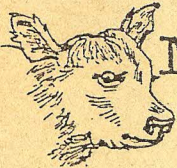


ANIMAL RIGHTS CONFEDERATION

WORKING TOGETHER *for the* ANIMALS



NEWS and ACTION



MARCH 1988

Incorporating VEGGIES NEWS

SALE DAYS

SPRUNG DIVANS ★
LEWER DIVANS ★

SALE ★ SALE ★

WOMY RANGE
Pine Frame incl mat... from £49.95
LEWER DIVANS

... from 109.95 NOW £39.95
... from 179.95 NOW £149.95
TRESSES

sizes — 2'6, 3'0, 4'0, 4'6 &

... from £39.95
... from £39.95

BOARDS
selection — Padded
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... (slightly shop soiled)

US
of items of linen at greatly
reduced prices

A large selection of 5'0
always in stock

Most items in stock for
ONE WEEK FREE LOCAL
VERY

credit facilities available
Old bed removed where
necessary

Fur trade protest at city store

ANIMAL rights campaigners stepped up their war against the fur trade when they picketed the fur department of Debenhams's store on Nottingham's Long Row on Saturday.

A spokesman for Nottingham Animal Rights said the group collected 400 signatures on a petition and many people pledged to boycott the store.

"The campaigners then entered the store in an attempt to put

the views of the public to the management but the manager seemed unconcerned by the facts presented relating to the cruelty inherent in the wild trapping and factory farming of fur animals," he said.

"Although obviously concerned by the weight of public outrage displayed to the store, he refused to make a comment.

Pickets gather petition names at Debenhams

the campaigners left peacefully.

The Nottingham store declined to comment on the demonstrations and Debenhams's head office in London also refused to say anything on the matter.

"We put to him that many other Debenhams stores had removed their fur departments but when pressed as to whether the current clearance sale was in fact a closing down sale, he refused to comment."

Having pledged that the campaign would continue "until such time" that the fur department was closed.

ourselves because they can only be pushed by the people they are made out of. "We believe the Reeves may well have brown them out of the window when they made their getaway," explained Mrs Horne. The scattered slips said well be in the street or someone's garden and Mrs Horne would be grateful to anyone finding them to contact her on Nottingham 221691.

The best builder?

BESTON-based Builders Barrat East Midlands Ltd is in 6th running for a national award. The firm is among certificate of merit winners in the 88 Express Newspapers Housebuilder of the Year Awards. The top prize will be announced at London's Savoy Hotel tomorrow.

Walk record entry

ENTRIES for the tenth National Heritage Way Walk on February 29 and are already the most ever.

Offering the choice of a 52-mile or 28-mile rough country route in the green belt areas around Nottingham, it is now one of the foremost competition walks in the UK.

NOTTINGHAM ANIMAL RIGHTS CONFEDERATION

180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. NG1 3HU. (0602) 585666

Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation meets on the last Sunday of each month, at 7.30pm, upstairs at The Narrow Boat, Canal Street, Nottingham to co-ordinate Animal Rights campaigns in the area. There is no formal membership, meetings and other activities being open to all those using non-violent methods to oppose the abuse of animals.

As the agendas for the meetings contain much valuable information they are also published as a newsletter. You are urged to follow up as many of the campaigns as possible. Further information may be available from the various contacts whose details are inside the back page, or at our St. Peters Gate stall on Saturdays, (help always welcome too).

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

A scheme has just been launched to encourage supporters to subscribe to this newsletter. Many dedicated people have helped the ARC over the years, but loose touch if the Sunday evening meetings become inconvenient. ALL SUPPORTERS are therefore urged to subscribe so that the ARC will be better able to keep everyone informed. A subscription form should be enclosed, but if not please send £3 waged / £2 low or unwaged / £1 under 16yrs.



SUNDAY 28th February 1988

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Compassion in World Farming / CAFAA / Chickens Lib
3. Animal Aid / Anti-Vivisection / Circuses
4. Vegetarian & Vegan Societies / Veggies
5. Greenpeace / Friends of the Earth / IFAW
6. League Against Cruel Sports / Hunt Saboteurs
7. Other Direct Action
8. Prevent Unwanted Pets / Cat Rescue Schemes
9. Any Other Business
10. Discussions : Support for local / national events.
- Would political Constituency Party Action end animals abuse?

