

# ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

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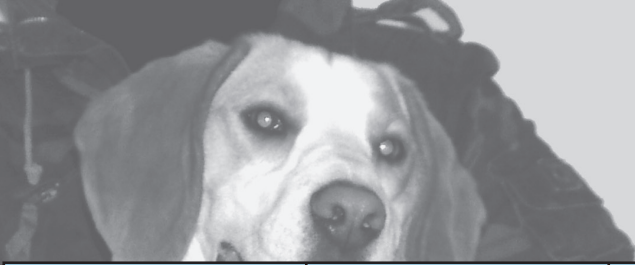
### **Direct Action works!**

*Moses, the liberated  
Baboon. After years  
of chained and  
caged captivity in a  
Spanish circus, she  
is free at last!*





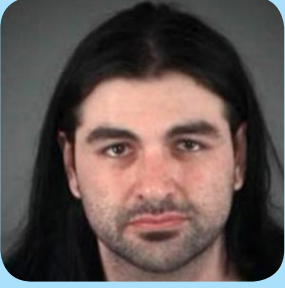

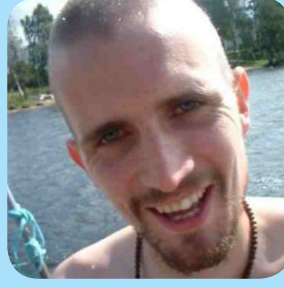






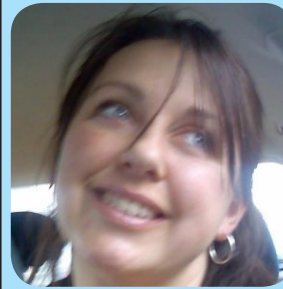

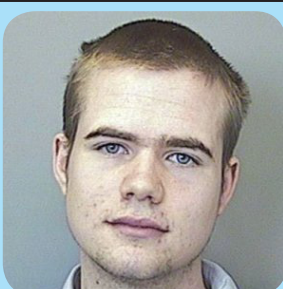

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## Editorial

Throughout history, governments have repressed social movements by isolating them from the broader conforming society. The labelling of campaigners unwanted by the government and controlling elite as "terrorists" is a much used tactic to marginalise the campaigns and make supportive members of the public reluctant to join in. The fear of "terrorism" is being exploited to push a political and corporate agenda. In the United States, environmental campaigners have been branded "eco-terrorists" despite not taking, injuring or risking human life, just because they are attacking the heart of greedy and very influential businesses. The campaigns that continue without state repression are ones that are either ineffective or ones that affect industries that the government is not interested in protecting.

Another recent example of repression against a political campaign is the sentencing of the UK SHAC7 after a three month show trial at Winchester Crown Court that ended on 23rd December and the sentencing media circus that followed in January 2009, where 7 effective campaigners got 50 years between them. Three of the campaigners also got life-long ASBOs, which effectively stops them from ever again campaigning against vivisection and 'animal research'. Then in February, Mel Broughton was found guilty on the flimsiest of DNA evidence, for which he's now appealing. Yet despite these Draconian and politically motivated sentences, animal rights activists and campaigners continue to fight against the hugely powerful and wealthy pharmaceutical industry and their friends in the government, to try and save animals from unnecessary suffering. The civil liberties of anti-vivisection campaigners have been eroded drastically under the very labour government that promised a scientific review of animal experimentation - something that the campaigners are still fighting for!

Since 2007, the government have sent in the police to attack opponents of vivisection and as a consequence there are currently around 20 UK campaigners serving up to 12 years in prison. The allegations levelled against them are broad ranging but for many of the imprisoned the fine detail of actual criminal offending is hard to find in the mountains of legal papers. No one was ever accused of causing death or injury yet the industry they oppose have been proven to massacre millions just for profit!

The campaign against HLS continues regardless of these pressures and the company flounders in a mess of its own making. With HLS's share price dropping from nearly \$40 to \$4. HLS's CEO Andrew Baker made a vague promise to buy all HLS (LSR) stock at \$7.50 which has effectively capped their share price just below \$7.50 as no one wants to make anymore losses out of this dysfunctional company - a company that has had so much support from the Labour government and the powerful pharmaceutical lobby. HLS have to pay back their \$75 million loan in the next two years and have already had to sell and release their own property and land. The recession couldn't have come at a worse time for HLS and adds to the pressure on this cruel company. This comes at the same time as the seventh and latest undercover ADI/NAVS investigation into the primate trade and experimentation at HLS, showing animal suffering and so called standards of animal suppliers an utter disgrace. We have known for a long time that regulating violence is definitely not the way ahead!

