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Editorial

Hello and welcome to another edition of the SG Newsletter. Since the last SG there have been a few changes, with 4 prisoners being released in the UK & US and unfortunately, 5 more sentenced SHAC prisoners in the UK. The Austrian trial is continuing and is not expected to finish before the end of the year still and Jordan Halliday was found guilty of criminal contempt of court for not answering any questions to last year's Grand Jury in Salt Lake and is presently set to go to prison in January 2011, see more about this later.

Nicole Vosper, one of the UK SHAC prisoners who was sentenced recently (and will be released soon), echoed our thoughts in her recent letter: *"After all the hype over the recent SHAC sentencing we need to take it back every moment to what this is all about - the animals; and as parting words from prison I wanted to write what I always think and feel - that this is not a game! This is real life, with real consequences. Our decisions to act or not act have real effects. This isn't a hobby or a popularity contest. We get caught up in some vegan subculture when we need to remember what is happening every single second of every single day - the widespread, systematic destruction and exploitation of non-human and human communities to benefit a few. This is life and death and we must never, ever forget our role and responsibilities in this struggle. So get active and stay active!"*

Nicole's words are truthful and action-inspiring and we must remember every day to act for the animals that need our help and voice. There have always been prisoners in every single social struggle and we must not let that deter us from speaking the truth as we see it at every occasion and to answer the calls of the countless victims of our violent society.

Without compassion, there can be no justice for the weak and vulnerable. While some may fall, the deeds of those imprisoned for their activities symbolise courage and sacrifice in the name of liberation for all. They inspire others into action because of the injustice of it all.

For those that are crying out for that justice and for our action, we can not fail them and we must not falter.

Throughout history free thinking individuals have taken up the fight for those that couldn't defend themselves against their oppressors. History will show, to great human shame, the unfeeling genocide that the fearful masses and so called intelligent human beings have inflicted on non-human animals and even on fellow human beings - just because they are weaker, poorer, different, or just because they could.

Remember, we are not alone in our mission to make this world a better place for all and together we will continue towards this goal. Though surely there will be many more barriers in our way and many more battles to fight, we can not ignore the suffering, torment and misery. We must not be afraid to do all we can within our power to make changes for the better. Together we are strong. Our compassion, anger and belief will continue until all are free - we can and will not rest.

Love and solidarity to all out there making a difference.

The SG and other prisoner support groups, like the VPSG and ARPS in the UK and other prisoner/solidarity groups across the world will continue to support those that do get penalised for acting to stop the 'real' everyday violence. And the support and solidarity that animal rights prisoners of conscience receive is much needed and great appreciated. Thank you for your continued support, for the animals and the liberationists. One day people won't have to rescue animals from prison, only to end up there themselves.

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. Keep up to date on news by viewing our website at: 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



Italian activists have continued with many actions and liberations, including liberating 4 dogs, 1,000s of quails, 10 rabbits, mink and caged birds over the past few months.



Nets cut on holding pens and dolphins freed in Taiji, Japan.



Liberations continue in Spain too with more chickens being given loving, life-long homes away from cages and abuse to live out their lives without fear and pain.



Two rabbits are freed and finally live a dignified life, loved and respected.



Two pigs were rescued from a piggery, never to see a slaughterhouse.



50,000 animals were freed in Greece in an unprecedented mink liberation.



2 pigs were rescued from an intensive farm near Santiago, Chile. They will now enjoy the freedom and safety they all so much crave and deserve.



Five young goats are rescued, never to be exploited again.

Also, over the past few months the following have been liberated:

- 100,000s of fish freed from a fish farm and pigs freed in Sweden.
- Mink liberations in Greece, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Belgium, USA and Germany.
- Rabbits rescued in Mexico.
- Hundreds of deer freed in USA.
- Catfish liberated in Malaysia.
- Rabbits saved from slaughter in Italy.

And many more liberations unreported...

Liberations in the last four months include: Spain, Italy, Chile, Mexico, Sweden, Germany, New Zealand, Ireland, Japan, Greece, Belgium, USA, Malaysia and Switzerland.

With other actions in: France, Germany, USA, Ireland, Sweden, Russia, Mexico, Canada, Turkey, Portugal, Argentina, UK, Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Spain and Italy.

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



MAKING CONTACT WITH PRISONERS

Writing to prisoners

We live in a world where profit and property are valued over life and compassion, where those who try to stop suffering are seen as criminals and terrorists because they threaten the economic system and the status quo. As long as this continues to be the case, it is vital we support those activists who make the ultimate sacrifice. Receiving letters from the outside helps to stop these prisoners feeling isolated and other prisoners are always amazed at the amount of mail animal rights prisoners receive.

When you first start up correspondence with a prisoner, try not to ask specific questions, so prisoners don't feel under pressure to give a response. Please don't feel offended if you don't get a reply, or if a reply is a long time coming, as animal rights prisoners often receive large amounts of mail. They also frequently have ongoing legal matters to deal with, which can be a lengthy process. Consideration must be given to the fact that prisoners may not have time and funds or that they may not feel like writing.

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

Write to UK animal rights prisoners via email

Did you know that it is possible to write to most prisoners in the UK via the "**emailprisoner**" service for just 25p per letter? It's cheaper, quicker and more convenient than conventional mail. Most UK prisons are either part of the scheme or are set to join in the near future. You have to pay in advance and register with an email address and password.

It's a really great way to keep our comrades in touch with the outside world. For example, if you see some news online or in an email, you can just copy and paste the text into an email and send it directly to the prisoner (no attachments though), with some news of your own perhaps. Or why not put a few stories and some news together, as you get 2,500 characters per email.

These 12 UK prisoners can currently receive emails:

Gregg Avery and Gavin Med-Hall (HMP Coldingley)
Natasha Avery (HMP Send)
Heather Nicholson (HMP Foston Hall)
Kerry Vosper, Sarah Whitehead and Nicola Tapping (HMP Bronzefield)
Kerry Whitburn (HMP Lowdham Grange)
Dan Wadham (HMP Camp Hill)
Mel Broughton (HMP Bullingdon)
Tom Harris and Jason Mullan (HMP Winchester)

For more details see: www.emailprisoner.com/

Unfortunately, it is not possible to use this service for **Jonny Ablewhite** (HMP Hewell) and **Gerrah Selby** (HMP Downview). We urge supporters and friends of Jonny and Gerrah to contact the email a prisoner scheme: support@emailprisoner.com, asking for these prisons to become part of the scheme as well. That way, soon it should be possible to write to all UK prisoners.

