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Mel Broughton



Gavin Medd-Hall



Marie Mason



Sarah Whitehead



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Heather Nicholson



Steve Murphy



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editorial

Welcome to another edition of the Supporters Group Newsletter. We're happy to be able to report that since the last newsletter, the three Newchurch prisoners have been released after serving 6 years, as have Natasha and Gregg Avery after four and a half years. We're sure you'll be delighted for them as we are, and it is a lesson to all of us, that no matter how long they sentence you, there's always freedom at the end of it.

Unfortunately for countless millions of animals that freedom is still a long way off, their only future is a lifetime of misery, fear, pain or torture, hidden away from the public behind closed doors. And while that situation continues, there's little doubt that for the foreseeable future more activists will be spending time in prison, having sacrificed their liberty in the fight to give a voice and a future for those who cannot fight or speak out for themselves.

Which in turn means that the ALF Supporters Group will also be needed to support those who end up in prison, to make sure they are not forgotten, and to provide them with practical and moral support during their time in prison.

And in order to do this, the Supporters Groups of course will continue to rely on our members, supporters and readers, without whom none of it would be possible. So thanks on behalf of the prisoners and the animals for your continued support, it's much appreciated, and much needed.

about 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.

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“Animal liberation is also human liberation. Animal liberationists care about the quality of life for all. We recognise our kinship with all feeling beings. We identify with the powerless and the vulnerable – the victims, all those dominated, oppressed and exploited. And it is the non-human animals whose suffering is the most intense, widespread, expanding, systematic and socially sanctioned of all.” - Henry Spira

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Hens liberated in Czech Republic

Czech Republic:

In November 15 hens were rescued from unnecessary suffering and violent killing. They were transported to a new, safe home where they will live in the grass, sun and fresh air. They will be able to spread their wings and run, and the weaker ones will have the possibility to escape the stronger ones.

Thank you to all who participated in the rescue and to everybody who donated some money to this efforts.



news

Activists sink Norwegian Whaler

On 5 October anti-whaling activists sank the Norwegian whaling ship "Onsoyvaeringen" in Engelsviken harbour. The Onsoyvaeringen was the last Whaler in Oslofjord.

When the boat was discovered the next morning with it's bow in the air, it was initially suspected that it had been an accident, and that cooling water inlets were damaged, but later the owner Jorgen Hermansen confirmed that sabotage was suspected. "The bottom valve is turned up and there is damage to a hose" Hermansen told the media.

The action has since been claimed in the name of the group AGENDA 21, a group which was specifically set up to target Norway's whaling fleet. Agenda 21 regards Norway's whaling as an illegal operation under international law, and so believes it is legally entitled to carry out such actions to disable the whaling fleet.

In a communiqué to the Bite Back website, Agenda 21 said that this was the last remaining whaling ship in the fjord, and that all Norwegian vessels planning whaling would be a target. The group also pointed out that Norway is increasing the quota of minke whales it kills, so they will increase efforts to reduce the number of such vessels.

This is the latest in an ongoing battle between anti-whaling activists and the Norwegian whaling fleet dating back almost 20 years, which has seen at least 7 vessels sabotaged or sunk.

Agenda 21 is a covert group that takes its name from the 1992 United Nations Conference on the Environment. Paul Watson from the Sea Shepherd Conservation group said at the conference that if Norway did not comply with international conservation law that Sea Shepherd would sink their ships. Sea Shepherd carried out the sinking of the Norwegian whaling vessels Nybraena in 1992 and the Senet in 1994 [the first two ships that were scuttled].

After that the covert and anonymous organization Agenda 21, based in Norway itself, took over the responsibility of enforcing international law against illegal Norwegian whaling operations. In 1996 Agenda 21 claimed their first action, the sinking of the vessel Elin-Toril.

This most recent attack is the third whaling boat sabotaged in Norway in the past 3 years. In April last year Agenda 21 claimed responsibility for an action against the whaling ship "Sophie" while it was docked in Svolvær. The bottom valves in that boat were removed, just like on the the most recent boat targeted, the "Onsoyvaeringen"

And a year earlier in April 2009, the group scuttled the whale-hunting vessel Skarbakk after gaining access to the boat in Henningsvæer Harbour.

"We don't know who they (Agenda 21) are, and we have no forewarning of their plans." said Paul Watson. "But we do applaud their efforts, these laws must be enforced and Norwegian whalers are in blatant violation of the worldwide ban on commercial whaling."



Norway kills up to 1052 minke whales each year

the whaler "Onsoyvaeringen" - sunk by activists in october

Brazil: ALF destroys planned animal lab building

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in Brazil has claimed responsibility for a fire which destroyed a building at the Central Animal Laboratory, still under construction at Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Florianópolis on the morning of September 20, 2011.

After gaining access to the complex, the activists painted slogans on the animal house before making their way to the Central Animal Facility where there was already stored high-tech equipment intended to be used to torture and kill, which were then soaked in flammable liquids and the building set on fire. The intention was to effectively stop the expansion of the work of the laboratories and with that, for many lives to be spared. The activists stated that they took care to ensure that no animal, human or non-human, was at risk of injury during the action.

The following is taken from a communiqué from the activists.

"It was a silent night in the early hours of September 20th 2011, under a fine rain at the Santa Catarina Federal University (UFSC), Florianopolis, Brazil. The ALF broke into the campus after cutting open the fence that separates it from the avenue.

"After visiting the location where goats, birds, mice and dogs are held in captivity to be tortured and killed we visited the new building, still unfinished, where the entire biotery 'would' be transferred to. Many torture equipments were already being stocked inside the new building. This was not our first visit as this action has been planned during several months.

"At 4AM of this glorious morning, we poured a few gallons of gasoline and kerosene over the expensive equipment... the morning was then lightened with a simple match, letting the fire perform its duty in destroying that vile building.

"We were sheltered by the neighboring forest that for long had witnessed the screams of the animals tortured inside that complex. Today they know their voices have been heard and we left them with our promise to come back, soon. You may try to find us, but you won't because the ALF is nowhere but yet we are everywhere. You may have the law on your side, but we are the ones making justice... "We celebrate with this... action the recent release of Kevin Kjonaas, the last SHAC 7 to be released, and dedicate it to all those who risk their lives and freedom to fight for the freedom of others". TILL ALL ARE FREE! - ALF - Brazil"

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Activists target animal circus

From the Sheffield Star:
Wed 19 October 2011

SUSPECTED animal rights activists broke into a travelling circus on the edge of Sheffield and vandalised vehicles. Circus Mondaó's big top is on fields at the side of Bowshaw Roundabout, between Jordanthorpe and Dronfield. It is performing nightly until Sunday.

Saboteurs broke in and poured a corrosive substance on two lorry trailers. Cables and brake pipes were cut and tyres slashed.

Petra Jackson, one of the circus organisers, said the cost of repairs could run into thousands of pounds. "The trailers were covered in giant wrap-around advertisements for the circus, which each cost £1,500. Two of them were damaged by what looks like people throwing acid over them. One trailer had tyres slashed, electric cables and brakes cut.

"The trailers will have to be completely resprayed. The culprits had stuck leaflets on one of the trailers saying 'cruel circus' and the leaflets had the name of an animal rights organisation. It is like they have left a calling card to rub our noses in it. Animal rights protesters seem to be above the law when it comes to this sort of thing."