Video show : Nottingham Fur Campaign in action ALSO
SPLIT SCREEN reports by Zoo Check and the Zoos Federation

This newsletter is compiled for Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation by Veggies Catering Campaign, and printed at the 118 Print Workshop.
Send items for April newsletter / agenda by Wednesday March 23rd.



FUTURE EVENTS - PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

- MARCH Tues 1st - Waterloo Cup. Demonstration against Britain's major Hare Coursing event. Meet: Formby Railway Station, Merseyside at 9am prompt. Contact National Anti Coursing Council, PO Box 8, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 ODX
- Friday 4th - Prevent Unwanted Pets. Fundraising pub collection. Meet outside The Bell, Old Market Square at 8pm.
- Friday 4th - Meeting with Graham Clarke (Campaigns) and Juliet Gillatly (Youth Education) of the National VegSoc. 8pm at Guild Room, Bore St, Litchfield.
- Saturday 5th - Nottingham Fur Campaign. Picket at Debenhams. 1pm. Contact Chris or Louise on Nottm 260589.
- Saturday 5th - March against Hazelton Laboratories, Harrogate. Contact Steve Pate 0532 436625 (Room J1.1).
- 10th - 13th - Green Party Conference on 'Food, Farming and the
Thurs - Sun Future'. Southport. Contact David Lane Nottm 816049
- Saturday 12th - Prevent Unwanted Pets. Fundraising flag-day at Notts County Football Ground, Meadow Lane from 12.45.
- Saturday 12th - Anti Seal Hunt Rally. 2pm at Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London. Details from the International Fund For Animal Welfare on 08926 63374 / 63819
- Wednesday 23rd - ARC Co-ordinating Meeting. 7.30pm at Rainbow Centre.
- Thursday 24th - Meal at Krishnas Pure Vegetarian Restaurant, 144 Alfreton Road. Informal Vegetarian And Vegan Soc night out from 7.30pm.
- Saturday 27th - Leicester Bio-Hazard Campaign. Provisional Launch. Contact Ros Leicester 832202 or Barbara 834372.
- Sunday 28th - Animal Rights Confederation meets at the Narrow Boat Canal St., Nottingham at 7.30pm.
Guest Speaker from Leicester Bio-Hazard Campaign.

< MORE EVENTS IN APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY ... NEXT PAGE >



APRIL Sat 2nd - Prevent Unwanted Pets. Fundraising Flag-day at Nottm Forest Football ground, Trent Bridge, West Bridgford from 12.45. ALSO dawn to dusk permit for West Bridgford (Tudor Square/Rectory Road), Radcliffe on Trent and Bingham Town Centres.

Sat 9th - Co-ordinating Animal Welfare Meeting. 1pm - 6pm. Earlsmead Community Centre, Broad Lane, Haringey.

23rd - 24th - World Day For Laboratory Animals. Brighton. March, Sat - Sun Rally, Social evening and all night vigil.

Thurs 28th - Restaurant Fayre. 7.30pm at Congregational Hall, Castle Gate. Food & drinks £2 / £1.50 (concessions/members). Contact Vegetarian & Vegan Soc on 816049.

MAY 7th - 8th - Primary Teachers Conference at Vegetarian Society, Altrincham. Contact Peter Barclay on 0246 419997.

Sat 28th - Demonstration against Animal Experiments at Oxford University. Details next month.

JUNE Sat 25th - RSPCA AGM. The support of campaigning members is needed to encourage firm policies by the RSPCA.

Fri - Sun - Living Without Cruelty Exhibition. 24th - 26th Kensington Town Hall, London.

JULY Sun 24th - Animal Aid Sponsored Walks.

Sat 30th - B U A V AGM. Friends House, Euston, London.

< ALL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS NOTTINGHAM UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE >

EVERY SATURDAY - Animal Rights Confederation Stall at St Peters Gate. Please give an hour or so. Call at stall between 11am & 4pm any Saturday, or contact Phil of Veggies.