New Vegan Prisoners Support Group Formed in Mexico: "Until the End"

This prisoner support group supporting anti-civilization (animal and earth liberation) of Mexico was formed due to the urgent need to support our comrades who have fallen into the dungeons of the enemy. With the expansion that has taken place in the fight for animal and earth liberation in Mexico, the state has implemented forms of repression against anarchists and eco cells, and against the anarchist movement in general in a battle to the death. During the last few years in Mexico, individuals have fallen into the dungeons of different individual Mexican states; it is now time, as Anarchists, to set aside fear and deal directly with the threat against freedom.

So far there are two prisoners in Mexico, eco-anarchists who are locked up; their sentences in prison promise to be "exemplary" for those who are breaking with the reality imposed on the rest of us. Their names are Abraham Lopez Magdaleno Martinez and Adrian Gonzales; this group seeks to aid them both in and out of prison, to avoid any pitfalls that those who fight victoriously for revolution might have to face someday.

Critics of our struggle and the anarchist ideas have ensured that these two prisoners often lack concrete support; they need help inside the prisons, so we decided to form this group called "Until the End".

The struggle for total liberation apparently is new to the ears of many, but these ideas have been building and developing for several years in Mexico; only since September of last year has there been more public presence of anarchists and eco-cells, including insurrectionary attacks. Please support fellow prisoners in any way you can and want, words of encouragement, poems, drawings, poetic terrorism, actions in your daily struggle, legal advice (lawyer), economically, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We as a support group do not belong to any direct action cell, we have nothing to do with them. We disclaim all illegal actions that take place in the future claiming to support Adrian and Abraham, we're just a group of individuals who attempt to give practical support for prisoners and Anarchist comrades that may need our support now and in the future.

PS: For any Anarchist individuals, or groups that want to support and help shape this project, do not hesitate to contact us; we know that organizing a support group is not easy, so ask the support and solidarity with other prisoners and their supporters. With this group, Until the End, we hope to become a strong and concrete support for the hostages of the state. Contact: hastaelfinal@riseup.net

On Grand Jury Resistance

by North American Animal Liberation Press Officer Nicoal Sheen

With the recent arrest, grand jury indictment and imprisonment of Jordan Halliday in Utah, as well as Carrie Feldman in Minnesota, our right to silence has become the best defense in shutting down any effort to divide and conquer. Continued resistance on principle and in praxis is vital for community survival against any government repression.

Increasingly, grand jury resistance has become a crucial part of activist vocabulary and action - especially in the animal rights community. According to many references in law, grand juries are said to "protect the innocent" against "unfair publicity" and serious accusations where one may or may not be guilty. Political activists have clearly experienced the opposite of such protection. Rather, grand juries are strategically used by the government and judicial prosecution to oppress. In several cases against activists, grand juries are used as a tool to "extract information" they believe the accused can access. Grand juries are no more than a witch hunt where authorities target activists who are effective and outspoken in order to stifle free speech.

However, resisting grand juries by pleading the Fifth amendment - the right to silence - comes with a long activist history; animal rights activists are not the first social group to face persecution. During the Red Scare and the era of McCarthyism in the 1950s, people accused of communist ties were forced before a grand jury by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Committee demanded that the accused "name names" and give any information concerning their alleged relationship with the Communist Party. Those condemned for supposed communist associations called upon the Fifth to protect themselves and evaded any possibility of self-incrimination. In response, the government blacklisted the accused for knowing and applying their rights.

Along with this pattern of repression comes the obligation to actively resist. Nothing just will ever come from grand juries and providing "harmless" knowledge will never help the situation. Grand juries are developed for the purpose of avoiding attorneys or other extensive legalities in order to gather "unrestricted" information. Therefore, resisting the urge to talk is necessary to preserve the fight for animals and the right to free speech. Subpoenas are issued in the hopes of creating desperation and hysteria among people which in turn divides activist circles and results in a fractured movement. Instead, a movement built on principles of trust, common sense and devout anti-authoritarianism is impermeable.

Silence inhibits the state's success and sends a clear message that such repression will be met with opposition. Total rejection of their fear mongering strengthens the movement and can avoid long-term imprisonment. Even when the state threatens an activist with "civil contempt of court" - as Halliday faced - talking will make the situation worse and is never acceptable. Supporting Jordan Halliday and other grand jury resisters is crucial in demonstrating that the community and activist circles act in solidarity and will not be subject to loose lips.

In the case that you are subpoenaed and are required to stand before a grand jury, always call your attorney or seek some form of legal counsel. Also tell other activists and friends. Do not hide that you have been called to appear before the jury. If you need help finding an experienced attorney, contact us here at the North American Animal Liberation Press Office.

Following are several examples in which animal rights activists have continued to resist grand juries and kept our communities safe from state intervention. Some activists have refused to show up. Many others refuse to answer any questions when called before a jury.

The state will hold activists as long as a grand jury is in session, but refusing to cooperate will save yourself and other activists in the end. In addition, activists have participated in protests outside the courthouse rather than comply.

Note: Jordan is presently appealing his sentence and doesn't start his sentence until Jan 2011, Carrie was released in March 2010 and is no longer wanted for questioning.

For more information on Jordan, please visit: <http://supportjordan.com/>

Cultivating Change by Nicole Vosper

Many people who write to be often ask "what is Permaculture?" when enquiring about my studies in prison and this is the basis of this article. To introduce sustainable systems and practices such as permaculture and vegan organic growing and why they are essential to our struggle. The basic premise is that there is no way we can achieve liberation for animals, whether those enslaved in farms or those in laboratories poisoned with agricultural chemicals, when the very basis of our existence - our food - is dependant on them.