Last year in the States we saw some of the longest sentences ever being handed out to campaigners in the US who dared to challenge the status-quo of the planet destroying, animal abusing companies that do so much global damage. Eric McDavid, with the help and prompting of his 'girlfriend', an undercover FBI agent, who only thought about taking direct action was found guilty and sentenced to nearly 20 years in prison. This sentence is so much greater than that of some convicted murderers!

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## THE ALF SG



The ALF SG's role is to support financially, practically and morally, those brave men and women who end up in prison as a result of their actions on behalf of animals. This is a vital part of the movement, and we in turn depend on our members and supporters to enable us to help the prisoners at a time when they are most in need. We are separate to the ALF, and we operate legally and above ground. This vital work has continued unceasingly over the years, along with other like minded organisations who support animal rights prisoners. If you would like to join the ALF SG and help support our work, please fill out the membership form on the back cover.

# GLOBAL LIBERATIONS



UK

Two piglets liberated from agricultural College.



UK

Five rabbits liberated in memory of Barry Horne.



UK

Over 200 chickens liberated from battery cages.



Spain

Chickens rescued from slaughter house, one named Gari, in memory of Gari Allen.



Spain

Chained and caged baboon liberated from circus truck, (front cover picture).



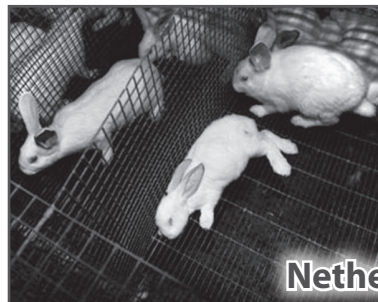
Czech Rep

Turkeys liberated in solidarity for the UK SHAC prisoners, until all are free.



Mexico

Liberated chickens experience the grass, earth and sunlight for the first time.



Netherlands

'Meat' rabbits rescued from the horrors of the factory farm.



Turkeys freed from extensive breeding sheds.



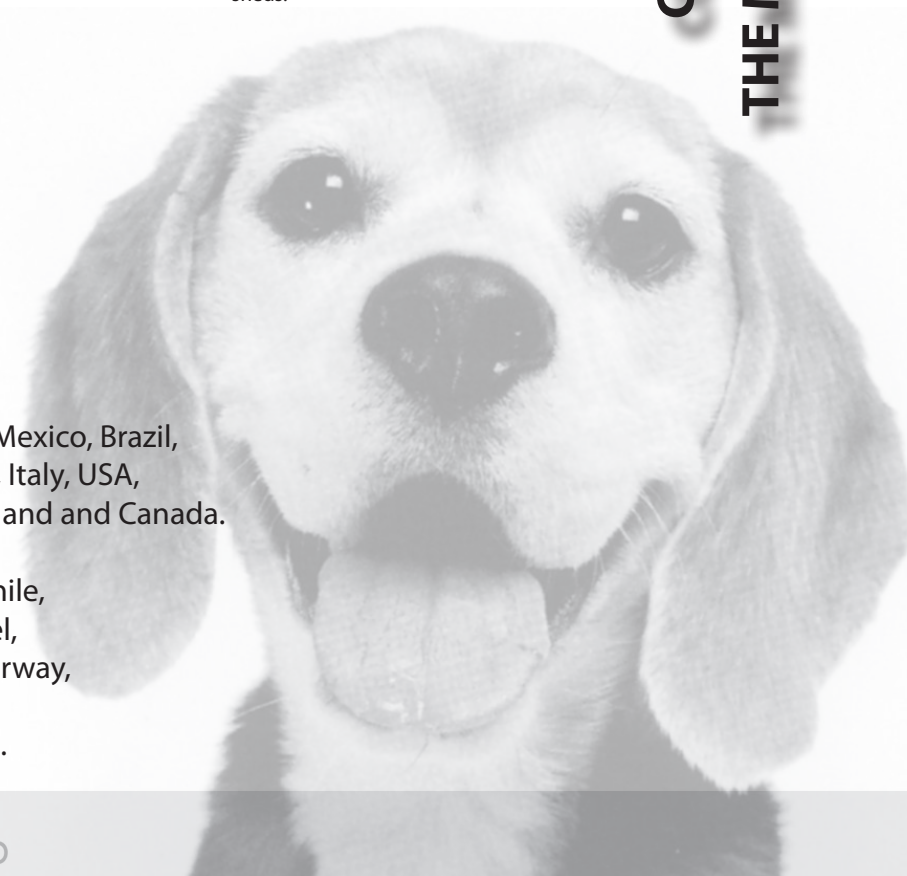
Mexico

Puppies rescued from cruel breeders, this is just one of many actions in Mexico.