FOR ACTION There has been leafletting at Debenhams throughout the winter, as they have a fur department inside. Please help on any Saturday from around 1pm.

EVERY LUNCHTIME - Monday to Saturday. 11am - 3.30pm. Veggies Catering Campaign snack stall at Clinton Street West.

1st & 3RD FRIDAYS - Pub collections for P. U. P. (Prevent Unwanted Pets). Meet at 8pm at The Bell Inn, Market Square.



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CONGRATULATIONS !

to the organisers of recent benefit events. An enjoyable evening at The Garage, raising funds for the ARC was closely followed by a hot and crowded one at The Yorker. Phew! This one really packed them in. As a result £100 was raised for Nottingham's Hunt Saboteurs and another £100 for Veggies campaign against McDonalds. MANY THANKS to the organisers and to all the bands that supported these events.

It is interesting to note that if McDonalds had never chosen to threaten legal action against Veggies, they would have had the resources to produce only a few thousand leaflets. Now, thanks to public support enough has been raised to print 30,000 ! Any group or individual able to help distribute them - please get in touch.

DEMONSTRATIONS

As you will see on the events page the season for demos is starting up again. Several years ago the ARC regularly filled a coach for such events. However times change, and recently valuable funds have been lost on half empty trips. If you can arrange transport to an event please get in touch. Help is needed to work to fill the seats when transport is arranged. Also Veggies provide catering support at many of the events, and can usually offer a few lifts.

WORLD DAY FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS

Now is the time to get in touch if you can arrange or support a trip to Brighton on April 23rd. There will be a March of Commemoration followed by a rally on the sea front. A social evening follows, with vegan refreshments, and a Vigil of Sympathy and Resolution until dawn.

PREVENT UNWANTED PETS

In the last year P.U.P. have helped to pay for 88 cats and dogs to be neutered. They have a growing waiting list, and huge bills to pay to vets. 3,387 dogs and 746 cats were destroyed in Nottingham alone in 1986. PLEASE TURN OUT for the collections listed in the diary, and help reduce the awful suffering that stray and unwanted animals go through.

ALSO

P.U.P. wish to give a small gift to two pensioners who have been especially dedicated to helping animals for many years, but P.U.P. do not wish it to come from donated funds. If you can offer a little extra please sent it c/o the ARC.

DOGS & CATS GO VEGETARIAN !

Please send an S.A.E. for details of "a revolutionary way to feed pets".

A new campaign is to be launched at the end of March. Based on the NAVS campaign to alert the public to the dangers of disease escaping from vivisection labs, with evidence that Aids was in fact created in this way, the Leicester campaign also opposes the proposed destruction of much needed housing to extend labs at the local University. It is hoped that Nottingham will give full support, and a speaker from the campaign has been invited to the March 28th meeting of the ARC. See diary for contact details.

ANIMAL AID SPONSORED WALK

It is hoped that walks will be held all around the country on July 24th. Help is needed now to organise a route, walkers, sponsors, publicity etc.

Animal Aid supporters please get in touch.

RSPCA MEMBERS WATCHDOG

The RSPCA has excellent policies on hunting, the fur trade, factory farming etc, but seems sometimes to lack the will to follow these through at grass roots level. Some local branches that do try to campaign actively find resources stretched by a requirement to send a quota (of funds) to HQ.

This Members Watchdog is not calling for a 'hurricane of extremism' but a 'wind of change'. They aim to ensure that RSPCA branches and individual members are treated justly and to monitor the RSPCA's work in relation to its policies. The views and/or support of RSPCA members is welcomed.

Write to: 44 Kingsley Road, Horley, Surrey. RH6 8RH.

RSPCA ACTION LINE

As an indication of the valuable work of the RSPCA this ACTION LINE column from the Spring Issue of RSPCA TODAY indicates some of the current issues of concern. For full details follow the references in the magazine (available in the Animal Rights Library at the Rainbow Centre, or send an S.A.E. for photocopies).

Protection of Animals (Amendments) Bill
(See 'In Parliament' page 8, this issue)
The main provision of this Bill is to allow disqualification of a person from keeping any animal on a first conviction for cruelty. Write to your MP asking him to support this Bill.

