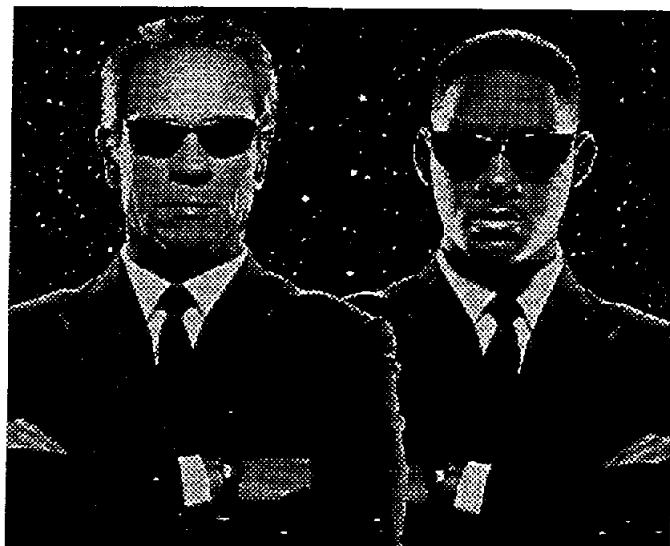


# Good Guys Dress in Black...

by Anon.



I would like to propose a 'dress code' for demonstrations. Already several hunt sab groups are using this tactic and adopting a policy of all wearing the same clothing. This has been shown to be a highly effective and useful thing to do.

The main reason is that it makes it difficult for activists to be identified individually, either by the police or by animal abusers. This doesn't necessarily mean that someone will have done something illegal; even if they have just irritated the police, or are known to be an 'organiser' they can be arrested. We all know how the police are expert at stitching people up.

Many of us will have had experience of someone being picked out for arrest or harassment because they were wearing a red top, had a purple mohican, or some other obvious means of identification. With videos being increasingly commonplace on demonstrations, used by the police, activists and animal abusers, anyone can be caught on camera and then picked up hours or even several months later by a police snatch squad. This tactic was used by the West Mercia police at the Consort Beagle demos, and has also been used at Hillgrove Cat Farm.

With videos present, it is obviously more important to mask up as well as wear identical clothing.

I would like to suggest specifically that people wear all-black clothing on demonstrations. There are a number of reasons why black is a better choice than others. Some sab groups for example, all wear blue boiler suits or all wear camouflage gear.

Black clothes are easy to come by, most people already have them lying around. It is also very difficult to distinguish black clothes from each other. Combat gear can vary a lot from person to person; different shades of green, some

people wear all green, others camouflage style. If you have ever been sabbing, you can easily recognise sabs who are masked up, from what combat gear they are wearing or what shade of green their trousers are. On the other hand, sabs dressed head to toe in black are virtually impossible to identify when masked up. It has even been known for police to identify activists on video by the colour of their socks!

For new activists, they probably won't have any combat clothes or won't feel comfortable wearing them, as they can seem macho and militaristic. They will probably feel all right in black and it could be promoted as wearing black 'in memory of the animals that have died', etc.

Some people might feel that their individuality is being taken away by wearing a kind of 'uniform'. This is just a tactic, however; the time to express your individuality is not on demonstrations where people can be (and often are) arrested and sent to jail.

Others may reason that as they are not going to do anything that could be construed as unlawful, they don't need to wear black. This is definitely not the case. If the only people to wear black were those intending to 'kick ass', the police would obviously just target those individuals. In this scenario, wearing black would become a liability, not a protection. So the tactic of wearing black depends on the majority of the demonstrators present adhering to it. Often on demos, following an 'incident', the police will be trying to identify those responsible. If the crowd is all in black, anyone worried about being arrested can easily merge in with them.

Some sabs may also argue that camouflage gear enables them to remain unseen in wooded areas. This may be so, but black is also very good for merging into the background, especially when it gets dark, and can be used in urban as well as wooded environments.

Who will protect the Earth from the scum of the Universe?

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A suggested black dress code for sabs and demos is:

- Black zip-up hooded top (with NO logos on it). These are good for hiding hair styles which are another easily identifiable characteristic.
- Plain black hat (often sold in army surplus shops).
- Black combat trousers (the extra pockets can be useful for sabbing) or black jeans
- or black jogging bottoms (although these three can obviously be distinguished between from videos).
- Black boots or all-black trainers (with no logos, trims, etc).
- Black socks (possibly going too far but better safe than sorry!).

Also avoid long colourful clothes worn underneath outer black clothing that will peek out and identify you.

#### For masking up:

A black balaclava is often used, especially by sabs, which can be rolled up into a hat when not in use. This can be good when the idea is to look menacing and threatening, although some activists are moving away from balaclavas for various reasons. If you get arrested, having a balaclava in your possession, although not illegal, can look bad for you in court. Others feel that when the media is present, they can focus on this and ignore the animal abuse. (Although promoting an aggressive image to the press can be a useful tactic on occasions.)

One alternative, which can be just as effective, is to use a plain black scarf tied around the lower half of the face. This can be worn in the usual manner when not in use.

Another useful idea is to cut the sleeves off an old black T-shirt. These are usually just the right size to wear as a mask to cover the nose and mouth. It has the added benefits of being easier to breathe through than a scarf and of staying in place more easily. (scarves have a tendency to slip down at inopportune moments!) When not in use it can be worn around the neck as a 'light scarf'.

Remember when wearing masks that they are useless if you put them on or take them off whilst being videoed.

A tactic that can be used if you suspect the police are looking for you is to remove masks, hats, etc (out of police view) and put on a brightly coloured jumper. The police will then be looking for someone dressed in black and hopefully won't hassle you. Swapping clothes can also be used to good effect.

Remember how similar the police all look when they are in riot gear. They know that by all dressing the same and removing ID numbers they can beat us around and get away with it. We can learn from their tactics.

...or do they?

# The Men in Black

by Pooh Bear

It is unlikely that you have attended a demo in recent times and not come across the Men in Black (you know, the defenders of the State, and what a state we're in!).

They are easily identifiable. They wear black baseball caps, black combat jackets, black combat trousers tucked into black combat boots. Other accessories include video cameras, madonna-style microphones and cameras with very long lenses. Whether you are in a group of two or a crowd of two thousand they are there clicking and filming away; "who is talking to who", "just because they are wearing scarves and hoods doesn't mean we don't recognise their eyes", etc, etc.

Well, I'm sure that it has occurred to most animal liberation campaigners that they must be doing something with all these hundreds of hours of mostly tedious footage but exactly what? Just think, your average animal liberation campaigner, who attends almost all national and local demos must have been filmed countless number of times and all these images are being stored away somewhere. Unlike some road-speed cameras, I am sure that the cameras used by the Men in Black do actually contain film. What is also a bit odd about these defenders of the Universe against 'anarchist scum' is the fact that they also film people's dogs! Oh well, whatever turns them on.

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# The NIGHTMARE for McDONALDS Continues...



The McLibel case was described by Mike Mansfield QC as "the trial of the century as it concerns the most important issues that any of us have to face living our ordinary lives." And according to Channel Four News "It will go down in history as the most expensive and disastrous public relations exercise ever mounted by a multinational company." It was a victory for campaigners as the judge slammed McDonald's core business practices, evidence in the trial backed up all the criticisms made of the company, and the campaign became unstoppable. And it's not over yet. Appeals are in progress, and the McLibel Campaign is calling for a Day of Action on the anniversary of the judge's verdict (see below).

The Judge found as a fact that McDonald's "exploit children" through their advertising, that they are "culpably responsible" for cruelty to animals, and that the company is anti-Union and pays such low wages that it helps to depress the already low wages in the catering industry even further. The Judge also found that McDonald's food is not nutritious and that they are therefore deceiving the public when they promote it as such, and that they are risking the health of their long-term regular customers.

## UK LIBEL LAWS TO BE CHALLENGED IN EUROPE

The McLibel Defendants (Helen Steel & Dave Morris) are appealing in the British courts against the parts of the Judge's verdict which went against them and over some of the disturbing legal aspects of the case - it is scheduled to be heard in December 1998 or later. Helen & Dave intend to take the British government to the European Court of Human Rights to overturn the UK's unfair and oppressive libel laws - challenging the denial of Legal Aid and the right to a jury trial, and laws stacked in favour of Plaintiffs. They will argue that multinational corporations should no longer be allowed to sue for libel.

## BOOK

Updated editions of the book "McLibel: Burger Culture on Trial" written by John Vidal (with the help of the Defendants) are now available in paperback in the UK,

hardback in the USA, and in some other countries. The paperback is also available by mail order at the special rate of £5 (including postage) from the McLibel Campaign.

## CD-ROM

The McSpotlight Internet website ([www.mcspotlight.org](http://www.mcspotlight.org)) was set up to provide comprehensive information worldwide at a push of a button about McDonald's, the trial and the campaign. It has been accessed nearly 30 million times since its launch in February 1996. A CD-ROM of the website (containing over 20,000 pages of information) is now available. It includes all the official court transcripts (313 days), witness statements from both sides, the full judgement, in-depth interviews with key characters and witnesses, over 500 press articles, and resources for campaigners including of course the "What's Wrong With McDonald's?" leaflets, now translated into more than a dozen languages and ready to be printed off. Other attractions include a guided tour (with audio from the McLibel Defendants), photo album, quiz, animation, video clips, stuff for sale, cartoons, pages for kids, two full-length plays, suppressed material from McDonald's previous legal actions, and 28 other companies in the McSpotlight. To order a copy of the McSpotlight CD, please send a donation of £7 to BM McSpotlight, London WC1N 3XX (cheques payable to "McLibel Support Campaign").

