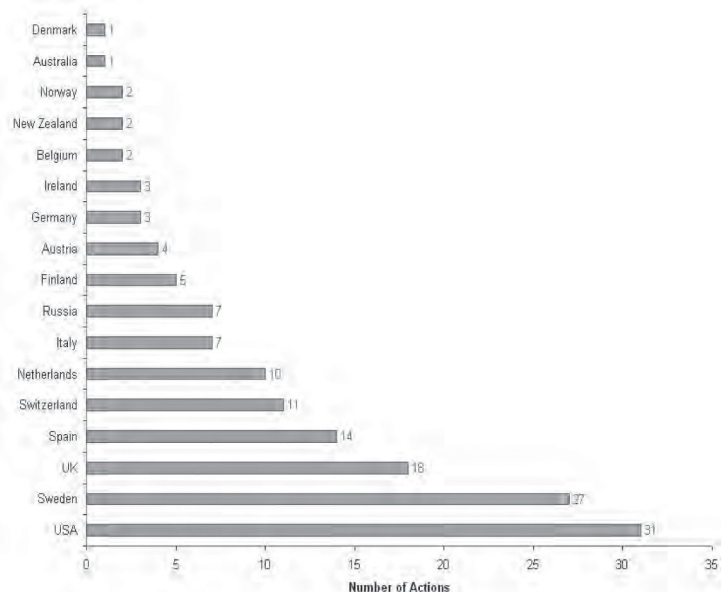


“Two kids went into a local highschool, and found the door of a biology room unlocked, and liberated a mistreated rat snake.

Even the little things count.”



the NUMBERS MARCH TO JUNE



>> how it was done



Very rarely in the world of underground activism do participants get an opportunity to see the fruit of their actions. After a successful raid, liberated animals are handed over to a trusted, outside confidant, or dropped off at a safe house. For security reasons, activists don't see the animals off to their future, permanent homes.

This action, however, was different.

BACK^{to} BARNIS

We were determined to show a little justice for the animals trapped inside Huntingdon Life Sciences by going after one of their customers. Merial Labs was tucked away in Maryland, doing their dirty work on animals to create vaccines to keep farm animals "healthy", rather produce more, for the agribusiness. A variety of their new vaccines were then shipped off to HLS for testing. However, behind their main facility sat a large group of smaller units, each housing chickens in different stages of life, that Merial used for their own testing. Here is where we decided to strike.

After parking our vehicle safely in the local vicinity, we made our way amongst some wooded areas, and cut our way through thick bramble. This emptied us out into the fields behind Merial. After a short recon the night before, we knew we needed a few carriers, a pair of bolt cutters, a crowbar and some warm clothes (honestly, what else does one really need?). The March winter was chilly, but as the snow began to fall harder and harder, we delighted in the fact that no lazy cop would get out of their car to check out anything, and our tracks would be quickly covered.

We were aware that the doors leading into the units were alarmed, but the geniuses inside these "life-saving research" labs hadn't thought to also alarm the windows. Obviously, to us common "terrorists", this was our point of entry! With our trusty tools, we cut and pried off the panels and screens and climbed on in. The baby chicks were a little startled at first - we doubt they have ever seen a couple of masked people enter that way before! But before long we rounded them all up into our carriers and kept them stacked next to the heat lamp. We repeated the process in a couple of more units before we realized we had already liberated more than we had homes for. We were sure once our safehouse saw how adorable these little chicks were they would work overtime to find some extra homes (and thankfully, we were right!)

Our driver for the evening retraced our steps back to the vehicle, and made their way to our new pickup point. Originally we were going to transport the animals back to the vehicle the way we came in, but with the snow storm in full effect, we were determined that all of us were going to leave in style - through the front! The snow had already covered our tracks, and lets face it, it was too damn cold to walk all that way. The rest of us rounded up all the carriers, tools and 115 birds, and made our way to the van, loaded up, and turned the heat on high. Another job well done!

