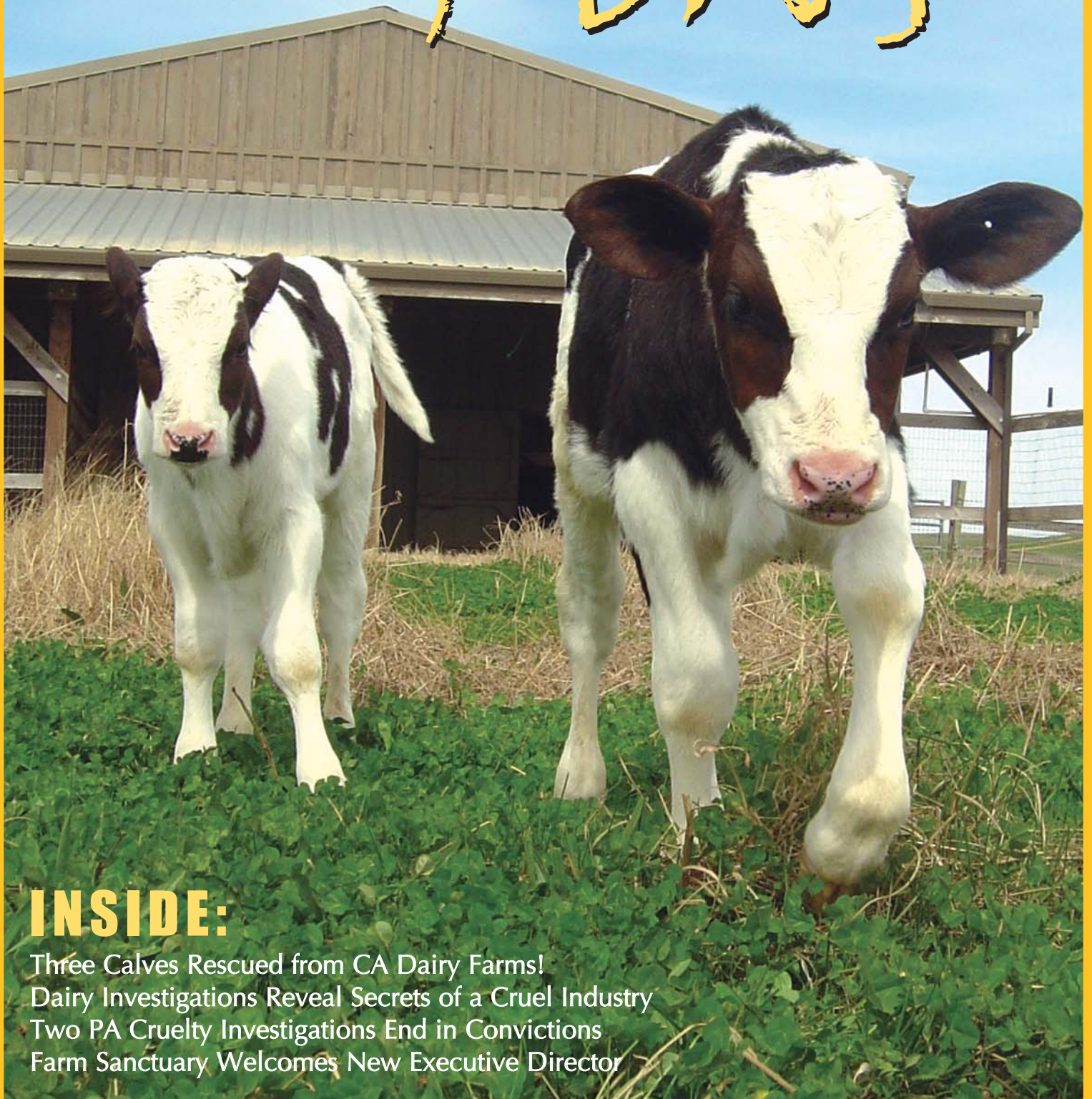


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*Cover photo: Billy and Casey at the
 California Shelter*

Dear Farm Sanctuary Member


Spring is here and the animals (including the humans) at Farm Sanctuary are enjoying the warmer days as we gear up for another visitor season. We hope you'll make plans to attend our *Farm Animal Forum* in Philadelphia, and to visit us in Orland, Calif., or Watkins Glen, N.Y. Our shelters are places of peace and compassion, and provide some respite in a world where carnage and cruelty are all too common.

In this newsletter, you'll read about some very exciting developments. With growing consumer awareness and opposition to inhumane factory farming practices, major agribusiness corporations are feeling pressure to change. We welcome these changes, but recognize there is much more to do. You'll also read about our efforts to protect animals in the courts. Although we had a setback in New Jersey, we were able to secure important animal cruelty convictions against two institutions in Pennsylvania.

Among the animals you'll read about in this newsletter are Phoenix, Casey and Billy, three sick calves who were destined to be slaughtered at less than a week of age. Their story illuminates the callousness and cruelty that is rampant in modern dairy production.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce the addition of Jeff Lydon as our executive director. Meet Jeff on Page 7 of this newsletter. Jeff is an experienced manager with a deep commitment to Farm Sanctuary's goals, and his presence will greatly enhance our efforts.

As always, we thank our members for your support. This work would not be possible without your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

 Gene Baur

P.S. Please spread the compassion and pass this newsletter along to a friend when you have read it.

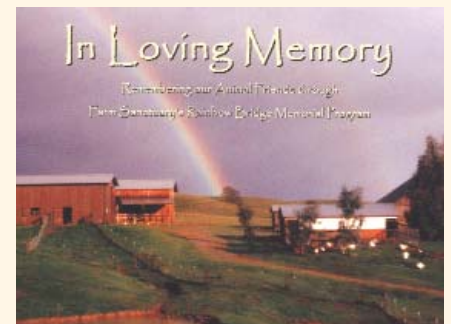


Gene and Sunny



Rainbow Bridge Memorial

The *Rainbow Bridge Memorial* offers a unique way to honor your animal friends and those of friends and family. In addition to paying tribute to animals who have passed away, gift memorials help support the rescue and care of thousands more at Farm Sanctuary. For contributions of \$25 or more, members receive a card including the name of your animal friend and the touching *Rainbow Bridge Memorial* legend. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized through an engraved stone in a peaceful garden setting.





Gotti



Aurora



Chicken

Farm Sanctuary's 6th Annual **FARM ANIMAL FORUM**

Sunday, April 29, 2007 · Philadelphia, PA

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER... SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Offering up-to-date information on critical farm animal issues, groundbreaking campaigns, movement developments, and effective advocacy strategies, Farm Sanctuary's *Farm Animal Forum* is an inspirational and "must-attend" event for activists of all experience levels.

Conference highlights include an exciting lineup of noted animal protection speakers, local and national non-profit organization exhibits, animal-friendly vendors, hands-on activism, and volunteer opportunities!

Don't miss out on this empowering opportunity to learn what YOU can do to take a stand against exploitation and come to the aid of suffering farm animals!

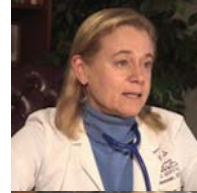
**Saturday, April 28, 2007
Restaurant Demo & Leafleting**



Jonathan Balcombe, research scientist for Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine



Gene Bauer, co-founder and president of Farm Sanctuary



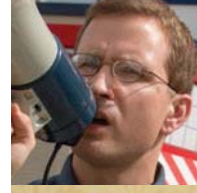
Holly Cheever, vice president of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights and the New York State Humane Association



Susie Coston, director of Farm Sanctuary's *New York Shelter*



Lawrence Carter-Long, longtime animal rights activist and director of advocacy for the Disabilities Network of NYC.



Bruce Friedrich, vice president in charge of international grass-roots campaigns for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

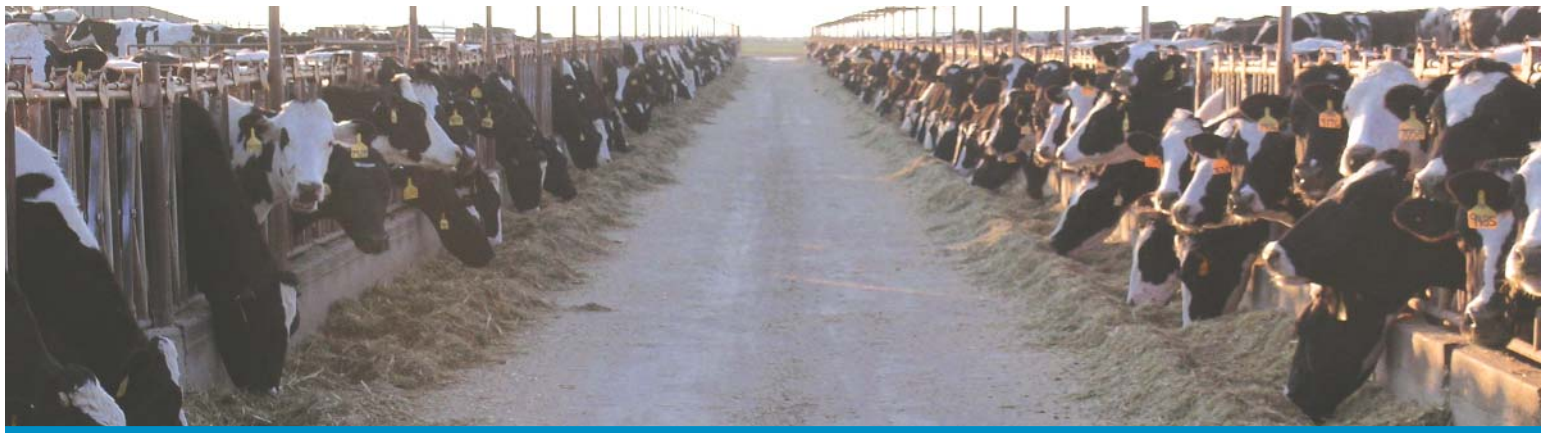


David Wolfson, attorney, author and professor of animal law

For more information about the *Farm Animal Forum* or to make an event reservation, call 607-583-2225 ext. 221 or visit us online at