## DOCUMENTARY ON VIDEO

The hour-long exclusive documentary "McLibel: Two Worlds Collide" is now available on video. Filmed over three years, with courtroom reconstructions directed by Ken Loach, it tells the inside story of Helen and Dave's epic battle, examining the main issues in the trial (nutrition, advertising, employment, animals, environment) as well as the implications for freedom of speech. Watch it on the internet at: [www.spanner.org/mclibel](http://www.spanner.org/mclibel) or order a copy from One-Off Productions: £12.99 (waged) or £9.99 (unwaged) plus £2 postage to BM Oops, London WC1N 3XX (cheques payable to 'One-Off Productions'). Tel. 0171 247 8881. "A very brave film. The characters of Helen Steel and Dave Morris emerge triumphantly. No wonder the main TV channels dare not show it." - Ken Loach.

## **McLIBEL ANNIVERSARY DAY OF ACTION - 19th JUNE 1998**

**One Year After The Verdict, and the Two Worlds Continue To Collide...**

**A day for local leafleting and protests, and showings (and burials!) of the 'McLibel' documentary.**

McDonald's continues to expand. The campaign against them continues to grow. And the 'McLibel' Trial, the longest and one of the most controversial in English history, still shines as an example of how the business practices of a huge multinational can be exposed to public view, despite oppressive and unfair censorship laws. The hour-long documentary 'McLibel: Two Worlds Collide' tells the inside story of the case. Filmed over three years, with courtroom reconstructions directed by Ken Loach and exclusive access to the defendants' lives, it would clearly make a very popular peak-time documentary. But two proposed UK transmissions were blocked by lawyers at the BBC and Channel 4 and the film is currently available only on video and on the internet. Broadcasts in other countries are currently being negotiated.

As Appeals to the UK courts and the European Court are being prepared, the McLibel Support Campaign calls for international leafleting protests, and local showings of the documentary around Friday June 19th 1998 (one year since the trial verdict was delivered and our Victory Day of Action was celebrated by the distribution of half a million leaflets in about 20 countries). To protest at UK media censorship and burial of the documentary, we call on activists to organise local burials (at appropriate key sites) of the tape

as a time capsule to ensure that generations to come will have a chance to know some of what happened during this historic battle.

### **ADOPT-A-STORE**

The 'Adopt-a-Store' network in the UK is continuing - you can adopt your local UK McDonald's store(s) pledging to leaflet outside on the McLibel Anniversary Day Of Action (taking place this year) and on 16th October every year (World Anti-McDonald's Day). In this way, we will ensure that as many stores are covered as possible. Over 500 of McDonald's 750 UK stores were leafleted on the 'Victory Day of Action' (21st June 1997). People can adopt stores or can be put in touch with campaigners in their area, and can order leaflets in bulk, by contacting Veggies in Nottingham (Tel 0115 958 5666) or the McLibel Campaign (Tel 0171 713 1269).

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## **Val Waters**

Val Waters, a dedicated campaigner for animal protection and one of the first animal rights prisoners, died earlier this year at the age of 65.

In the 70s Val was a prominent anti-bloodsports campaigner and it was in connection with this that she was sent to prison in 1977.

As a member of the Hunt Saboteurs Association, Val was trying to stop the Atherstone Hunt from killing foxes when she was violently attacked and her car damaged by hunt thugs. The thugs were later taken to court and bound over to keep the peace, but the magistrates decided to bind Val over too, even though she hadn't broken the law.

As a matter of principle Val refused to accept the binding over order and was eventually sentenced to 28 days imprisonment for her refusal. Her case received some very positive national publicity and the sentence didn't deter her in any way from taking action against hunting.

As well as her anti-bloodsports activities, Val gave a great deal of help and support to ALF activists in the Birmingham area and campaigned on a wide range of animal rights issues.

Towards the end of last year Val was diagnosed as having cancer. She had been a vegetarian for many years, but was unfortunately never able to give up smoking, a factor which contributed significantly towards her illness. Although Val realised this

herself, she remained philosophical about her situation and refused to get downhearted.

Val continued to fight against animal abuse and to take part in protests (especially against live exports) for as long as she could, but eventually she became too ill to attend demonstrations and turned, instead, to letter-writing.

Sadly Val's illness became progressively worse and on the 24th of February she bravely and sensibly took her own life rather than endure the suffering and indignity of cancer's final stages.

She will be remembered with fondness and admiration by many in the animal rights movement.

*Ronnie Lee*

# RITUAL an appeal from VIVA! SLAUGHTER

The greatest source of animal abuse is farming and slaughter, with more than 750 million animals killed every year in the UK alone, most of them factory farmed. VIVA! has amassed a body of evidence which shatters the deceit that somehow the slaughter of animals is clean, pain-free, compassionate and acceptable.

Ritual religious slaughter is the worst of all - both unjustified and indefensible. VIVA! has produced a detailed report on the subject - VIVA! Report on the Religious (Ritual) Slaughter of Animals. It will be followed by an equally damning report on mainstream slaughter.

Religions can and do change - the introduction of Shechita and Halal methods centuries ago is proof of that. Religious slaughter has been bolstered with myths. One is that the animals die instantly. Calves struggle to get up for over six minutes and continue breathing for nearly 12 minutes. Lambs can gasp for four minutes - seven in the case of bulls. Any animals struggling for life for this length of time with its throat cut feels terror and pain. The claim that stunning will prevent blood from draining out is also untrue. It makes no difference to the amount lost.

Religious slaughter has become big business. Thousands of animals are killed for export and for the general home market and a considerable amount of flesh is sold to the general public. Whether it be as a result of Halal or Shechita slaughter, it is not labelled as having been ritually killed.

For further information concerning Ritual slaughter and/or VIVA!'s campaigns against the meat trade in general you can contact them by writing to:

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## A plea from the editors...

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## An Animal and Ecological Disaster

by Emilie E:son (Press Officer for the DBF)

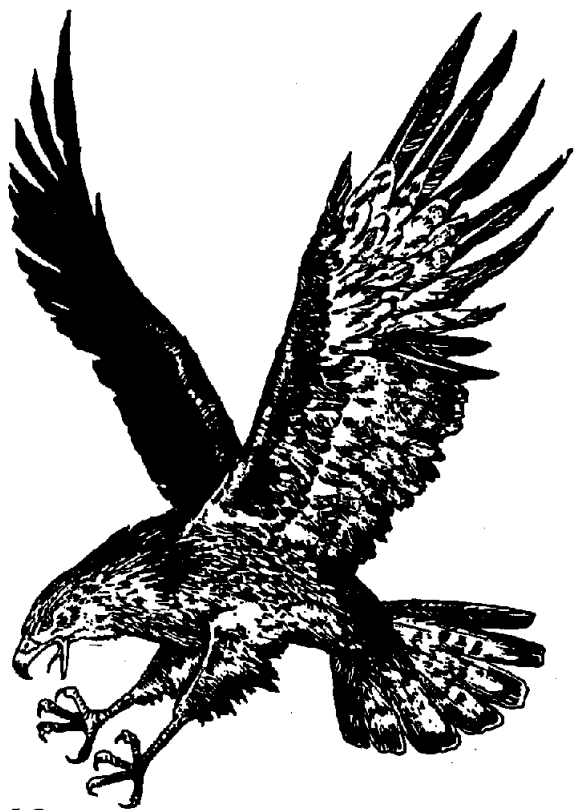
A nameless, unknown group or individual released 8000 mink from two fur farms in Svenljunga, Boras in Southern Sweden late last year.

Mink are not natural Swedish animals and to release 8000 is nothing short of animal abuse and an ecological disaster.

Already many of the mink have been run over and killed by cars and as a result of their release subsequently cannot find any food. Local wildlife is seriously threatened when a large number of carnivorous animals are suddenly released into their environment.

According to the DBF's (the equivalent of the ALF) guidelines, "Activists must take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human or otherwise."

The people/person responsible for the release of the mink cannot be serious animal-rights activists, but people who do not care for animals and who stand to damage the animal rights movement. The DBF strongly condemns these kinds of actions.



# Demo at Wickham Laboratories

On the 20th September 97 about 300 protesters gathered in Wickham to join the annual demonstration against Wickham Research Laboratories. These are contract testing laboratories similar to the ones at Huntingdon, but smaller. Nevertheless, thousands of animals are used there every year, the lab doing the dirty work for the multi-nationals who would prefer that their clients did not know that their products were tested on animals. The demonstration was organised with the help of the newly-formed Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC), and was in support of Barry Horne's hunger strike and the campaign against vivisection.

For once, demonstrators outnumbered the police, and were able to march through the village and up along the main road. People then gathered in the square to listen to some excellent speakers.

**Pauline Dibley**, Chairperson for Southampton Animal Concern, warned of the horrors yet to come in the world of medical science, as bit by bit our rights to decide what treatment we receive on the NHS will be eroded and our bodies will become the property of the medical profession.

**Chris Isles**, a former student at Portsmouth Polytechnic, described his experience working as an animal technician at Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School and the Institute of Neurology, and pointed out that all the "Codes of Practice" so widely publicised by the Home Office as providing protection for the animals were widely ignored.

**John Curtin** spoke of the camp which had been set up at Huntingdon Research Centre and the effect that it had on the workers there.

**Robin Webb**, ALF Press Officer, a brave man for returning to Hampshire after all the hassle he has had to endure by the "Hampshire Loonies" (as he describes them), was videoed by these same "loonies" throughout his entire speech. Robin suggested that, should his arch-oppressor Desmond Thomas go through with medical treatment for his ulcers, he may well suffer serious side-effects!


**Dr Tony Page** once again impressed upon the crowd the need to learn the facts about vivisection and to be aware of the uselessness of animal experiments from a scientific point of view. His own feeling that it is morally wrong to use animals for vivisection is as strong as ever, and his admiration for those who rescued animals was echoed by cheers and handclapping by all those present (bar the "loonies").

