

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP

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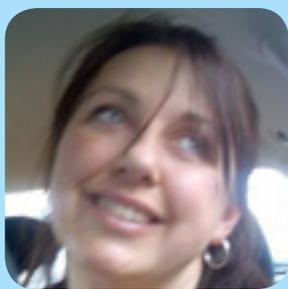
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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the SG Newsletter. Prison support is not exciting or sexy, but it is very important for those prisoners on the inside. It is a vital part of the whole animal liberation movement, or any movement in fact. As without that support for its political prisoners any social movement is destined to fail. You only have to read a letter from a prisoner to see how much that support is needed and appreciated. It shows people that support will be there for them if or when a situation arises.

Individual activists who do make that choice, risk their liberty for the animals we are all fighting for. Prison support shows that we are not complacent and realise deep down that there is a lot to do and a lot more to risk for us to reach our goals of total liberation for all.

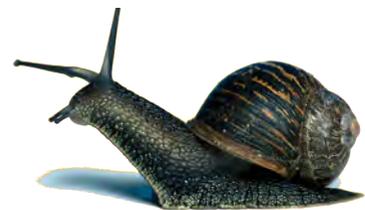
No social movement can win without these 'growing pains'. As we become more effective and grow globally, we will have more and more pressure and repression from those in governments and from vested interests. This can only be done by taking risks and pulling out the stops and redoubling our efforts. We have to rise to these new challenges and not shy away from our moral responsibilities to do the best we can for those animals if we want to see real change, which can only come about through continued pressure against the animal abuse industries and governments that perpetuate the speciesist status quo.

It is humbling to see activists in other countries like Russia, Columbia, Mexico and even China with worse human rights records than western countries taking up the fight for our non-human fellow beings. We can only be inspired by their selfless acts and we must always remember that we live very comfortable lives compared to those that we fight for. We will very rarely have to live in the horrific conditions during our lifetime that non-human animals have to endure. This is mentioned in Sean Kirtley's letter further on in this newsletter and we can in turn be inspired by those in prison or fighting in other countries all over the world.

Repression and unjust human 'laws' are not something we can avoid or somehow skirt around, it is an inevitable part of the struggle which we are going to have plough through to reach the other side and our ultimate goal of a world where animals are no longer used and abused for human ends. Now is the time to move forward.

Thanks for your continued support.

If you wish to join the ALF SG you can use the form on the back cover of this newsletter or obtain more details from: ALF SG, BM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX or email us at: info@alfsg.org.uk, website: www.alfsg.org.uk



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



Czech Rep

Broiler chicks rescued from intensive factory farm system.



Another 13 chickens 'rehomed' by Czech activist from battery unit.



Czech Rep

17 more chickens liberated from battery cages.



Spain

8 lambs rescued from slaughter dedicated to Sarah Whitehead.



Spain

A Maggie flies free, after being released from it's prison.



4 lambs rescued and taken to safety in memory of Barry Horne.



Mexico

A young rabbit finds freedom from it's captors.



Ducks and hens rescued in memory of Barry Horne.



New Zealand

A lamb and a goat liberated from their fate before going to a slaughter house.



UK

Numerous turkeys and hens liberated to safe, life-long homes.

Liberations in the past four months in Spain, USA, France, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden, UK, Italy, Mexico, Holland, Greece, New Zealand and Uruguay.

Other actions in UK, Italy, Mexico, USA, Ireland, Canada, Chile, Germany, Luxemburg, Uruguay, Australia, France, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Belgium and New Zealand.

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



ABOUT THE SG

Changes in the SG over the past 30 years

by Ronnie Lee

I sometimes find it hard to believe that the ALF Supporters Group has been in existence for 30 years!

It doesn't seem much longer ago than yesterday when I was approached by a group of ALF supporters who had the idea of forming the SG.

These people were unable, for various reasons, to be activists, but wanted to give whatever help they could to those who were risking their freedom fighting on the front line for animal liberation.

The ALF (previously known as the Band of Mercy) had already been in existence for half a decade and several activists had already been imprisoned for causing damage to animal abuse establishments.

The group approached me, as I was ALF Press Officer at the time, and after discussing the idea with other former ALF activists, the ALF SG was launched.

From small beginnings, the SG grew rapidly and membership was soon into the thousands.

The SG newsletter started off as a few pages printed on a supporter's Roneo machine and eventually evolved into a photocopied publication that contained photos and was skillfully laid-out (with much use of Letraset, as there were no PCs in those days).