Liberations in the past six months in Peru, Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Czech Republic, Italy, USA, Netherlands, UK, Greece, Finland, New Zealand and Canada.

Other actions in Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia, USA, Canada, Estonia, Israel, India, France, UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Greece, Finland, Belgium, Ireland and New Zealand.

COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE ON EVERY CONTINENT  
THE MOVEMENT & STRUGGLE CONTINUES TO GROW...



# EDITORIAL & NEWS

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More recently, Marie Mason had the most severe sentence yet in the US. Marie was mainly convicted on the evidence of her fellow activist and ex-husband, Frank Ambrose. He was jailed for nine years. In the years since the 9/11 & 7/7 attacks on the American & UK people, the governments have taken the opportunity to strike fear into the population and introduce constitution-defying laws designed to crush unwanted political activism in the US & UK. Marie is one of the most obvious victims in the US.

Last month, an animal rights activist in Utah, Jordan Halliday, has been jailed for refusing to testify about his political beliefs and associations before a secret grand jury. While the FBI is going into Orwellian overdrive, along with their spin doctors in the corporate media. This grand jury is allegedly looking into the liberations of mink. Two other animal rights activists have been arrested under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act in connection with the release of mink from Utah fur farms. They are also accused of attempting to damage another mink farm a few months later.

The UK and US governments have never made much headway on the vast majority of 'crimes' by groups like the Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front. Instead of tackling this, they take the easier option of targeting above-ground activists who demonstrate against animal abuse industries. Targeting of animal rights activists is also gaining pace in Austria, Holland and Sweden.

The government aren't daft enough to label people as terrorists for recycling, going on an anti-war marches or volunteering at an animal shelter as they will lose credibility. That's not because those things aren't important, its because they aren't radical in the true sense of the term: they don't get to the root of the problem. When activists go deeper — when they move beyond questioning the apparent single issue 'problems' and question the entire, destructive corporate capitalist system — that's when they truly become terrorists in the eyes of those that want to maintain the status-quo. The governments, judiciary and police become more aggressive and increasingly transparent in their tactics. As different movements become more effective at targeting government-protected industries, they will also be treated in this same way.

The violence recently displayed by UK police officers during the G20 protests lead to the death of Ian Tomlinson. You may wonder why the hundreds of CCTV cameras in London didn't capture the two unprovoked attacks by the police on him. It is hard to believe that there was no official footage of the police assault on Ian Tomlinson. Just as the security cameras in Stockwell station and on the train were suspiciously "not working" when Jean Charles De Menezes was shot dead.

In Britain this year, the government has tried to make it a crime to film police officers - we wonder why? The truth is the government doesn't want their violent unlawful behaviour on record, while they do the dirty work of defending the industries that feed off violence and suffering around the world. They continue to kill many millions through wars, the arms trade and support of destructive big pharma, bio-tech, agro-chemical and oil industries - all which test their 'products' on animals and all of which are hugely profitable.

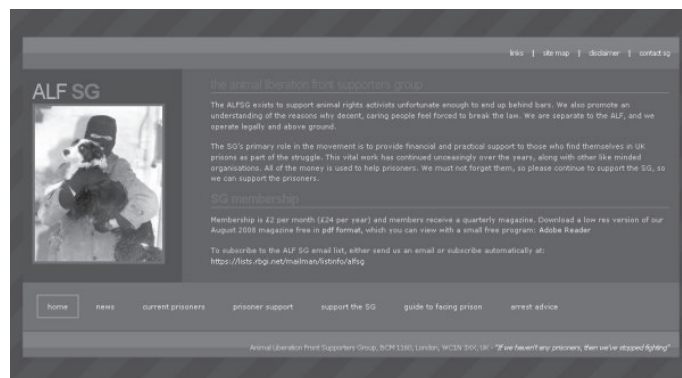
Animal Rights activists and campaigners are well aware of the violence, lies and injustice of the law makers. We have reached the stage where we need a revolutionary change. We have to sweep out the old order of corrupt politics and corporations whose one guiding principle is to keep their own pockets full.