After the speeches, wreathes and flowers were laid at the fencing surrounding the laboratories, and a minute's silence was observed in memory of all the animals who have suffered and died there in cruel experiments.

When protesters returned to their vehicles some of them decided to end the day by paying a visit to three well known places of animal-abuse which come under the auspices of the Director of Wickham Laboratories, William Cartmell. His chicken sheds at Torbay Farm just a few miles up the road house hundreds of hens kept in sterile buildings where 'Pathogen Free' eggs are produced to be used for testing vaccines. Winchester Council have now granted Mr. Cartmell permission to use some of the buildings for an extension of the work carried out at Wickham Laboratories. A large number of protesters drove to this site, closely followed by 4 police vans and numerous outriders, who formed a cordon around the area. As there was not much doing there, the protesters decided to visit Garetmar Kennels nearby, where pedigree puppies are bred in 'puppy farm' conditions - Cartmell is their vet. This place was protected by a handful of police, so the next stop was 'Binghams', Cartmell's large red brick mansion of tasteless proportions, surrounded by open fields. There were no police this time but Cartmell and family were away anyhow - oh well.

The day was deemed a success by all those who attended and many thanks go out to SARC for helping to make the day such a success.

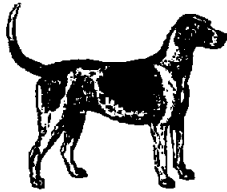
## ARKANGEL POSTCARDS



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# Consort Beagles

by Pat Brookes



Should I feel a little uneasy about vast amounts of animal welfare money being paid out for the 'saving' of the Consort beagles? Surely not. If we follow our hearts and our compassionate instincts, yes of course there is no doubt these innocent animals' safety must be secured. As individuals, doesn't each of those dogs have a right to be saved from torture by any means available? It makes no difference to an abused animal whether its rescue has cost money or not, it simply needs help.

Comforting, lump in the throat stuff seeing all those lovely dogs exit Consort, destined for lives as loved pets. Seems pretty clear cut that the right thing was done wasn't it? So why can't I feel soothed and content instead of feeling a disturbing niggles working away inside me?

What if emotions are put on hold, and the situation looked at in greater depth? It's time that some of the money was only made available to welfare especially because of those beagles - but a huge amount more has been used from general 'animal owned' funds, much of it borrowed and costing interest.

I understand the argument that we can't save everything, and the plight of these particular animals was put in front of us (us meaning the A/R welfare movement), so we did what was necessary to help them instead of others, a sort of first-come first-served basis, it sounds fair.

Agreed, the Consort breeders were closing down, so they weren't being paid welfare money just to directly replace 'bought out' animals, but those beagles were bred because there was a market for them in vivisection labs. That market need didn't disappear just because those particular beagles were bought out of danger. Those labs that Consort would have ultimately supplied will now turn to other vivisection breeders who will have to supply the immediate Consort shortfall. Even more bitches will have to go through the breeding mill to give birth to doomed pups, who in their turn will have to spend their puppyhood in barren, sterile, loveless confinement before their real torture even begins.

In short, the rescued dogs had already suffered that part of their sentence but their release means another batch of dogs has to go through the process from scratch. You may not have been able to look a Consort dog in the eye and say, "Sorry, you'll have to be sold on to suffer or be put down, I can't rescue you because overall it's not cost effective", but can you look one of the specially bred replacement dogs in another breeders kennels in the eye and say, "Sorry about this, I've made it necessary for you to supply a laboratory's shortfall, but don't worry we saved the dog who would have gone in your place, and it only cost us a few hundred pounds of money given for animal welfare, to put you here instead."?

What I'm getting at, is in cases where there is a moral dilemma and whichever way we jump only makes a difference to which animals suffer, not to how many, don't we have an obligation as guardians of the animals' purse strings, to spend their money in a way which helps as many of them as possible yet benefits the abusers the least?

When Consort went under, as with any failed business, the receivers job was to make Consort claw back as much money as possible to pay the company's creditors - that is, all those firms who have supplied Consort with the goods they needed to exist in their dirty business.

Of course they (Consort) wanted the dogs to be bought by animal welfare. That way they could demand full market value of £250 per dog instead of either having to accept knockdown prices from other firms, or pay out thousands to get all the animals euthanized and cremated, leaving even less money to be paid out to creditors. Did we really have to help Consort sort out its financial obligations to its equally guilty suppliers? They must have been laughing at us all the way to the bank. Although adoption money will probably cover further neutering costs and vaccination costs, I doubt other donations will begin to cover the basic £28,000 outlay, enough incidentally to neuter 560 strays or feed 186 for a whole year.

It isn't just the money, how about from a sanctuary angle.? Doesn't the taking in of all these pedigree dogs mean that each one will take the home that an existing less attractive stray could have had? Won't other re-homing everywhere be on hold, leaving present strays in kennels for much longer, and won't sanctuaries be unable to take in as many other desperate cases in the meanwhile because of lack of space and funds? Won't destruction policy-run rescues be forced to kill more dogs because of the gridlock.

Could it be that at the end of the day we have spent vast amounts of animals' money in a way that has yes, definitely comforted a bit of the pain of our compassion (who didn't feel a satisfying glow when the dogs first walked out?) but has also helped Consort and their cronies out of a hole, has involved substituting one animal's suffering for another's, and has had unwelcome side-effects on other rescue work? Might not it be that we've simply been manipulated by a vivisection company in a jam?

I hasten to say I'm criticising no one in A/R's motives, I know the rescuing has come about through the purest love for animals. Neither am I saying my views are necessarily right, it's just that usually I can see and, more importantly, justify both sides of an issue, this time I need help so that maybe I can bury my niggling doubts. Any offers?

*(Ed's note: As Arkangel magazine is produced infrequently, anyone wishing to comment on Pat's article should write to us and we will be happy to pass on your letters.)*

# SPANNA

## PROTECTING ANIMALS ABROAD

The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANNA)'s action is twofold: immediate treatment for wounds, crippled feet and under-nourishment; and education for animal owners and children - which we strongly believe is the only hope for the future.

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There are some 38 million working donkeys, mules and horses in North Africa alone. Their lives are hard, toiling long hours in scorching sun, ploughing, carrying their owners, drawing water and carrying the burden of man's ignorance, often callousness. SPANNA's role is also important in teaching the owners of animals the mutual benefits of taking care of their animals and relieving those animals by offering rest, aid and recovery from sickness and injury.

SPANNA have been helping animals abroad for the past 75 years and are extremely grateful for the voluntary help they have received during the course of this time - needless to say that they are always in need of help. Some 300,000 animals a year are given treatment, rest and refuge by SPANNA.

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# NATIONAL ANTI-HUNT CAMPAIGN

The NAHC will be continuing its campaigns against bloodsports, despite the decision not to give Mike Foster's Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill the parliamentary time it needs to become law.

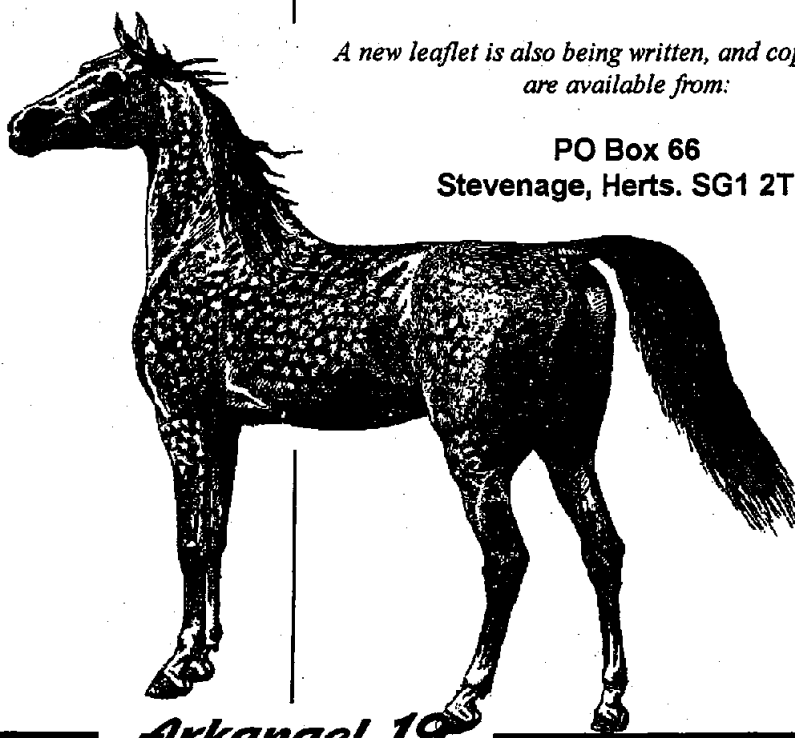
On March 13, the day that the bill finally ran out of time, several members were forcibly escorted (one being slightly injured in the process) from the House of Commons after they read, from the public gallery, from a letter in which Blair made his specific promise to give time to an anti-hunting bill should that be the wish of most MPs.

Recent NAHC planning meetings have resulted in a slight change of direction in NAHC campaigning, with increased emphasis in future being placed on non-violent civil disobedience as a campaign strategy. Several new campaigns are being planned, as is a march for later in the year. Anyone wanting to be kept informed should ask to be included on the group's mailing list; a donation would be appreciated towards the costs of mailouts.

The National Anti-Hunt Petition continues, and has been slightly amended to take account of the failure of Mike Foster's bill.