A far cry from today's professionally-printed magazine and, in a different way, the SG itself was a very far cry in those days from what it is now.

That's because the ALF Supporters Group, in the early years of its existence, did much more than just give welfare support to imprisoned activists.

The scope of the group included all non-active support and there were even schemes whereby supporters could directly fund ALF actions, including sponsoring such things as crowbars and bolt cutters (and receiving framed certificates containing details of the raid in which their sponsored item was used!).

The newsletter itself was also very different, with articles exhorting people to take direct action against animal abuse and even containing illustrated guides on how to carry out a raid.

The tone of the newsletter was quite frequently illustrated by its provocative front titles, such as *"Devastate to Liberate"*, *"More Sacks and Violence"* and *"Gotcha!"* (accompanied by a photo of some burnt-out animal abusers' vehicles).

All this was, of course, technically illegal, but those involved in running the SG didn't give much thought to that, as there appeared to be a total lack of police interest in the organisation.

Sadly, all this changed in 1985, when a police raid on the SG's office in Hammersmith led to the conviction and imprisonment of some of the people involved in running the SG, on charges of incitement to cause arson and criminal damage.

As a result of this, the SG was forced to limit its activities solely to prisoner support and great care is now taken in the production of the newsletter in order to keep within the 'law'.

Despite the ALF SG having, perhaps, become a rather less exciting organisation than it was in its heady early days, it still has a vital role to play in supporting those good people who have given their freedom to protect animals.

This is even more important in these times of state repression of the animal rights movement, where jail sentences are not just limited to those who damage animal abuse property, but have also been handed out to animal rescuers, demonstrators and, in some cases, even to those who write letters.

Despite this current climate, I live in hope that 30 years of the SG is 30 years closer to the day when the prison doors will slam shut on the abusers of animals rather than on their liberators.

And when that day comes I shall be first in line to throw away the key!

Write to UK animal rights prisoners via email

Did you know that it is possible to write to many prisoners in the UK via the "emailprisoner" service for just 25p per letter, 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 it into an email and send it directly to the prisoner, 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.

These prisoners can already receive emails:

Dan Amos (HMP Guys Marsh)

Natasha Avery (HMP Send)

Nicole Vosper & Sarah Whitehead (HMP Bronzefield)

Kerry Whitburn (HMP Lowdham Grange)

Dan Wadham (Camp Hill, will be available "soon")

Soon it should be possible to write to them all. On the website there's a list of prisons you can write to, to urge them to introduce the scheme as well. For more details see: www.emailprisoner.com

Letters

Dan Amos - HMP Guys Marsh

I hope that you are all keeping well. I know that I am since my return from HMP Ford which was an altogether dreadful place! It's an easy life here at Guys Marsh, where I have a single cell, en-suite shower and access to the gym seven times a week. To say that I'm pleased to be back would be a major understatement! So I think that some thanks are in order to the police for arranging my swift return to the holiday camp that is HMP Guys Marsh.

Life plods along here slowly but surely with nothing much happening, though I'm now a wing gardener which means I can go to the gym a lot, but is quite a lot of work as my predecessor seems to have had even less experience than me and had clearly never heard of weeding!

Thanks to the hard work of the VPSG I can now order from Honesty and Holland & Barrett, which makes a huge difference and makes prison even easier, if that is possible! - Respect, Dan

Nicole Vosper - HMP Bronzefield

Hey everyone,

Everything is much the same here in Bronzefield. Sarah is still putting me to shame in the gym! We're doing lots of circuits and weight training, which is great fun ;). I'm still out working in the gardens, getting lots of fresh air and enjoying this beautiful autumnal climate. I've been sneaking out toast for the crows and they certainly make a racket whenever I forget!

It looks like Sarah and I will be here way into next year, awaiting sentencing, so at least I still have the pleasure of her company until then. We barely knew each other when I first came in and now I couldn't imagine life without her!

My permaculture and plant studies are going well and I still relish all this time to focus and learn. The novelty of not worrying about bills or paying the rent has still not worn off; saying that, I'd rather be out there fighting with you guys, in a heartbeat.

I want to take this opportunity to say how brilliant the British AR prisoner support movement is, all the work of the VPSG and ALFSG and now ARPS really is outstanding and I hope prisoner solidarity organisers abroad can take inspiration from the dedication and hard work of all those involved.