It is empowering to know that animal liberation issues are being taken up around the world, even in South America and Russia and we will continue to unite in one voice against the cruelty and injustice that we witness every day. We know who the real terrorists are and will continue to fight against them until all are free. People are beginning to wake up to the police state we have been sleepwalking into. It is time for real change. The rest is up to you...

## Website news

People who regularly access the Vegan Prisoner Support Group's website ([www.vpsg.org](http://www.vpsg.org)) will be aware that as from the beginning of April 2009 they are no longer listing details of vegan prisoners and their current addresses as they are listed elsewhere and they wanted to concentrate on vegan prisoners' issues more. The VPSG will still be dealing with their much needed prisoner support work and also their emergency arrest helpline: 07984 733008, so please keep a record of their arrest number, just in case you may need it!

The SG website is the most up to date website now, so please amend your bookmark to: [http://www.alfsg.org.uk/current\\_prisoners.html](http://www.alfsg.org.uk/current_prisoners.html). You will also notice that the ALFSG's website has had a revamp, we hope you find it more user-friendly, useful and informative.



## ALF SG Email Alerts

Don't forget to sign up to our email alerts if you have access to the internet, to be kept up to date with prisoners' news, etc. at: <https://lists.rbgi.net/mailman/listinfo/alfsg>, or email us at: [info@alfsg.org.uk](mailto:info@alfsg.org.uk)

## ALF SG Hoodies

The classic ALFSG black hoodies are back on sale for £20, including postage and packing. There are available in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes. Please make your cheque/PO out to 'ALFSG' and send your order to: ALFSG, BM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX

## Sean Kirtley - HMP Stafford

Dear SG supporters

I'm ten months into my sentence now and have at long last become enhanced status, this means I can get out of the cell a lot more than before enabling me to make more phone calls, have more showers and play more pool!

Unfortunately, I didn't get my D-cat status, but I'll have another chance later on in the summer.

I'm working in the laundry now in HMP Stafford during the week, which makes a welcome change from taping boxes which I previously did for many months!

Thank you so much to everybody that has sent cards, letters and money. (Please enclose an SAE if you do write as stamps aren't allowed to be sent in to me, I'll do my best to get back!) You all make life more bearable. The Vegan catering here is still very good, we now get a pack of 'Nice' biscuits each week along with all the other supplements in the weekly prison pack. My partner and family's strong support also ensures I stay mentally fit too, bless them!

That's all for now (no appeal date yet)

Love and thanks - Sean

## Kerry Whitburn - HMP Lowdham Grange

Hello, how are you all?

I hope life is full of positive and inspirational energy and dedication, keeping your mind, body and soul free and kind for the good of the world and its inhabitants. I have recently received some new boots from Ethical Wares, of which I'm pleased as punch.

Everything is fine with me here, and I still maintain a positive attitude. I may be in prison but I AM lucky. I have a beautiful lifelong partner in Jo, and some amazing and wonderful friends. Basically, I have a brilliant life to go out to with my health and my sanity still intact.

Before I end, I MUST say a massive and heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to everyone who has written to me. You are ALL truly appreciated and I DO apologise to anyone who has waited ages for a reply (or who may STILL be awaiting one)! It's just that after being in prison for three and a half years now, I don't always have too much to tell you all. I hope you all understand?

Sending you all hope and love for a life full of compassion and light.

KERRY xxxxxx

## Dan Amos - HMP Winchester (since moved)

Hello everyone,

Not much has changed at here since my last letter, though Gregg has left to take up residence at HMP Coldingley. I have been allocated to a Category C prison and now I'm just waiting to be transferred. I've been waiting 8 weeks now and I'm told that they are waiting for a space to become available. Though I suspect that the fact that I'm a Listener and there are only three of us for 500 inmates might be the real reason that I am still here!

I am still working in the library though Gregg's replacement is of a somewhat different character and I now find myself the only one out of the three of us who is not in for 'murder' – how many of you can say that about your work colleagues?

Thank you to everyone who has written to me, your letters have been brilliant and for the SG's financial assistance and support.

Dan

## Gavin Medd-Hall - HMP Coldingley

Hi All

Not benefitting from a private education to prepare me for prison life, I think I have adapted pretty well! Just like starting a new school or job, not knowing anyone or what you are meant to do. But after a couple of days it's as if you have been there for years (definitely like a job in that respect).

All is well here at Coldingley. The gym is only a couple of months old and is as good as the one I used to pay £45 a month for outside. At least this one is not next door to my local pub, so now I actually get to lose weight!

No job as yet, it takes a few weeks to sort out for some reason, but I've started a couple of bits of education which helps to pass the time.