*A new leaflet is also being written, and copies of both are available from:*

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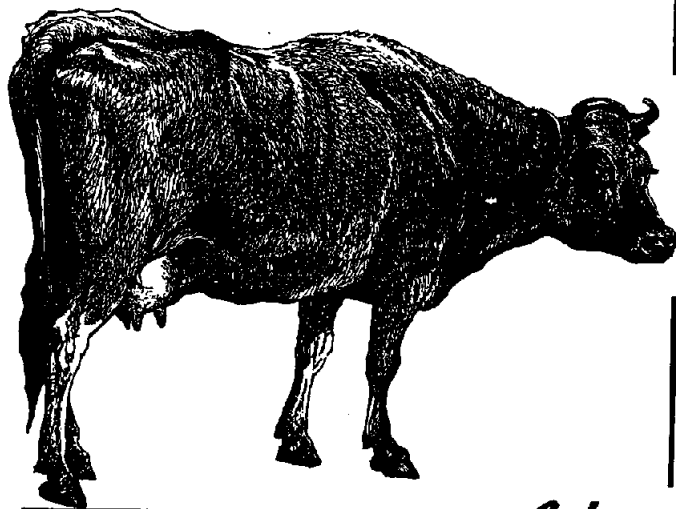
# C.A.L.F.

by Robin Lane

The Campaign Against Leather & Fur (CALF) was formed in 1989 with the primary intention of drawing people's attention to the fact that leather and fur are basically the same thing - the skin of murdered animals. Consequently, we believed that if people were not prepared to wear fur then they should not be prepared to wear leather either. Up until this point the animal rights movement (except for some direct action groups), had largely turned a blind eye to the issue of leather, writing it off as "just a by-product of the meat industry". CALF set about putting the record straight by pointing out that the leather trade is, by all accounts, a massive multi-million pound industry. After all, the meat and leather industries stand hand-in-hand with one another and both deserve equal attention.

At first, we found it difficult convincing people that it was a worthy cause but the group were determined to spread the message far and wide and set about producing leaflets, posters (courtesy of Veggies), cards, stickers, T-shirts and fact sheets. As only two people were running the group it seemed like an uphill struggle, especially as some animal rights organisations and individuals were actually derisory regarding the campaign. Then interest came from some unlikely quarters; Ms. London magazine produced an article about CALF and Radio Kent featured the group on one of their broadcasts. We started being invited to give talks at various animal rights groups meetings around the country and at last people were showing interest in the campaign.

In 1990, CALF extended its campaign to cover the abuse involved in the production of wool and silk. Most of the information that we used in our leaflets and fact sheets came from the Vegan Society but they did not have the resources, at that time, to specifically campaign on individual issues so CALF filled a very necessary space regarding the promotion of veganism. In 1989, the only company selling a wide range of non-leather footwear were



Heartland Products in the USA but shortly after CALF was set up, Mocotan started their business in the UK and discovered that people were waiting for a company to supply them with non-leather products. Hot on the heels of Mocotan came several more companies - Ethical Wares being the one to bridge the gap between running a business and campaigning against the leather trade at the same time.

In 1991, CALF designed a T-shirt featuring the names of numerous animal rights organisations and groups under the heading of 'Animal Liberation - A Common Cause'. As it was just about to be printed, the anti-fur group LYNX got wind of the fact that their name was to appear on the same T-shirt as the ALF! Horror of horrors!! After threatening CALF with legal action should they proceed, we altered the design and only featured genuine animal liberation groups instead. The shirt proved very popular.

It has always been a misconception that CALF is a single issue group. In fact, ever since 1989 we have included leaflets about hunting, vivisection, the meat industry, circuses, angling and numerous other issues in our information packs. The vast majority of those writing in to us for information are young people and we find this very encouraging.

During the first couple of years, CALF organised a number of protests outside leather retailers in Central London, including the World of Leather, and were planning to organise a march to show the general public how easy it is to be vegan by asking those attending to only wear non-animal products.

In July 1991, tragedy struck CALF to the core. Ros Dadej, co-founder, was killed in a road accident whilst cycling. For the next few years, the 'group' consisting of one person, continued to send out information packs and kept things ticking over. In 1994, CALF organised another day of action in Central London and a handful of protesters distributed anti-leather leaflets in several shoe shops and made their presence known outside a number of leather retailers, the staff of one actually threatening physical violence. Each time there have been protests outside leather stores, the owners have shown violent tendencies. It must have something to do with their working environment!

By 1995, our articles had appeared in various magazines including Arkangel, The Vegan, Greenscene and Greenline. Vegan Views were advertising the group and the breakthrough came when the Vegan Society co-produced a leaflet with CALF entitled 'The Leather Issue'. Although, it must be said, the leather issue still hadn't attracted the

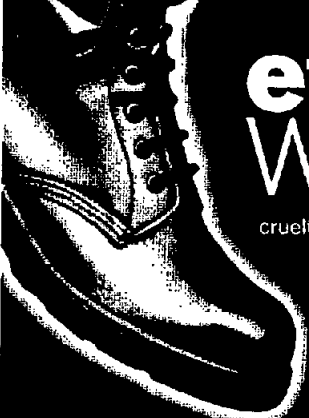
animal rights movement to any great extent, the opportunity for people to obtain information about the leather trade is increasing. It is understandable that people find campaigning against the leather trade a daunting task! After all, practically everyone wears or uses leather products. Soon after CALF was formed we found comfort with other 'fringe' groups such as The Campaign Against Angling, who at that time were also considered 'a bit extreme'. Well, when the fur trade bites the dust once and for all, the next obvious target is the leather trade. At least the ground will have been laid so that the campaigning tools are in place.

## CALF NEWS

CALF has recently produced its own 'CALF NEWS' which contains fact sheets covering issues where the information is difficult to come by. These include wool, silk, eggs, tanneries and the leather trade, honey, shellac, pate de foie gras, ostrich farming, a list of groups campaigning against the fur trade and a comprehensive list of non-leather retailers. CALF News is available on receipt of a 31p stamp.

**Footnote:** As previously stated, the campaign against the leather trade has been a mixture of frustration, personal loss and, for the first few years, an uphill struggle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have helped CALF over the years: **Dave** for the articles, **Lyn** and **Maggie** for the illustrations, **Mark** for the free photocopying, **Veggies** and **London Vegans** for their generous support, **Alison** for answering all the letters and **Ros**, for having the vision in the first place.

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# Feral Cats



by Elizabeth Shaw

I was appalled to read in a recent issue of ARCNEWS that feral cats are being destroyed if homes cannot be found for them. Surely A/R campaigners should not be killing any animal unless it has met with a near fatal accident or is suffering great pain due to illness? To simply discard feral cats due to lack of homes means that the rescuers involved have, to my mind, sunk to RSPCA and CPL methods of control no matter what their policies say.

Recently, I too have heard one or two rumours within the movement that it is better to put unwanted animals down rather than let them rot in a cage. What nonsense! Really good rescue centres exercise their dogs daily and let cats wander at will during the day before putting them back into properly equipped safe cages at night. Rescued feral cats too need only stay in small pens until they respond to humans, or start to walk forward to greet the carer. With regular food and kindness this need not take very long - in some cases just a matter of days.

During the past 20 years I have met many very successful feral cat rescuers but just now and again, however willing, a misfit turns up. These people cannot or will not cope with feral cats - the sort of person who finds the work so difficult or exhausting that they need plenty of holidays. They make plans to clear out all the animals under their care at certain times of the year for rests. These rescuers are very difficult to detect when collecting up animals because they smile sweetly, appear very efficient and are full of sympathy for poor suffering animals. It very often turns out though that they have already worked for one of the large nationals and have become accustomed to 'sorting' cats for euthanasia. I say this because had they first taken advice from Cat Action Trust 1977 (PO Box 1639, London W8 4RY) they would never have thought of destruction in the first place.

Good solid information is available on feral cat care/homing so why don't they make use of it? Are they killing neutered cats? I think that anyone caught taking feral cats to the vet or elsewhere for euthanasia should be named in order to prevent other cats suffering from the same callous fate. That applies to other animals.

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# Some Recommended Reading...

- ARC News:** PO Box 339, Wolverhampton WV10 7BZ (01902 711935). Available for subscription of £7 (12 issues). Contains reports of local and national group activities, international news as well as an up-to-date list of forthcoming events.
  - ALF Supporters Group Newsletter:** BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. £1.50. Contains information concerning A/R prisoners and defence funds, direct action news, articles and more. Quarterly.
  - Animals Contact Directory:** Veggies, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW. £4 (£3 unwaged). This booklet provides a co-ordinated means by which groups can contact one another with details of their work, news of campaigns and requests for support. The booklet also contains lists of animal rights groups in Britain and abroad, animal sanctuaries, etc. and is an invaluable source of information.
  - Green Anarchist:** BCM 1175, London WC1N 3XX. £1. Contains news, views and reports of direct action.
  - Howl:** £1.50. An excellent magazine containing information about all you need to know regarding hunt sabotage. Highly recommended.
  - London Animal Rights News:** £5 (£3 unwaged) for 12 issues. Contains news of London events as well as those in other parts of the country/world.
  - Squall:** PO Box 8959, London N19 5HW. £1.50 (+ 80p p&p). A year's subscription (4 issues) costs £10. Covers issues such as Earth/Animal liberation and more.
  - Spirit of Freedom:** BM Heal, London WC1N 3XX. Free with 31p SAE. Produced by the Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network. Contains info regarding Animal/Earth/Eco prisoners.
  - Underground:** NA-ALFSG, Box 69597, 5845 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 4K3. \$20 outside of Canada. A highly recommended paper which contains Animal Liberation news from all over the world including a comprehensive ALF/direct action hit-list.
  - Vegan Views:** 6 Hayes Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7AD. £3 for 4 issues. The magazine acts as an exchange of all things vegan between its readers.
  - The Vegan:** Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA (01424 427393). £1.95. Quarterly. A must for those already vegan or those seeking a vegan lifestyle.
  - Green World:** 49 York Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 3JQ (Tel/Fax: 01252 330506).
- Magazine of the Green Party:** A highly informative magazine concerning all Green issues and available for £4 for one year's subscription (90p a copy).
- Interbeing:** 91 Clarendon Road, Leeds LS2 9LY (0113 2444289). A magazine produced by the Leeds Network of Engaged Buddhists. Contains articles, poems, stories and reviews for all beings everywhere! Sample copy £1.80 or £6 for 3 issues (UK only), £4.50 low income. Europe/World surface £8. World Air: £10. Sterling cheques/UK stamps please to 'LNEB'.
  - The Terra Firm: Mundi Club,** BM 4609, London WC1N 3XX. The Mundi Club is an independent, loss making, trans-species collective which publishes 'Terra', a satirical magazine covering news and events in national and global, green politics. Issue 11 covers items such; Fox Hunting, Grouse Shooting, Fur and the Royal Family! Check it out!!