My deepest thanks also to all those closest to me - you know who you are, your love and support is more than

I could ever wish for. Thanks also to all you kind people who take the time to write, it really means the world. And to all of you still kicking ass on the outside, keep up the good work.

Much love to all, until all are free - Nicole xxx

A note from Sean...

Dear friends,

Well thanks to Lord Justice Hooper on September 17th at the court of appeal I made it out of the prison system, not without time.

The final nail that was hammered into the prosecution's 'argument' was when they could not name anybody that I was supposed to have conspired with, so my conviction was quashed there and then. At that point I was in disbelief so I bugged the screw who was sat next to me for absolute confirmation, he did a good job too there and then but of course my mind was still fixed on returning to the horrible shit hole HMP Brixton so I saved the elation until I heard it from my barrister.

I got out of the court building after all the formalities of being released were complete, free train ticket in my grubby hand, left two bin bags of belongings behind at the court and asked them to be trashed, duvet, magazines etc I didn't want to bring the stench of prison home with me, fuck that.

After thanking the legal team (Bindmans LLP) it was straight to the pub across the road from the courts with a friend for a swift half before jumping into a taxi to Paddington station and the long ride back to where I belong.

The train couldn't go fast enough for me. Once again listening to the incessant chat on mobile phones, stupid ring tones and people having conversation with people who weren't on the train .. the usual impersonal bollocks that is the "technological age", crap.

Ghostly Conspiracies

I did often ponder in those small hours in my various cells in various prisons who I may have conspired with, Jesus? The holy ghost? Superman? All the mythical and religious figures came to mind, I settled on Jesus, we must have done a good job "together" to be in this predicament.

Myself and my now realised co-conspirator just got on with the sometimes dreary prison industrial estate existence but had plenty, and I mean plenty of laughs along the way with fellow inmates. I was never alone

inside, not for a moment, someone was looking after me from day one right until the bitter end, for which I'm eternally grateful.

Lessons Learnt

All in all I had seventeen pad mates, yes seventeen over the sixteen months of my stay at HMP! These lads ranged from a manic schizophrenic Rastafarian who showed me the ropes early on to young 'uns with attention deficit disorders to lads on suicide watch (I wasn't allowed a razor in the cell!) even a vegetarian who later went vegan for four and a half months whilst we were sharing a cell. Another lad I met also took the vegan option after some enlightening conversations.

Prison is a dirty nasty ghetto which creates a mad atmosphere where everyone alleviates the boredom by taking the piss out of each other, play fighting, gambling, wheelin' and dealin' in whatever you can get your hands on etc, it's like a huge social club where you just let go and don't get easily offended and accept others the time really does fly by.

This attitude helped me where it came to missing my loved ones. Some good friends were made along the way that I'll never forget.

Two things I did nurture and develop in prison were tolerance and patience which I know will be with me for the rest of my days. You have to tolerate so many kinds of different people, their attitudes and ways, and you have to be so patient knowing that you're in for a while plus the system is so deliberately slow in there.

The slightest 'request' takes days, weeks, sometimes months! So I didn't ask for much at all unless it was an emergency which usually constituted a lack of toilet roll in the middle of the night!

Vegan Prisoner Support

To be a vegan in prison is tough at first but the place to be if you want to lose weight (I lost 1 1/4 stones) some prisons being well versed in vegan catering others obviously had a lack of vegan guests so had limited knowledge.

This situation is where the Vegan Prisoners Support Group really kick in and help educate the kitchen staff and governors as to what are the essential components of the vegan diet and do everything in their power to make sure you get what you need.

Here the VPSG truly are a mighty force backing you all the way, helping out whenever any difficulty arises regarding vegan issues. As well as the support from the VPSG there is of course The Vegan Society who also play an important role looking after your wellbeing whilst inside.

The Vegan Society would regularly send VEG 1 multivitamins which I'd pick up from reception where there would usually be a stand off between different screws on whether I was allowed them or not! Never the less I always came away with these 'boosters' and always had a good stash of them in my cell.

There's so many people with heavy colds or flu in prison it's hard for the average person to avoid falling ill, these ailments are like a constant pandemic on the inside, thankfully I avoided being constantly ill and put that down to my VEG 1 supplement!

In the early days before I started to receive the supplement I did have one heavy dose of killer flu which lasted about a month and contracted a couple of styes around the eyes which are usually related to being run down which stood to good reason given my predicament.