FarmSanctuary.org

Registration deadline: April 20



orn From Their Mothers and Bound for Slaughter... Newborn Calf Rescues Reveal Appalling Secret of the Dairy Industry

In January 2007, Farm Sanctuary gave refuge to three baby calves: Billy, Phoenix and Casey. Only a few days old at the time of their arrival, the trio had been rescued from a terrible fate, literally plucked off a truck on its way to the slaughterhouse.

When they arrived at our Orland, Calif., sanctuary, the babies were extremely weak and sickly, fighting to survive. Phoenix and Casey are twins and suffered from contracted tendons on their front legs, which prevented them from

being able to walk. With intensive care, including splints and physical therapy for the twins, all three are now on the road to recovery.

These three babies illustrate a tragic secret of the dairy industry: the grim fate of countless thousands of its unwanted calves, ripped from their mothers at birth and immediately carted off to the slaughterhouse to be killed when they are only hours old.



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Every year, hundreds of thousands of calves are born on California dairies. Calf dealers (also called “calf jockeys”) make daily rounds, stopping at dairies to pick up calves born during the past 24 hours with their livestock trucks. Some calves are literally minutes old when they are picked up. Where these infants go next is something the dairy industry would prefer the public didn’t know about.

Baby calves, both male and female, are taken to calf ranches and relegated to small crates never to see their mothers again. The females, called “replacement heifers,” are raised to replace dairy cows in the milking herd. Because most cows only last about three or four years in production, the industry needs this constant supply of “replacements.” The male calves experience similar crated housing on their way to being raised as “beef” cattle.

The fate of the remaining calves, those who are considered too small or sickly to be raised profitably, is even more upsetting. They are taken directly from the dairy to the slaughterhouse, sometimes within hours of birth, to be killed as “bob” veal. Their flesh is used in TV dinners and other inexpensive veal products. That was the plan for Billy, Casey and Phoenix, until we intervened.

The trio was sick and would not have survived without serious veterinary attention and care. Agribusiness determined that they weren’t worth it, so they were taken from their mothers immediately after birth and tossed aside to await the slaughterhouse-bound truck, without ever taking a drink of their mother’s milk.

The bond between mother cows and their calves is intense, and the separation of Billy, Casey and Phoenix was most certainly traumatic for all. Farm Sanctuary investigators have observed the painful separation of other dairy calves from their mothers, as well as other dairy cows pitifully licking their still-born calves, grieving and apparently trying to bring them back to life.

Harsh handling and the ride to the slaughterhouse can be torture for fragile newborns, especially when bad weather compounds their misery. Many become downed animals, too sick and weak even to stand. A 2004 *USA Today* article describes slaughter workers who routinely receive “veal calves that come in that are one, two or three days old [who] aren’t able to walk due to weakness.”

Although USDA regulations technically prohibit the slaughter of non-ambulatory cattle, the Agency is not adequately enforcing this provision.

A Farm Sanctuary investigator has seen slaughterhouse workers force tiny, newborn calves who are unable to walk through the slaughterhouse doors. At one, a worker was seen using a high-pressure hose to blast tiny calves with icy water to move them down the concrete aisle to the kill floor. Some frail calves lay curled up into little balls on the concrete floors of the holding pens, fighting against the frigid winter temperatures. Not far away lay the bodies of calves who either died en route to the slaughterhouse or died in their pens before they could be slaughtered.

Sick calves are also dumped at stockyards and auctions to be sold, where they are neglected and left to suffer without veterinary care. This was the fate of one such calf we found discarded at a livestock auction on a cold winter day. He was hypothermic and abandoned to die in a pen at the close of the auction. After securing his release, we rushed Clover to a veterinarian. Despite emergency veterinary care, Clover died after three days at the hospital from a massive internal infection, no doubt a result of his neglect during his first days of life.

While we are heartbroken at Clover’s death, seeing Billy, Phoenix and Casey bounce back from the brink of death to become happy, healthy calves gives us hope.

They will be ambassadors for the countless other calves who never know human kindness and who die painfully every year at the hands of the dairy industry.



Clover at UC Davis

EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND NEWBORN CALVES

From the moment they arrived, Billy, Phoenix and Casey required intensive care to survive. The calves needed extensive and costly care at U.C. Davis Veterinary Hospital and later rehabilitative and ongoing care at Farm Sanctuary's hospital facility.

Unnaturally taken from their mothers immediately after birth, these calves did not receive vital nutrients and antibodies from the mother's milk in the first hours of life — making their condition critical and survival an uphill battle.

Weak and lethargic, two of the calves needed to be tube fed because they could not eat on their own. Two were suffering from contracted tendons, causing their front hooves to buckle under and preventing them from walking or standing. One of these calves was struggling to walk on his knees. Farm Sanctuary's health care staff has been working day in and day out to correct the condition with leg splints — to help them stretch and heal the tendons.

Sadly, in their short, painful lives, calves in the dairy industry never know human kindness. But, with member support of our Emergency Rescue Fund, for this group of rescued calves, there is a different ending to the story.

With funds set aside to respond to cases like these, we can bring suffering farm animals to safety and provide them with the care they need to recover from neglect and abuse.

Please make a donation right now to the Emergency Rescue Fund to help provide ongoing care for Billy, Casey and Phoenix and to ensure that Farm Sanctuary is there to help when farm animals need us most.

Here is just a sampling of what your gift will provide for farm animals in urgent need:

- Emergency and continuing veterinary care
- Fluids, vaccines, antibiotics, other medicines and supplies
- Milk replacer, feed, bedding
- Spay and neuter surgeries

YOUR DONATION TO THE EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND

We ask that you please send as generous a donation as you can — each donation helps us to save more animals from pain and suffering. Call 1-607-583-2225 ext. 221 to make a donation to the Emergency Rescue Fund using your credit card or complete the form below.



Casey and Billy



**Thank you for being a
farm animal rescuer!**

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 \$120 Other \$ _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

To donate now, call
607-583-2225 x 221 or
visit FarmSanctuary.org

Send completed coupon
to: Farm Sanctuary P.O.
Box 150 Watkins Glen,
NY 14891. Contributions
are tax-deductible as
allowed by law and
greatly appreciated.

Farm Sanctuary kicked off 2007 with a full plate of initiatives on behalf of farm animals—and a new executive director to help make them happen. Jeff Lydon joined the staff in early January, coming to the organization after his tenure as executive director of one of the nation's leading companion animal shelters, the Tompkins County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Ithaca, N.Y. Jeff has two decades of experience in the non-profit sector, and has worked as a teacher of the deaf, an advocate for the homeless and disabled, and an executive with organizations serving both people and animals. Jeff earned a bachelor's degree at Allegheny College and a master's degree at Smith College, where he focused on humane education.

READ ON TO SEE WHAT MAKES JEFF TICK!

How long have you been vegan? Why did you make that change?

I've been a strict vegetarian for about 22 years, and when I started learning more about the dairy industry in the mid 1990s, I knew it was time to get cheese out of my diet as well. I've never looked back.

Farm animals are abused in so many ways—in factory farms, at the slaughterhouse. What do you think is the best route toward ending farm animal cruelty?

Going vegan, pure and simple. Unfortunately, there's nothing simple at all about shifting cultural and corporate paradigms that glorify the standard American diet while hiding the industry's cruelty. Our mission is as honest as it is succinct: rescue, education, advocacy. One of our internal challenges is striking the right balance in terms of how much energy to devote to each of these three areas. They complement one another, and all of them together lead people to live more compassionately. We want to rescue every animal we see, and at the same time we need to have resources for fighting the good fight in the legislative arena, because, done right, that can draw in large constituencies who had previously never thought about farm animal abuse. It's a real tightrope walk when you're on a small budget and caring for animals that need so much attention after what they've been through. Farm Sanctuary manages to take that walk with grace.

Where do you see the organization five years from now and why do you think it needs to go there?