Genetic Engineering
(See pages 3 and 19, this issue)
The RSPCA is concerned at the development of research into genetic engineering in farm animals. Write to the Home Secretary to voice your concern about the implications of this research in animal welfare terms. The Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, The Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

Tethered Horses
(See page 20, this issue)
The RSPCA is calling for the introduction of the new statutory offence of 'Cruelly Tethering a Horse'. Write to your MP asking him to support this measure in Parliament.

Tail Docking of Dogs
(See page 22, this issue)
To try and ensure that Britain signs the European Pet Animal Convention, including the section that outlaws the cruel and unnecessary practice of tail docking of dogs, write to your MP.

Use of Primates in Research
(See page 27, this issue)
The RSPCA welcomes the changes agreed by the Home Secretary but is disappointed that several other measures have not been adopted. Write to the Home Secretary at the address above asking him to adopt all the measures laid out on page 27.

Intensive Farming Systems
(See pages 23 and 29, this issue)
The consequences of a poorly maintained intensive system can be seen on page 23. The proof that alternative, humane, systems can be profitable can be seen on page 29. To protest about intensive farming systems, write to your MP and Euro-MP.

Aintree
(See Autumn 1987 issue)
With the Grand National due to be run at Aintree on 9th April, now is the time to make your protest about the dangerous Becher's Brook fence. The RSPCA is asking for changes on the landing side of this notorious fence that would make it much safer for both horses and riders. Show your support for this change by writing to: The Jockey Club, 42 Portman Square, London W1H 0EN and The Clerk of the Course, Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, Merseyside.

Early Day Motions
(See 'In Parliament' page 8, this issue)
Several Early Day Motions (EDMs) that deal with animal welfare issues have been tabled in Parliament. Recent additions include the complete banning of fur products from countries that still use the steel-jaw leg-hold trap, measures to deter the purchasing of domestic pets as Christmas presents, and the outlawing of hunting deer with packs of dogs. Write to your MP asking him to sign these and other relevant EDMs.

VEGGIES NEWS

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Regular readers will know that in October 1987 Veggies Ltd, of Nottingham, received threats of libel action over allegations made in the leaflet 'What's Wrong With McDonald's'.

The leaflet had said that McDonalds Restaurants were implicated in the destruction of rain-forests for the production of cheap beef, and also implied that they were responsible for the torture or murder of animals. McDonalds solicitors demanded that Veggies state that they were "satisfied that there is no truth whatsoever in these statements" and to "apologise to McDonalds Hamburgers Ltd for any embarrassment caused." In November a strict time limit of 14 days was given to reply.

Following preliminary investigations, Veggies prepared a response conceding that specific evidence of direct connection between McDonald's and the destruction of rain-forests had not been found. However the practice in the United States of labelling imported beef as 'US Beef', and McDonalds role in creating a worldwide demand for beef, meant that Veggies were unable to make a full retraction in the terms demanded.

Faced with the possibility of meeting McDonalds in the High Court, Veggies were also willing to concede that "the word 'murder' is not yet widely used in connection with the killing of animals, although by our standard this is indeed the case".

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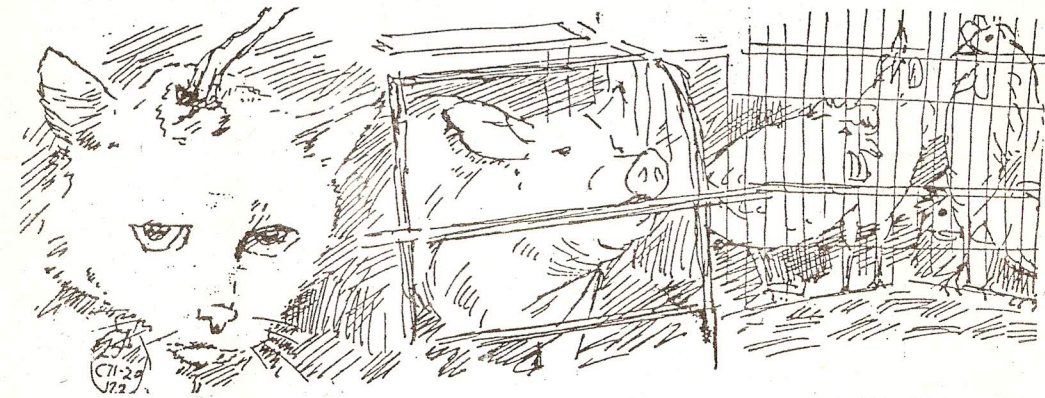
Together with this response, McD's solicitors were sent details of the voluntary and charitable nature of Veggies work. Their attitude now changed. They offered to discuss a 'mutually acceptable variation' of the required correction and invited Veggies solicitor to discuss the matter with them.