When I arrived in HMP Stafford there were a couple of vegans I made contact with (fake ones at that, they were only after the weekly vegan pack that could be exchanged for tobacco etc).

I received my first 'vegan pack' almost straight away and was horrified to see that included were only five small Alpro soya milks for the entire week! This is how it always had been in Stafford I learnt.

Seeing my health was on the line and that of any other real vegans in the prison I passed a message on to the VPSG who immediately took action and informed the prison that the recommended weekly amount is fourteen small Alpro soya milks.

The following week every pack had fourteen soya milks included, even the fake vegans couldn't believe their luck! That's how it stayed in Stafford and still to this day (I imagine!!) ..the VPSG had changed things for the better.

The Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group also played a great part in ensuring that my stay at HMP was as comfortable as possible, enough said. They deserve a medal too!

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Born to be wild and free...

Mink are wild, solitary animals, whose life on fur farms is reduced by the 'farmer' to a walking fur coat. Fur farms totally suppress any natural behavioural instincts of the mink, resulting in self-mutilation, cannibalism and psychotic behaviour.



In the past two months there have been mink liberations in the USA, Spain, France, Holland, Italy, Denmark and Sweden...

Letters

Sean's letter continued from page 7...

It's raining letters, cards, postcards and love!

Receiving visits was always the best and I had plenty of them throughout. All of my co-defendants from the conspiracy trial regularly visited, plus other faces from the Animal Liberation Movement and of course from my family which I cherished. I always held my head up high and buzzed for days on end after these visits. Visits in prison are the business no doubt about it and play a great part in a prisoners mental wellbeing.

The amount of correspondence I received in the three nicks I spent time at was phenomenal, uplifting and essential! Some screws hated it as they delivered letter after letter under the cell door virtually on a daily basis. Poor bastards (not!).

"You're very popular for a "convicted" criminal Kirtley" one sneered (little did he know where I'd be sitting now!) others just took the piss. The screws took the piss, but then again so did we which evened things out.

So I spent virtually all of my free time replying to every letter that I received. Luckily all my cell mates were happy that I could chat shit and write at the same time bless' em! Thank you from the heart to everyone who wrote and even to those who thought about writing (but didn't have the minerals – you know who you are! ha-ha).

My personal account was always full of cash too thanks to constant generous donations from supporters.

I can just say the support from 'the outside' was incredible, so please, please pick up a pen and paper today and continue to support our comrades that are still 'behind enemy lines'. You don't know what a letter means until you've been in the prison environment, each letter gives that momentary burst of elation just when it's needed and that's exactly what we want our incarcerated brothers and sisters to feel every day.

Our non-human family behind enemy lines

Every few days in prison I'd sit silent in my cell and connect with those holed up inside the cells of laboratories, those imprisoned on factory farms, in zoos, circuses, fish farms, fur farms, you know the score. I'd look around me, see all my provisions, the colour TV in the corner, the food in the cupboard, my bunk with its blankets, see my cell mate doing whatever and it just didn't compare in the slightest to the hell that our non-human family suffer.

The ever present image and a haunting feeling of the Nazi concentration camps was always present in my mind in regards to mass non-human animal incarceration and torture, which was a far cry from the situation I was in.

So at any point where I felt myself even beginning to feel sorry about my circumstances I'd knock it on the head and just say to myself "get fucking real".

That never really stopped the occasional real tear from falling usually late at night when I was alone when I did contemplate 'the non-human prisons' and the torture of existence within these hell holes.

Human prison just doesn't even begin to compare...

Back on 'the out'

So I hoped I may have helped in some little way in explaining how I personally viewed prison and indeed how I learned to cope day by day.

Since being out in the larger world again I've been spending loads of time with my partner, family, canine friend and human friends. Eating so much real vegan food it's stupid. I'm going through about a loaf of whole grain bread a day! And of course drinking my fair share of my fave beverage .. water (ok, ok, Special Brew! But not half as much as I consumed before the trial – that was just pre-trial nerves!)

There won't be any compo coming my way as 'fresh evidence' wasn't used to overturn my conviction so their purses remain stitched shut, no real surprise there. It rests in the hands of the court of appeal right now as to whether or not I can claim my pre-trial expenses back.

The campaign against Sequani vivisection labs continues to grow and get stronger, in fact the authorities have made it so much stronger it seems by banging me up! New faces are now joining the campaign against animal torture on the Bromyard Road in Ledbury. Things are looking up.