# LONDON ANIMAL ACTION NEWS

LAA have continued to be very active since the last issue - involved in a wide range of campaigns in London and around the country.

## FUR TRADE

Fur Free London continues to be the focus of regular activity for LAA, with London's remaining fur shops being picketed 3 or 4 times a week and home visits to directors and employees. Recent successes include the closure of one of only two fur shops that opened on Saturdays following sustained close attention from LAA over the years. Zwirns left its prime site in Mayfair for an office with no shop front; this leaves only Philip Hockley on Conduit Street to fly the flag for the fur trade on Saturdays. A secondhand clothes shop in Chelsea, Steinberg & Tolkein, had been selling fur coats until LAA carried out a few demonstrations. They very quickly caved in and, in fact, handed over the remaining fur coats to the activists to dispose of. LAA members have also supported anti-fur demos at mink farms around the country.

## VIVISECTION INDUSTRY

Events in London have included home visits to some of the directors and employees of Huntingdon Life Sciences who live in the city, and regular leafleting of Co-op banks. Individuals in LAA also played an active role in supporting Camp Rena at HLS last year. LAA members have also helped the Hillgrove campaign by participating in weekday pickets of the few remaining workers. In January, London played host to one of Prof. Colin Blakemore's lectures. LAA demonstrated both outside and inside the lecture hall, causing the talk to be disrupted for some time. The evil Blakemore later came in for some close personal attention when activists physically attacked him, however, he decided not to press any charges.

## ACTIONS

Many individuals in LAA are active hunt saboteurs who maintain close links between animal rights and London's hunt sab groups. LAA held a series of demos in central London, outside the Houses of Parliament where MPs were lobbied, at Downing Street and the Labour Party HQ, in the run up to the second reading of the Foster Bill. Also, a demo was held at the meeting point in London for the bloodsports enthusiasts attending the Countryside Alliance march.

The week of action against John Lewis in February saw LAA members participate in home visits to three of the company directors who reside in London. The flagship store

on Oxford Street was picketed as was the John Lewis Company HQ in Central London.

## MEAT TRADE

LAA have been involved in a campaign to prevent the opening of a chicken slaughterhouse in Peckham, South London. A series of demos at council meetings and a sustained campaign by local activists has increased the pressure on the council who now look likely not to grant planning permission after all. Other members continue to dedicate much of their time to the live export issue and demonstrations have continued outside MAFF HQ in Whitehall. LAA members have also attended live export demos in Dover and at the farm of haulier Stephen Woods.

## OFFICE / STALLS

LAA have had their own office since Jan 97 which is staffed on a daily basis by volunteers. The group holds regular stalls around London which educate the public and encourages people to get actively involved in the struggle for animal liberation. LAA produce the increasingly popular London Animal Rights News (LARN) with a growing international readership! They hold an open meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at the 1a Community Centre, 1a Rosebery Avenue, London EC1. Subscription to LARN costs £5 per year (conc. £3).

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*Doctors and Lawyers for Responsible Medicine (formerly Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments) have the following books available:*

## **1,000 Doctors against Vivisection** Compiled by Hans Ruesch. Price £11.

This book provides an excellent illustration of why an ever increasing number of doctors and medical scientists worldwide are speaking out against vivisection. The book consists of quotations against animal experiments from over 1,000 doctors throughout this century.

## **Animal Experimentation: Use or Abuse of Science?**

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DBAE's First International Scientific Congress, London 1991. International panel of doctors present the scientific case against vivisection.

## **The Pharmaceutical Drug Racket**

Price £3.

Published in 1993 by Campaign Against Fraudulent Medical Research, Australia. Exposes the massive fraud in drug testing that ensures the survival and proliferation of this very dangerous but profitable industry. (40 page booklet).

## **Animal Experimentation: A Harvest of Shame**

Dr Moneim Fadali MD. Price £15.

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## **Vivisection Unveiled**

Tony Page Dlit. Price £6.99.

This is a thoroughly researched book, assiduously presenting scientific evidence that animal experimentation is not only of no value to medicine but that it is also actually dangerous (much of the evidence from the mouths of the vivisectioners themselves). His book is most informative and well-referenced and is suitable for both the lay person and those with a scientific background.

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*a new guide from VIVA!*

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## Uncaged : Campaigns Update...

### Day of Action against Proctor & Gamble

On Saturday 28th March there was a national day of action against the multinational company Proctor & Gamble. Each year, Proctor & Gamble are responsible for the torture and death of thousands of animals in painful and unnecessary product testing - the true figure, of course, is a well-kept secret. Demonstrations all over the country took place outside supermarkets and shops which sell Proctor & Gamble products. Campaigners collected signatures on the boycott pledges and gave out information about other products which people could buy that don't involve tests on animals.

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# The Road to Victory

*Compiled by Martin Masterman-Lister*

After two years of campaigning, Brigitte Bardot has secured a ban on the annual rooster-slaughtering ritual in the Hungarian hamlet of Csurgonagyamaraton. (Times 2.9.1997)

The Guardian recently reported that "we share 98% of our genetic make-up" with pygmy chimpanzees. (Guardian 3.9.1997)

One of China's endangered pandas has given birth to healthy twins after a rare pregnancy in captivity. The twins were born last weekend at the Giant Panda Protection Research Centre in the Wolong Reserve in South Western Sichuan Province. (Independent 3.9.1997)

A breeding programme for the majestic red kite is much further advanced in Wales. Over the past eight years 269 birds have been released, the first breeding in 1992, 4 pairs raising 10 young. This year, 48 pairs raised 105 young in England and 19 pairs raised 38 young in Scotland. Poison and traps are used by ill-informed farmers and gamekeepers. An Oxfordshire farmer was fined £14,000 in May for his activities. (Guardian 3.9.1997)

Vultures were wiped out in the Alps in 1927, but incredibly, a new generation is on the way. Prince Sadruddin-aga-Khan has been working on a project for 10 years to bring them back from European zoos. A total of 72 vultures have been released into the Alps. (Guardian 3.9.1997)

Hillsdown Holdings, one of Britain's biggest food companies is to withdraw from producing red meat. (Times 5.9.1997)

After turning a blind eye, park rangers and police are finally pouncing on Italian parties who travel to neighbouring countries to shoot birds, often protected species, in their thousands. Police have begun raiding

hunting parties and in a fortnight had caught three groups who preyed upon strictly protected birds. A study has found that the number of Italian men who admit to hunting has dropped from 2.8m to 800,000 in the last 20 years. It also found that Italian women do not find hunters attractive. (Guardian 12.9.1997)

Tesco's have agreed to make it clear which of its eggs come from battery hens. (Independent 16.9.1997)

For millions of overweight Americans the so-called 'Fen-Phen' drug cocktail had seemed like a silver bullet to get rid of their flab. Now, suddenly, they are being told that the drugs are life threatening. People are turning to the courts to sue the drug companies. (Independent 17.9.1997)

Government scientists are urging caution about the use of anti-malarial drug, Lariam, which has been linked with mental symptoms such as hallucinations. (Independent 19.9.1997)

A cow who survived 150ft fall off a cliff in North Wales and 24 hours in the Irish sea has been rescued by a life boat and a fishing vessel. (Guardian 20.9.1997)

The bird population in Britain has boomed over the past two years, according to a survey. Between 1994, when the breeding bird survey was established, and 1996, 36 of the more common species increased, 48 were stable and 15 declined in number. (Breeding bird survey £5 (01842 750050). (Independent 20.9.1997)

Conservationists yesterday claimed victory in the battle to save one of Britain's most important sites for toads and newts from being ploughed up. It is understood English Nature, which controls Sites of Special Scientific Interest is to draw up a new agreement with Justin Harmer, the farmer who owns Offham marshes, near Lewes, East Sussex. (Independent 20.9.1997)

Hopes for an easing of the EU's ban on British beef suffered a fresh setback yesterday after the EC said it had evidence that smuggled beef from the UK was getting into Germany. Brussels has asked the German authorities to order the closure of at least one meat plant. (Independent 24.9.1997)

A new government report states that meat eaters who eat more than 3 ounces of red meat a day, should cut down their consumption. (BBC 25.9.1997)

Sellafield has been fined for a chemical leak that killed 15,000 salmon, trout and eels and faces a fine and costs of £60,000. (Virgin Radio 26.9.1997)

Scientists at the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh have determined that 'new-variant' CJD, which has so far killed 20 young Britons, is caused by a 'single strain of infectious agent'. (Independent 26.9.1997)