Farm Sanctuary will grow. Here, there's no dissonance between what we are and what we say we are, which distinguishes us in the starkest terms from the industry we resist. People recognize integrity as a parallel of authentic compassion, and they are responding. We're going to grow faster than ever before, because we've never had a more talented or dedicated team, and because people are becoming uneasy with problems Farm Sanctuary has been trying to wake the nation to for decades. Our core supporters are loyal and generous, and their increasing numbers will make us stronger, so we can spread the word and grapple with the industry at even higher levels. We'll have more reach and more sanctuaries, and we'll be able to save more animals, through rescue and the kind of education that inspires people to consider their diets as a reflection of their values. As great as our challenges are, everyone at Farm Sanctuary is excited about our future.

What do you think are the qualities about Farm Sanctuary that distinguish it from other animal protection groups?

Farm Sanctuary is perhaps the only major player exclusively devoted to farm animal protection, and we have the most expansive farm animal sanctuaries in the world. As much as my heart goes out to every aspect of animal protection – and of course to other social justice causes as well – no effort I'm aware of addresses so much suffering experienced by such innocent victims as does farm animal protection. And factory farming encompasses so many of our deepest problems – labor, the environment, sustainable agriculture and hunger. No one is doing more to confront the violence of factory farming than Farm Sanctuary.

Who's your favorite animal on the farm and why?

Truffles, a gorgeous pig, because she's so happy and rambunctious. Visit the farm and pet her – you'll know what I mean.

FARM SANCTUARY'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Jeff Lydon



Jeff and Truffles

Industry's Small Steps Publicity Stunts or Progress?

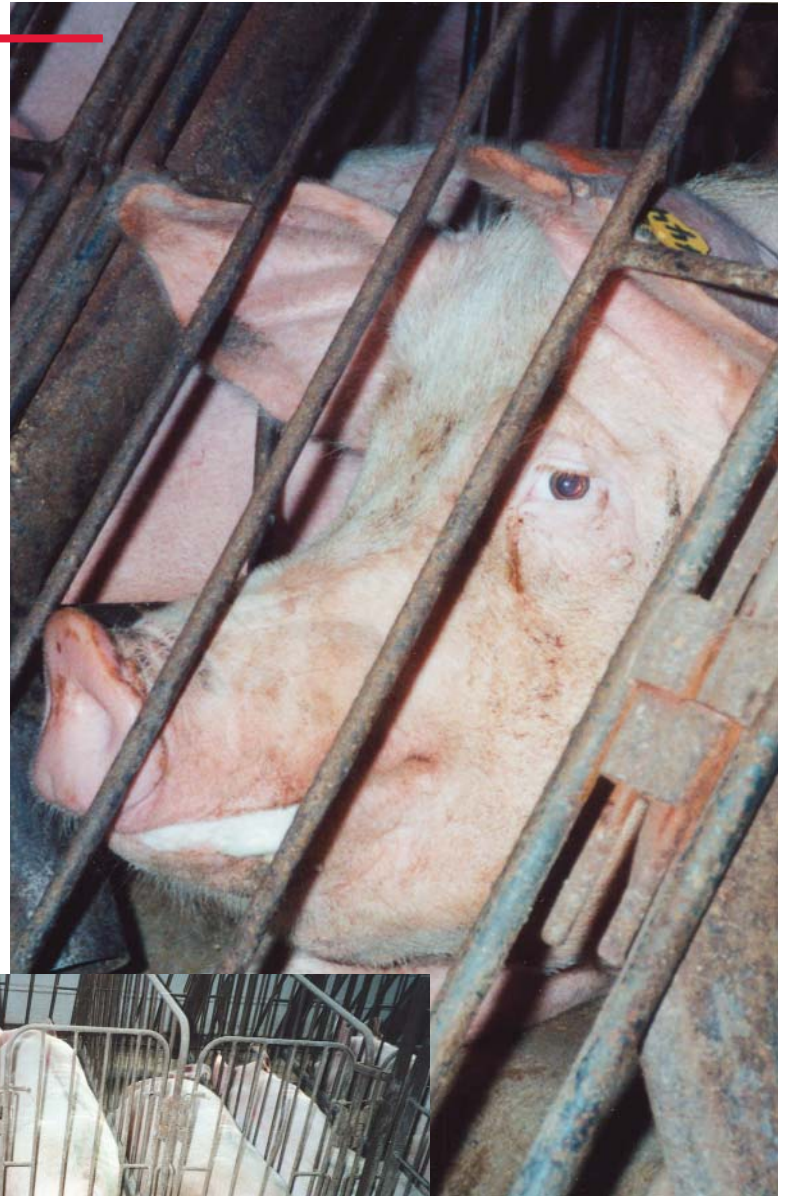
Several large agribusinesses recently announced plans to phase out certain inhumane confinement systems. These developments are in response to growing societal awareness and opposition to indefensible animal cruelty that is now commonplace on today's industrialized farms. As citizens, restaurants, religious authorities and others become aware of factory farming cruelties, they are demanding reforms. This was apparent in November 2006 when voters in the state of Arizona overwhelmingly approved Proposition 204, a ballot measure to ban veal and gestation crates. Similar initiative campaigns are now being contemplated in other states.

Crated Pigs

Virginia-based Smithfield Foods Inc., the nation's largest pork producer, and Maple Leaf Farms, the largest pig company in Canada, both announced in January 2007 that they will discontinue the use of gestation crates for pregnant sows.

Gestation crates, 2-foot-wide metal enclosures where female breeding pigs are confined for most of their lives, cause animals to experience severe physical and psychological maladies, according to various scientific studies. Gestation crates have been outlawed for years in European countries because of humane concerns, but they are common across the U.S. where humane laws have lagged behind. Finally, we are beginning to see some progress. In 2002, Florida passed a statewide initiative banning gestation crates and Arizona followed suit in 2006.

Smithfield's decision to phase out crates betrays the deceptive rhetoric of previous statements, wrongly asserting that crates were good for animals. Smithfield once stated, "Thousands of farmers, including our contract growers, depend on these individual stalls to house their sows to ensure the safety, welfare and health of each and every pig." Animal advocates are clearly gaining ground by educating the public and pressuring corporations to conduct themselves more consistently with humane, societal values.



Crated Calves

Strauss Veal, the largest U.S. veal company, and Marcho Farms, another major veal producer, have also announced that they will phase out the infamously cruel veal crates, which Strauss recently called “inhumane and archaic.” In addition, Catelli Brothers, Inc., one of the nation’s largest veal calf slaughterhouses, said that within a few years, it will not buy and slaughter calves who have been raised in crates.

In order to produce veal, young calves are taken from their mothers immediately after birth. They are chained by the neck in crates measuring just 2-feet-wide, where they cannot turn around, stretch their limbs, or even lie down comfortably. There were no U.S. laws to prevent this inhumane confinement until November of 2006, when Arizona voters passed Proposition 204. Our legislative and educational campaigns have not only changed laws, but peoples’ hearts as well; in the U. S., demand for veal has plummeted in the wake of the growing awareness of the brutality visited upon calves raised for veal.

Publicity or Progress?

Farm Sanctuary is very pleased that agribusiness is being compelled to respond to a societal ethic which recognizes that animals should be treated with compassion and respect. We welcome plans to discontinue the use of veal crates and gestation crates, and we look forward to a day when such inhumane confinement devices disappear from the landscape entirely.

Unfortunately, agribusiness claims that phasing out these crates will take years, and it is unlikely that the industry will shift to provide the animals with a healthy environment that allows them to exercise and engage in a full range of natural behaviors. Pigs and calves will still be confined indoors on slatted floors, which are designed to facilitate manure collection, not to meet the needs of animals. Pigs will still not be able to root in the soil and calves raised for veal will not be allowed to graze.

Consumers oppose the cruelty and violence that pervades industrialized animal farming, and they are starting to voice concerns. When we see agribusiness taking modest steps to assuage consumers’ growing unease, we find reason for both hope and skepticism.

WE CONSIDER THIS A BEGINNING, NOT AN END. WE BELIEVE THAT INTENSIVE CONFINEMENT SYSTEMS SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN USED, AND ANIMALS SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN AS COMMODITIES IN THE FIRST PLACE.



It took one person with courage to rescue **Phyllis** and her friends from certain death at the jaws of dogs trained to fight. At our New York Shelter, these chickens are happy and free from fear.



Crippled at birth, **Linda's** rough start in life doesn't stop her from enjoying all the comforts of home at Farm Sanctuary — including visits from friends like you!



A caring stranger found **Alfred** and **Violet** wandering the Vermont countryside—and then she found the piglets a perfect home at our New York Shelter!



Dagwood and friends were used as part of a university "teaching" project—and destined for slaughter upon its completion. Now they instruct visitors on the finer points of compassion and love.



Rosario and pals used to spend their days picking through trash on a fire escape in New York City. Today, they're ready to pick out their favorite visitors at Farm Sanctuary.



MEET A FEW
OF OUR
RESIDENTS
AT THE
NEW YORK
SHELTER!

Give Yourself a Break... And Head to the Country

Looking for a break from your old routine? Make a journey to Farm Sanctuary, an extra special place where extraordinary experiences await and memories are born. Visit either of our beautiful shelters in California and New York, and convene with contented cows, socialize with gentle sheep, mingle with happy pigs, chat with curious chickens, and simply enjoy the refreshing company of our loving and friendly rescued farm animals.