Thank you for your time in reading this and for your support, sincerely.

Love, Solidarity, Anarchy and Total Liberation!
Sean Kirtley

Dan Wadham - HMP Camp Hill

Dear Everyone

I really just want to say a huge thank you to all the people supporting us lot in prison - in particular the ALF SG, VPSG and ARPS are all deserving of my eternal gratitude for all their work and solidarity.

Also I want to extend my thanks to my dear friends Jo and Keith who have been so amazing to me since prison life began and also throughout the trial.

As for life at Camp Hill - the name says it all really. I'm now working as editor for the prison magazine and am helping to coordinate all the prisoner rep groups such as Violence Reduction, Race Equality, Wing Reps, etc.

The main thing I'm currently focussed on is training to run a 26 mile marathon in aid of the heroes at Sea Shepherd - if anyone can help publicise and collect sponsors for me please get in touch.

With Love
Dan x

Kerry Whitburn - HMP Lowdham Grange

Hello again!

Hope you are all fine and dandy, and in good health and spirit. I'm not going to talk about prison - in fact, I very rarely do - as it's mundane and monotonous, so not really worth sharing with you. But what I am going to share with you all are just some of the wonderful and amusing (well, I think they are!) memories of certain situations I encountered during protests. As I've said on numerous occasions, I reflect/reminisce on a daily basis; this may be on a historical subject, such as events in my childhood, or on a futuristic level if I am thinking of post release plans. It may be about THAT PARTICULAR DAY'S events, or simply on occasion a more recent past. But sometimes I ponder about the beautiful partner, and the BEST friends anybody could hope for, I met during campaigning.

Inevitably these thoughts evoke memories of pure joy, warmth, appreciation and amusement. I say amusement NOT because I find the reasons for campaigning amusing but due to certain situations that can arise from such.

Like the day a non-campaigning friend allowed his ladder to be used for two of us to climb onto the roof of a particular laboratory-linked company in

Birmingham City Centre at 6.30am. Once we were up he went on his way to work with his ladder - with a promise to return at 3pm for us to leave the roof after making our point. Unfortunately he DID NOT return at 3pm, so a phone call was made to him at 4pm in which he revealed the job was bigger than he thought so could we get somebody else to help us down? I never did discover WHO it was who phoned the fire brigade, but my first embarrassment was turned to devastation when I appeared on the local evening news, being helped from a roof by an angry fireman! Oh, absolutely NOTHING mentioned about WHY we were up on the roof, just that "Two Animal Rights protestors had to be LIFTED TO SAFETY(?!) by the fire brigade!".

Then there was the 'lock on' at a major bank in London, where the stainless steel bicycle 'D locks' were 'situated' around our necks and also through the door handles of the bank. It is bizarre how such an action can cause so much panic amongst staff and security guards. But THEIR panic was insignificant when compared to MY panic a few hours later. Yes, one of the group thought it an excellent idea that, once the bar was locked across the arched part of the lock, thus rendering us immovable - we should hand the keys to a mobile protestor to dispose of however he deemed fit. That way we would not be in possession of keys should the police choose to search us whilst we were seated in a locked on position. Great idea, as this would mean the fire brigade (AGAIN? OH NO!) would be required to remove the locks from around our necks and this could take hours. Well it DID take them TWO HOURS to realise, but sadly the bank's security realised they could remove the door handles by unscrewing them from INSIDE the bank! So after much huffing and puffing, the handles were removed then UNHOOKED from our 'D Locks'. We were escorted AWAY from the area and left by the docks - STILL with the soddin' locks around our necks!

To make the situation worse the clever sod who recommended disposing of the keys promptly dug into an inside pocket and produced HIS SPARE KEY, enabling the swift removal his lock! Anyway, after spending the next few hours visiting every locksmith, shoe repairer (they have grinders and we were desperate!) and hardware shop in London, we managed to find a local car repair garage who were 'brutally' able to remove the locks. I say brutally, as the method used was one of tightening the locks in a vice and simply HAMMERING the bar off! This involved the usage of a very large hammer and the closing tight of eyes, seeing as each of us were close to at least losing an ear every time a blow was struck due to the closeness of the swinging hammer!

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Letters

Kerry's letter continued from page 11...