Petra said: "The criminal damage has been reported to the police, who are taking this very seriously as animal rights people have recently done a similar thing to another circus down south causing considerable damage."

Nobody from the animal rights organisation named on leaflets left at the site was available for comment. Police are investigating the incident overnight between Sunday and Monday.

Sweden: Mink dyed with Henna

"It's November, the month when over a million Swedish mink will be gassed to death for their fur. We still don't see an end of the yearly massacre and the long suffering that precedes it. To release mink into the wild is a strategy that demonstrably is working, the number of mink that survive such a release are more than the ones surviving the month of November at a fur farm. Skinning always mean 0% survival.

Geographically however, a mink release isn't always possible. But the farms that are located in places that don't permit a drastic increase of the mink population, still need to be shut down. We chose to try a new strategy when on the night to the 7th of November we visited Ölands only mink farm, an island outside the east coast of Sweden.

If we can't save the mink, at least the farmer shouldn't profit from them. With henna dye we coloured all the mink on the farm. Henna is not dangerous for the mink or the environment. But for the one making profit from their skins, it would be considered economically devastating.

We also destroyed the breeding work by throwing away all breeding cards. We will continue to find new ways to end the fur industry in this country. Until no more mink are born into a life of misery.





This article confirms what many of us already knew, that there is interference from civil servants and politicians to ensure that animal rights prisoners are treated unfairly in the prison system. This should be a scandal, but nothing surprises us any more.

Activist attack hunting club.

November 3rd is the feast day of St Hubertus, the patron saint of hunters, and this year it was celebrated by activists in Poland devastating of office buildings of Polish Hunting Association in Olsztyn. The estimated cost of the repairs was put at around 10 000 Euros.



Civil servants 'interfering with criminal justice system'

Probation officers claim they are leaned on over offender management

The Observer, Sunday 27 December 2009

Civil servants have been accused of a "grotesque abuse of power" amid claims that they regularly try to influence the work of criminal justice staff when it comes to deciding on the sentencing and treatment of offenders.

The probation union, Napo, said it was concerned that on some occasions the civil servants were "interfering" for "political" reasons. It said it found examples that officials at the National Offender Management Service had ordered frontline probation staff to exclude potentially mitigating factors when writing pre-sentencing reports, to change the length of supervision orders and to alter risk assessments carried out on offenders who had left prison.

Probation officers supervising an animal rights protester on a 12-month community order for sending threatening letters to laboratory staff were told to ensure that she was not discharged early for making good progress because the home secretary goes "squinty-eyed about these types of cases".

In another case, an officer preparing a pre-sentence report for a judge hearing the case of a Greenpeace activist received a phone call from officials at the Ministry of Justice telling him to focus only on the "criminal" aspects of the case, rather than any political context. Napo said this advice conflicted with normal practice, which is to explain to the court the reason for the offence. The activist, who was one of a group of protesters that stopped a coal train on its way to Drax power station in Yorkshire in 2008, received a community sentence.

In contrast, in 2008 six Greenpeace activists were acquitted of causing criminal damage to Kingsnorth power station because a court decided "they had lawful excuse" in that they were trying to protect the world from climate change. The difference between the outcome of the two cases raised concerns that the government is seeking to take tougher measures against environmental activists.

"This is a grotesque abuse of power," said David Howarth, the Liberal Democrats' justice spokesman. "Interfering with the criminal justice system by civil servants is unjustified. They have no right to do this." He said it was important to establish whether ministers knew officials attempted to exert authority over the criminal justice system.

Napo said it had uncovered many other examples of civil servants attempting to influence probation teams.

The Ministry of Justice said it could not comment on individual cases, but strongly defended its officials and denied that there was any political sub-text to their actions. "It is quite right that the experienced and knowledgeable staff give advice and support to probation areas when required," a spokeswoman said. "Many areas actively seek advice, especially on high-risk cases. In the majority of cases, officials only offer advice to practitioners rather than enforce changes."

More quails liberated in Italy



Liberating angels broke into two hunting centers in Limbiate (MB) and Origgio (VA), near Milan. The activists tore the centre's nets and freed a total of 120 quail who had been destined to be slaughtered by hunters.

This is just the latest of many liberations of quails by activists in the Milan region of Lombardy.



Letter from Mel Broughton

Those of you who write and receive letters from me will know that I often talk about books I've read. And one of the few benefits (there aren't many) that being incarcerated offers is the chance to read. Those who know me will also be aware that my reading habits rarely ever involve fiction. So, it was a real departure when I picked up a novel on a recent trip to the prison library. I don't know why I felt the urge to pick it up but I did. It was called "Revolution of the Sun" and is written by Tim Pears. I looked at the blurb on the back of the book where it was appraised as a novel "capturing the zeitgeist of contemporary Britain".

I booked it out along with my usual choices of political and social history reading. I began reading "Revolution of the Sun" and was amazed to discover that the various characters and plot lines orbited around events unfolding inside a new animal research lab on South Parks Road in Oxford. Was this really fiction imitating life? I won't give any more away in case anyone wants to read it, suffice to say it has an interesting and liberating finale.

The day after finishing the novel I opened the newspaper and as I searched the headline stories I saw; "Universities forced to come clean about controversial primate experiments". Newcastle University are arguing that to answer freedom of information (F.O.I) requests on primate research, could, among other excuses, "harm its commercial interests". Obviously the primates concerned are only worth exactly what was paid for them. After all they are the "property" of the university, their emotional intelligence, cognitive awareness and consciousness count for nothing in this deal. This dichotomy uncannily parallels issues raised in the fictional world of "Revolution of the Sun".

There was an obvious difference in the fictional account of a real animal research establishment in the novel and the national newspaper report on primate experimentation at Newcastle University. In "Revolution of the Sun" animal rights activists are referred to as protesters or campaigners. In the newspaper article, where animal rights activists are mentioned, it's the usual extremist tag that's dutifully applied.

The subtext is obvious, to hold a view that animals deserve some basic rights is of and in itself to be labelled extreme. It would appear that perhaps for the novelist the same corporate and political pressure to demonise does not apply. Anyway this will not come as any great surprise to any grass roots campaigner reading this.

However, it must surely be time to consider ways in which the a/r movement can be more effective at combatting media bias and prejudice. The grass roots a/r movement has in the past relied on a very ad hoc way of dealing with the media. Far too often people were either unqualified or simply out of their depth when trying to field hostile media interviewers.

There is, I believe, a pressing need to educate and properly prepare people to deal with the media. Much time and effort is spent on the practicalities of protesting and campaigning but very little on the way complex animal rights arguments are presented. There is a steady flow of new information about the mental capacities of non-humans which should be finding its way in to a/r exposure. And it couldn't be more important in the promotion of animal rights thinking and activism to the public.

Of equal importance and some might say even greater significance is the whole question of animal rights and the law. Where are the experts in human/civil rights or those with knowledge of current animal protection legislation. And given the scale of the edifice of prejudice we have to overcome, then a strong legal infrastructure is not a luxury, it's a

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Mel's letter continued -

necessity. Campaigners need and deserve proper protection and the legal apparatus that shields and perpetrates animal abuse needs to be challenged and fought at every opportunity.