As a result they are willing to consider an apology on Veggies terms, on condition that, whilst conceding lack of specific evidence on the rain-forest issue, details of the continuing doubt are not given. They also seem willing to accept Veggies position on the 'murder' of animals, so long as the word 'torture' is also retracted, whilst still allowing a statement to be made that Veggies are unable to excuse the suffering, cruelty and waste of life caused by the production of beef burgers.

Veggies suggest revising the 'What's Wrong With McDonalds' leaflet to change the words 'torture and murder' to 'slaughtering and butchering' and to redraft the rainforest section. Supporters are encouraged to give their views as to whether settlement on these terms is acceptable.

> Please send an S.A.E. for the revised leaflet 'Whats Wrong With McDonalds' >

VEGGIES LIBRARY



A library is being co-ordinated by Veggies going under various subject headings eg, Animal Rights, Environment, Nutrition etc.

Borrowing facilities are open to all; simply contact Veggies through the Rainbow Centre (tel. 585666), at the Clinton St. stall, at a Notts ARC meeting (last Sunday of every month at The Narrowboat pub 7.30 pm) or at one of the many events at which Veggies caters.

There will be a nominal borrowing fee of 10p per book per week.

We would be grateful to anyone wishing to lend/donate books so that they could reach a wider audience.

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"Men and Beasts"

"Against All Odds-Animal Liberation 1972-1986"

"ALF on trial-Capitalism under attack in the 1980s"

"Cruelty-Free cosmetics catalogue 1986"

"Up against the law-Animal Rights and the Public Order Act"

"The Vegan Shopper's Guide"

"The Vegan Holiday and Restaurant Guide"

"Man and Beast"

"A Charter for Animal Rights and welfare proposals for the County of Nottinghamshire"

"The Military Abuse of Animals"

"The Animals Diary 1986"

"The Extended Circle"

"Animal Liberation-New Ethics for Our Treatment of Animals"

"Slaughter of the Innocent"

ENVIRONMENT

"Directory of the Environment-Organisations in Britain and Ireland"

"Planet in Peril? Man and the Biosphere Today"

VEGETARIANISM/VEGANISM

"The International Vegetarian Handbook 1987 and 1983/4 (two books)"

"Food for a Future-The Complete Case for Vegetarianism"

"Vegetarian Nutrition"

COOKBOOKS/FOOD

"The Higher Taste"

"Macrobiotic Cooking"

"English Bread and Yeast Cookery"

"Easy Vegan Cooking"

"The Vegetarian Epicure"

"Whole Earth Cookbook"

"The Real Food Guide Vol.1-Fresh Fruit and Vegetables"

"Your Greatest Guide to Calories"

"ABC of Vitamins"

"The Natural Food Catalogue"

"Look Again at the Label-Chemical Additives in Food"

"Look Again at the Label"

ALTERNATIVE MEDECINE

"The Herb Book"

"The Prescriber"

"Homeopathy for Pets"

"Homeopathy for the Family"

GENERAL INTEREST

"Multinational Corporations and National Government"

"International Regulation of Multinational Corporations"

"The Law of Co-operatives"

"Enquire Within About Animals"

"Co-op Management and Employment-Running a Workers' Co-op"

"Food Co-ops:How to Save Money by Bulk-buying"

"Arrested, Charged, Imprisoned-Diary of a Peace Protester"

"It's Your Media! Nottinghamshire Media Guide"