We felt confident as we turned onto the open road and headed towards safety. Unfortunately, we had a full 36 hour drive until we reached our safehouse.

Upon arrival, an area was set aside to keep the

chicks warm, watered and well fed. As soon as we placed them in to their new surroundings, the baby chicks began scratching in the bedding, bathing themselves in the water dishes, and huddling together to settle down for a well deserved rest.

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Here, they would be starting a new life. Usually for us, this is where the story would end. In a month's time though, we would be back for a second visit.

The chicks were growing fast and had almost outgrown their area. Their original home had fallen through, and we were informed that we needed to get them to a new home, and fast. We spent a number of days driving around the countryside to talk, in person, with some of our people, and finally squared away a permanent place for the birds. When we arrived to pick up our old friends, we were amazed at how fast they had grown! We equipped the vehicle with bedding, secure perches, beds and water bowls, and loaded up the girls for yet another long journey.

After another lengthy drive, we got straight to work getting their new living quarters squared away - allowing them to have a comfortable and dry shelter area as well as an outdoor area to scratch and play and rest in the warm sun. Now almost full grown chickens, we placed them one by one in their new home. Just about all of them were perplexed by the grass under their feet. They had never experienced it in their whole lives. But that didn't stop them from running, stretching and enjoying themselves in their new environment. It was an honor to be able to see them

go from cramped quarters in small barns out in a snow storm, to playing in the grass in the warm spring breeze. It reminded us that animal liberation doesn't always have to be flashy stunts and expensive campaigns. It can be a couple of friends,

a pair of boltcutters and the determination and creativity to see animals living free.

After resting up, we paid a final visit to our friends to say goodbye. The sun was going down and the evening stars were coming out. While some slept in the perches we made for them out of fallen branches, most cuddled together outside in a bed of soft grass, sleeping in the fresh air, for the first time. Occasionally one would rustle their feathers or shift from side to side. Every so often a head would pop up and look around at the evening sky and the green grass, almost in disbelief.

Their long journey from toxicology experiments to safe living was over, and we could all rest a little easier.

BN



SUBJECT: Merritt Clifton - self professed expert on the animal rights movement.

After years of condemning the liberations of animals, cozying up with the likes of Procter and Gamble, and lying about investigating the aftermath of a fur farm raid - he has helped shed light on ALF issues that plague the inquistive mind

1. How do you join the ALF?

Merritt Clifton: Well, you don't. It's not an organization. The ALF is a name people take when people engage in different types of activism.

2. How do you get on their mailing list?

MC: There are dozens of them, for ALF support groups or groups with similar tactics and ideologies. There are so many as they come and go.

3. How much does the ALF get paid?

MC: They don't. It has to be a volunteer operation. The information we have is only what we know from those that have been arrested and they have been students. The few who were not students took jobs inside where they were going to try to infiltrate. Many in Britain, a number have been a part of the squatter's movement - where they live in derelict buildings for free until they are evicted, and um blend those politics in as well.

4. Does the illegal animal rights organization have anything to do with the TV show ALF?

MC: Well, not that I am aware of. Someone might have liked those initials. I think that show came out in the 80s and the ALF initials started being used in 1976.

5. Is your public criticism of the ALF a rouse to cover up your own involvement, maybe?

MC: No, just because I know a lot about them doesn't make me a part of it. I know a lot about elephants too. Actually I have been one of the most outspoken critics of this type of activity right from the beginning. I said it was going to be counterproductive. It is inconsistent with the values of the humane movement.

6. So you have seriously never broken into a lab or anything?

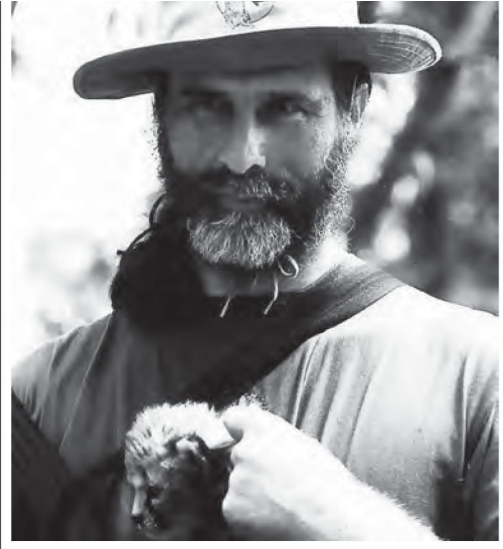
MC: No. I am a journalist. I've been a reporter for 37 years covering this movement.