For those who don't know me, my sight has never been good and it has now deteriorated to a point where I am formally registered as blind. However, I can read and write with the aid of magnification glasses, but I do struggle with joined-up writing! So if anyone would like to write, please print or type! Many thanks to all those that already have and the monthly cheques from the SG make a lot of difference.

All the best, cheers  
Gavin

## Jonny Ablewhite - HMP Ranby

My Dear Vegan Friends

I made it! HMP Lowdham is far behind me (well, about 30 miles due south) and now it's all about "Ran-to-the-by!" I am finally passing smoothly through the bowels of the prison system! One more 'Cat' to do and I'll be reunited with my sorely missed literal cat "Edwina"!

The Ranby existence, for the last 8 weeks since my arrival, has sadly but largely been about purposeless lock-up. Occasionally interrupted by bi-weekly gym sessions, life-saving visits and sojourns to the library.

My future is bright – these years have been a profound and intense experience I can tell you.

I now have the BIGGEST single cell I've had since beginning this prison journey. It is, in fact, a 'room'. I've a full en-suite shower, more shelf and cupboard space than ever and more importantly peace!! My MA has started again, my guitar is in the post and my D-Cat status is being processed! It's all good!! Thanks again to the SG and to you all for your letters!  
Jonny

P.S.. I can feel one of my articles coming on, ...enjoy!

## Why Veganism Is for the Common Good of All Life

I propose Veganism is for the common good of all species; for human-animals, animals and, in fact, for the entire biosphere. The philosophical 'Golden Rule' that threads timelessly through history proposes that we should "Do unto others as we would have done to ourselves". Though it is not an inherently perfect code, it is a bloody good start! But where does it come from? It is reiterated - in philosophers and prophets from Lao-Tzu, the Buddha, Jesus, and Immanuel Kant, from the 7th century BC to the Enlightenment and beyond. Like Kant, I believe it is wholly necessary to locate the purpose of this law outside of the metaphysical preoccupations of religion and abstract philosophical enquiry - this law is manifest in our biology and thus in our treatment of all 'others', regardless of species, it is rooted and embedded in our genetic heritage as a cooperating and reciprocally altruistic species of primate. This Golden Rule therefore is simply the psychological and verbal expression of a biological imperative, a necessary adaptation that favours selfless cooperation towards others; what Petr Kropotkin so famously called 'Mutual Aid'. It is therefore a law that will guarantee the success of our species and so of all species. I believe the greatest manifestation of this imperative is Veganism.

Veganism bursts through all delusory speciesist barriers, it universalises and authenticates compassion and gives practical form to biological altruism: if altruism is the instrument, then Veganism is the music; one of the means for total species success and survival. Homo-sapiens cannot survive without other life forms being left alive and so we will perish, long before we are supposed to, long before the Sun has burned cold. Veganism is a method of mutually satisfying our moral needs and evolutionary requirements, naturally selected altruistic phenomena that will ensure the building blocks of harmonious life on this planet continue. Veganism is that important; it is a contingent facet of our evolution as sharing members within hugely sensitive and bio-diverse ecosystems (there are few left we don't occupy). Like Albert Schweitzer, what I would argue then is that requirements for value should rest not just upon issues of sentience but also upon issues of life: thus lakes are valued because they house fish; rocks are valued because they house woodlice and soil has value because it houses plants ad infinitum. Since all inanimate objects directly or indirectly support animate life, with very few exceptions - if any at all- then the totality receives moral consideration. Thus for the benefit of abundant success of all species, Veganism is the default position, for it respects and preserves all life.

All animal abusing industries (be it factory farming, vivisection, fur farming etc) have successfully helped to socialise the mass of people on this planet into using and consuming animals as part of their normal, 'normalised' and habitual existence. This is an immoral, consumerist ideological construct that is based on the anthropocentric delusion that our own species deserves predominance over all others: in fact, not only is it delusional, it is wholly destructive to all beings. This daily advertised discourse atomises and reduces the classical 'whole' to its composite 'parts', the whole biosphere and all its animal and plant contents become a resource for the use of the human 'self, blind to the realisation that the self cannot function without the whole. These barriers and borders have been purposefully constructed over centuries to separate species and classes of people, to maintain the hierarchies of powerful elites, traditionally by royal patriarchies but currently by the ubiquitous Trans-National Companies we all abhor. (Joel Bakan's great book and DVD '*The Corporation*' illustrates their psychopathic tendencies so well!) Capitalist ideologies that advocate self-interest and inequitable over-consumption of the few at the expense of the many are transient cultural artifices enforced by violence, indoctrination and the manufacture of consent.