A British animal rights campaigner who runs Fight Against Animal Cruelty in Europe, Vicky Moore, who was tossed and gored by a bull in Spain two years ago, has flown to protest against a series of bull fights in the Portuguese colony of Macao. In 1987, Mrs. Moore

rescued Blackie the donkey from certain death in another Spanish street festival. (Independent on Sunday 28.9.1997)

Eradicating the food poisoning bug E.coli 0157 may take hundreds of years, Britain's leading expert in the field, Professor Hugh Pennington said yesterday. (Independent on Sunday 28.9.1997)

A pharmaceutical research group, American Pharmaceutical Research, whose clients included Bayer, Glaxo, Pfizer, Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, SmithKline Beecham and others, has admitted falsifying clinical data in trials of several drugs seeking US approval. An FDA spokesman said it was unlikely that the drugs now on the market would be recalled. (Observer 28.9.1997)

Ostriches held their heads higher when Tesco announced it was discontinuing sales of meat from exotic farm animals. (Observer 28.9.1997)

The scientist Hugh Pennington who investigated the deadly E.coli outbreak caused by contaminated meat in Scotland said yesterday that at least a third of uncooked chickens on sale were infected by campylobacter. This organism triggers gastroenteritis and can cause complications including paralysis. (Times 29.9.1997)

Matador Jose Antonio Iniesta was gored by a bull in Madrid's Las Ventas arena. The hospital reports him as being in a serious condition with a severe loss of blood. (Ipswich Evening Star 30.9.1997)

A woman animal rights protester was continuing to defy bailiffs attempts to remove her after spending her second night shut in a steel safe underground. The 24 year old woman, 'Greta', is the last of 20 demonstrators who occupied a camp in a small wood outside the gates of Huntingdon Life Sciences Chemical Research Centre, near Huntingdon, Cambs. (Independent 3.10.1997)

Tony Blair is being urged by two cabinet colleagues to set up an all-powerful judicial enquiry to pin the blame for new-variant CJD, the human BSE. They decided that the Government had a duty to track down those guilty of allowing BSE to be introduced into the human food chain, and subsequently covering up the evidence. (Independent 3.10.1997)

Australians have been warned against eating undercooked game meat, including kangaroo and wallaby, after doctors discovered what could be a new parasite spread to humans. (Independent 3.10.1997)

An air and sea search for four fisherman missing in the north sea was abandoned yesterday. (Independent 3.10.1997)

Soya products, fruit, vegetables and flax seed may ward off breast cancer, according to research. It is a diet that may turn out to be the strongest protective factor yet discovered against the disease. (Independent 3.10.1997)

The mistress of the late Paolo Gucci, grandson of the founder of the fashion empire, was banned yesterday from keeping horses for 5 years after admitting 11

charges of causing unnecessary suffering. Penny Armstrong, 28, the mother of two of Mr. Gucci's children, was ordered to pay costs of £5,640 and compensation totalling £15,570 to the RSPCA. (Independent 7.10.1997)

Former film star Olive McFarland, is today facing possible prosecution after RSPCA officers and police raided her farm at Fen Lane, Creeeting St. Mary, after an anonymous tip-off. One foal was destroyed and at least 8 horses taken away from the farm which was used as a horse breeding and training centre. The horses were taken to the International League for the Protection of Horses Centre at Snetterton. (Evening Star 10.10.1997)

Five animal activists stormed into a top London restaurant to protest at an exhibition which included two skinned bulls heads by controversial artist, Damien Hirst, a court was told. Customers at Quo Vadis in Soho, run by Marco Pierre White, were sitting down to dinner when it was claimed 'mayhem' broke out. A painting was kicked, a vase broken and bin liners full of rubbish emptied across the floor. Niel Hansen, 30, Robin Lane, 42, and Brendan McNally, 35, were fined £200 with £200 costs over the incident last January. Melanie Gatty, 28, and Paul Gravett, 35, were bound over to keep the peace. (Independent 14.10.1997)

Five pairs of little egrets have become what are believed to be the first of their species to nest in Britain. (Times 17.10.1997)

Gary Shaw, Gary Pettopierre, Michael Holland and David Wragg were found guilty at Bakewell Magistrates Court, Derbyshire, of offences under the 1992 Protection of Badgers Act, which included digging out a badger and killing it. They were jailed yesterday for 5 months in the RSPCA's first badger case using DNA which showed blood stains on the men's clothing and a knife had come from the animal. Wragg and Holland were active members of field sports societies. The court ordered that dogs belonging to all the men be forfeited. Since 1986 there have been 271 convictions of badger offences by the RSPCA. (Independent 18.10.1997)

Billy Smart's big top provides the excitement of a traditional circus but is refreshingly free of animal acts. (For details: 0171 738 2488). (Guardian 21.10.1997)

The host of an 18th birthday party told a court yesterday how he used himself as a guinea pig to save the guests from eating meat infected with the deadly E.coli bacterium. He sampled meat from John Barr's butcher's shop in Wishaw, Lanarkshire, after hearing reports that it had been linked to what turned out to be Scotland's worst food-poisoning outbreak in which 20 people died. After several hours he was fine and so the party went ahead. A family relation also rang Mr. Barr and was told that by the butcher that only corned beef and chopped ham were affected. After the party many of the 106 guests fell ill. Mr. Barr, 52, is charged with "culpably, wilfully and recklessly" supplying meat, despite being warned by

health officials not to sell any cooked meats. (Independent 22.10.1997)

Agribusiness is far more of a threat to wildlife than the fox, according to a new academic study at the University of Bristol. Their report says far that from being a threat, foxes can prove beneficial to some sectors of agriculture. They found that 70% of sheep farmers believed they lost no lambs to foxes, and 80% had no evidence of fox predation. (Independent on Sunday 26.10.1997)

The new anti-stalking law, frequently used against animal rights activists since its enactment in June this year, could for the first time be used by an animal welfare worker against a firm of livestock auctioneers. Georgina Kennedy of the welfare monitoring group Marketwatch, has been filming at an animal market in Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk. She claims she was stalked by Alex Botting, a market employee, who retaliated to her filming by holding a video recorder inches from her face, tailing her around shops and even into a public lavatory. The Crown Prosecution Service is considering a criminal prosecution against Mr. Botting under the new stalking laws, and against Lacy Scott, the auctioneers, for aiding and abetting the offence. (Observer 26.10.1997)

A marshland that is home to England's only regular wintering flock of bean geese, as well as many rare insects and animals, was yesterday given special protection by English Nature. The Mid Yare reserve, five miles east of Norwich, is a haven for the beautiful swallowtail butterfly, the Norfolk hawker dragonfly and the otter. The 800-hectare site straddles both sides of the River Yare near Strumpshaw, Rockland, Buckenham and Cantley. Managed by the RSPB, the reserve's outstanding wildflower meadows, reedbeds, marshes, fens and woodlands are vital habitats for breeding birds, including the marsh harrier, kingfisher, barn owl and snipe. Thousands of geese, ducks and wading birds - including up to 7,000 widgeons winter on Buckenham Marshes. (Independent 28.10.1997)

After thousands of dolphins have been killed by drift nets, Britain has taken the initiative to outlaw their use by fishermen in a move that couldn't fail to be popular in the EU. (Independent 31.10.1997)

An opinion poll in rural areas has blown apart claims that banning hunting is an issue that rigidly divides the city from the country. The results of a MORI poll, which reveals that voters in the countryside would back a ban by a margin of two to one, will put the Government under pressure to support moves to ban fox hunting. The poll, based on a sample of 1,500 people in rural areas, found support of 57%. Two thirds of those polled also said they lived in areas where hunts took place. (Observer 2.11.1997)

800,000 signatures have been collected by CIWF on a petition calling a ban on live exports which will be delivered to Elliot Morley, animal welfare minister. (Independent 3.11.1997)

Doctors and diabetes sufferers are being warned that a drug that went on the market in Britain last month can cause liver damage in a small number of patients. Glaxo Wellcome, which markets the drug as Romozin, has advised doctors to test patients for adverse reactions. (Times 4.11.1997)

Hunt saboteurs threatened a big increase in their activities after the Government announced that it would not find time for a Private Member's Bill to stop fox hunting. Paul Gammon, spokesman for the hunt saboteurs said the decision would provide even more justification for disrupting fox hunts. (Times 4.11.1997)

The Indian Government is showing signs of bowing to the concerns of animal rights activists, in a country where large parts of the economy depend on overworked beasts of burden. The Government is tackling one of the most familiar and disturbing images of India: caged and often dying birds being carried around on the backs of bicycles by hawkers. India has reinforced a ban on bird trapping to save hundreds of exotic species. The Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 was reinforced in 1990 to control the export of wild birds and has been recently extended to local trading of live birds. (Times 5.11.1997)

Welsh Secretary Ron Davies has given the go-ahead for a 1,000 acre wetland bird reserve on the Gwent levels near Newport. It will involve the creation of wet grasslands, saline lagoons and reedbeds. (Independent on Sunday 16.11.1997)

Eating nuts regularly may help you to prolong life. (Times 18.11.1997)

A retired vet, Warwick Seymour Hamilton, 58, has been found guilty of inflicting unnecessary suffering on his 118 pet rats. He was fined £300 for the offence and £150 for keeping illegal traps and ordered to pay costs of £1,922. (Orpington & Chiselhurst News Shopper 19.11.1997)

Nine animal rights activists who poured bleach onto meat in Sainsbury's in Fareham were arrested. The demonstrators claimed they were protesting against the importation of exotic meat, such as ostrich, crocodile and kangaroo. As well as contaminating the meat, activists pushed children's lollipops into packs of beef and lamb. A spokesperson for Fareham animal rights group said, Asda, the Co-Op and Safeway's agreed with us from the start and Tesco's are coming round to our way of thinking, but Sainsbury's said that so long as there was customer demand, they would carry on selling it. (The News 21.11.1997)