It is obviously very difficult for individual campaigners to finance the necessary courses or obtain the support needed. It's time the a/r movement not only morally supported its future activists but also looked at financially backing those who are best suited to become the movement's future. It's not about creating elites, it's simply recognising that the movement must invest in its evolution. The grass roots movement has been good at creating various vehicles for campaigners to get together and network. Gatherings, vegan festivals, and ARC (Animal Rights Coalition) have all played a valuable role. However, the political landscape is changing and the animal rights movement needs to adapt and move with it.

It would be amazing to see the varying strands of the a/r movement come together to create its very own future university of animal rights. There are already a/r philosophers and academics working in their own areas. There are likewise scientists and researchers who use their positions to advance the cause of animal rights. What is needed is a forum for knowledge to be passed onto campaigners and for a much closer working relationship between grass roots activists and academics. A fund to enable the movement to meet the costs of legal training or even qualifications for some campaigners must surely help build confidence and professionalism for the future.

Everyone has a role to play and it must surely make sense to use individual skills to best effect. Everyone comes to animal rights with a sense of outrage and of wanting to do something to change things. The outrage should never be put aside, but the way it's harnessed needs more consideration and investment; the animals deserve no less.



Sarah Whitehead

Sarah was sentenced to 6 years in October last year, in the second of the major SHAC trials, convicted of conspiracy to blackmail in connection with the campaign against animal experiments at HLS.

Sarah has actually been in prison since 30th June 2008, she had been remanded in connection with an incident where a beagle dog had been taken from a garden, where it had been kept in bad conditions, muzzled, in a wooden cage and regularly beaten.

Sarah was already on a suspended sentence before this, for rescuing animals from a notorious puppy farmer in West Sussex, which meant that if she re-offended within two years she would be sent to prison for that "crime". Even knowing this risk to her freedom, Sarah put the dog's life and well-being first and took the beagle from the garden.

Unknown to Sarah she was under police surveillance in connection with the SHAC investigation, and officers had followed her and watched her rescue the beagle. However, once Sarah was seen to hand the beagle to another person, the police continued to follow Sarah, and so the beagle remained free and is living in a loving home.

Sarah was convicted of burglary for taking the beagle and sentenced to a total of 2 years, (15 months for rescuing the beagle and 9 months from the earlier suspended sentence for the puppy farm rescue). The six year sentence she later received for the SHAC conspiracy then ran consecutive to this sentence.

The good news is that Sarah is now in an open prison, Down View, in Sutton, Surrey, and has only about 7 months to serve of her sentence, and by this time next year will be reunited with some of her non human animal friends she has been missing so much.



Heather Nicholson

Heather Nicholson has reached the important milestone of less than one year to go before she is released. She is currently serving an 11 year sentence for conspiracy to blackmail companies involved with animal experiments. She received the longest ever prison sentence for a female animal rights prisoner as part of the crackdown against the SHAC campaign in 2007.

Heather is currently in Foston Hall prison in Derbyshire, where part of her time is spent looking after the animals in the sanctuary located inside the prison, which as you can imagine she really enjoys and which gives her the opportunity to continue helping animals despite her incarceration.

With under a year to go, in normal circumstances Heather would be moving to an open prison in time for her release, but outside interference from the Home Office means she remains in a closed prison, and seeing what has happened to her co-defendants, we expect that this will continue right up to the time of her release.

Despite this, Heather remains strong and firm in her beliefs, and thanks everyone for the wonderful support she has received over the years she has spent in prison.



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Gavin Medd-Hall

Gavin is almost 3 years into an 8 year sentence for conspiracy, which he received in January 2009 in connection with the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences. He will serve half of the 8 years, meaning he is due for release in just over a year's time in January 2013.

Gavin is still in HMP Coldingley. Up until a few weeks ago, he had the pleasure of the company of fellow animal rights prisoner Gregg Avery, who was also at Coldingley, and had been with Gavin throughout his sentence. But Gregg has now been released, as you can read elsewhere, so Gavin is one of only two of the original UK SHAC 7 prisoners still in custody.

When you write to Gavin, it's worth remembering that he is registered blind, and though he can read with the help of a special magnifying glass, it helps if you make the writing bigger than usual.





Turkish political prisoner demands vegan food

Osman Evcan, a political prisoner in Turkey, is struggling to have his vegan diet and lifestyle recognised. Because the Turkish authorities do not respect his right to have a vegan diet or the political beliefs that he holds, Evcan has been suffering hardships as he is not getting enough food to eat or a balanced diet.

Evcan became a vegan eight years ago. We are told he was originally convicted for participating in a Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist group back in 1992. Ten years ago he left this group, he denounced his past and he declared himself an anarchist, and then all his previous comrades abandoned him. Two years later he went vegan.

In a letter from prison, Evcan talks about the prison authorities giving him food in an unhygienic state and there have been instances where harmful chemicals have been intentionally added to his food. A support campaign called the Initiative of Vegan Food for Osman Evcan has been started, but so far the petitions have been ignored.

A member of parliament called Melda Onur submitted a written question to the assembly asking why Evcan's issue is being ignored. She tried to visit Evcan, but the prison authorities wouldn't let her in to see him, nor would they accept the food that Onur wanted to give to Evcan. In his last letter to us on the 6th of November 2011, Evcan added that on an arbitrary basis prison officers have not been providing him with escorts, so that he misses medical appointments. Having already boycotted the prison food and managing by purchasing his own food at prison cafeteria, he says in his last letter that he needs to strengthen his attitude to be heard.

Therefore he started an on-going hunger strike on 4 November 2011 for an unlimited time. As people supporting Evcan, we would be happy to have your solidarity on his side. You can help spread the news about his situation and create international pressure on the Ministry of Justice of Turkey and other official institutions.

The internet blog of the initiative supporting Osman is: <http://osmanayemek.tumblr.com>

You can write to Osman at: Osman Evcan, F Tipi Kapalı Cezaevi,
Oda No: B-8 71480 Hacılar/Kırkkale TURKEY



USA: Mink liberations continue

Actions against fur farms in the USA have continued since the last newsletter. In September/October there were three raids within the space of a few days, in Oregon, Iowa and Washington, freeing thousands of animals from a life of misery and certain death. On September 24th, activists broke into a fur farm near Astoria, Oregon, and freed 300 mink as well as destroying vital breeding records.

Two weeks later, in the early hours of October 7th over over 1,200 mink were released from cages at the Palmer Erickson fur farm (3374 Saratoga Avenue) in Jewell, Iowa.

A few days later, in the early morning hours of October 12th, activists entered Miller's Mink Ranch on Addy-Gifford Road in Washington, and took down every breeder card in one of the two large sheds, causing the loss of all their breeding records . They then opened approximately 3/4 of the cages, many of which had more than one animal, freeing more than a thousand animals. They also took 3 individual minks and released them at different locations.

In a communiqué the activists said:

"We would like to dedicate this act to every rebel warrior who died nameless and whose rage and bravery went unseen and unknown, to all who struggle against oppression, even



BBC double standards

BBC: Arson is a "civil order" offence

Many of us were amazed to hear the following quote from a presenter on a recent edition of BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour on the edition broadcast on 21st November 2011:

"Suffragette women were jailed mainly for civil order offences, such as smashing windows, disrupting public events, later burning down buildings and putting tar through letterboxes. "

So the BBC describe arson and criminal damage as "civil order" offences when it comes to past actions by suffragettes, but the same actions today if carried out by by animal rights and environmental activists are described as terrorism. Talk about double standards!