Animal-free food is generally given the thumbs up by vegans, however even the humble vegetables we consume are likely to be produced with massive inputs of chemicals that are animal tested, harm wildlife and pollute rivers, as well as fertility that comes both from living and dead exploited animals in the way of manure, blood and bone fertilisers. Industrial agriculture has caused ecological crises with land degradation, deforestation, climate change, air and water pollution as well as biodiversity losses worldwide.

There is no escaping the fact that to counter these ecological, economic and social crises, we need a radical change in land use based on ecology and a fundamental respect for all life. Permaculture is one such alternative, embracing "**permanent agriculture**" whereby natural ecosystems are the models for our human habitats. Permaculture design is an ethical approach to designing land use and community systems to provide food, ecological habitats and other essential needs for survival. While not exclusively vegan, permaculture is still an innovative framework for creating diverse, resilient and productive systems.

Vegan Organic or Stock-free organic systems are however exclusively devoid of animal inputs, using techniques such as crop rotations, mulching, composting and green manures to maintain fertility. Both permaculture and vegan organic growing need to be applied on a major scale if we are to meet human food and resource needs while protecting soils, habitats and the waterways that currently face the physical and chemical destructive pressures of industrial agriculture.

However, these movements need our support - we need to support vegan organic growers and create a demand for stock-free, organic certified products. Groups such as the Vegan Organic Network and the Permaculture Association are still grass roots groups needing donations, membership subscriptions and active support to be successful. There is still so much room to integrate sustainable animal-free horticulture and agriculture into the AR movement, whether it's leaflets on stalls or links on web sites, so I urge you all to be active; contact or join VON or PA, find local groups in your area, go on a course and of course... get those wellies on and get gardening!

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Permaculture Association BCM, London, WC1N 3XX
Tel: 0845 458 1805, Web: www.permaculture.org.uk

Animal Liberation: Abolition

extracts by *Walter Bond*

I am an abolitionist animal liberation activist and you should be to. How many more animals have to die before we stop being concerning with 'The Big Picture'. 100 billion? A trillion? How much more of our Mother Earth must be decimated and clear-cut before we draw a line in the sand or forest, as the case may be. I am not a scholar or politician. I am and always have been a street activist. You know, the street. That's where real revolutions are fought, not the halls of academia, where long after the smoke clears, will always pretend to have won what others fought, bled and died for. What I see creeping into the Animal Rights community here in America is a lot of exalted cowardice. That's not to say that there aren't a lot of amazing and selfless folks doing a lot of much needed work on behalf of animals. There most definitely is. However, as veganism has grown, so have the clingers and posers that think because they are on a vegan diet they know far more than they do about activism. I hate to rain on the parade, but doing nothing is still doing nothing.

I support veganism 100% because when everyone follows it strictly, it will be the end of animal use and abuse. That means it is fundamentally true, because its application is universally good for all. Personally, whether we argue that veganism has a profound effect or none at all, I adhere to it because I do not want to partake in the worst, deliberate holocaust of innocent of life in the history of the planet. That's called doing what's right simply because its the right thing to do. That being said, my veganism isn't saving 90 or more animal lives every year. The world's population is not static, its growing. On the day you or I go vegan, 100,000 kids get weened into eating flesh as food. That is why it is ridiculous to sit around and eat vegan brownies and act as though you are saving the world.

The true abolitionist animal liberation activist is the person that not only confronts slavery and death in their own consumerism but also opposes it in the world around them. For abolitionists of every era before us, this has translated into being courageous, resisting the system, and accepting the consequences.

We cannot stop challenging the system. Until we see the changes occur in our society that we believe in, actions for Animal and Earth liberation must not only occur, but increase. There is not one all encompassing approach. Animal exploitation is not a single-issue problem, it is hydra-headed and multifarious. It encompasses many species and the Earth that is home to us all. So when I speak of resistance, I am not talking about one tactic or avenue. I am talking about the defiance that keeps our movement vital, energetic and an actual threat to the practice of interspecies slavery and objectification. Whether as writers, street level activists, educators, philosophers, or just vegans, it's good and necessary to feel the immediacy and urgency of our beliefs and of the animals' pain and sorrow; without passion, resistance is just another bullword. As veganism and animal rights begins to take root in the public consciousness, it is imperative that the message not get lost.

I am incredibly happy with many of the gains over the last 10 years. Even as a prisoner, I am able to request and receive vegan food. But as the mainstream grows, so must the grassroots; else it becomes just another market for consumers, growing along side the standard diet of cruelty but never truly diminishing it. We abolitionist animal liberation activists cannot let advertisers turn veganism into a group of food-obsessed hypochondriacs, or animal rights into the philosophical debate society. These issues that we fight for are a matter of life and death for ourselves and countless others. Lets' start treating them with the seriousness they deserve and not like a hip new diet fad.

Animal Liberation, whatever it may take!

Walter Bond, from the oppressor's cage, Golden, Colorado.
November 3rd, 2010

Letters

Nicole Vosper - HMP Bronzefield, UK

Dear All

How are we? Well after my fairly backwards sentence doing most of my time on remand... I'm actually getting out in December! And so this is my last letter and of course is full of thank yous.

My biggest thanks as always to ARPS, ALFSG and VPSG for all of their financial and practical support which I have benefitted from everyday. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to my family and close friends who have been amazing, missioning up for regular visits and keeping me part of their lives!

Thank you to all the 'strangers' who've now become friends, every single letter has meant so much. Thank you to all the HC kids who've sent me zines, Bristol ABC and people worldwide who continue to resist. And of course to Sarah, who has been a total rock, thank you forever!

After all the hype over sentencing we need to take it back every moment to what this is all about - the animals, and as parting words from prison I wanted to write what I always think and feel - that this is not a game! This is real life, with real consequences. Our decisions to act or not act have real effects. This isn't a hobby or a popularity contest. We get caught up in some vegan subculture when we need to remember what is happening every single second of every single day - the widespread, systematic destruction and exploitation of non-human and human communities to benefit a few. This is life and death and we must never, ever forget our role and responsibilities in this struggle. So get active and stay active!

Love and Liberation - Nicole xxx

Jason Mullan (JJ) - HMP Winchester, UK

Hello Everyone!