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# Letters

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Such cultural creations have no evolutionary basis and so will be short-lived in real, evolutionary terms. This is especially relevant today as we are witnessing the depletion of the very fossil fuels they need to power and perpetuate themselves. No fuel, no capitalism, no oppressive ideology! (Again, see elements of [www.transitionculture.org](http://www.transitionculture.org)).

This is where a full understanding of exploitation, of capitalism, of hierarchy and of the political implications of Veganism become so vital. That's why I totally loved reading Bob Torres' *Making a Killing*. He comprehensively introduces Karl Marx's main beliefs and Murray Bookchin's readings on hierarchy and oppression. (Bookchin received a lot of inspiration from Kropotkin's *Mutual Aid*). I first read Bookchin's analysis of contemporary hierarchical culture when travelling many, many years ago, mostly from Peter Marshall's stupendous *Nature's Web* (if you can get it, get it!) It is so important to gain an understanding of what Bookchin called 'social ecology'. Loosely speaking, it is 'anarchy'; but you must ditch immediately any stereotypical preconceptions and notions about that word - they are negative and deliberate connotations that have been purposefully bound in the propaganda of capitalist dialogue. Bob Torres effectively 'Veganises' Bookchin's antidotes to contemporary speciesist society, outlining how a Vegan 'social ecology' movement ('Veganarchy!') of decentralised power will ensure that our diet is given a resolute, political form. Politics is everywhere and we have to incorporate our Vegan vision into that. We're not Vegan just because the food's good! (And, let's face it, it hasn't always been!) But if we de-politicise Veganism we'll be prone to assimilation into commodity culture and will revel in the fact we can finally buy Vegan ice cream without understanding the forms of exploitation that allow the mass dissemination of all consumer commodities, whether they're Vegan or not. "Unless we broaden our horizons and deepen our perception of both the universe and our fellow members of society, we may all perish in persisting to manipulate each other and our ecosystem with materialism and exploitation." (Jan Lundberg: see elements of [www.culturechange.org](http://www.culturechange.org))

To struggle all our lives just to ensure there is a 'Vegan option' on every meat menu is obviously missing the point. Such consensus will be our downfall. As Torres effectively explains, Veganism must be the baseline and beginning of all liberation struggles. That's why I used to love eating Vegan food on demos; food prepared and shared by other dynamic, engaged Vegans was fuel for the march, fuel for the protest; it was empowered and empowering! Moreover, it would have been stripped of all that power if I'd just been munching at home, watching the telly and congratulating myself on being Vegan! The Vegan belief in reverence and respect for all life must be compatible with effective, pervasive and immediate action and education. Veganism must be an active, consciousness raising project - to empower and engender our understanding and appreciation of all life and to feed our bodies and our intellect - there are no species barriers, no circles of ethical separation, just one circle of universal compassion. So Veganism is not just a diet; it is the product of a powerful biological urge for liberation and equality, a vital element of the global justice movement that has struggled for centuries to liberate animals, humans and the planet from tyranny and abuse.

*"Veganism is the daily, lived expression of abolition in one's life, and a rejection of the logic of speciesism (...). If we want to eradicate exploitation we must begin by ending it in our own lives and encouraging others to do the same."* **Bob Torres: Making A Killing**

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**And don't forget - My new Vegandia CD available: "Angel face, how could you?"** To receive your free copy of my 'ministrelling', email your postal address to: [vegandia@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vegandia@hotmail.co.uk) - Jonny :]

## John Smith - HMP Lindholme

Well 3½ years down the road, fourth prison establishment in my sentence, many different jobs from coat hanger recycler, peer partner, vegan chef and gym orderly as well as too many courses to mention.

I really appreciate the support and contact with the outside world I receive from those who write to me and the support from the SG and VPSG. You all make my time inside more bearable.

Thank you all.

All the best, John



## **Sarah Whitehead - HMP Bronzefield**

Everything is cool in Bronzefield! I can't believe how quickly time flies by in prison. I really must get down to some studying or something! Looks like I'll be here until the trial in Jan 2010.

I'm still working in the gym every day and loving it. It's being painted pink and white at the moment so it will be like working out inside a stick of rock – I think the pink is meant to be calming??! Nicole has recently joined us in the gym and Natasha has moved onto HMP Send.