Remember 5th November, Remember Barry Horne

THE HUNGER STRIKES SUCCEEDED IN CREATING MASSIVE PUBLICITY, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY ABOUT ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS, THROWING THE WORLD'S MEDIA SPOTLIGHT ON AN INDUSTRY WHICH NORMALLY THRIVES ON SECRECY AND COVER-UPS.

Barry had been in prison since the Summer of 1996. For some years previously he had been wanted in connection with a series of attacks against businesses across the UK, which had caused millions of pounds in damages. He was finally arrested following a surveillance operation involving some 50 officers, whilst attempting to plant timed incendiaries at premises in Bristol.

Prior to going to prison, Barry had told friends that if caught, he would go on hunger strike to try to persuade the government to stop supporting and funding animal experiments. Six months after his arrest, whilst in prison awaiting trial, true to his word Barry began refusing food on January 6, 1997.



The effect on the movement was dramatic and swift. Just 12 days into the hunger strike in January 1997, a protest vigil outside Bullingdon prison was attended by over 200 activists. Once the vigil was over, the crowds set off to hold protests at nearby well known premises involved in vivisection. First they descended on a site owned by Harlan animal breeders where police could only watch as several of the demonstrators took matters into their own hands and caused widespread damage to buildings and vehicles.

Before police reinforcements could arrive, the crowd had moved onto nearby Hill Grove Farm, breeder of cats for experiments. Here there was another angry protest, and while some activists broke windows and destroyed a tractor, others broke into the cat units and fled across fields with fourteen of the cats and kittens destined for the labs. Unfortunately for the activists and the cats, police reinforcements arrived, and seven of the cats were recaptured, but the rest stayed free and were eventually found new homes.

Exactly a week later on 25th January, there was a scheduled protest at Consort Beagles, a





laboratory supplier in Herefordshire, which was the focus of an ongoing campaign to close it down. Inspired by Barry's hunger strike, the number of protesters swelled to several hundred, and as the demo reached the kennels, tensions rose considerably. The police had not expected such a large demo, and eventually groups of activists broke through police lines to reach the cages, despite attempts to hold them back using batons and even cs gas. Despite the police presence, 8 beagle puppies were taken away from the cages and this time all the animals stayed free and were re-homed.



IT WAS A TIME FOR US ALL TO REFLECT AND LOOK BACK AT THAT PERIOD AND TO SEE JUST HOW IT HAS AFFECTED THE MOVEMENT TODAY.

And so it went on in this fashion, over the next 18 months, and 3 separate hunger strikes, each more intense and gaining more publicity than the one before. There was a real buzz in the movement, an energy and excitement which has not been seen since. They may have locked Barry away in prison, but they couldn't keep him down. He was proving just as much of a problem to the authorities in prison as he had been when he was out.

The question is sometimes asked, especially by those who weren't around, what did Barry's hunger strikes achieve, after all the government didn't give in, and now years later, the number of animal experiments is going up. But that would be to miss the main point about what the hunger strike was about.

Yes the headline aim of the hunger strikes was about persuading the government to stop funding and supporting animal experiments. And just to clarify there, it wasn't about asking for a ban on animal experiments, welcome though that would have been. It was about the government not using public funds, tax payers money as they say, to fund and support the vivisection industry, which was not an unreasonable demand at all.

Even so, we were realistic, we knew that this would be a difficult, almost impossible goal, but the hunger strikes were not really about the government; they had other aims which were equally important, if not more so. The first was to create publicity about animal experiments, to expose the vivisection industry and more importantly the corruption behind the government's role in supporting and funding it. The hunger strikes succeeded in creating massive publicity, both nationally and internationally about animal experiments, throwing the world's media spotlight on an industry which normally thrives on secrecy and cover ups. It is not hype to say this, by the time of the third hunger strike in the Autumn of 1998 there were reporters and film crews from all over the world camped outside the prison and later the hospital waiting for the latest developments.

The publicity generated by the hunger strike campaign succeeded in exposing the corrupt and poisonous relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and the government. It genuinely shook the government up, they were not used to having to justify themselves on this issue. For the first time senior government ministers were having to respond publicly to awkward questions about its dealings with the industry.

Vivisectors too were shaken, in one article in the Independent newspaper during the campaigns, the infamous Colin Blakemore was quoted as saying that he wanted negotiations and that the ALF should have a place at the negotiating table.

But the biggest aim was to inspire and stir up the animal rights and anti-vivisection



Barrys memorial tree





Barry with his young son.

movements to rise up and take strong action to do something about it. And those who were around at the time will agree that in these respects the hunger strikes campaigns were a massive success, as the above few examples show.

And that energy and anger was translated into positive and definite results, the effects of which are still very present in the movement today.

Just weeks after the end of the first hunger strike, in May 1997 Consort Beagle breeders announced it was closing for good, and it was widely accepted that the hunger strike campaigns had created the necessary determination and energy to succeed. Hundreds of beagle puppies were saved from torture as a direct result of Barry's actions.

The impetus from the Consort Beagles campaign was then used to start the campaign against Hill Grove Cat Farm and this too became the focus of many angry protests and



WE WERE ALL DEVASTATED BY THE LOSS OF BARRY, HE WAS A DEDICATED AND COURAGEOUS ACTIVIST. OVER 400 ATTENDED THE FUNERAL IN NORTHAMPTON, WHERE ACTIVISTS CARRIED HIS COFFIN THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE, AND HE WAS LAID TO REST AT A BEAUTIFUL WOODLAND BURIAL SITE A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN.

direct action attacks during subsequent hunger strikes. Just 6 months after the 3rd hunger strike, Hill Grove Cat farm too was closed for good, 800 cats were re-homed, and the only commercial supplier of cats for experimentation in the country was out of action.

Inspired and energised by the hunger strike campaigns, activists went on to campaign against other high profile targets. Following the closure of Hill Grove Cat Farm in 1999, activists went on to form Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) as well as Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs (SNGP) in the same year.

And the following year, 2000 saw two more notable successes. Firstly the closure of Shamrock Monkey Farm, the only commercial supplier of primates for laboratories, which itself had been a target for huge protests during the hunger strikes. Soon afterwards activists started a campaign against nearby laboratory supplier Regal Rabbits, a campaign which succeeded in just a few days, as the owner contacted activists and agreed they could come and remove the hundreds of rabbits for re-homing.

Tragically however, the following year in 2001 we also finally lost Barry, who died from liver failure in Long Lartin prison. He never fully recovered, and died as a direct result of the hunger strikes.

We were all devastated by the loss of Barry, he was a dedicated and courageous activist. Over 400 attended the funeral in Northampton, where activists carried his coffin through the town centre, and he was laid to rest at a beautiful woodland burial site a few miles out of town. .

It's amazing to think that it's now 10 years since Barry left us, a lot of things have happened in the intervening years, and we wonder what Barry would have made of all the changes we've seen since.

In 1995, the SNGP campaign succeeded in closing down Newchurch Guinea Pig farm, the country's largest suppliers of Guinea Pigs to laboratories. But the string of successes the movement achieved both during and immediately after the hunger strikes were not to last, as the government moved in to offer financial, legal and physical support to their friends in the pharmaceutical industry.