New York Shelter Tours

Our Watkins Glen New York Shelter is open to visitors May 1 through Oct. 31. In May, September and October, guided tours are offered on Saturdays and Sundays, every hour on the hour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. In June, July and August, guided tours are held Wednesdays through Sundays, every hour on the hour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, please call 607-583-2225 or visit www.FarmSanctuary.org.

Wish you could stay longer? Why not plan an overnight stay at one of our cozy cabins?

New York B&B Cabins

Located in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, our B&B offers spacious cabins with views of the sanctuary, continental breakfasts and complimentary tours of the farm. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 607-583-2225 ext. 230.

Julia and Sophie



Shelter Events

Want to really get the most out of your visit? Join us for one of our upcoming events! Visit farmsanctuary.org for registration information.

May 12, 2007	CA Country Hoe Down
May 28, 2007	CA & NY Memorial Day Open Houses
July 4, 2007	CA & NY Independence Day Pignics
July 21 & 22, 2007	NY Sowing Seeds Workshop
August 4 & 5, 2007	NY Country Hoe Down

California Shelter Tours

Our Orland California Shelter is open to visitors April 1 through Nov. 30. Guided tours are offered on Saturdays, every hour on the hour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, please call 530-865-4617 or visit www.FarmSanctuary.org.

California Country Cabin

Overlooking Black Butte Lake and the rolling hills of the Orland farm, our comfortable Country Cabin is a perfect retreat accommodation and a wonderful place to find peace and quiet. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 530-865-4617 ext. 10.

We also offer group tours, sanctuary retreats and private events. Contact us for more information and to book your special event today!



Charlotte and her buddies were plucked as piglets from their litters to be used as “teaching tools” at a veterinary school. One vet-to-be took pity on the piglets with an act of kindness that brought them to our shelter.



Amelinda and 11 babies are some of the sole survivors of a harrowing, cross-country flight that saw more than 9,000 of their peers perish.



Months ago, **Grace** drew attention from strangers only because she was sickly and alone. But lately, heads turn to see this healthy, happy sheep!



You'll know **Snowflake** and **Snowball** by their “dubbed combs”— a mutilation from earlier days as veterinary school test subjects. Now, the hens are subject only to “oooo”s and “ahhh”s from visitors!



Found abandoned in a cardboard box, **Hannah**, **Gideon** and **Isaiah** nearly died in the sweltering heat. These days, the turkeys have room to roam and people to meet!



Eugene

MEET A FEW
OF OUR
RESIDENTS
AT THE
CALIFORNIA
SHELTER!

Please visit: FarmSanctuary.org

to see our complete catalog including new sale, literature and educational resources



Vegan Hooded Sweatshirt
50% cotton, 50% polyester
S,M,L,XL
#G110 ... \$30.00



T-Shirt
100% preshrunk cotton. S,M,L,XL
#G58 ... \$12.00
Sweatshirt 50% cotton 50% polyester
S,M,L,XL #G60 ... \$20.00



Buddha T-Shirt
100% organic cotton.
"All beings tremble before violence. All fear death. All love life."
Made in the USA.
S,M,L,XL
#G101 ... \$15.00



Gandhi T-Shirt
100% preshrunk cotton. Indigo.
S,M,L,XL
#G83 ... \$12.00



Gandhi Women's V-Neck Periwinkle.
S,M,L,XL
#G141 ... \$17.00



Farm Sanctuary T-Shirt 100% organic cotton, hand screened. S,M,L,XL
#G121 ... \$22.00



"Be Their Voice" T-Shirt
100% combed cotton.
Pink #G88.....\$18.00
Blue #G89...\$18.00
Yellow #G90...\$18.00



Veg For Life T-Shirt
100% organic cotton.
#G142 ... \$17.00



"Stop Factory Farming" T-Shirt
100% preshrunk cotton. Black. Made in the USA. S,M,L,XL
#G68 ... \$14.00



V-Neck Fitted T-Shirt
90% cotton, 10% polyester. Heather Grey. S,M,L,XL
#G80 ... \$16.00

Fitted Shirts - Junior Sizes
Made in the USA. S,M,L,XL

Tote Bags

"If you Love..."

Heavy-duty, jumbo (14x15x6.5), natural/purple reads, "If you love animals called pets, why do you eat animals called dinner?"
Made in the USA.
#G8 ... \$12.00



"If Slaughterhouses..."

Heavy-duty, jumbo (19x16x4), natural/black reads, "If slaughterhouses had windows everyone would be vegetarian."
Made in the USA. #G38 ... \$8.00



Farm Sanctuary
(19x16x4) White/Green.
Made from 100% recycled plastic bottles. Made in the USA. #G125 ... \$12.00

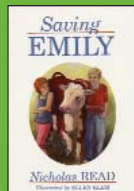


Kids' Corner



Benny Brontosaurus Goes to a Party
#G139 ... \$6.95

Illustrates how children can make friends, despite any differences and feel secure in their diet while being around others who may eat differently.



Saving Emily
A wonderful children's novel that teaches compassion toward animals. Ages 10 & up.
#G46.....\$14.00

"All Babies Need Love"

100% organic cotton.
Kids sizes 2T (24 months); S (3-5 years); M (6-9 years); L (10-12 years).
Made in the USA.
#G93.....\$16.00
Adult sizes S,M,L,XL.
#G36.....\$16.00



Goat Puppet
19" long
#G167 ... \$28.00



Books

20 Minutes to Dinner #G155 ... \$12.95

Get in and out of the kitchen fast with tempting, low-fat, nutritious dishes.

Battered Birds, Crated Herds #G16 ... \$4.95 Information resource on "food animal" production.

Beyond the Law #G40 ... \$2.50 Compelling informational resource on the legal status of "food animals."

NEW! **Bird Flu #G153 ... \$30.00** Dr. Michael Greger traces the human role in the evolution of the Bird Flu virus.

Dominion #G81 ... \$14.95 This bestseller explores the power of man, the suffering of animals, and the call to mercy.

Empty Cages: Facing the Challenge of Animal Rights #G165 ... \$16.95 This book dispels the negative image of animal rights advocates perpetrated by the mass media, unmasks the fraudulent rhetoric of animal exploiters and examines existing laws.

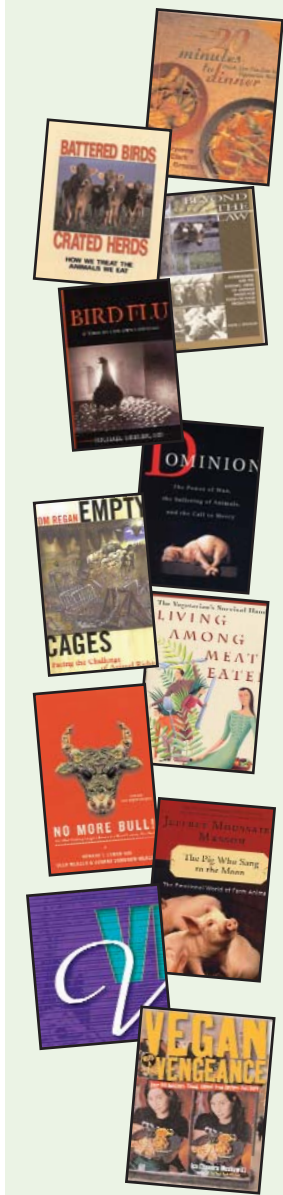
Living Among Meat-Eaters #G18 ... \$18.95 Equips vegetarians for interactions with non-vegetarians, as well as strategies for dining out and entertaining. Also includes 50 favorite recipes.

No More Bull #G152 ... \$13.00 Uses humor, compassion, firsthand experience in agriculture, and command of the facts of health to argue that we might all profit by transforming our diets. Also contains over 100 Vegan recipes.

The Pig Who Sang to the Moon #G25 ... \$13.95 Compelling and eloquently written, this book shows that farmed animals are sentient beings with feelings and consciousness.

NEW! **Vegan Vittles #G154 ... \$16.95** Vegan Vittles is back with over 100 exciting new recipes and many charming and inspiring stories. **Read more on page 14!**

Vegan with a Vengeance #G122 ... \$16.95 A variety of inspired recipes influenced by dishes from around the world, with an emphasis on fresh vegan ingredients instead of heavily processed foods.



Note Cards

18 note cards and envelopes, 3 each of 6 designs, printed with soy ink on a blend of post and pre-consumer recycled paper. #G40 ... \$16.00



Magnets

High-quality hard glossy magnets featuring beautiful photos taken at Farm Sanctuary. Cows in Field #G126 ... \$4.00 Pig in Grass #G148 ... \$4.00 Pigs in Pond #G149 ... \$4.00



Silicone Key Band

Popular key bands in a variety of colors. Reads "Compassion - Change Everything." #G127 ... \$4.00



Farm Sanctuary Mugs

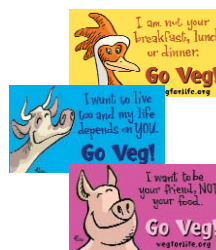
Blue/white speckle with Gandhi quote. * See T-shirt White/black speckle with farm scene.