7. Are you vegan?

MC: I am vegetarian, close to vegan though.

8. Do you think the farms and labs ever do their own ALF stuff to get rid of the competition?

MC: I don't know if that's their motive, but there have been situations where actions have been provoked by agent provocateurs.



20 QUESTIONS

What happens when an "8th grader" goes undercover in hot pursuit of the direct action answers on everyone's mind?

9. How many ALF activists does it take it screw up a lab?

MC: I don't think it's known. If it's vandalism it only takes one. If it's a planned and sophisticated operation where they take documents and several animals it would take months of preparation and many people. But if it's just vandalism, just one guy can do a phenomenal amount of damage.

10. Have you ever met an ALF activist?

MC: How am I going to know? It's like asking if I ever met anyone from the mafia - they are not going to say so!

11. What do you think an ALF person's favorite food is - do they like tofu the best?

MC: I don't think so. Some ALF people are not even vegetarian. Some eat meat because it's from the garbage. One arsonist, when he was arrested, people were surprised because they had not even known he was involved with animals all together.

12. Do ALF activists wear all black because it's really fashionable, like people in New York?

MC: Ha! It's a matter of theatrics. If people went around wearing black hoods all the time they would stand out like a sore thumb. It's like the Marlboro Man with his cowboy hat. You can't say all smokers wear cowboy hats because he does. Virtually all ALF people are men under the age of 30.

13. I heard that Pamela Anderson is in the ALF - is that true?

MC: Not to my knowledge. She has done a lot of public appearances, mostly on behalf of PETA - and their position of the ALF is kind of

ambiguous. They don't denounce it, but just say they have nothing to do with it. Pam Anderson just promotes vegan diets, I think.

14. Did you see Barb Wire? She was pretty militant in that.

MC: No I haven't. I am not familiar with her acting career.

15. Has there ever been an incident where an ALF person has been killed by the animal they were trying to save - like a lion or something?

MC: Hmm, not to my knowledge. That's hard to define. If you've got some guy that climbs into a zoo and is in the lions den because he's a religious fanatic and wants to re-enact a biblical story... and if that happens and he doesn't leave behind something that identifies his motive and he is eaten... who's to know? About 15 years ago a woman was trampled in an elephant enclosure, but no one knows why. Some speculate she was assaulted and left there, she was crazy, or maybe she was trying to save the animal.

16. How would the ALF steal an elephant? It would be like a David Copperfield trick!

MC: Maybe they'd just want to release the animal as a form of protest?

17. So if I walk my dog on a leash, will the ALF intervene?

MC: First of all, you are presuming a universal perspective. There is not a particular ideology. All of these people have different definitions of animal rights, and are all over the place and inconsistent.

18. If the government found a Bigfoot and was secretly studying it in a lab - would the ALF consider liberating this beast?

MC: I think so, but the ALF (ideology) is all over the place. There are some ALF people who are serious vegans. Sometimes it's apparent to me, especially in the UK, that these guys might otherwise join a right-wing militia to go out and shoot some guns. But in the UK they don't have guns so they could either join soccer clubs, or the ALF, to take their aggression out.

19. What's the most insulting thing you could say to an ALF person to hurt their feelings?

MC: What I like to point out to them is that night-rider tactics, the kind used by the Ku Klux Klan, don't build public sympathy or steer the public towards compassion... Hmmpf, there was a period of time during the height of 'straight-edge' where that sort of comment got me death threats by email.