I have tried and tried to think of something or someway to start this letter without sounding like a children's TV presenter, but the best I could come up with was "Hello Everybody!!"

Anyway, so it has come, after three and half years on bail I'm finally sentenced and in prison! It's not too bad though. It is hardly Butlins... In fact it's not as bad as Butlins. I quite like the tracksuit we all have to wear. A while ago my girlfriend was having a go at me for wearing trainers and tracksuit all the time, calling me a chav. But now I can get away with wearing them all day long!!

All the prison officers and prisoners are fine. Many can't believe how long sentences we all got and one thing that sticks in my mind is when Tom, me and Alfie first came into jail we were all sitting in a row in reception and we were telling another prisoner about our sentences, he couldn't believe it and he said we looked more like a boy band than criminals! So I thought instantly this is what we should do and I right away came up with a name "No Direction".

Alfie has since done a Robbie Williams on us and gone solo, so No Direction are no more. If anyone sees any solo material by Alfie Fitzpatrick please do not buy it!

Thanks everyone, until next time, Bye byeeeeee! - JJ

Sarah Whitehead - HMP Bronzefield, UK

Hi Everyone!

It's good to be sentenced at last and have a release date to aim for. I pleaded guilty, I feel no remorse, in fact I wish I had done more. I'm saying this because it's true and because of the media's reaction to the case.

The belief for me never wavers - the animals have no voice and no power, they need us to do everything in our power to stop their suffering. There have been accusations of animal rights activism going too far - impossible! My understanding of compassion and caring and believing in a cause is that there are no limits. How can you care too much about the animals screaming for their lives in laboratories across the world?? How can there ever be a limit to actions when vivisection continues to be legal?? At what point do you say "I won't go that far" when fighting against the profit-making degradation, torture and murder of innocent, sentient beings?? To me, you keep going until the job is done and in this case it is the end of the misery, suffering and horror that is HLS.

So my only regret as I sit in prison is that I didn't do enough while I was out and believe me, time inside is making me stronger, angier and more determined. This has always only ever been about the animals and stopping the suffering. Yes, I pleaded guilty to breaking some 'laws' but I believe the 'law' is wrong.

The sentence isn't a problem (you can not plead guilty and then complain you got sentenced!). I'm using this period of inactivity to read and learn, I'm doing a degree in Criminology and Psychology

(slightly ironic!) and in the evenings I can also watch rubbish TV, write letters, follow Liverpool FC (Gerrard is king!) and try to finish the Guardian crossword daily.

A lot of time here is spent avoiding eye contact with some of the more volatile inmates who manage to make the Taliban look friendly! So I'm absolutely fine - don't forget, I'm a hardcore ex-boarding school pupil!

I do miss my dear animals every second of every day. I know they are showered with love and care - thank you to my amazing friends, you are absolute angels.

Nicole will be hopefully released in the next few weeks. I am overjoyed for her! It's been such a joy spending this time together. She has promised to eat every flavour of Swedish Glace ice cream for me (cheers sister!). We have had lots of laughs and many emotional ups and downs and I've loved it!

Thank you as always to the VPSG for making sure our food and toiletries are sorted. Thank you to ALFSG and ARPS and to everyone who writes or visits, to those that feel the same about this fight and never hold back. I don't deserve all your kindness but I love you all for it.

I'll be out at the end of 2012, it won't be long - so put the kettle on and get out the vegan chocolate cake..! Oh, and can I just say to the Daily Mail - why did you have to go and call me a middle-aged lesbian? - I'll never get Dermot O'Leary to marry me now!

Here's to the end of all animal abuse, Lots of love - Sarah xxx





Mel Broughton - HMP Bullingdon, UK

After a flagrantly biased news report on the sentencing of the SHAC campaigners, Jon Snow sneeringly asks: *"Is this the end of the animal rights movement?"* The BBC reports were no better, comprised of 30% reporting and 70% anti AR propaganda. Sure, the demonstration featured in the news wasn't pretty. However, take an honest look at English social history and you'll find far worse crimes have been perpetrated in pursuit of basic freedoms and rights.

But we all know by now that this isn't about an accurate appraisal of the motivations behind the actions of AR campaigners. This is another attempt to separate any public sympathy for anyone who dares to question the mass exploitation and abuse of animals. The end game isn't the removal of extremism, but the curtailment of any public protest on behalf of abused animals. The most effective weapon against any movement is to demonise it, in fact to demonise it to the point where its message becomes secondary to its public image.

And it's here that the AR movement needs to grasp the nettle.. Public opinion can be influenced by negative stereotyping, and coupled with lazy thinking, hostility can grow. However, it would be a mistake to fall into the trap of thinking that public protest is somehow a negative activity. It's an activity that remains essential to furthering the AR message. It also requires careful thought by everyone involved to ensure protests gain the maximum effect they can.

The focus on the financial tentacles that support the mass exploitation of animals is understandable, but now the net has to be cast wider. An understanding of what it means to be a sentient mind locked inside a laboratory or factory farm must be communicated more strongly to the public. This may require a rethink in the way demonstrations are presented and conducted, but getting that message out is essential. Clearly those in the AR movement who have used it to indulge their eccentricities must step aside. Equally, those who behave in a way that doesn't advance the movement must recognise that they can no longer frustrate its evolution.

In creating a new focus we need to agree on some core principles. These principles must be accepted across the spectrum of campaigners, from the grass roots to national organisations and even those who twitch nervously at the very mention of rights for animals. There are clearly some fundamental goals on which everyone can agree, regardless of their political or campaign allegiances. These must be crystallised and put into a form of words that can be presented on websites, in campaign magazines and on leaflets of all campaigning groups. Such demands can form the basis for a very focused and broadly supported set of aims which impinges upon the minds of those who shape the laws that dictate the lives of literally, millions of animals.

Jon Snow's comments on Channel Four news were yet another example of the hostile atmosphere we now campaign in. However, his comments and the appalling one sided nature of the reporting on the SHAC activists represent only one narrow view of the issue. The only correct response to the grotesque and partisan reporting of the media is to ignore it. The struggle for the hearts and minds of the public is something the AR movement can achieve in spite of the media's agenda to stifle it.