#G2 ... \$7.00



#G1 ... \$7.00

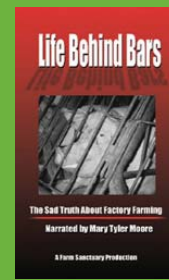


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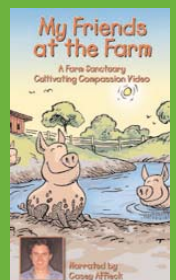
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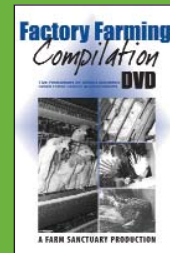
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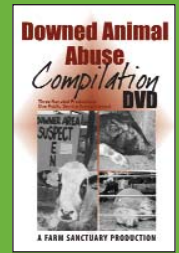
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VEGAN *Vittles* SECOND HELPINGS

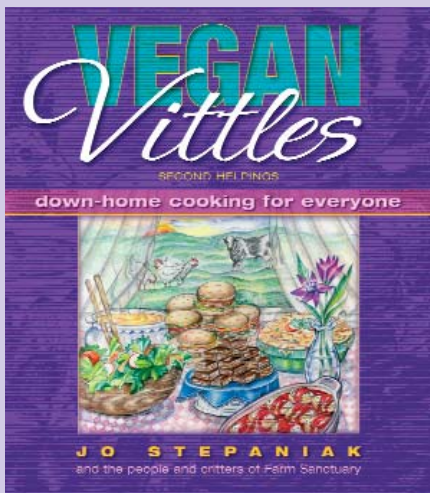
down-home cooking for everyone

Since its debut, *Vegan Vittles* has captivated the hearts and palates of vegans and vegetarians far and wide.

Although it's been a mainstay in the vegetarian community for more than a decade, *Vegan Vittles* has also found its way into the kitchens of meat eaters who are motivated to reduce their consumption of animal products and improve their diets.

In this expanded incarnation of the highly popular original, Jo Stepaniak has retained the book's imaginative concepts and down-home appeal, while broadening many sections to cover a vast wealth of alternatives for every animal-based food under the sun. In addition, readers will be delighted to discover many charming and inspiring new stories that describe the lives and personalities of some of the "animal ambassadors" who Farm Sanctuary has rescued and have now found asylum and lifelong care.

From her legendary homemade veggie meats and uncheeses to scrumptious egg and dairy substitutes, *Vegan Vittles* fills the whole table, and does so simply, tastefully and creatively. For vegans and vegetarians everywhere, it is an absolute necessity.



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Q & A WITH JO

Jo Stepaniak has been involved with vegetarian and vegan issues for more than four decades. She is the author of 16 books on compassionate living and vegan cuisine and philosophy, and has been a contributing author to many other books, pamphlets, national publications, and magazines. Her award-winning advice column "Ask Jo!" appears on her Website, *Grassroots Veganism*, at www.vegsource.com/jo. Recently, we talked with Jo about her experience working with Farm Sanctuary on the *Vegan Vittles* cookbooks.



When did you first get involved with Farm Sanctuary?

Farm Sanctuary contacted me around 1994, shortly after the first edition of *The Uncheese Cookbook* came out. I did a presentation and cooking demo at the *Hoe Down* at the *New York Shelter* that year, and it was love at first sight. It's impossible not to fall in love with Farm Sanctuary once you visit—the dedication of the staff and volunteers, Farm Sanctuary's amazing achievements and ongoing accomplishments, and, of course, the incredible and inspiring animals.

What has your experience been like working on these recipes?

When I wrote the first edition of *Vegan Vittles* there were very few vegan cookbooks on the market. We had the opportunity and pleasure of carving a path that has not only influenced other vegan authors and cooks, it initiated the development of many commercial vegan food products that are now readily available.

Our goal with *Vegan Vittles* was multifaceted: We wanted to create recipes that would appeal to the average meat eater, while showing them that they wouldn't miss a thing if they decided to

become vegan. We also wanted to appeal to vegans who enjoy simple, unpretentious, down-home food without compromises.

In addition, we wanted the book to be entertaining, uplifting and informative. We thought that featuring and illustrating several of the Farm Sanctuary animals and their stories would bring the important issues to life. Their stories are both charming and heart-wrenching, but they all have a happy ending at Farm Sanctuary.

What inspires you about Farm Sanctuary?

First, it is a grassroots organization with humble beginnings that successfully works on both the local and national levels to expose abuses and create legislation to protect farm animals everywhere. Second, it educates through its numerous programs, publications, outreach, and volunteers. Third, it makes being vegan irresistible through its animal ambassadors, who have opened countless hearts with just a simple grunt, squawk, cuddle, or straight-on look in the eye.

Farm Sanctuary makes being vegan practical and purposeful, and gives hope to animals and humans alike.



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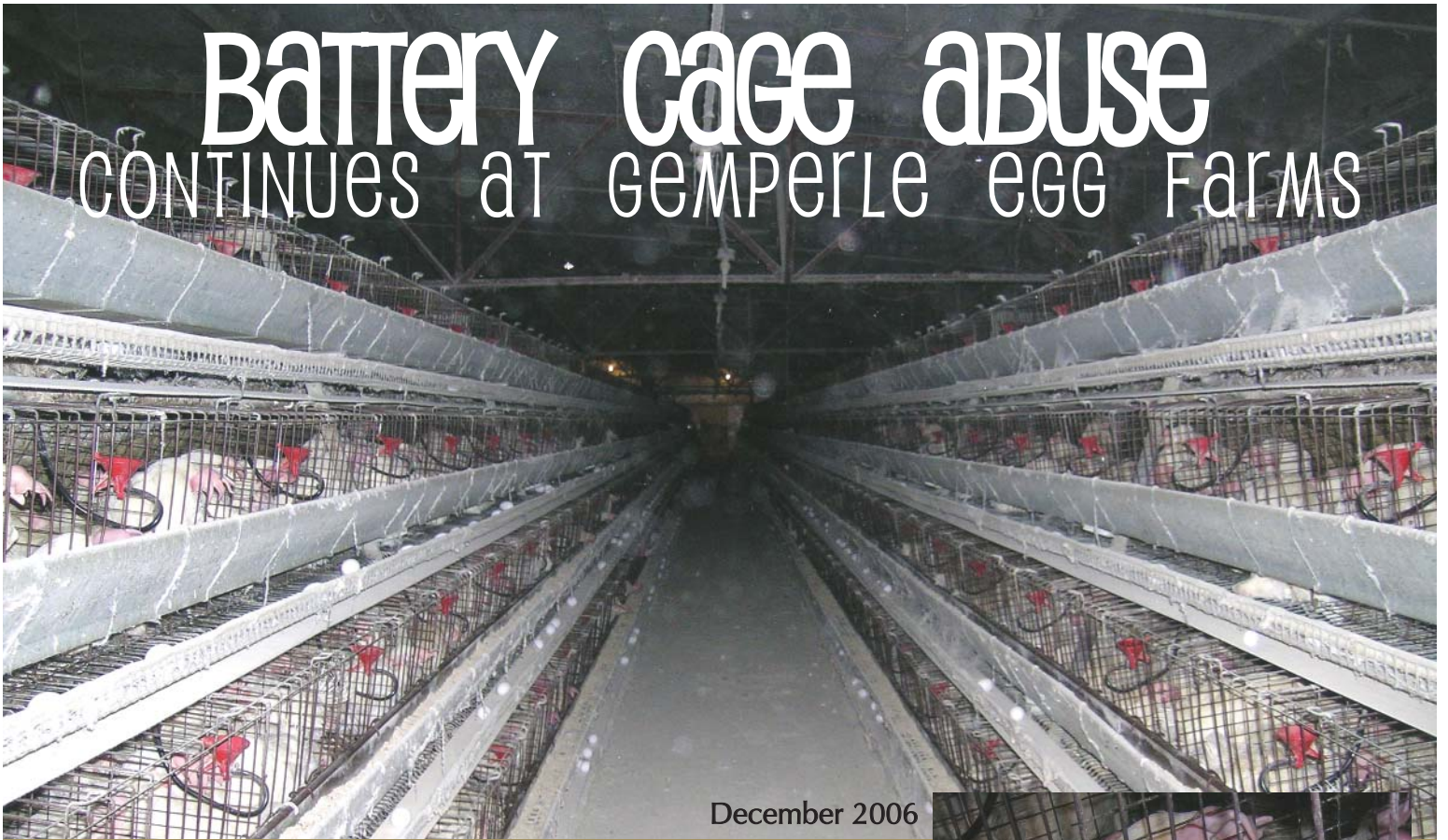
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BATTERY CAGE ABUSE

CONTINUES AT GEMPERLE EGG FARMS



December 2006

THE INTENSE SUFFERING PERPETRATED SO CONSUMERS CAN SAVE AN EXTRA DOLLAR AT THE GROCERY STORE SEEMS HARDLY ACCEPTABLE IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY.



In October 2005, San Francisco's ABC affiliate KGO aired an exposé of Gemperle Farms, California's second-largest egg producer which exploits more than 2 million hens at any given time.