Slow worms, a protected species, have held up a housing development near Chichester. They will be moved to safety. (Observer 23.11.1997)

Compassion in World Farming is pioneering a change in the law which would ban the cruel mutilation of animals. CIWF is working closely with Labour MP Chris Mullin to introduce the Bill to ban the practice of

cutting off pigs tails - often with pliers or hot irons. The new Bill would strengthen the regulations and allow proper enforcement. (The News 24.11.1997)

EU veterinary inspectors have raised obstacles to an early ending of the ban on British beef, including doubts about the safety of controls in Northern Ireland. (Independent 25.11.1997)

Hunts have been banned from 'digging out' foxes on Ministry of Defence land, the Government announced last night. The MoD owns 600,000 acres. (Times 25.11.1997)

More than two thirds of the public back the Bill to ban hunting with dogs, according to a MORI poll for the Times. (Times 27.11.1997)

In a historic decision that has cheered environmentalists across the nation, the US government has refused the licence of a 900ft long, 160 year old large river dam in Maine and ordered it to be destroyed to make way for spawning fish. It marks the first time in US history that federal authorities have opted to dismantle a functioning hydro-electric dam in favour of returning rivers to species of fish. (Independent 27.11.1997)

Radical proposals for deep cutbacks in beef production, including a voluntary decommissioning scheme to take farmers off the land is in the pipeline. Retirement packages for beef farmers will be part-funded by the EU. The beef industry will cost £1.5 billion this year alone. (Guardian 28.11.1997)

The Campaign for the Protection of Hunted Animals trumpeted the results of a new MORI poll showing 54% of adults in Henley-on-Thames wanted their local MP, Michael Heseltine to support Michael Foster's Bill. 64% of the 500 adults surveyed said they did not believe that fox hunting was an important part of the British way of life, and 76% thought hunters should take part in drag hunting. (Independent 28.11.1997)

Anti-vivisection group, the BUAV, won a test case to prevent an animal laboratory firm, Huntingdon Life Sciences, using anti-stalking legislation to curb its protests. The BUAV has asked the High Court in London to remove its name from a restraining injunction served on it by HLS. (Independent 29.11.1997)

Britain's flax processing industry is taking action to prevent farmers ploughing up areas of scientific interest. The action will help close the so-called 'flax loophole', under which the EC has been paying farmers tens of thousands of pounds to plough up ancient grasslands and wildflower meadows in order to plant flax. (Independent 29.11.1997)

Prince Charles was last night said to be giving up riding to hounds in the wake of Friday's enormous anti-hunting vote in the House of Commons. MPs voted by 411 to 151 in support of the second reading of Mike Foster's Bill. (The Express 30.11.1997)

Suffolk factory, Barber Richmore, closed today with the loss of 100 jobs. The owners of the Lowestoft-based meat processing factory, Chivers Hartley, blamed the BSE scare for the fall off in business. (Evening Star 4.12.1997)

The traditional roast rib of beef, T-bone steak and even Oxo gravy are set to disappear from British dining tables after the Government's surprise decision yesterday to ban the sale of beef on the bone because of a 'very small' risk that it could cause CJD. (Times 4.12.1997)

Britain keeps introducing new measures against BSE - but the focus should really be on the continent, where a growing number of countries are reporting cases of the disease. Scientists fear that worse is to come. (Independent 5.12.1997)

Will gelatine be the next beef-derived ingredient we worry about, as it comes from bones? Europe produces about 97,000 tonnes annually from boiled animal bones including cattle bones. (Independent 5.12.1997)

Animal welfare campaigners in India want to banish performing animals in the streets, but they say it will be a long time before the country accepts western standards of animal rights. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is campaigning to outlaw the barbaric treatment of animals. (Independent 6.12.1997)

Public confidence in lamb as well as beef took a hammering yesterday after EU scientists recommended a Europe-wide ban on some lamb on the bone. (Independent 9.12.1997)

M. Moullec, 35, a meteorologist living in Aurillac, south of Clermont-Ferrand, took his passion for conservation one step further with an experiment that cast man in the role of mother goose. For 400 miles from the southern edge of the Massif Central to their winter sanctuary in the Grande-Briere area of Brittany, the 12 barnacle geese accompanied Christian Moullec at an average speed of 35 mph on his delta-wing ultra light aircraft. The principal purpose of the journey across France was to steer the geese away from flightpaths where they were likely to encounter hunters. M. Moullec also fed the geese, swam with them, slept with them and even helped teach them to fly. "Abuses by French hunters are a scandal," he said. (Daily Telegraph 8.12.1997)

America has banned the import of all European cattle, sheep and related products amid fears of mad cow disease. (Times 15.12.1997)

The Government is soon to ban feeding pigs and chickens with waste from their own species, turning them into cannibals, because of the threat of BSE. The fact that this happens at all may shock anyone unused to modern factory farming. (Independent 18.12.1997)

An unemployed man was yesterday fined £600 after being convicted of damaging the habitat of a rare newt when he used a digger to scrape out a pond. The case before magistrates in Lowestoft is thought to be the first

under European law protecting the newts. (Independent 18.12.1997)

Hunting of great white sharks has been banned in Australia. (Times 19.12.1997)

Huntsmen and their supporters are bracing themselves for clashes at 300 meetings across the country on their busiest day. Anti-bloodsport campaigners said up to 1,000 saboteurs will take to the field intent on disruption while another 5,000 demonstrators will hand out leaflets against fox hunting. (Daily Mail 26.12.1997)

A two-inch moth, the Sedina Buetineri, or Blair's Wainscot, thought to have been extinct for 50 years has reappeared, sighted in Dorset by Butterfly Conservation. (Independent 27.12.1997)

Wildlife experts have won a £10,000 grant to lure the otter back to the Yorkshire Dales. (Times 30.12.1997)

A haven for rare wild flowers and insects has been saved. The land, 46 acres of centuries old meadow land at Joan's Hill Farm in Chetley, near Hereford, has never been treated with pesticides or artificial fertilisers, allowing a huge variety of plants, endangered butterflies and moths to flourish. (Guardian 3.1.1998)

A pioneering wildlife park recreating arctic tundra, New Zealand waterfalls and jungle reedbeds is being landscaped out of 4 disused water-treatment plants bordering the River Thames. (Guardian 3.1.1998)

A previously unpublished has highlighted the use of BSE infected tissue in food. Millions may have eaten pure cattle brain, tongue and had food fertilised by beef blood. (Observer 4.1.1998)

After spending 10,000 hours trying to compile an inventory of living things in African forests, scientists admit that the task has overwhelmed them. Only 1.75m species have been described to date. In total there could be 10m or more, hidden undiscovered in tropical rainforests, coral reefs and mangrove swamps. (Independent 5.1.1998)

An anti-whaling group, Sea Shepherd, named the son of Norway's leading whaler 'crewman of the year' for accidentally sinking his family's boat. Sea Shepherd which has claimed responsibility for several attacks on whaling boats said that, by virtue of the accident the son of Steinar Bastesen had "made a strong contribution" to protecting whales. (Guardian 7.1.1998)

Circus trainer, Richard Chipperfield, 24, lost a part of his brain the size of a cricket ball when he was attacked by a tiger, and will probably be paralysed on his right side if he ever regains consciousness. (Mail on Sunday 11.1.1998)

The BMA has said that all raw meat should be assumed to be contaminated. (BBC Radio 2; 12.1.1998)

Kenny Cypress, an alligator wrestler in Florida has recently enhanced his act by inserting his head in the alligator's mouth at the end of the show. He told local

television reporters from his hospital bed that he expects to be released soon when the bites have healed. (Independent 12.1.1998)

In the last 20 years, one food scare has followed another. Eggs infected with salmonella in December 1988, ready cooked poultry and soft cheeses with listeria in 1989, the same year as botulism in hazel nut yoghurt was found. (Independent 15.1.1998)

The Pytchley Hunt might be prosecuted by the RSPCA after some of its hounds killed a five-year-old cat, Missy, while the animal's owner watched, in a residential area at Old, Northamptonshire. (Independent 15.1.1998)

Two ginger Tamworth boars are still on the run six days after escaping in transit to the slaughterhouse. Animal sanctuaries across the country offered to put up the surviving five-month old boars. (Independent 15.1.1998)

Colin Blakemore, Waynflete Professor of Physiology at Oxford, was describing experiments on rat brains during a memorial lecture in London last night when a bottle was thrown and two women protesters jumped onto the stage. (Times 16.1.1998)

A New Zealand southern right whale thought to have been hunted to extinction has been seen off the Auckland Islands. Scientists said there were likely to be 100-150 living off a remote sub-Antarctic island. (Guardian 16.1.1998)

The Government announced changes to licences for tuna drift nets fishing. Elliot Morley, the Fisheries Minister, said it was to first step towards ending the unacceptable toll of dolphins in drift nets. (Independent 17.1.1998)

Detectives were yesterday examining incendiary devices thought to belong to animal rights activists. The devices and associated materials were seized from a car stopped by police in Northampton. Two men in their thirties are being questioned. (Independent 19.1.1998)

A campaign to improve information on food labels was launched yesterday by the food commission, to highlight the hidden ingredients and unwanted extras in food, and give details of genetically modified soya or other organisms. (Independent 19.1.1998)

The butcher's business John Barr & Son, implicated in the world's worst E.coli 0157 outbreak, in which 20 people died, was fined a total of £2,250 for food hygiene and safety breaches. (Independent 21.1.1998)

Police were today looking for animal rights protesters who destroyed meat worth £500 at a Farlington, Portsmouth supermarket. Five men and two women entered the store and began haranguing staff and customers about the sale of meats such as alligator and kangaroo. After the group were thrown out, meat was found around the store in trolleys and baskets with its wrapping torn and cat litter strewn over it. (The News 21.1.1998)