The grass roots of the movement are the clarion voice of abused animals everywhere. Without it the plight of millions of animals can fall from the public consciousness – this must never be allowed to happen. The distorted and feverish reporting of AR campaigners in the media is a reflected state of mind. Society is made to face uncomfortable truths about animal abuse in which most play a passive part. In the face of this, the legal system and media join forces to undermine and marginalise those who speak out...

As I write this, I hear a report about a man in Devon who was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to his cat. This individual put the animal in a microwave oven, then put the same cat in a tumble dryer and finally the freezer. The courts sentenced him to four months imprisonment. If he had tortured the cat in the name of scientific research, no doubt Jon Snow and the BBC would have given him a glowing report.

Mel

William Viehl, USA (since released on 23-09-10)

September 12th, 2010

Greetings, fellow activists and supporters!

I'm sending a huge hug and a thank you to each and every one of my supporters. Thanks to all the support I have received from all over the world, my mind has been distracted and my spirits raised. I also have some good news to share. By the time this letter is published in the ALFSG newsletter, I will have been released from prison and sent to serve the remainder of my sentence in a "halfway house". At this facility, I will have to live there, but I can come and go when I have work. We are allowed to have our own clothes, a cell phone, and any other personal items. Once the facility management sees that you are doing what is expected, they will allow you to go home on pass. These home visits start with 4 hours, and within a month or so they will allow you to live at home on house arrest. I can't tell you how excited I am to have this opportunity given to me. My release from federal prison will be on September 23rd. I can't wait to be back in my home state, Utah. The prison I am at is 14 hours drive away from home, so due to financial reasons, I have only been able to see my wife once since I have been here. It will be amazing to see the family in person.

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William's letter continued from page 9...

Being incarcerated has really been a strange experience. It's very weird having a form of "homeland security threat status" pinned on me. They extensively monitor everything I say and do. Who would have thought that by sneaking into a fur farm in the middle of the night and releasing mink would classify me as a terrorist? Throughout my incarceration, county jail was by far the hardest part of this experience. I was there for 10 months while going through my court process. Visiting was done through a computer monitor, they refused to acknowledge my vegan diet, no radios or music was allowed, and I had no access to the sun. All I did was read, draw, and write letters. Plus it seemed I was constantly dodging informants trying to make me look worse, so in turn they could possibly get reduced sentences for themselves. Once I arrived at federal prison after I was sentenced, I felt like I was at a summer camp. When I stepped off the bus onto the front steps, who would have thought someone could be excited to arrive at prison! The edge of the prison yard goes right up to the waterfront of LA Harbor. I have had the luxury of seeing seals and dolphins play out in the ocean. Boy, was that a treat! Even though this place is a prison, it felt like heaven compared to jail.

I work for the institutions construction and maintenance crew, making a whopping 29 cents an hour. I regularly play guitar and write songs underneath palm trees. I also have been drawing a lot, I draw portraits and tattoo designs for inmates. One of my dreams is to become a tattoo artist once I am released. I (hopefully) plan on doing that on the side, once I have finished my degree in graphic design. Lately I have been thinking about all of the things that I want to do once I am released. I plan on stuffing my face with delicious Tibetan food upon arrival in Utah. I'm going to find a way to permanently embed headphones into my skull, and rock out to all of my jams that would never be on the radio. Also, I'm going to try and get tattooed as soon as possible. I have a lot of unfinished work that needs to be completed. I can't wait to have the therapeutic experience of getting my skin drilled on. These are just a few of the insignificant things that have become significant to me, that I plan on doing as soon as possible.

Prison for me has been a learning experience. Being in this situation has made me realize not to take things for granted in life. When you have your freedoms and privileges taken from you, you realize how all of the tiny and insignificant things in life can become luxuries. I realized that one needs to live one's life to the fullest. Never let anyone or anything get in the way of your beliefs, wishes or aspirations. And finally, always do what your soul tells you is right. Never second guess yourself when it comes to moral decisions. If you do, you will find yourself being very unhappy in life.

To close this letter, I send my utmost love and respect to all of the AL and EL activists behind bars. My relatively short sentence is only 24 months. That is absolutely nothing compared to the outrageous sentences other activists have been given. Please make sure to write to everyone of these fine people. Prisoners receiving even a little note, helps to keep their beliefs strong and their minds in a positive state. Prison life is very hard and horribly negative. Without moral support, prison can be extremely devastating to the mind and soul. Taking a few minutes out of your life to send a quick note will mean the world to these prisoners. Let them know that they will never be forgotten. They sacrificed their freedoms so animals and the earth can have theirs. The least you can do is to send them a letter of appreciation and some commissary funds. Thank you to all the supporters who have helped warm the hearts of prisoners around the world. Keep fighting the good fight, and never give up!

Love and Liberation,

BJ (William)

Tom Harris - HMP Winchester, UK

Hi - It has been two weeks since I received my four year sentence and the time has just flown by. The administration is appalling, but things are slowly falling into place; delayed soya milk, post and phone calls all act as something to look forward to and add a bit of intrigue to the day, secretly I smile each time something goes wrong.

The only disappointment so far has been the absence of the disembodied voice of Morgan Freeman narrating my time here... Maybe that is added in post production?

I have heard prison compared to public school. I think that is a bit of an exaggeration; if I thought Boris Johnson and George Osborne were prowling the corridors outside my cell with knotted towels I think I would be far more cautious leaving my room!

As I write, some guy is running around the roof outside of my window which has added a bit of amusement to the day. And to think people told me 22 hour bang up would be monotonous!

Actually, I have found plenty of things to keep me busy - I have barely even had the time to start reading my books.

I was in the gym for the first time earlier in the week, no one was on the running machine so I hopped on that and ran a six minute mile. Still a long way off Gregg's times, but I have two years to catch him - watch out Gregg boy, Tom is coming to get you!

Anyway, that is enough for now. I need to go and locate a Raquel Welsh poster and a rock hammer...

Til next time, L&L - Tom

Jonny Ablewhite - HMP Hewell, UK

My Dear Vegan Friends

I have not written about animals and their liberation for some time. It's a subject which preoccupied me daily for years but for so long my own incarceration has taken precedence over such preoccupations. Knowing another SG letter was pending, I decided I must broach this issue with earnest.