The food here is great and we get lots of vegan extras on the canteen. Thank you to everyone who writes to me. I really appreciate how kind you are and it's such a joy hearing all the animal stories. My usual massive thanks to the angels looking after my own animals. I know I always say it, but I can't stress enough how important it is to know your animals are safe and happy – it's all that matters and prison really is a doddle!

With lots of love to all of you.

Sarah xxx

## **Dean Cain - HMP Lincoln (since moved)**

Hello everyone!

Well it's been 4 months in HMP Lincoln and at last life is starting to get a bit more interesting. After waiting 3 months I've finally started English lessons, which if you have received a letter from me you will know I desperately need! It's a huge relief to finally get some decent time out of my cell. I have been going to the gym a fair bit which I'm starting to enjoy. I look really funny in my little vest and shorts, a bit like the guy from the Mr Muscle adverts. Hopefully that will change over the next few months.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write to me or visit. It means the world to me. No matter how down I'm feeling a letter or visit can lift my spirits. I'm sorry to those I haven't replied to, I'm not ignoring you and I will reply very soon. I would like to mention my mum, she's been an amazing support and I couldn't wish for a better mum.

I've been spending most of my time reading but also way too much time staring at the idiot box. I'm trying to get a single cell so I don't have to put up with Coronation Street and Big Brother!. I'm missing my girlfriend so much it's crazy. I write to her every day, but it's hard when you know you can't get a reply. At least she knows how much I love her. Anyway enough mush, I hope everyone is well.

Lots of love, Dean

**Update:** Dean moved to HMP Nottingham on 3rd April after making a plea relating to trespass (sec 145, SOCPA) and will be sentenced after the trial which starts at the end of April.

## **Nicole Vosper - HMP Bronzefield**

Hello All!

I've had my first few weeks here at HMP Bronzefield and am settling in great, with the help of Heather and Sarah. I have recently got a job in the gym and am doing loads of reading and exercise to keep myself busy!

Its been wonderful seeing everyone and the food is better than I expected....I can even order chocolate Wizzers on my canteen! Thanks for all your support.

Nicole xx

## **UK Prisoners**

### **Jonny Ablewhite (TB4885) - Moved Jan 2009**

HMP Ranby, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 8EU

Jonny has been inside since September 2005 and is serving 12 years for conspiracy in connection with the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign. Birthday: 27th January

### **Dan Amos (VN7818) - Moved 7th April**

HMP & YOI Guys Marsh, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0AH.

In January 2009 Dan was sentenced to 4 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 19th November

### **Gregg Avery (TA7450) - Moved Feb 2009**

HMP Coldingley, Shaftesbury Road, Bisley, Woking, Surrey GU24 9EX.

In January 2009 Gregg was sentenced to 9 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 5th December

### **Natasha Avery (NR8987) - Moved March 2009**

HMP Send, Ripley Road, Woking, Surrey GU23 7LJ.

In January 2009 Nataha was sentenced to 9 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 28th December

### **Mel Broughton (TN9138)**

HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK4 4DA.

Mel was remanded on 14 December 2007 and was sentenced on 13th February 2009 to 10 years for animal rights related offences against Oxford University animal experiment lab. Mel is appealing the conviction. Birthday: 5th July

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**Dean Cain (WJ4309) - Moved 3rd April**

HMP Nottingham, Perry Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 3AG.

On Thursday 16th October 2008, Dean was remanded at Lincoln Magistrates Court on animal rights-related offences. His trial is expected to start at the end of April 2009. Birthday: 11th October

**Donald Currie** - Don has requested his details to be removed from public prisoner listings for personal reasons. He has asked us to thank everyone for the support he has received so far and that it has been really appreciated.

**Heather Nicholson (VM4859)**

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx. TW15 3JZ. In January 2009 Heather was sentenced to 11 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 30th January

**Gavin Medd-Hall (WV9475) - Moved Feb 2009**

HMP Coldingley, Shaftesbury Road, Bisley, Woking, Surrey GU24 9EX

In January 2009 Gavin was sentenced to 8 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 20th March

**Sean Kirtley (WC6977)**

HMP Stafford, 54 Gaol Rd, Stafford ST16 3AW

Sean was found guilty in May 2008 of sec 145 of SOCPA after a 4 month trial, for just doing a website against Sequani Ltd in Ledbury and sentenced to 4 and a half years. Birthday: 11th December

**Gerrah Selby** - In January 2009 Gerrah was sentenced to 4 years for charges in relation to Huntingdon Life Sciences. For various reasons she would prefer that her prison address not be distributed at the moment. Although if you want to leave comments of support they can be sent into her at her Suport Page: <http://www.myspace.com/supportgerrah>

**John Smith (TB4887)**

HMP Lindholme, Bawtry Road, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster, DN7 6EE

John has been inside since September 2005 and is serving 12 years for conspiracy in connection with the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign. Birthday: 6th March

**Luke Steele (WJ4308) - Moved 3rd April**

HMP & YOI Glen Parva, 10 Tigers Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 4TN.