It was fitting that the 10 year anniversary of Barry's death was marked with a demo against Huntingdon, because HLS was also a central feature during the hunger strikes. It was during this time that the infamous 1997 Channel 4 documentary exposed horrific suffering scenes of suffering inside HLS, including the scene showing the workers punching beagle dogs

As a result of the furore created by that programme, the government was forced to withdraw HLS' animal experimentation licence. The company's share price collapsed, and half their customers deserted them. One of the key demands of the hunger strikes was that HLS should lose its licence completely and for around 18 months in 97 and 98, the future of HLS was in the balance.

Knowing what we know about the government's links with the pharmaceutical industry, it came as no surprise that the government eventually did restore their licence, and that the announcement came within days of end of the last hunger strike.

However HLS has never fully recovered from this time, and has been struggling ever since.

Furthermore, the campaign to close HLS would have succeeded many times over in the subsequent years in normal circumstances, but time and again over the years, the government has stepped in rescued the company. Having been shaken by the hunger strikes, the mass protests, the closing down of places like Consort beagles, Hill Grove cats, Shamrock monkeys and later Newchurch Guinea Pigs, the government and the industry have taken the decision that they cannot stand by and watch HLS go the same way.

The fact is that HLS has only kept going with the support of the government. And for government support, read millions of pounds of tax payers money. Using tax payers money to keep afloat a commercial business should be a huge scandal, but over the years we've reached a stage where we've seen so much corruption, that nothing surprises us any more.

And when corruption didn't work, the government turned to oppression instead, and simply rounded up all the organisers of the both the SHAC and the SNGP campaigns and gave them long prison sentences.

They brought in special laws aimed specifically and solely at anti-vivisection campaigners, the only example of such a law anywhere in the world. And our government has the nerve to condemn human rights abuses by regimes in other countries, when it tramples on the rights of its own citizens to protest against cruelty in its own country.

And yet despite all the oppression, and all the corruption, they have failed to achieve what they set out to do. It may still be operating, but HLS is a sham, a company with no bank, no insurance company, no shareholders, which does not even own its own buildings, and which is permanently tens of millions of pounds in debt. And without government backing it's a company with no future.

So 10 years after Barry died, perhaps his greatest legacy is that animals are no longer being bred for torture at Consort Beagles, Hill Grove Cats, Newchurch Guinea Pigs, Shamrock Monkeys and Regal Rabbits. HLS would be closed too were it not for government corruption and oppression.

So for Barry and for all the animals, we keep up the fight, until all are free.



Barry as a child.





Show your support
for those who give
their freedom



contact

Write to UK animal rights prisoners via email

Did you know that it is possible to write to all current AR prisoners in the UK via the "emailprisoner" service for just 25p per letter? It's cheaper, quicker and more convenient than conventional mail. Most UK prisons are either part of the scheme or are set to join in the near future. You have to pay in advance and register with an email address and password. It's a really great way to keep our comrades in touch with the outside world. For example, if you see some news online or in an email, you can just copy and paste the text into an email and send it directly to the prisoner (no attachments though), with some news of your own perhaps? Or why not put a few stories and some news together, as you get 2,500 characters per email.

For more details please see:
www.emailprisoner.com/

Writing to prisoners

We live in a world where profit and property are valued over life and compassion, where those who try to stop suffering are seen as criminals and terrorists because they threaten the economic system and the status quo.

As long as this continues to be the case, it is vital we support those activists who make the ultimate sacrifice. Receiving letters from the outside helps to stop these prisoners feeling isolated and other prisoners are always amazed at the amount of mail animal rights prisoners receive. When you first start up correspondence with a prisoner, try not to ask specific questions, so prisoners don't feel under pressure to give a response.

Please don't feel offended if you don't get a reply, or if a reply is a long time coming, as animal rights prisoners often receive large amounts of mail. They also frequently have ongoing legal matters to deal with, which can be a lengthy process. Consideration must be given to the fact that prisoners may not have time and funds or that they may not feel like writing.

Keep letters positive, talk about what is going on in your daily life or just send a bright card with a short note or a favourite quote. You can buy small packets of cards from many stationers and card shops which are really useful for keeping in touch with the prisoners. They are all very much appreciated and don't forget to send them an SAE. Thank you for your support!

Please send SAEs when you write. Please do not mention anything sensitive or illegal as mail will be read by prison staff.

legacies

There are many ways to help us continue our work, and remembering us in your will is one such way. If you feel you would like to leave us with a donation or sum of money, please consult your solicitor. The following statement can be used as a guide:

" I BEQUEATH TO THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP
PRESENTLY AT BCM 1160, LONDON WC1N 3XX,

THE SUM OF, AND DECLARE THAT THE RECEIPT OF
THE TREASURER OR OTHER AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE SAID SOCIETY
SHALL BE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT DISCHARGE OF SUCH LEGACY. "





uk prisoners

Mel Broughton (A3892AE)

HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Oxford OX25 1WD.

Mel was remanded on 14 December 2007 and was sentenced on 13th February 2009 to 10 years, for conspiracy to commit arson, in connection with the campaign against animal experiments at Oxford University.

Birthday: 5th July

You can email using: www.emailaprisoner.com

Gavin Medd-Hall (A3624AD)

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

In January 2009 Gavin was sentenced to 8 years conspiracy to blackmail in connection with the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences. (One of the UK SHAC 7)

Birthday: 20th March

Visit Gavin's support website at:
www.myspace.com/supportgavin

What you can send: stamps (12 in letter); Self-addressed envelopes, cheques/postal orders made out to 'HMP Headquarters' with Gavin's name and number and sender's details on reverse. (Please remember that Gavin has poor eyesight and will appreciate if you write in clear, large writing). Also you can email using: www.emailaprisoner.com

Heather Nicholson (A3158AJ)

HMP Foston Hall, Foston, Derby, Derbyshire DE65 5DN

Heather is serving 11 years for conspiracy to blackmail in connection with the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences.

Birthday: 30th January

What you can send: Cheques/postal orders made out to 'HMPS', Write Heather's name and number on the back. Stamps & an SAE. Also stationery and blank cards, no parcels. Also you can email using: www.emailaprisoner.com

Sarah Whitehead (A8369CE)

HMP Downview, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5PD

Sarah was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to 6 years on 25-10-10 for conspiracy to blackmail HLS and other companies involved with HLS.

Sarah has been in prison since 30th June 2008, after being sentenced previously to two years for removing a beagle from a garden where it was kept muzzled in a wooden cage and regularly beaten.

Birthday: 12th February

What you can send: Postal orders made out to 'The Governor'. Books, stationery, stamps; an SAE. Write Sarah's name and number on the back.

international prisoners

Mexico

Braulio Arturo Durán González

Braulio Arturo Durán was arrested in September 2010 and is accused of involvement in a series of attacks against banks and other targets. He is being held at the state correctional facility in León awaiting sentencing. Braulio is vegan.

Letters to Braulio can be sent to:
xliberacionxbrauliox@riseup.net

Adrian Magdaleno Gonzales

Arrested in February 2010 and accused of detonating a butane gas bomb in an empty subway car in Mexico City's Taxqueña station. Adrian is held in Mexico City's Santa Marta Acatitla prison. He is also accused of using gas canisters in an explosion at a Banamex bank in September 2009 in Mexico City's Milpa Alta borough, and of involvement in actions claimed by the Frente de Liberación Animal [Animal Liberation Front]. In June 2010, his sentence was increased to 7 years and 11 months. Adrian is vegan.