Farm Sanctuary supplied the station with footage of Gemperle Farms, depicting the horrific conditions typical of the factory egg farming industry: endless rows of hens crammed into tiny wire "battery cages" living in squalid surroundings, many dying or dead from neglect. The reason behind such appalling conditions is simple: Like most factory egg farms, Gemperle Farms confines around 100,000 hens in each of its giant, windowless warehouses.

Following the airing of the KGO report, Trader Joe's supermarkets, a major vendor of Gemperle Farms' eggs, agreed to stop selling eggs from battery-caged hens in cartons bearing the Trader Joe's label. Also following the KGO exposé, Farm Sanctuary sent a letter and evidence packet to the Merced County District Attorney's Office, asking it to prosecute Gemperle Farms for animal cruelty.

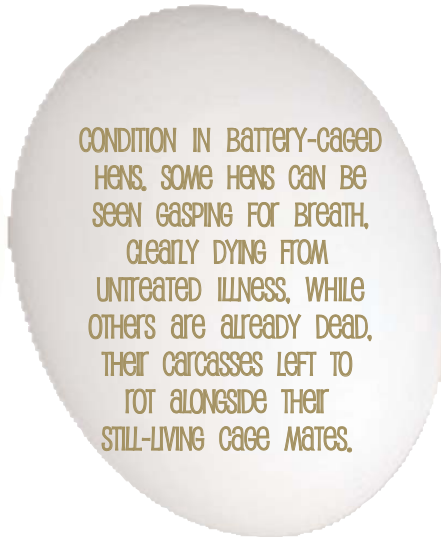
The extensive evidence presented to the district attorney included statements from a slew of animal welfare experts. After viewing the footage, poultry welfare scientist Michael Appleby wrote that the living conditions for hens at Gemperle Farms

“constitute[s] failure to provide proper care and, by negligence, infliction of unnecessary suffering.” Mohan Raj, Senior Research Fellow of Farm Animal Science at the University of Bristol, concluded that “[o]verall, the video footage shows extreme cruelty to birds.” Avian veterinarian Dr. Laurie Siperstein likewise concluded that the video “shows numerous examples of neglect and cruelty inflicted on the hens in this facility.”

In February 2007, Farm Sanctuary received additional video and photographic evidence obtained from Gemperle Farms. The new evidence confirms that conditions inside the facility remain virtually unchanged since the 2005 investigation. The new footage, taken between December 2006 and February 2007, shows up to six hens crammed into cages just 16 inches wide—too small for the hens to even walk or stand upright, much less spread their wings.

As with most battery-cage facilities, hens at Gemperle Farms are confined inside endless rows of wire cages stacked ceiling high. The hens in the lower rows are showered by the droppings of birds living in the cages above them. Other hens are nearly bald from constantly rubbing against the wire bars, a common condition in battery-caged hens. Some hens can be seen gasping for breath, clearly dying from untreated illness, while others are already dead, their carcasses left to rot alongside their still-living cage mates. Based on this new evidence, Farm Sanctuary again contacted the Merced County District Attorney’s Office, reiterating its request that Gemperle Farms be investigated and prosecuted for ongoing serious violations of California’s animal cruelty law. To date, that request is still pending.

In recent years, exposés of factory egg farming facilities across the nation have led to growing consumer awareness and some shifts away from battery cage egg production. Some retailers, including Whole Foods, Trader Joe’s and Wild Oats, have agreed to curtail their sales of eggs from caged hens, despite the staunch resistance of the American Egg Board (AEB) and the United Egg Producers (UEP).



In fact, the January 2007 issue of Egg Industry warns egg producers that “[p]erhaps the most complicated and dangerous challenge for the industry remains the animal welfare issue,” specifically citing “[t]he elimination of cages for layers” as the biggest threat to the U.S. egg industry. The publication vows that “through AEB and UEP the U.S. industry is fighting this battle,” but their attempts to defend and maintain the inhumane status quo are untenable. Consumers oppose the cruelty of battery cage egg production, and are choosing not to buy products of such abuse.

Gemperle Farms has a particularly strong incentive to keep battery cage systems from being banned in the U.S. as they have been throughout much of Europe. Having just completed construction of five more massive intensive confinement sheds, the business recently added an extra 700,000 tortured, caged hens to its “inventory.” With so many hens in battery cage confinement, Gemperle Farms is a major supplier of eggs to national chains like Safeway and Albertsons, raking in \$7.3 million in annual sales. It also continues to supply eggs from caged hens to Trader Joe’s under the “Sun Valley” label.

Additionally, Steve Gemperle, president of Gemperle Farms, serves as an alternate board member of the AEB and is the director of the UEP, which infamously fought for the disingenuous “Animal Care Certified” label on egg cartons. After the Better Business Bureau ordered the egg industry to stop using the UEP’s Animal Care Certified logo on the grounds that it misled consumers, the UEP switched to stamping “UEP Certified” on the outside of egg cartons, still ignominiously claiming that its guidelines “place top priority on the comfort, health and safety of the chickens.”

It’s a good bet that the chickens living in Gemperle Farms’ miserable battery-cage facilities — or any of the countless other giant factory egg farms across the U.S. — would beg to differ. The intense suffering perpetrated so consumers can save an extra dollar at the grocery store seems hardly acceptable in a civilized society. Fortunately, consumers are beginning to take notice, and the egg industry is increasingly being exposed and held accountable for its actions.

A recent report on California egg production cited that while California egg production is dropping overall, Gemperle Farms’ egg production is growing. Steve Gemperle brags, “My production is up so I am opposite the rest of the state. We’ve been expanding our company as others have been contracting or shutting down.” While Trader Joes, which buys caged eggs from Gemperle, agreed to stop selling Gemperle’s caged eggs under its own label in 2005, it still buys and sells eggs from Gemperle’s caged hens under other labels, advertising them for as cheap as 99 cents a dozen. A note on Trader Joe’s website reads:

At Trader Joe’s we listen to what our customers tell us about the choices we give them. Thanks to their valued feedback, in 2005 we made an important change in our egg selection. As of this time, all Trader Joe’s brand eggs come only from cage-free hens. . . Any conventional eggs sold in our stores are in a brand name carton, not under the Trader Joe’s label.



Concerned consumers can let Trader Joe’s know that selling eggs from battery-caged hens under any label supports animals cruelty. Ask Trader Joe’s to continue to build upon its commitment to customer concerns by ceasing sales of all battery-caged eggs.

Dane Bane, CEO
Trader Joe’s Company
800 South Shamrock Ave. · Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626-599-3700 · Fax: 626-301-4431
Or email at: www.traderjoes.com.

Let Trader Joe’s know that stopping all sales of eggs from caged chickens is the only way it can stop its complicity in battery cage cruelty and truly live up to its image as a supplier of wholesome food products.

UNSAFE AND UNETHICAL: FDA Poised to Approve Cloned Animals for Consumption

The addition of cloning to a factory farm's arsenal of cruel and unnecessary practices only adds to the pain and suffering of farm animals and reinforces the degrading notion that they are commodities rather than living, feeling beings.

How many deaths must occur before one "successful" clone is created? As many as 99% of cloned animals experience fetal death; heart, brain, liver, and kidney disorders; skeletal malformations; and other serious genetic abnormalities. An oft-cited example of this is Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, who suffered from crippling arthritis and died from a progressive lung disease only six years and seven months after her birth.

National newspaper reports have described cloned babies as being several times their normal size, severely swollen with fluids, and having enormously disproportionate heads. Mothers often require caesarean surgery because cloned babies are too large for traditional birth. Meanwhile, government officials have failed to investigate complaints filed by farmers in regard to sick and deformed cloned animals on their farms.

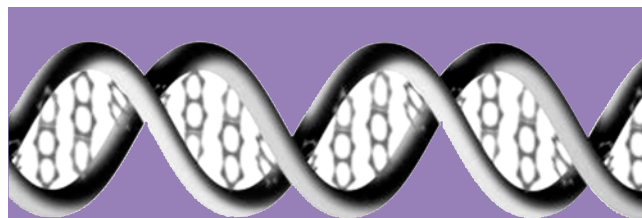
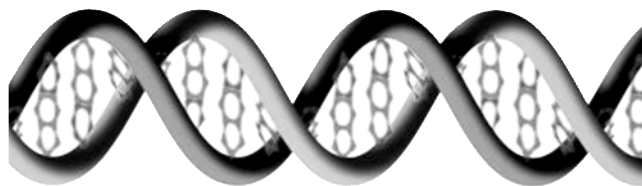
On Dec. 29, 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that meat and milk from cloned animals is safe to eat. Fortunately, the decision is not final and the public had until April 3 to voice their opposition. If the FDA's position is upheld, cloned meat and milk will be allowed into the food supply and will not be labeled as such.

There is currently a voluntary moratorium on selling food from cloned animals, but the industry isn't famed for its integrity and honesty. According to the biotech industry, cloning is performed mainly to replicate breeding animals used in artificial insemination, not to produce animals for food. However, there are no guarantees that cloned animals have not already entered the food supply.

Neither the FDA, nor the meat or biotech industries can honestly claim to be fully informed about the long-term effects of cloning on the animals, the meat and milk they produce, or the people who consume these products. The technology simply has not been around long enough to fully understand long-term effects, and existing knowledge of the process has led to numerous ethical problems.