Finally I will share one more memory that I find amusing, though this has two parts. For those of you who regularly attended demonstrations at Newchurch Farm, I imagine you will know which particular PC I am referring to! Yes there was ONE particularly biased and obnoxious police constable regularly policing the protests - well, I use the term 'policing' EXTREMELY loosely - and he enjoyed issuing regular protestors with his hand written 'made up' Harassment warnings. So, after a solicitor had informed us such warnings were unlawful we decided to refuse them. Now, when I say refuse I mean turn away from him and ignore him when he was attempting to issue them. Hilariously, my friend decided SHE had to convince him his pathetic warnings meant nothing. So, on one cold and frosty morning, about 8am and late winter, none of us were in the mood for his bolshy attitude. One by one we all turned away refusing to acknowledge his written harassment warning. But NO, not my friend - SHE ATE IT!. YES, she snatched the sheet from him, screwed it up, shoved it in her mouth and, following a couple of minutes of chewing while he stood looking on in bewilderment, she then swallowed it! "WHAT warning?", she asked, before walking off!

Later that same day, the same PC followed four of us as we travelled in a car. Somehow, we found ourselves lost and, quite coincidentally, on the driveway of a family friend with connections to Newchurch. PC 'Biker Boy' pulled up along side the car (before we were able to get out and ask him for directions, as we were lost) and told the driver to lower the window. As she did he bellowed the now the infamous Section 42 warning at us; a 'law' which had been droned at us so many times at Newchurch that we knew it better than the CPS. The main protagonist of issuing Section 42 warnings WAS - YES you've guessed it, this 'Biker Boy', who also 'got off' on issuing false harassment warnings. So within ten seconds of his Section 42 warning even beginning he was met by four faked and exaggerated orgasms, with the climax being; "AAAH YEEEEAH, OOOH YES! UNDER SECTION 42 OF THE OOOH YEEEEAH AAAAAH...! After much mirthfulness from within the car and a glance of total disgust from the PC in question, we suddenly realised how to find our way home and left! Strangely he NEVER issued any more harassment notices and was very sparing in the amount of Section 42 warnings he gave, following that day!

Anyway those are just THREE of the many, many, MANY wonderful and amazing and amusing memories I enjoy from campaigning. Never forget, no matter how bad a day may seem the MAJORITY of us can always cheer up by visiting our memories. Sadly, there are many inhabitants of THIS WORLD who aren't as lucky as us... THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE WONDERFUL AND BEAUTIFUL AND AMAZING AND AMUSING MEMORIES, LET ALONE ENJOY THEM!

Thank you for reading my memories, I hope you enjoyed them as much as I do! Thank you and HUGE appreciation to EVERYONE who has (and continues to do so) supported me.

BIG HUGS AND DEEP LOVE

KERRY xx

UK Prisoners

Jonny Ablewhite (TB4885) - Moved, 29/08/09.

HMP Hewell, Hewell Lane, Redditch, Worcs B97 6QS. 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, 13/08/09.

HMP & YOI Guys Marsh, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0AH. In January 2009 Dan was sentenced to 4 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 19th November

Gregg Avery (TA7450) - Moved, 04/02/09.

HMP Coldingley, Shaftesbury Road, Bisley, Woking, Surrey GU24 9EX. In January 2009 Gregg was sentenced to 9 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 5th December

Natasha Avery (A5180AD) - New number, 12/10/09.

HMP Send, Ripley Road, Woking, Surrey GU23 7LJ. In January 2009 Natasha was sentenced to 9 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 28th December

Mel Broughton (A3892AE) - New number, 28/09/09.

HMP Frankland, Brasside, Durham, County Durham
DH1 5YD.

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

Heather Nicholson (VM4859) - Moved, 08/07/09.

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

In January 2009 Heather was sentenced to 11 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 30th January

Gavin Medd-Hall (WV9475) - Moved, 04/02/09.

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

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

Gerrah Selby - In January 2009 Gerrah was sentenced to 4 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. For various reasons she would prefer that her prison address not be distributed at the moment. If you want to leave comments of support they can be sent into her at her support page: www.myspace.com/supportgerrah

Nicole Vosper (VM9385)

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

Nicole Vosper entered a plea at Winchester Crown Court on 16/03/09 to charges of conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns and was remanded in custody. Birthday 15th February

Dan Wadham (A5705AA)

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

In January 2009 Dan was sentenced to 5 years for conspiracy 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, Middlesex. TW15 3JZ

Sarah has now entered a plea at Winchester Crown Court to charges of conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns and was remanded in custody. Birthday: 12th February