Write to Adrian at: libertadparaadrian@hushmail.me

Switzerland

Costantino Ragusa

PF 3143, 8105 Regensdorf

Luca Bernasconi

c/o Regionalgefängnis Thun ,Allmendstr. 34, 3600 Thun

Silvia Guerini

c/o Regionalgefängnis Biel, Spitalstrasse 20, 2502 Biel/Bienne

Costantino Ragusa, Silvia Guerini and Luca "Billy" Bernasconi were arrested in Switzerland in April 2010. They were accused of planning to attack an IBM nanotechnology/biotechnology research facility near Zurich. At trial in July 2011, all three were found guilty on charges of transporting explosive materials, and handed prison sentences of more than 3 years each. All three are vegan.

For more information, visit www.silviabillycostaliberi.tk

USA

"Green Scare" Defendants

The term "Green Scare," alluding to the Red Scare of the 1940s and '50s, refers to legal and extralegal actions taken by the U.S. government against environmental and animal rights activists. Like the Red Scare, the Green Scare uses new laws and new arms of the state to harshly punish a few individuals in order to repress an entire movement.

In December 2005, government agents carried out a nationwide sweep of arrests, charging fourteen individuals with actions claimed by the Earth Liberation Front and/or Animal Liberation Front in the Northwestern U.S. dating back to the mid-90's. The actions include a 1997 fire that destroyed a horse slaughterhouse in Oregon (the plant was not rebuilt), and fires that destroyed pens and chutes at Bureau of Land Management wild horse holding compounds in Oregon, Wyoming and California (horses were also freed during the actions). Despite no injury caused to any living being, a judge determined that some of the arsons constituted "terrorism" under Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

In November 2006, Nathan Block, Daniel McGowan, Jonathan Paul and Joyanna Zacher entered non-cooperation plea agreements in which they accepted responsibility for their own roles in environmentally-motivated property crimes, but did not agree to provide information or testify against anyone now or in the future.

Unfortunately, other individuals admitted guilt after their arrests and proceeded to provide information to the government. In order to receive reduced sentences, these individuals agreed to cooperate with the state in ongoing investigations against the environmental and animal rights movements. Those individuals are not listed here.

Nathan Block #36359-086

FCI Lompoc, Federal Correctional Institution, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436, USA

Joyanna Zacher #36360-086

FCI Dublin, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th Street - Camp Parks - Unit E, Dublin, CA 94568, USA

In June 2007, Joyanna Zacher ("Sadie") and Nathan Block ("Exile") were sentenced to 7 years and 8 months imprisonment each. For more information, please contact their support campaign:
solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com.

Daniel McGowan #63794-053

FCI Terre Haute - CMU, P.O. Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808, USA

In June 2007, Daniel McGowan was sentenced to seven years in prison. He was charged in federal court on counts of arson, property destruction and conspiracy, all relating to two actions in Oregon in 2001. Learn more about Daniel at the following websites: www.SupportDaniel.org, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2218416997

Eric McDavid #16209-097

FCI Terminal Island, Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 3007, San Pedro, CA 90731, USA

In September 2007, Eric McDavid was found guilty of conspiracy to sabotage federal facilities in the name of the environment. The government's case was based on the word of an FBI informant who was paid over \$75,000 to fabricate a

crime. Both of Eric's co-defendants testified against Eric in return for a lesser charge. On May 8, 2008, Eric was sentenced to an outrageous 19 years and 7 months in prison for a crime that was never committed. Eric is appealing his conviction. Support website: www.SupportEric.org.

Marie Mason #04672-061

FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center

P.O. Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA

Marie Mason is a long-time environmental and social justice activist and loving mother of two. In March 2008, she was arrested on charges related to Earth Liberation Front actions that occurred in Michigan in 1999 and 2000; no one was injured in the actions. On February 5, 2009, Marie received an outrageous 262 month sentence (a little under 22 years). The sentence was higher than even that asked for by federal prosecutors. Marie's sentence is the longest given to any "Green Scare" defendant to date.

Support websites: <http://supportmariemason.org>, <http://freemarie.org>

Walter Bond #2011-03339

Davis County Jail, PO Box 130
Farmington, UT 84025-0130, USA

In October 2011, Walter Bond was sentenced to seven years in prison for setting fires at the Tandy Leather store and Tiburon restaurant in Salt Lake City in June and July 2010. The sentence is in addition to the five years he received in connection with the April 2010 fire at the Sheepskin Factory in Glendale, Colorado that caused \$500,000 in damages.

Support website: www.supportwalter.org.

Steve Murphy #39013-177

FCI Beaumont Medium
Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 26040

Beaumont, TX 77720

In April 2010, Steve Murphy was sentenced to 5 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges relating to an attempted arson at a luxury housing development construction site in 2006 in Pasadena, California.

Support website: www.supportsteve.org

Justin Solondz #98291-011

FDC SeaTac, Federal Detention Center
P.O. Box 13900, Seattle, WA 98198

In early 2009, Justin was arrested in China on local charges, more than three years after he was indicted on arson and conspiracy charges related to actions in the U.S. claimed by the ELF/ALF in 2001. In July 2011, Justin was taken into federal custody in Chicago upon his expulsion from China, after completing a prison sentence. Justin needs support as he prepares for trial. (Justin has pled not guilty; please do not discuss his case when writing.)

Spanish State Oppression

Five months have passed since the morning of June 22 2011, when Spanish state security forces heavily armed entered the homes of 12 activists from different parts of the Spanish state (Madrid, Asturias, Euskadi and Galicia) and made the arrests, holding three activists in prison for nearly a month.



The day of the arrests the Judge, who was supposed to protect our presumption of innocence, and who is investigating us, called us “eco-terrorists” in the Spanish media.

Five months into the process and the evidence that we are facing an irregular situation is more evident than ever. To this day there is a gagging order on the judicial process which means even the number of defendants, as well as the real reasons that these 12 activists were arrested, is information that we still do not have access to. Something that clearly creates a situation of helplessness.

But not only the activists are aware of the irregularities of this case - the Judge, Vazquez Tain, who is investigating the activists, was notified on November 3 by the High Court of Santiago de Compostela to state the reason for so much secrecy surrounding the case within ten days. The High Court stated that if the Judge doesn't do this, the whole process will go public. This is the second time the Judge has been told to justify his irregular decisions. In July, during the hearing in the Magistrate's Court of Santiago de Compostela, the three activists held on remand in custody won their appeal and were placed on bail after the court decided that the Judge had no reason to keep them in prison.

On the other hand the judge has repeatedly refused to give us back our materials and personal belongings, it must be borne in mind that the day of the arrests dozens of computers, hard disks and cameras were seized, along with a wide range of material used by us daily in our work on behalf of animals. The lack of these materials is making our work even more difficult as we are finding ourselves with a lack of equipment to do even basic things, but what is more shocking is that not even our personal stuff or things belonging to our flatmates and families (people with no relation with the activism) have been given back.