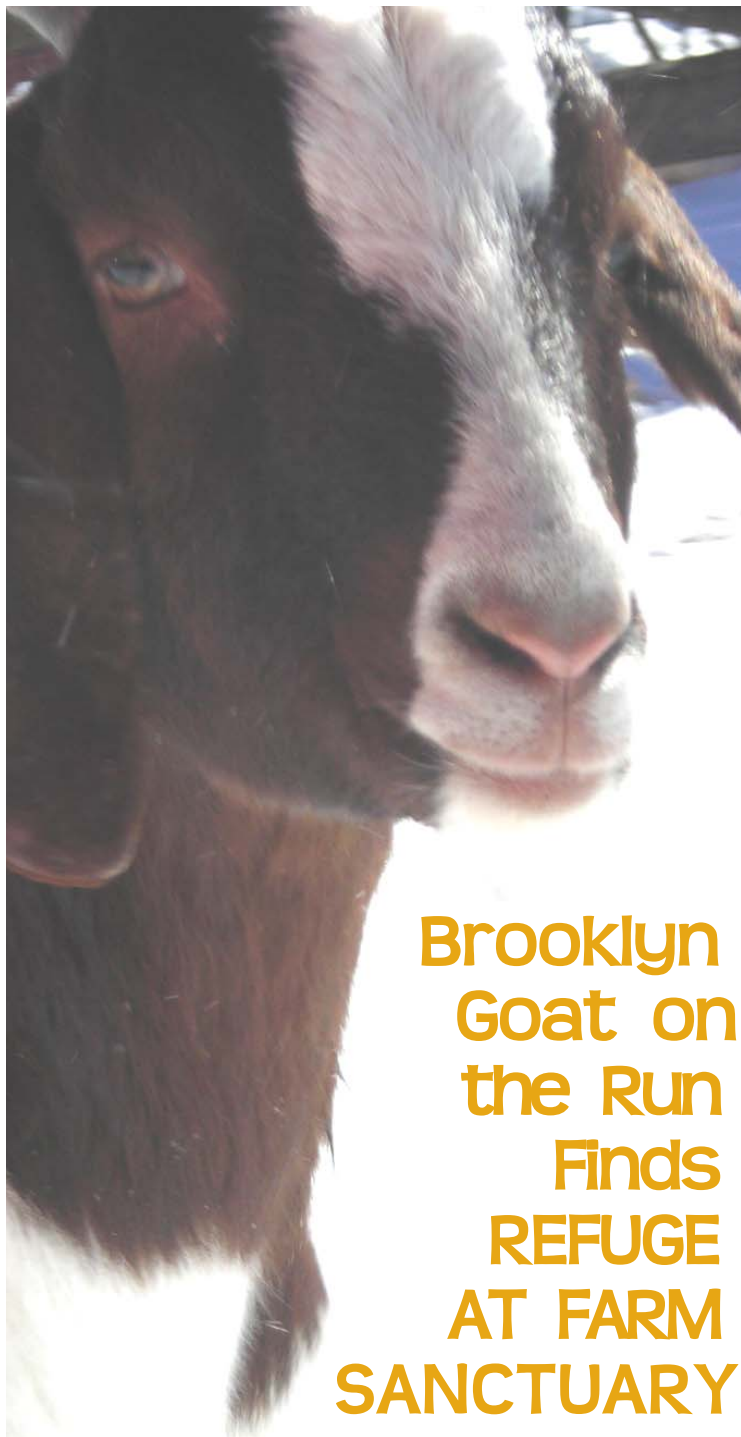
Plus, given the \$16,000 price tag to buy a cloned animal, this technology only benefits huge agribusiness with the existing capital and volume of animals to justify the cost and hastens the ongoing destruction of small family farms.

A 2006 International Food Information Council poll found that only 16% of Americans had a favorable opinion of animal cloning and 58% would not buy food from cloned animals. A 2006 Pew Initiative poll found 64% of Americans were uncomfortable with animal cloning and 43% believe that food from cloned animals is unsafe.



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Brooklyn Goat on the Run Finds REFUGE AT FARM SANCTUARY

Wandering aimlessly among the alleyways and busy streets of Brooklyn, NY, Joey, a young floppy-eared goat around six months old, easily stood out to passersby. Joey's ear was tagged, indicating he most likely escaped from one of the multiple live markets or slaughterhouses scattered throughout Brooklyn and other boroughs in New York City. Upon entering a busy intersection on Hoyt Street, someone took notice of this out-of-place farm animal and called the Brooklyn branch of Animal Care & Control of New York City (AC&C). Though able to rescue him from the city streets, AC&C is not able to keep farm animals in their shelters, so Farm Sanctuary was called, and we welcomed him to our *New York Shelter*.

Joey is a Boer goat, a larger breed originally from South Africa bred specifically for meat. Around the world goats are often used for their meat, milk and hair. In fact, goat meat consumption in the U.S. has increased by 64 percent from 1999 to 2003, due in large part to increased consumption of ethnic foods, including Latin American, Middle Eastern and Caribbean cuisine. According to a meat industry news source, by October 2004 there were between 30 and 40 live markets in New York City alone, of varying sizes. They provide various types of newly slaughtered meats to local residents, including goat meat. Though goat farming is on the rise nationally, goat meat is in such high demand that the U.S. imports over 18 million pounds each year from both New Zealand and Australia.

Once safe in the hands of Farm Sanctuary caregivers, Joey received a full medical check including tests for brucellosis and tuberculosis, as well as basic blood work and a fecal exam. He had his hooves trimmed, ears cleaned and was treated for a lice infestation. His tests came back negative, with the exception of a large parasite load, for which we immediately treated him, but even with treatment he was not thriving. We sent him to Cornell University for further testing,

where they discovered that Joey was positive for *Mannheimia hemolytica*, a pasteurilla bacteria. It can be particularly devastating in young animals, and is a common cause of morbidity and mortality in lambs and kids, particularly those who have not received adequate colostrum. The infection appears to occur most often in animals who have undergone recent stress such as transportation or weaning and symptoms include anorexia, coughing, dyspnea, and lethargy. Once aware of his condition he was treated with antibiotics. His second set of tests came back negative and he returned to the sanctuary.

This spring, Joey will be introduced to the other 37 goats residing at Farm Sanctuary's *New York Shelter*. All have come from various rescue and abuse cases across the U.S., including one goat, Simon, who was also rescued off the streets of Brooklyn, found near several live markets.

Joey is so lucky to have been rescued from the horrors of slaughter. He is young, lively and ready to play! Goats are often compared to dogs in their temperament and personalities. Anyone who has the chance to visit and meet Farm Sanctuary's rescued goats will soon realize why. Each goat has a unique personality, worthy of all the love and attention anyone is willing to offer.

Joey and Farm Sanctuary's other brave escapees are ambassadors for other farm animals unable to free themselves from their slaughterhouse fates. Through his gallant getaway Joey challenges the notion that farm animals are meant for slaughter, disputing the misguided belief that animals exist for human purposes.

We are thrilled that Joey has become part of the Farm Sanctuary family and hope, one day, that all goats and other farm animals will be able to live safe from slaughter forever.



update

Farm Sanctuary vs. New Jersey Department of Agriculture

The images below were included in the lawsuit filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey



In 1996, the New Jersey legislature charged the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (DoA) with drafting standards for the “humane” raising of farm animals. The DoA first ignored the mandate, and then in 2004 drafted standards that codified cruel farming practices. In response, Farm Sanctuary and a coalition of humane groups, along with food retailers, farmers and veterinarians, sued the department for failing to create legitimate “humane” standards.

On Feb. 16, 2007, the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division issued a ruling that recognized “support in the literature and in the veterinary community” that practices allowed by the DoA as “humane” actually harm animals. Nevertheless, the court deferred to the DoA, allowing it to interpret the “science” and permit factory-farming practices.

Unfortunately, the court failed to recognize that the question of what is humane is not a merely scientific inquiry. It is a combination of an ethical inquiry (to set the standard) and a scientific inquiry (to see if the standard has been met). As pointed out by Professor Ian Duncan, who has studied farm animal welfare since the 1960s, “[A]lthough science can be of enormous help in solving animal welfare problems, readers should remember that the driving force behind this science is society’s ethical concern about the quality of life experienced by farm animals. Therefore, we need to keep in mind what the concerns of society are. ‘Is it morally acceptable to keep laying hens in battery cages, gestating sows in dry sow stalls and veal calves in crates?’ ‘Should animals be de-horned, castrated or tail-docked?’ These are questions that are often heard. Science can provide some evidence about these topics, but the questions are fundamentally ethical.”

In this circumstance, the legislature set the ethical standard by utilizing the term “humane.” The agency fleshed it out somewhat with a more specific definition, and then cited scientific studies. But, neither the agency nor the Appellate Division ever related those studies to the ethical standard at issue.