20. Knight-rider? Like the car and David Hasselhoff?

MC: No.



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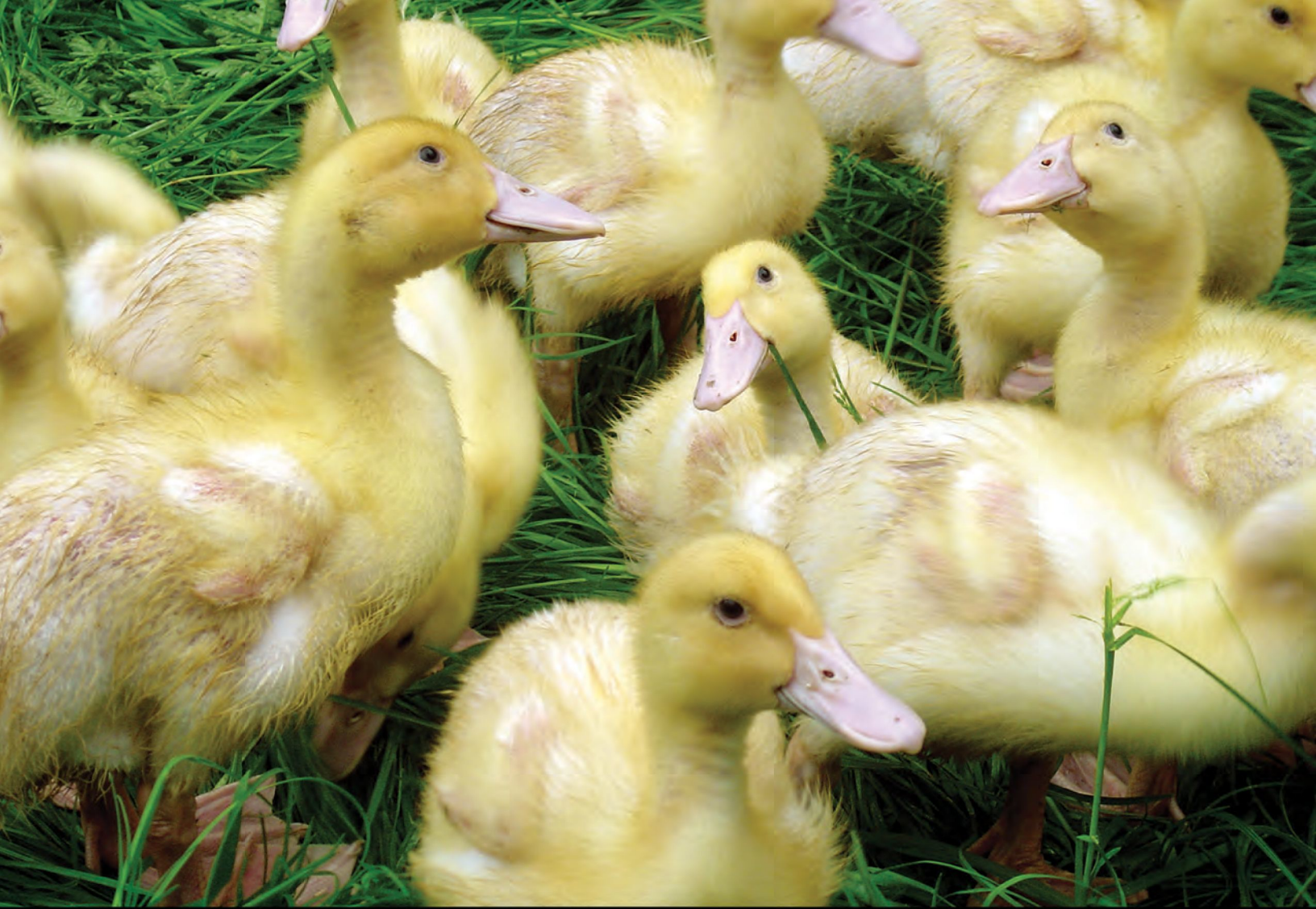
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