The weekly freedoms I am now permitted have recently jolted the issue of animals back into my brain. This is because I am literally seeing more animals now - more cows, more dogs, more sheep, cats and birds - than I have in years and years. Their lives - their harried, curtailed lives - are becoming more and more apparent to me, more evident, after five years of only seeing them on TV, generally being detrimentally commodified or consumed. I am still so very aware of the labs and factory farms which are crammed with countless victims and that 1 in 5 of all vertebrates - that's mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles - are now threatened with extinction.

Yet, significantly, I am also seeing and meeting more and more people, not the shopping zombie hordes I had to weave through on a day out last week, but that thoughtful, committed minority who wouldn't be out shopping because they were supervising stalls or organising fundraisers or huddled around banners in the cold. Vegans. Protestors. Animal Liberationists. Earth Liberationists. Activists.

So my stereoscopic eyes are opening wide again! With one eye I see the voiceless victims but with the other I see vociferous activists.

LETTERS

What pulls into view is hope. And, admittedly feeling like an ineffectual convict for aeons, that is totally tremendous!

I have hope that animals will never ever be abandoned; that the struggle to protect their lives, their bodies, their homes and their habitats will never wither. I have hope because you're reading this, because you're vegan, because you're activated by compassion. You help me to see again - I'd be blind otherwise.

I'll leave you with a quote from a close friend of mine:
"Animal liberation is the amalgamation of your daily actions - yet prepare for ferocious opposition from the state, prepare for personal injury and even imprisonment - but do not prepare for defeat."

An oceanic "Thank You" to all my dear vegan friends, those I've seen and those I haven't, to Mark at the SG - Always, always for the animals.

Jonny xx

Steve Murphy - FCI Beaumont, USA

Friends,

First Let me say, there is no God. If there were, (s)he/it would do something about the injustice in the world now and since human/humyn became the dominant predator on this sphere. And, to the desperate seeking "meaning": God is not waiting for the right time to reappear so (s)he can correct all of her/his mistakes. The entity, being, spirit, substance we call God does not exist.

This leads to my second point. There is no justice in the justice system. The justice system in this country is a savage, barbaric farce whose only design is to create jobs for men and women (many of whom were in the military) too ill-equipped to find work in a reputable profession, such as a teacher - so they appeal to the lowest common denominator and take jobs that will ensure them power and authority over others - even though they themselves are guilty of crimes that will likely never surface. Striving for mediocrity.

Occasionally a few are caught and I revel in those brief moments because they thought they were invincible, they thought they would never get caught.

My oft-recited grievances against the general population and the activist alike of "cell phones kill gorillas" and "stop driving" often garner nothing more than a chuckle as we drive across town, I am unable to convince them to ride our bikes or take a bus/subway.

Let me say this again. The minerals used in cell phones to transmit the signal from handset to cell tower is mined in the former rainforests in the Central African Republic and The Dominican Republic of The Congo.

The rainforests are first "cleared" of all birds, snakes, gorillas, lizards, spider monkeys, reese monkeys, etc. Many of these beautiful creatures are killed - those that are not are captured and sold on the black market as "exotic pets" or worse, to animal research labs.

Those who escape being killed or captured retreat to an ever-shrinking forest. The forest itself is then slashed and burned with much of the wood used to make furniture for the wealthy. The Earth is then forever destroyed by strip mining. All this so the hipster can write her/his latest manifesto and the socialite can show off the latest gadget and the activist can read the latest update.

We need to remember that we all must live here and if I tell you the cops and prison guards are not above the rules of law neither am I above the rules of nature.

What I would like to see happen with the animal rights and social justice communities is the same thing the earth hippies have been doing for years - plant and grow what you eat. Stop using plastic water bottles. They are suffocating the planet.

Think of Garbagia (the gelatinous mass of plastics and water bottles in the middle of the ocean which on a good day is "only" the size of the U.S.) the next time you need to buy a bottle of water.

Stop buying processed mock meats and food. Shop at local markets and/or grow your own herbs and veggies in your underutilized yards and windowsills.

Stop driving! Most of it is unnecessary and you know it, so cut it out. Ride your bike, take a bus or train. It may take a little longer to get to your destination but won't the journey be worth it? If some of you reading this are laughing now too (and I suspect a few will) then perhaps you should also question what you are doing and why.

The Earth, my friends, will be here for a long, long time. We will not. The environment will undergo some pretty catastrophic changes - mostly brought about by our insatiable appetite for consumption without content or consequence - over the next 12 to 15 years. The polar bear will be extinct in 14 years, save those in zoos. The droughts and flooding will become more frequent and more severe. Basic survival foods and clean water will become scarcer and exorbitantly more expensive. Plagues will ravage the sick, the elderly, and the young.

We could have listened but our iPods blocked out the sound. We could have seen what might have been but our TVs blurred our vision.

I have approximately 30 months left in this God-forsaken-cesspool before I can return home to my loving family in the Autumn of 2013. After I get home I will be converting our yards into sustainable gardens and anyone willing to invest a little time in a little community is welcome anytime.

Footnote from a friend of Steve: *"Steve Murphy is a dedicated social justice, animal rights and environmental activist and all around good guy who now needs our support."*

Steve would love letters, cards, and postcards from old friends, new friends, future friends, etc. Please write him a quick note and let him know you're thinking of him and believe he can make it through his time in prison. He'd also appreciate books dealing with radical politics, environmentalism, animal rights, etc. These have to be new softcover (paperback) books, mailed straight to his address from the bookseller or publisher.

Steve is a vegan, but money is tight and he has very little cash to use supplementing the weak vegan diet he's receiving in prison - he's able to buy tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers and mushrooms in the prison, provided he has the funds to do so. All monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be made online at www.supportsteve.org - thank you"

Update, 07-11-10. Steve now has email access at the prison!! If you would like to correspond with Steve via email, please send us your email address to: info@supportsteve.org. Steve will have to send you an invitation email to get things rolling. x

Letters

Kerry Whitburn - HMP Lowdham Grange, UK

(This is Kerry's full letter from August 2010)

Hello everyone! I hope all is good for you all, in health, life and love. Before I begin my main part of my letter I must say a huuuuge thank you to everybody who has supported and helped me, so far. Your support is invaluable and I truly appreciate you all. I also appreciate you all for the patience and understanding you extend to me, especially when it takes me ages to reply to letters!