The regulations define a “humane” practice as one “marked by compassion, sympathy and consideration for the welfare of animals,” and define animal welfare as the “physical and psychological harmony between the animal and its surroundings, characterized by an absence of deprivation, aversive stimulation, over stimulation or any other imposed condition that adversely affects health and productivity of the animal.” Although the court recited the definition, it then proceeded to evaluate the agency’s standards for each practice without again referring to it. The court accepted the agency’s reliance on industry conclusions that various practices were “humane” without determining whether the industry group defined “humane” in the same way, or in any particular way. Some of those studies just related to productivity, which is not the sole factor in the New Jersey definition of “humane.” Other studies merely showed that one industry practice could not be proven to be any worse than other industry practices.

The agency failed to evaluate whether practices listed as “humane” met the definition of “humane,” and so did the court. **Farm Sanctuary and other plaintiffs in the case are now planning to appeal the ruling.**

stay informed

More information on the latest news regarding the New Jersey lawsuit as well as updates about the appeal can be found at WWW.NJFARMS.ORG.

ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT Fails to Intimidate Farm Sanctuary

The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) was passed into law by a lame duck Congress days after the national elections in November 2006. Although the deceptive and politically motivated legislation inspired little debate in chambers — only Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) spoke out against it — it has stirred concerns among the millions of Americans who fight for the protection of animals.

The law builds on the Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992, which was designed to standardize in federal statutes any unlawful activity costing the industries of animal exploitation profits. AETA stiffens the penalties prescribed by the Animal Enterprise Protection Act, and slightly expands the scope of its antecedent.

Although it explicitly reaffirms First Amendment rights of free expression, that's hardly comforting. When legislation must excuse itself with assurances that it won't undermine the Constitution, it raises questions about the law's intent.

Essentially, AETA is about changing a label and with it the public's perception of animal and environmental advocacy. Now, in theory, if a trespasser snaps pictures of animal abuse and the results of exposure cost the abuser sales, then the photographer might not be charged with trespassing but with terrorism. The criminal act itself — trespassing — is the same, but what the government calls it is different.

AETA won't affect Farm Sanctuary's focus on telling the truth about the plight of farm animals. The industry lobbyists who pushed for the draconian change of phrase had one hope: that it would coerce people who care about animals into retreating. Their attempt to make the public associate an organization such as Farm Sanctuary, which defines itself by promoting compassion through peaceful means, with the likes of Osama bin Laden borders on the surreal.

Their deception betrays a reckless and self-serving abuse of national security issues. The political nuance behind AETA now means that consumer, animal and environmental protection efforts based on investigative findings or civil disobedience may be construed as acts of terror. Scarce intelligence resources once devoted to protecting Americans from real threats will conceivably be squandered on safeguarding corporations that consider abusing animals to be business as usual.

Such folly and injustice cannot succeed in a society with any degree of transparency. We will keep making the veil that hides factory farming more and more transparent—until AETA is seen for the disgrace that it is and repealed. Multi-billion-dollar industries that get rich by exploiting animals neither need nor deserve special legal protections from our leaders. The exploited animals are the ones who need and deserve our protection.

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AN ACT

To provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Animal Enterprise
- 5 Terrorism Act".

**YOU CAN
HELP**

Let House Judiciary Chairman Sensenbrenner, who spoke in favor of AETA, know how you feel about his attempts to criminalize animal advocates.

Thank Rep. Dennis Kucinich for being the sole voice on 11-13-06 by speaking out that HR 4239 was voted on without more representation by the House. Urge others to do so as well.

Please contact your U.S. Representative and express your disappointment

Contact your U.S. Senator and express your disappointment with her, or his, vote. All legislators may be contacted through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121. To identify your Congressperson, go to www.house.gov or www.senate.gov, or simply enter your zip code at www.vote-smart.org.

ANIMAL CRUELTY Convictions in Lancaster, Pa.

On Feb. 15, 2007, the case was heard and the New Holland Sales Stables was found guilty on all three charges. It was fined \$500 for each count, totaling \$1,500. This conviction is a major, long-overdue court victory.

In our last newsletter (Winter 2007) we reported on the closing of Lancaster Stockyards. It was once the largest East Coast livestock market and Farm Sanctuary's first campaign target because of its mistreatment of "downed animals." Lancaster Stockyards was also the first to be convicted of animal cruelty for mistreating a downed cow when Farm Sanctuary's humane agent, Keith Mohler, brought charges in 1992.

With the demise of Lancaster Stockyards several years ago, the nearby New Holland Sales Stables has taken on some of its business, including selling sheep and goats destined to be slaughtered and eaten for cultural or religious customs. The market for sheep and goats is growing on the East Coast, and livestock dealers transport these animals great distances to the New Holland stockyard to take advantage of the higher prices. The animals suffer and sometimes die in the process.

In September 2006, a truckload of sheep reportedly from Nebraska arrived at the New Holland Sales Stables with more than a dozen dead sheep on board. Three downed sheep, too sick to stand, were left to languish and suffer in the stockyard's unloading dock. An investigator from Animals Angels found the sheep and called Mohler, who went to the stockyard.

The stockyard failed to act appropriately, leaving the animals to suffer for hours. Mohler euthanized the sheep and filed three animal cruelty charges against the New Holland stockyard. On Feb. 15, 2007, the case was heard and the New Holland Sales Stables was found guilty on all three charges. It was fined \$500 for each count, totaling \$1,500. This conviction is a major, long-overdue court victory.

Ironically, during a visit to the New Holland stockyard to speak with workers during the evidence-gathering phase of this successful prosecution, Mohler found two other downed sheep left to suffer. Again, the stockyard failed to act appropriately, and Mohler filed two additional animal cruelty charges against the stockyard. These charges are currently pending.



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Rather than expending energy and resources to solve its animal welfare problems, New Holland, like many other agribusinesses, appears more interested in hiding them. Instead of implementing and enforcing a policy providing downed animals with veterinary care or humanely euthanizing them, the stockyard has now erected partitions making it more difficult for visitors to observe the animals' treatment.

Throughout the years, there have been numerous problems, including live animals discarded in trash cans or on piles of dead animals, but New Holland has routinely escaped conviction. Previous attempts to prosecute the stockyard often fell short because witnesses, including truckers and farm workers who observed the cruelties, were afraid to speak openly and provide evidence for fear of reprisal.

In addition to selling sheep, goats, cattle and pigs, New Holland Sales Stables has long drawn concern for marketing horses to be slaughtered for human consumption. In 1993, a Farm Sanctuary investigator saw one such horse and wrote

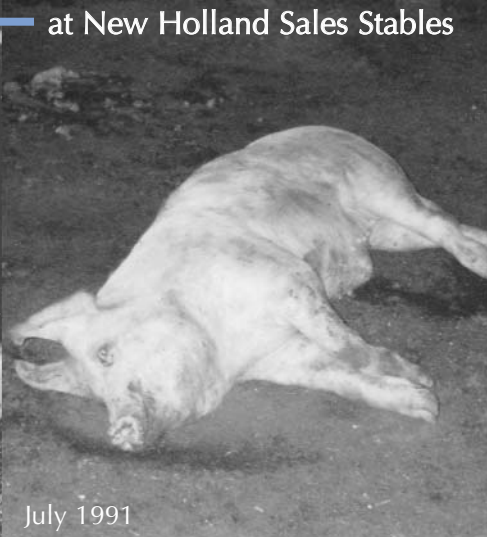
“A gentle 3-year-old was waiting patiently in an open, uncrowded pen. She seemed unconcerned as I scratched her ear and continued chewing her hay. That was when she was a ‘saddle horse.’ But she didn’t sell as a riding horse. She went to a horsemeat dealer... Five minutes later, a frightened, bewildered horse was thrown into a filthy, overcrowded pen, trying desperately to avoid the kicking and biting of other nervous horses. She was no longer a ‘pet’... she was ‘meat.’”

New Holland has a major horse sale because of Amish and Mennonite communities that use horses for transportation and to work their fields. They supply many of the horses who end up being killed for human consumption.

While the Amish and Mennonites and their less mechanized approach to farming may appeal to the assumption that old fashioned farming is “humane farming,” and while certain animal rearing systems may be less cruel than others, the bottom line is that when animals are seen and used as commodities, their pain and suffering is practically guaranteed.

A HISTORY OF ABUSE

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A “GUTLESS ACT OF CRUELTY”

The Elstonville Sportsmen’s Association of Manheim, Pa., was convicted of eight counts of cruelty to animals on March 9, 2007 and fined \$400. Officials of the hunting club pled “no contest” to four counts of cruel ill treatment and four counts of offering live animals as prizes in a contest.

Charges were filed by Officer Keith Mohler of Farm Sanctuary and stem from an event held at the club’s facility on Sept. 9, 2006, during which domestic turkeys were staked to straw bales and used as live targets during a bow and arrow shooting contest.

Commenting on the case, Mohler stated, “This case sets an important precedent and it will help prevent wanton cruelty in the future. This matter involved certain individuals seeking amusement from the senseless torture of animals. It was perhaps the most gutless act of cruelty I’ve seen.”

A member of the sportsmen’s club was upset to learn of the inhumane event and asked Mohler to attend. When officials at the club found out that this member had contacted Mohler, the member was banished from the club.

The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant District Attorney Christie Wilson of the Lancaster County District Attorney’s Office, who stated, “The club’s conduct was egregious on that day and they have now been held accountable for their actions.”



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