We cannot stress enough how unfair the situation we are living is. From day one, the whole process has been clearly irregular. The day of the arrests the Judge, who was supposed to protect our presumption of innocence, and who is investigating us, called us “eco-terrorists” in the Spanish media. Meanwhile the police and other forces sent press releases blaming us of actions such as the mass release of minks, arsons and other events that the defendants have no relation with. Activists from both organisations carry out actions that would be defined as civil disobedience. That is to say actions - always non-violent - in which people are willing to publicly disobey unjust laws, and assume responsibility for the possible punishments that this could incur.

All this has been denounced and made public, in the hope that the judge Vazquez Tain, who is clearly hostile to the activists, is removed from the case and the repression to the Spanish animal rights movement ceases.



*compassionate people
on every continent -
the movement and
struggle continues
to grow...*



global actions

★ AUGUST

August 10, 2011 - Italy
120 QUAIL FREED

August 10, 2011 - Sweden
BURGER RESTAURANT ADS
DESTROYED

August 11, 2011 - Spain
ALF SAVE 12 RABBITS FROM
SLAUGHTER

August 12, 2011 - Sweden
LEATHER SHOP PAINTED

August 12, 2011 - Germany
MESSAGE PAINTED AGAINST
FACTORY FARM

August 13, 2011 - Sweden
MENUS AT CAFE TORN APART

August 14, 2011 - Sweden
ALF PAINT BUTCHER SHOP RED

August 16, 2011 - Sweden
HOOKS TAKEN, FISHING SUPPLIES
DESTROYED

August 16, 2011 - Sweden
BUTCHER SHOP VISITED BY ALF

August 16, 2011 - Sweden - EXTREME
HOME MAKEOVER FOR FUR SHOP
OWNER

August 17, 2011 - Sweden
LEATHER SHOP BOARDED-UP

August 17, 2011 - Sweden - CIRCUS
MAXIMUM RUNNING OUT OF SIGNS?

August 17, 2011 - Sweden - HUNTING
TOWER TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

August 17, 2011 - Sweden
FISH FRIENDS CUT NETS

August 18, 2011 - Portugal
ZOO VAN VANDALIZED

August 19, 2011 - Germany
ALF SABOTAGE RESEARCH SITE,
FREE HUNDREDS OF FISH

August 20, 2011 - Sweden - ANTI-
ASTRAZENECA, ANTI-HLS GRAFFITI

August 21, 2011 - Sweden
TAR Poured THROUGH MAIL SLOT
AT LEATHER SHOP

August 22, 2011 - UK
MCDONALD'S ARSON

August 23, 2011 - Sweden
MEAT, DAIRY ADS DESTROYED

August 23, 2011 - Sweden
LOCKS GLUED, SLOGANS PAINTED
AT PIZZA HUT

August 24, 2011 - Sweden - ALF FREE
MINK, DESTROY BREEDING CARDS

August 26, 2011 - Ukraine
ANTI-HUNT SABOTAGE IN THE CRIMEA

August 29, 2011 - Ukraine
THREE LOADERS TORCHED

August 30, 2011 - Switzerland
CIRCUS NOT WELCOME

August 31, 2011 - Ukraine
HIGHWAY PROJECT SABOTAGED

August 31, 2011 - Sweden
MEAT STORE VEHICLE TORCHED

★ SEPTEMBER

September 1, 2011 - Sweden
STINK ATTACK ON LEATHER SHOP

September 1, 2011 - USA
FENCING CUT AT ELK FARM

September 3, 2011 - Sweden
MEAT ADS TORN DOWN

September 5, 2011 - Sweden
SLOGAN PAINTED AT MEAT COMPANY,
FAST FOOD RESTAURANT

September 6, 2011 - Sweden
MEAT COMPANY OFFICES COVERED
IN PAINT

September 7, 2011 - Turkey
VILLAGERS RESIST POWER PLANT,
DRILLING VEHICLE BURNED

September 7, 2011 - UK
CIRCUS ATTACKED

September 8, 2011 - Sweden
10 MINK RESCUED FROM FUR FARM

September 8, 2011 - Netherlands
AIR FRANCE-KLM GOLF TOURNAMENT
DISRUPTED

September 9, 2011 - Germany
2,500 SNAILS FREED

September 12, 2011 - Chile
RODEO RING BURNED



August 15, 2011 - Italy
RABBIT FARM CLOSED

August 16, 2011 - Sweden
WINDOWS SMASHED IN AT
BOOKMAKER

August 16, 2011 - Sweden
FISH SHOP PAINTED

September 13, 2011 - Mexico TURTLES
LIBERATED, KFC SET ON FIRE

September 13, 2011 - Spain
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY VAN
TORCHED

September 14, 2011 - USA - HUNDREDS
OF RODENT TRAPS DESTROYED

September 15, 2011 - Sweden
CIRCUSES, FISH SHOP, MCDONALD'S
TARGETED

September 15, 2011 - Sweden
LOCKS GLUED, WINDOW DAMAGED
AT RESTAURANT

September 15, 2011 - Mexico -
ATTEMPTED ARSON AT OSTRICH
FARM

September 16, 2011 - Uruguay -
DOZENS OF RABBITS FREED FROM
FARM IN MONTEVIDEO

September 17, 2011 - Italy - TRUCK
DESTROYED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE

September 20, 2011 - Sweden -
STONES PUT THROUGH WINDOWS AT
MCMURDER

September 21, 2011 - Chile - ALF PAY A
RETURN VISIT TO RODEO RING



September 22, 2011
Chile - RABBIT LIBERATED

September 25, 2011 - Chile - BOMB
EXPLODES OUTSIDE OFFICES OF
CHILE'S LARGEST MEAT PRODUCER

September 26, 2011 - USA
FUR COMPANY BURNS

September 27, 2011 - Chile - ALF
SABOTAGE EXPLOITIVE BUSINESSES

September 27, 2011 - USA - HUNDREDS
OF MINK FREED FROM CAGES

September 29, 2011 - Sweden
THREE HOURS OF GRAFFITI



September 30, 2011 - Spain -
INSPECTION BECOMES
LIBERATION

★ OCTOBER

October 3, 2011 - Italy
ARSON ATTACK ON MCDONALD'S

October 4, 2011 - cyberspace
DATA DUMP, DEFAACEMENT OF FUR
STORE WEBSITE

October 4, 2011 - UK
LOCKS GLUED AT MCDONALD'S

October 5, 2011 - UK
WINDOWS SMASHED AT MCDONALD'S

October 8, 2011 - Italy
THOUSANDS OF PHEASANTS FREED

October 9, 2011 - USA
FUR FARM RAID

October 10, 2011 - Sweden - WINDOW
SHATTERED, TAR THROWN INTO MEAT
STORE



October 7, 2011 - Norway
WHALER SUNK

October 11, 2011 - France - DELAYED
REPORT: FIRE AT HOME OF FORMER
MATADOR, BULLFIGHTING APOLOGIST

October 12, 2011 - Germany - FIRES
DAMAGE FACTORY FARM UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

October 13, 2011 - USA - MINK
RESCUED FROM FUR FARM;
"FREEDOM IS THEIR BIRTHRIGHT"