By now everyone who wrote to me between November 2009 and February 2010 should've received a reply from me, even though it was a typed 'one letter serves all'. Again I thank you for your wonderful support and your patience.

Right then... When I received the request to write an article for the World Day SG newsletter I pondered upon a few ideas. Do I try to write a letter based on humorous prison occurrences, such as the misunderstandings the many various accents can create? Do I write a deep, philosophical letter about how coping on a day to day basis can be made easier by positive thoughts, memories, etc? Or do I write about the Animal Rights movement and the fantastic and wonderful job it is doing?

Well, my friends, today I was watching a programme on the history channel, about the horrors of the trenches at Ypres during World War One when - during the advertisement break - I was visually reminded of the horrors inflicted upon animals within this supposedly civilised world. Some of you maybe aware of the advertisement - by WSPA - in which it shows despicable and barbaric acts carried out on bears, in the name of medicine and entertainment. Big, beautiful animals tethered to metal posts, or locked up in vile (vile) cages, or suffering indescribable pain from the ring in their nose being pulled to make them dance, or with their hands tied, with a metal 'muzzle' clamping their mouth shut whilst they are controlled by the chain attached to their neck as two viciously trained dogs are sent to attack him or her!

Luckily for me this was at approximately 1pm (lunchtime), as the sight of these strong, beautiful gifts of nature being tortured and with large crowds of ignorant, selfish and bloodthirsty reprobates cheering and applauding the 'dancing' (?) or being baited - instilled a strong feeling of anger followed by immediate sorrow. I freely admit I cried floods of tears for a good 20 minutes after seeing those images of such proud and imposing bears being reduced to such fear and despair. I say I was 'lucky' I saw this at lunchtime as I was able to cry with no interruptions, as I was locked in my cell. My tears only stopped because I forced myself to gather my composure as I was due to be unlocked at 1:30pm. So, I washed my face and held a wet towel against my eyes and prepared for the afternoon ahead.

I've been an open person for ages - emotionally, psychologically and spiritually - so I do find it incredibly difficult having to hide my tears and sad emotions from other prisoners. Most would not truly understand and many others would view it as a weakness to manipulate. My tears only fall when I am locked in my cell and even as I write this letter I still feel very tearful. I don't mind sharing my emotions with you as I know all of you will understand. It is now 9pm, approximately 8 hours since I viewed that advertisement and I am still greatly troubled and saddened. This is why I write about it in the

letter I pondered over for the past few days.

My tears and sadness are not only about those gorgeous bears, but also about what such actions and confinements represent as a whole. Companies producing medicines based on very primitive science and a public allow themselves to be conned into the scheme. A public that are so brainwashed and controlled that they dare not question the status quo of the ruling business classes. I am generalising, there, as obviously anyone reading this has not fallen into the trap! An 'Entertainment' (irony?) Industry funded and supported by tourists who find it amusing to pay and watch 'the cute bear dance', just as the public pay to watch the slavery in animal circuses. I use the two examples I have as a parallel to what I viewed in the WSPA advertisement; I view the bear baiting image as one general members of the public may also view as barbaric, but maybe their sincerity may be as a cover for agreeing to other forms of animal abuse (if, in fact, they do agree).

Whatever form of abuse is inflicted upon any animal is wrong. I do not care how businesses involved in any form of self serving exploitation of animals attempt to explain, excuse or justify their barbaric and torturous actions, I will never except it!

Now, I accept there could be people belonging to 'different groups' to those of you my letter is meant for and they probably hold allegiance to organisations who wish to see us silenced. Well, for any individual who may belong to such organisations, let me say this: *Before you urinate in your pants with excitement over your perception that my letter, thus far, 'proves' I'm an extremist and I will be returned to prison within weeks of my release, then remember this. I am not an extremist, and neither are the people I associate with. Being in prison can not and will not change my beliefs, principles or morals. I will not return to prison because I choose to not break the law because I hate being away from my partner and friends and not because I hold different or changed views concerning the rights and welfare of animals.*

None of you (us) are extremists. We are caring, affectionate, compassionate, aware, alert, sensitive, kind, giving, warm, emotional and passionate individuals who cannot live daily lives with ignorance or selective and self serving compassion. I make no apology for detailing those images I witnessed on television today, because I know each and everyone of you will relate to the emotions I then experienced. And this is why I also know I am lucky to be associated with such people as all of you, because it is heart warming and spiritually uplifting to know there are so many individuals completely opposed to all animal suffering caused by their exploitation. People who don't accept it's scientifically viable to lock animals in cages in order to torture them and invent a lie to the public. People who don't stand gaping and laughing and applauding whilst animals are cruelly coerced into 'entertaining' them. People who don't 'agree' that: "Oh, It's ok to eat/drink that, because it's 'free range' and at least the animal had some freedom"! People who don't see wearing animal skins as fashion! The list of 'people who don't...' could continue; but I don't need to continue as you all know what I mean because you are the people I am writing about. It is extremely reassuring to know that there are individuals who do strongly care about the plight of animals and those who do not fall for the conspiracies of big business.

Thank you to all of you, for all you do! And thank you for taking time to read my rant of a letter. It may be a disorganised letter but that's because I have written it as my emotions tell me. Any humour I may've remembered and considered sharing with you all, was defunct by 1:30pm today!

Take care, everyone of you!
Love and big hugs - Kerry xxxxxxxx

"The people of this country and this world must stand up to their governments and the Captains of Industry and demand action, real meaningful change, to stop species extinction, habitat loss, climate change and the strangulation of this planet. Unless we work for change together, in a unified way, those who come after us and suffer the consequences will surely wonder who we thought we were and justly condemn us for our apathy, denial, and self-indulgence."

- Johnathan Paul (US animal and environmental activist/prisoner)

UK Prisoners

Prisoners really appreciate letters and staying in touch with the outside world, it's one thing that makes their incarceration more bearable, so please do write to them or drop them a line or two on a card.