International Prisoners

Tre Arrow #70936-065

FCI Herlong, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 800, Herlong, CA 96113, USA. Serving a 7 and a half year sentence for involvement with campaigning against logging. Tre is also an AR activist. www.trearrow.org
Birthday: 9th January

Nathan Block, #36359-086

FCI Lompoc, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436, USA. Sentenced to 7 years and 8 months. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - e-mail: solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com) Birthday: 6th March

Jacob Conroy - Released to Halfway house, 07/11/09

SHAC 7 prisoner Jake Conroy has been released from federal prison to a halfway house in the Bay Area. Jake sends his thanks for all the support he had while he was inside - www.supportJake.org Birthday: 3rd February

Lauren Gazzola 93497-011

FCI Danbury, Route #37, 33 1/2 Pembroke Road, Danbury, CT 06811, USA. Sentenced to 4 years, 4 months. , one of the SHAC 7 (now 2) prisoners - www.supportlauren.com
Birthday: 1st May

Alex Hall, #2009-06304

Davis County Jail, 800 West State St, Farmington, UT 84025, USA. Remanded on alleged mink liberations. www.supportbjandalex.com Birthday: May 5th

Kevin Kjonaas 93502-011

FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072, USA. Sentenced to 6 years. , one of the SHAC 7 (now 2) prisoners - www.shac7.com/kevin/index.htm Birthday: 31st October

Marie J Mason #04672-061 - Moved, 19/03/09.

FCI Waseca, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 1731, Waseca, MN 56093, USA. Sentenced on 5th Feb 2009 to 21 years, 10 months for ELF/ALF actions. <http://supportmariemason.org> Birthday: 26th January

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Eric McDavid X-2972521 7E128

FCI Victorville, Medium II, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 5300, Adelanto, CA 92301, USA. Sentenced to just under 20 years for conspiring to think about actions! (Part of an FBI sting operation) www.supporteric.org 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 7 years for his part in two arsons and his role in an ELF/ALF conspiracy. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - www.supportdaniel.org) Birthday: 7th October

Kevin Olliff, #1300931

TTCF 161 D-Pod, 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA. He was unjustly arrested on 3 year old protest charges and now faces 10 felony counts. <http://www.supportkevin.org/> Birthday: 27th March

Jonathan Paul, #07167-085

FCI Phoenix, Federal Correctional Institution, 37910 N 45th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85086, USA. Sentenced to 51 months for his part in two arsons in an ELF/ALF conspiracy. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - www.supportjonathan.org) 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.

William James Viehl, #2009-05735

Davis County Jail, 800 West State St., Farmington, UT 84025, USA. William is awaiting sentencing after making a non-cooperating plea bargain regarding mink liberation actions. www.supportbjandalex.com Birthday: May 19th

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. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - www.supportbriana.org)

Joyanna Zacher, #1662550

Lane County Jail, 101 West 5th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, USA. Sentenced to 7 years and 8 months. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - e-mail: solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com) Birthday: 25th January

More Grand Jury resisters

Carrie Feldman and Scott DeMuth are young activists from Minneapolis, MN, who were subpoenaed to a federal grand jury in Iowa investigating animal rights 'vandalism' from 2004. They are refusing to cooperate with the grand jury, and are now in jail (since 17th November) for civil contempt of court. As of 19th November, Scott has been indicted for conspiracy under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. Read more about Carrie and Scott: <http://davenportgrandjury.wordpress.com/>

You can write e-letters and send them to us at: davenportgrandjury@riseup.net. You can also send physical mail to them at the addresses below. (please check their support site for mail guidelines)

(Carrie) **Carolyn Feldman** - Washington County Jail, 2185 Lexington Blvd. PO Box 6, Washington, IA 52353, USA

Scott DeMuth - Muscatine County Jail Inmate, c/o "Scott DeMuth", 400 Walnut Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761, USA

Dutch prisoners (alleged mink liberation)

At the beginning of November 2009 we reported that a German woman had been arrested in Holland at a mink farm where 5,000 mink had allegedly been released from the farm.

We can now report that a second Dutch woman has also been arrested and she has also been remanded into custody. For legal reasons we can't name either of the women. Please e-mail urgent letters of support to them, they can be sent to:

German women remanded 01-11-09, email support: holland@die-tierbefreier.der

Dutch women remanded 17-11-09, email support: dbf-sg@riseup.net

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