A penguin is on the run from a zoo in Northern Germany. Jorg Adler, the zoo director said that several sightings of the penguin had been reported. "Every time we get there all we find is a duck," he said. (Times 22.1.1998)

The Prince of Wales has broken a rib after falling from his horse while hunting. (Times 23.1.1998)

A wallaby thought to be extinct for nearly a century is alive and well on a New Zealand island. (Times 23.1.1998)

The bat population of Surrey has landed a lottery windfall. Today's handout of £42.5m by the Heritage Lottery Fund includes a record £6.2m to wildlife trusts. A second world war pillbox is to be extended for use as a bats breeding loft. Other projects include providing homes for birds such as nightjar and protecting coppiced trees, needed by dormice. (Independent 28.1.1998)

**We are informed from Bristol that, on the 25th of last month, one Bodridge, a blacksmith of Bridgewater, in contempt of that day went out shooting. On Hallet Hill he espied a large flight of old ravens, fired and killed two, which so exasperated the rest, that they immediately descended upon him, and plied their bills and claws so dextrously upon his head and face that notwithstanding all possible care was taken of him, he died last Monday. This may appear strange, but our correspondent assures us it is absolute fact. (Adams Weekly Courant 20.1.1767)**

The WSPA has called on hotels and airlines to help end the cruel spectacle of India's 'dancing' bears, which they say has led to the decline of the endangered Sloth bear, of which only 8,000 are left, 1,000 of which are in captivity to earn money for gypsies. (Observer 1.2.1998)

Customers in supermarkets could soon use hand-held scanners to check information on items as they shop, for allergies, such as peanuts, or foods high in fats. (Independent 2.2.1998)

Anti-hunt campaigners were yesterday given a boost by a MORI poll showing 73% of anglers and 68% of riders back Michael Foster's anti-hunting Bill. (Independent 2.2.1998)

Today is World Wetland Day, and the government will announce new grants aimed at conserving boglands in six of the Ministry of Agriculture's 43 environmentally sensitive areas. 9,000 farmers will be paid compensation for looking after their fields in a way that conserves landscapes and wildlife-rich habitats. There are payments for keeping ditches and dykes to keep water levels higher for not using artificial fertiliser and for curbing weedkiller use. (Independent 2.2.1998)

Part of the Avon Valley in Hampshire and Dorset was

listed yesterday as a wetlands site of international importance, protecting 1,300 hectares for the Buick swans and kingfishers there. Two other areas, the Caithness lochs in Scotland and Anglesey and Llyn fens in Wales were also listed. (Times 3.2.1998)

Firebombers struck at two McDonald's restaurants in a northern suburb of the Greek capital. Both branches suffered damages but nobody was injured as they were closed. (Times 4.2.1998)

The Government is considering banning a controversial pigment, canthaxanthin, already outlawed for direct human consumption, used to turn egg yolks yellow and salmon and trout pink, because of its effects on children's sight. (Observer 8.2.1998)

The Government has effectively halted the planting of the first genetically modified crops in Britain, oil seed rape, but Plant Genetic Systems, a subsidiary of the chemical firm Hoechst, following protests. (Guardian 10.2.1998)

Butchers selling beef on the bone were warned by the Agriculture Minister, Jeff Rooker, that they could face 6 months imprisonment and up to a £5,000 fine following the Government's ban. The CJD agent was so powerful that the surgical instruments on CJD victims have to be destroyed; they cannot be sterilised. (Independent 11.2.1998)

Landowners have been stopped from harming wildlife-rich habitat with Britain's first ever Special Nature Conservation Order. (Independent 11.2.1998)

A vegetarian camera, the Ricoh RDC 300, has received a Vegetarian Society 'V' symbol, guaranteeing that it is entirely free of animal ingredients. Many people aren't aware that gelatine is used in traditional photographic film as a fixing agent. (Guardian 11.2.1998)

Jim Sutherland, owner of The Lodge, Carfraemill, near Edinburgh, has become the first person in Britain to be prosecuted for breaching the Government's beef on the bone ban imposed two months ago. (Times 13.2.1998)

A rooftop naked protest took place on the roof of Bartle Bogle & Hegarty advertising agency in protest against its involvement with Monsanto. (Independent 13.2.1998)

The Government will use its presidency of the EU to tighten up procedures for approving genetically modified food. (Independent 13.2.1998)

Undercover animal welfare investigators posed as buyers to trap a gang trying to sell £2.8m worth of rhinoceros horn, a court was told today. (Independent 18.2.1998)

The Local Government Association and the Local Authorities' Co-ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards have called on the Government to consider a ban on the use of raw eggs. (Guardian 18.2.1998)

Two animal rights activists, Gaynor Ford and Sandra

White, arrested in Fareham for allegedly carrying 2 home-made bombs have been cleared of conspiracy charges at Portsmouth Crown Court. (The News 18.2.1998)

An Australian, Ricky Hall, 35, has been charged with being drunk in charge of pair of camels which were pulling a cart carrying 12 tourists. (Guardian 22.2.1998)

The Government has withdrawn more than 30 human blood products from use to reduce the risks of CJD being passed on. (Radio 2, 26.2.1998)

For the first time in more than a decade, both the resident pairs of golden eagles on Eigg, in the Inner Hebrides, have successfully reared chicks. The double success comes in the first year of the island's Heritage Trust. (Times 26.2.1998)

The Chipperfield Circus family was last night said to be heartbroken after a keeper had his hand bitten off by a tiger at Chipperfield's Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. (Independent 26.2.1998)

Police in China's central Hunan Province have arrested five men suspected of killing two rare giant pandas. They found and confiscated the panda skins and five pelts of the endangered golden monkey. Killers of pandas and golden monkeys face the death penalty. (Guardian 27.2.1998)

Five weeks after it began, the Oprah Winfrey mad cow trial ended in Armarrillo yesterday with the jury of 12 coming down squarely on the side of Oprah against a group of local cattle men who accused her of sending the beef market into a spin two years ago. A guest, Howard Lyman, a rancher turned vegetarian, said while there had been no documented cases of BSE in the US herd, it was bound to strike if not already. Mr. Lyman concurred that an outbreak of BSE in the US would make AIDS look like the common cold. Ms. Winfrey responded that Mr. Lyman had just "stopped me cold from eating another burger". (Independent 27.2.1998)

New labelling guidelines to help consumers work out the fat and calorie content of food were being published today. (Independent 28.2.1998)

Farm incomes have been slashed, according to Government figures. Provisional figures show that dairy farmers' net incomes for 1997-8 are likely to be about £19,100 compared to £30,300 for the previous year, a fall of £215 a week or 36.9%. (Independent 3.3.1998)

Four masked men slipped past customers and stole a Ronald McDonald statue from a French McDonald's, police said yesterday. They wrote an anti-McDonald's message on the terrace of the restaurant near the southern city of Montpellier. (Guardian 4.3.1998)

A study of Sunday's countryside march in London has concluded that 142,259 people took part, half that claimed by the organisers. Researchers from Napia University in Edinburgh set a monitoring station along side the march route and used video equipment to count marchers. (Independent 4.3.1998)

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A petshop owner, Mr. Gerald Carter, was banned from keeping pets for 2 years and from running a pet shop after he admitted eight charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals. He was also ordered to pay £463 vet and court costs. Mr. Carter runs Whitehill Pet Stores in Jarvis Buck. (Meridian TV 5.3.1998)

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, announced a £335,000 aid package to help save endangered species. Most of the money will be used to protect elephants and tigers from poachers. (Times 7.3.1998)

A man choked to death yesterday after swallowing a live five and a half inch fish for a bet. (Virgin Radio 7.3.1998)

Michael Colvin, 65, Tory MP for Romsey, Hampshire, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £14,000 costs by Alton Magistrates, when he was convicted of polluting ground water beneath his farm in 1996. (Independent 12.3.1998)

ICI was fined a record £300,000 with £51,100 costs at Warrington Crown Court yesterday after pleading guilty to causing one of Britain's worst ground water pollution incidents, when 150 tonnes of chloroform gushed from a broken pipe at its Runcorn site last April. (Guardian 13.3.1998)

A plan to run races on the Appian Way using chariots from the epic film Ben Hur was shelved at the weekend after protests from environmentalists and animal rights groups. The chariots would be confined to the grounds of a restaurant. (Times 16.3.1998)

A British initiative to end cruelty in zoos won European backing when environment ministers agreed to support legally binding standards of animal welfare yesterday. British officials now hope that they will be able to secure a framework directive in the summer to crack down on zoos, aquariums, bird gardens and dolphinariums in the EU that keep animals in cramped, boring and unhealthy conditions. (Times 24.3.1998)

Ex-slaughterhouse worker, Anthony Noel-Kelly, 42, has been charged along with Neil Lindsay, 25, a former butcher and slaughterhouse worker with theft and handling stolen goods. Kelly and Lindsay smuggled the human remains from the Royal College of Surgeons late at night and later buried them on Kelly's father's estate, leaving some at a friend's flat in Brixton. The artist, Kelly, paid technician Lindsay to help him smuggle heads, limbs and torsos from an anatomy laboratory to use as moulds for his sculptures. The trial continues. (Times 24.3.1998)

Special protection to save the basking shark was announced by the Government yesterday. Bluebells, along with scores of other native plants as well as water voles and the freshwater pearl mussel, have also been added to the list of species with special safeguards under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. (Guardian 27.3.1998)

Wild beavers may return to Britain for the first time in four centuries. A programme to introduce them into Scottish lochs and rivers could begin within three years. (Broadsheet newspaper, March 98).



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