Jonny Ablewhite (A5750AH)

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.

Gregg Avery (A4874AD)

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)

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)

HMP Bullingdon, PO Box 50, Oxford, OX25 1WD. Mel was remanded on 14-12-07 and was sentenced on 13-02-09 to 10 years for animal rights related offences against Oxford University animal experiment lab. Unfortunately, Mel was found guilty again (following a successful appeal) for these offences. He will continue his original 10 year sentence given him in Feb 2009. Birthday: 5th July

Tom Harris (A8086AX) - 25-10-10

HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5DF. Tom is one of the second UK SHAC 6 trial campaigners and was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to 4 years on 25-10-10 for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 21st May

Gavin Medd-Hall (A3624AD)

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

Jason Mullan (A8076AX) - 25-10-10

HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5DF. Jason (JJ) is one of the second UK SHAC 6 trial campaigners and was sentenced on 25-10-10 at Winchester Crown Court to 3 years under Section 145 of SOCPA. Birthday: 1st May

Heather Nicholson (A3158AJ)

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

Lewis Pogson - was released on 01-11-10

Gerrah Selby (A2014AD)

HMP Downview, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PD. In January 2009 Gerrah was sentenced to 4 years for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 26th February

Nicola Tapping (HK9804) - 25-10-10

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx. TW15 3JZ. Nicola is one of the second UK SHAC 6 trial campaigners and was sentenced on 25-10-10 at Winchester Crown Court to 15 months under section 145 of SOCPA. Birthday: 9th May

Nicole Vosper (VM9385) -25-10-10

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3JZ. Nicole is one of the second UK SHAC 6 trial campaigners and was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to 6 years on 25-10-10 for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. 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 is one of the second UK SHAC 6 trial campaigners and was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to 6 years on 25-10-10 for conspiracy in connection with HLS campaigns. Birthday: 12th February

International Prisoners

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

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Walter Edmund Bond, P01051760

PO Box 16700, Golden, CO 80402-6700, USA.
FBI/ATF arrested a man in connection with alleged A.L.F. actions following an informant tip off, (now know to be his brother who was working with the ATF). Walter was arrested and has been imprisoned on remand with no bail in Jefferson County Jail in Colorado until his trial.

Alex Hall, 15908-081

FCI Englewood Federal Correctional Institution, 9595 West Quincy Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123, USA.
On 30th June, 2010 Alex was sentenced to 21 months in prison for his part in liberating over 600 mink from a fur farm.
www.supportbjandalex.com Birthday: 5th May

Kevin Kjonaas, 93502-011

FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072, USA.
Sentenced to 6 years, one of the SHAC 7 (now 1) prisoners
www.shac7.com/kevin/index.htm Birthday: 31st October

Marie Jeanette Mason, 04672-061

FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA.
Marie was sentenced on 5th February 2009 to an outrageous 21 years and 10 months imprisonment for ELF/ALF actions.
http://freemarie.org/ and http://supportmariemason.org
Birthday: 26th January

Eric McDavid, 16209-097

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

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: 2nd May

Steve Murphy, 39013-177

FCI Beaumont Medium, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 26040, Beaumont, TX 77720, USA.
Steve Murphy has been charged with a 2006 E.L.F. action in Pasadena, CA. and was recently sentenced to 5 years on April 5th, 2010 after previously pleading guilty. Steve is also an animal rights activist and vegan.
http://supportsteve.org/ Birthday: 3rd September

Kevin Olliff - Updated - Released - 10-11-10

Kevin had been on remand for 18 months before he was sentenced to 3 years for animal rights related offences. But he has now been released on 10-11-10 with time served.
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

William James Viehl - Released - 23-09-10

In February 2010, William was sentenced to two years in prison for his part in liberating over 600 mink from a fur farm.
www.supportbjandalex.com Birthday: 19th May

Briana Waters - Released on bail - 16-10-10

After serving 2 and a half years, Briana was been released from prison on 14th October 2010 on bail pending a possible re-trial. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners). www.supportbriana.org

Joyanna Zacher, 36360-086

FCI Dublin, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th St - Camp Parks, Unit E, DUBLIN, CA 94568, USA. Sentenced to 7 years and 8 months. (one of the Operation Backfire prisoners - e-mail: solidaritywithsadieandexile@gmail.com) Birthday: 25th January

MEXICAN PRISONERS

Adrian Magdaleno Gonzales

A university student of 22 years who was arrested in February 2010, has been sentenced to 7 years 11 months and five days and is being held at the Reclusorio Norte del Distrito Federal Prison.
For more information: http://grupohastaelfinal.wordpress.com or to send letters of support, email us at libertadparaadrian@hushmail.me

Braulio Arturo Duran Gonzales

Braulio Arturo Duran was arrested on September 24, 2010 and is accused of involvement in a series of attacks against banks and other targets. Braulio is vegan.
Letters to Braulio can be sent to: hastaelfinal@riseup.net

Abraham López Martínez

Abraham has been held since Dec 2009 at a youth detention center in Colonia Narvarte, Mexico City. He was accused of damaging property and subversive association. Abraham is vegan.

Write to Abraham via Anarchist Black Cross-Mexico: cna.mex@gmail.com

LEGACIES

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

" I BEQUEATH TO THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP PRESENTLY AT BCM 1160, LONDON WC1N 3XX, THE SUM OF, AND DECLARE THAT THE RECEIPT OF THE TREASURER OR OTHER AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE SAID SOCIETY SHALL BE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT DISCHARGE OF SUCH LEGACY. "

SG Merchandise



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T-shirt - £10 inc postage (sizes S, M, L & XL)



T-shirt - £10 inc postage (sizes S, M, L & XL)



T-shirt - £10 inc postage (sizes S, M, L & XL)



T-shirt - £10 inc postage
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There's comes a time in everyone's life that will shape their moral conscience, awake the true person within. When we all must decide to act..

We may be physical mortals, but our compassion gives us the strength and courage needed to continue this fight against all the oppressors of this world.

The Animal Liberation Movement is still very young but we must not waver from our path of what is right until all are free and until then, we surely must continue.

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