On Thursday 16th October 2008, Luke was remanded at Lincoln Magistrates Court on animal rights-related offences. His trial is expected to start at the end of April 2009. Birthday: 16th October

**Nicole Vosper VM9385**

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3JZ

Nicole Vosper made a plea at Winchester Crown Court on 16/03/09 on charges relating to Huntingdon Life Sciences and was remanded. Birthday 15th February

**Dan Wadham (A5705AA) - Moved 2nd Feb & new number**

HMP Camp Hill, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5PB

In January 2009 Dan was sentenced to 5 years in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 3rd February

**Kerry Whitburn (TB4886)**

HMP Lowdham Grange, Lowdham, Nottingham NG14 7DA

Kerry has been inside since September 2005, and is serving 12 years for conspiracy in connection with the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign. Birthday: 18th April

**Sarah Whitehead (VM7684)**

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx. TW15 3JZ

Sarah was sentenced on the 30th June 2008 to two years for removing a beagle from a garden where it was kept muzzled in a wooden cage and regularly beaten. She is also awaiting trial in relation to charges in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 12th February

## USA Prisoners

**Tre Arrow #70936-065**

FCI Herlong, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 800, Herlong, CA 96113, USA.

Tre is serving a seven and a half year sentence for involvement with campaigning against logging. Tre is also an AR activist. Birthday: 9th January

**Nathan Block, #36359-086**

FCI Lompoc, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436, USA.

Sentenced 7 years and 8 months. Birthday: 6th March

**Jacob Conroy 93501-011 - Moved Dec 2008**

FCI Terminal Island, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 3007, San Pedro, CA 90731, USA

Sentenced 4 years. Birthday: 3rd February

**Lauren Gazzola 93497-011**

FCI Danbury, Route #37, 33 1/2 Pembroke Road, Danbury, CT 06811, USA. Sentenced 4 years, 4 months. Birthday: 1st May

**Jordan Halliday #24836 - Moved March 2009**

Cache County Jail, 1225 West Valley View Highway, Suite 100, Logan, UT 84321, USA. On remand for refusing to testify before a Grand Jury.

**Joshua Harper 29429-086**

FCI Sheridan, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. BOX 5000, Sheridan, OR 97378, USA. Sentenced: 3 years. Birthday: 31st January

**Kevin Kjonaas 93502-011**

FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072, USA.  
Sentenced 6 years. Birthday: 31st October

**Marie Jeanette Mason #04672-061 - Moved 19th March**

FCI Waseca, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 1731, Waseca, MN 56093, USA.  
Marie was sentenced on 5th February 2009 to an outrageous 21 years and 10 months imprisonment for ELF/ALF actions.  
Birthday: 26th January

**Eric McDavid X-2972521 7E128**

FCI Victorville, Medium II, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 5300, Adelanto, CA 92301, USA.  
Eric was sentenced to just under 20 years imprisonment for conspiring to think about actions! (Part of an FBI sting operation)  
Birthday: 7th October

**Daniel McGowan, #63794-053 - Moved Feb 2009**

USP Marion, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA.  
Sentenced to seven years imprisonment for his part in two arsons and his role in an ELF/ALF conspiracy.  
Birthday: 7th October

**Jonathan Paul, #07167-085**

FCI Phoenix, Federal Correctional Institution, 37910 N 45th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85086, USA.  
Sentenced to 51 months imprisonment for his part in two arsons and his role in an ELF/ALF conspiracy.  
Birthday: 31st January

**Fran Thompson, #1090915**

HU 1C, WERDCC, PO Box 300, Vandalia, MO 63382, USA.  
Serving Life for killing, in self-defence, a stalker who had broken into her home. Before her imprisonment Fran was an eco, animal & anti-nuke campaigner.

**Briana Waters #36432-086**

FCI Danbury, Federal Correctional Institution, Route 37, Danbury, CT 06811, USA  
Briana is serving a six year sentence for allegedly acting as a look-out during an ELF arson.

**Joyanna Zacher, #1662550**

Lane County Jail, 101 West 5th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, USA.  
Sentenced 7 years and 8 months  
Birthday: 25th January



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