October 18, 2011 - Sweden
KIOSK SELLING MEAT TORCHED

October 19, 2011 - UK
CIRCUS TRUCKS VANDALIZED

October 20, 2011 - Sweden
VIDEO RELEASED FROM KIOSK FIRE

October 20, 2011 - Sweden
WINDOWS SMASHED AT PIZZERIA

October 20, 2011 - USA - ADDITIONAL
FOOTAGE OF FREED MINK

October 21, 2011 - Canada -
VANCOUVER FUR STORE COVERED IN
PAINT

October 22, 2011 - Italy - 12 HENS
RESCUED FROM A 'CAGE-FREE' FARM

October 24, 2011 - Spain
ATTACK ON BETTING SHOP

October 24, 2011 - Spain
OPEN RESCUE OF 5 HENS

October 26, 2011 - Italy - WINDOWS
BROKEN ON HUNTERS' CARS

October 27, 2011 - Sweden
100 MINK RELEASED

October 28, 2011 - UK - SLOGANS
PAINTED AGAINST CAMBRIDGE
VIVISECTOR

October 29, 2011 - Spain
ANOTHER BETTING SHOP TARGETED

October 31, 2011 - USA - HOME VISIT
FOR HLS COLLABORATOR

NOVEMBER

November 1, 2011 - Sweden
COMMUNIQUE FOR MINK FARM RAID

November 2, 2011 - UK - HOLES SHOT
INTO BUTCHER SHOP WINDOWS

November 2, 2011 - Sweden -
MCDONALD'S ADVERTISEMENTS
RUINED



November 3, 2011 - Czech Republic
15 HENS SAFE AFTER OPEN
RESCUE



November 4, 2011 - Chile - MEAT
COMPANY GRAFFITIED, IN
MEMORY OF BARRY HORNE

November 2, 2011 - Germany
HUNTING CABINS PUT OUT OF USE

November 3, 2011 - Italy -
ALF SABOTAGE PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPANY

November 4, 2011 - Sweden - ALF PAY
A VISIT TO ASTRAZENECA EXECUTIVE

November 4, 2011 - UK - WINDOWS
BROKEN AT SHOP SELLING FUR

November 5, 2011 - Sweden
CAR PAINT-STRIPPED AT HOME OF
ANOTHER ASTRAZENECA EXEC

November 6, 2011 - Bolivia
ALF BOLIVIA!

November 7, 2011 - Italy
MCDONALD'S ATTACKED; ACTION
DEDICATED TO BARRY HORNE

November 7, 2011 - Sweden
EXCAVATORS VANDALIZED, SET ON
FIRE

November 8, 2011 - Sweden
2000 MINK DYED WITH HENNA

November 8, 2011 - Bolivia
SMOKE BOMBS CLOSE BURGER KING

November 10, 2011 - Sweden
ANOTHER EXCAVATOR VANDALIZED

November 11, 2011 - Sweden BUTCHER
SHOP CLOSSES



November 12, 2011
France - DOZENS OF CIRCUS
POSTERS DESTROYED

November 12, 2011 - UK
BOMB SCARE AT HLS CUSTOMER
ASTRAZENECA



November 13, 2011 - Poland
HUNTING ASSOCIATION
ATTACKED

November 14, 2011 - Sweden
MFAH TORCH CAR AT HOME OF
ASTRAZENECA EXECUTIVE

November 14, 2011 - Spain - WINDOWS
SMASHED AT BETTING SHOP

November 15, 2011 - Sweden -
ANOTHER ASTRAZENECA CAR GOES
UP IN FLAMES

November 17, 2011 - Sweden
FUR COATS DESTROYED

November 18, 2011 - Brazil - ARSON AT
ANIMAL LAB UNDER CONSTRUCTION





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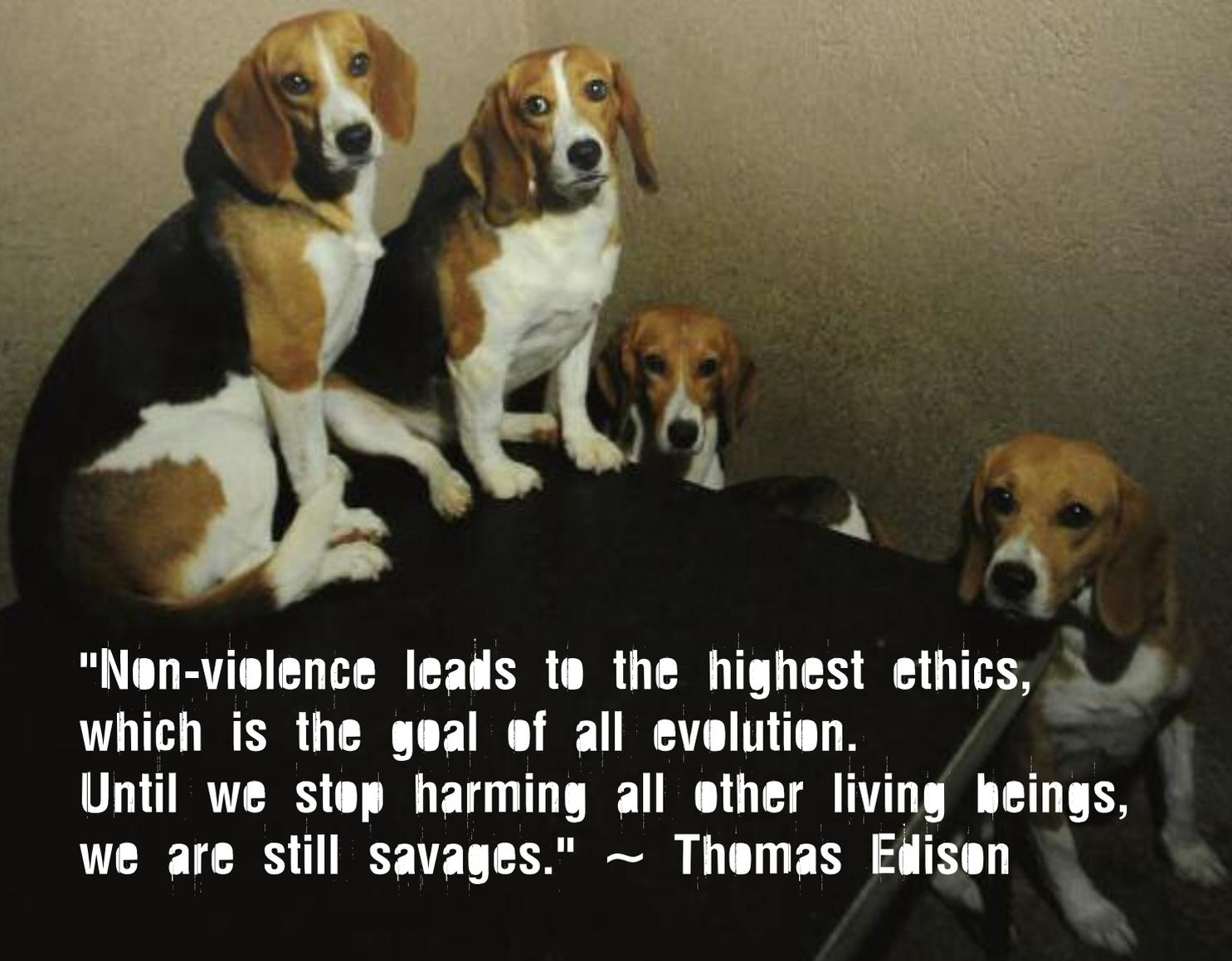
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**"Non-violence leads to the highest ethics,
which is the goal of all evolution.
Until we stop harming all other living beings,
we are still savages." ~ Thomas Edison**